

Relationship of Victims to Offenders

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Relationship to Offenders		Victims	Percent
Family	Brother	4	.7
	Common-Law Wife	3	.5
	Daughter	5	.9
	Father	5	.9
	Husband	2	.3
	In-law	1	.2
	Mother	4	.7
	Other Family	10	1.7
	Son	5	.9
	Stepdaughter	5	.9
	Stepson	1	.2
	Wife	25	4.3
Total Family	70	12.2	
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	95	16.5
	Boyfriend	7	1.2
	Ex-Husband	1	.2
	Friend	7	1.2
	Girlfriend	19	3.3
	Neighbor	9	1.6
	Other - Known to Victim	92	16.0
Total Known to Victim	230	39.9	

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Stranger	Stranger	61	10.6
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	215	37.3
Total		576	100.0