

Relationship of Victims to Offenders

The fact that murder is primarily a problem of society, beyond the control of the law enforcement community, is emphasized by the fact that approximately one half of the victims were related to or acquainted with their assailants. This is outlined in the table below.

	Relationship to Offenders	Victims	Percent
Family	Brother	2	.3
	Common-Law Husband	3	.5
	Daughter	5	.8
	Father	5	.8
	Husband	5	.8
	Mother	2	.3
	Other Family	13	2.0
	Son	18	2.8
	Stepdaughter	3	.5
	Stepfather	1	.2
	Stepson	0	.0
	Wife	17	2.6
Total Family		74	11.5
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	75	11.6
	Boyfriend	8	1.2
	Friend	16	2.5
	Girlfriend	13	2.0
	Neighbor	5	.8
	Other - Known to Victim	77	11.9
Total Known to Victim		194	30.0
Stranger	Stranger	76	11.8
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	302	46.7
Total		646	100.0