

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	3	.5
	Common-Law Husband	2	.3
	Common-Law Wife	3	.5
	Daughter	8	1.3
	Father	8	1.3
	Husband	2	.3
	In-law	5	.8
	Mother	4	.7
	Other Family	10	1.7
	Sister	0	.0
	Son	7	1.2
	Stepdaughter	0	.0
	Stepfather	1	.2
	Stepmother	1	.2
	Stepson	1	.2
	Wife	23	3.9
Total Family		78	13.1
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	136	22.9
	Boyfriend	9	1.5
	Friend	13	2.2
	Girlfriend	22	3.7
	Neighbor	1	.2
	Other - Known to Victim	23	3.9
Total Known to Victim		204	34.3
Stranger	Stranger	40	6.7
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	273	45.9
Total		595	100.0