

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 Wife	2	.3
	Daughter	6	1.0
	Father	5	.8
	Husband	3	.5
	In-law	1	.2
	Mother	6	1.0
	Other Family	7	1.1
	Son	10	1.6
	Stepson	0	.0
	Wife	19	3.0
Total Family		62	9.8
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	83	13.2
	Boyfriend	10	1.6
	Employer	1	.2
	Ex-Husband	0	.0
	Ex-Wife	1	.2
	Friend	17	2.7
	Girlfriend	26	4.1
	Homosexual Relationship	3	.5
	Neighbor	5	.8
	Other - Known to Victim	80	12.7
Total Known to Victim		226	35.9
Stranger	Stranger	30	4.8
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	312	49.5
Total		630	100.0