

Circumstances Causing Murder

The table below indicates that approximately one third of reported murders resulted from arguments, and approximately one in every two murders resulted from a felonious act. The majority of the circumstances resulting in murder were beyond the control of the law enforcement community.

	Circumstances	Victims	Percent
Felony Circumstances	Rape	1	.2
	Robbery	59	9.2
	Burglary	3	.5
	Arson	4	.6
	Other Sex Offense	2	.3
	Narcotic Drug Laws	84	13.0
	Other - Not Specified	57	8.9
	All Suspected Felony Type	6	.9
	All Other Felonies	67	10.4
Total Felony Circumstances		283	43.9
Argument Circumstances	Lover's Triangle	15	2.3
	Brawl Due to Influence of Alcohol	7	1.1
	Argument Over Money or Property	14	2.2
	Other Arguments	163	25.3
Total Argument Circumstances		199	30.9
Unknown Circumstances	Unknown	162	25.2
Total		644	100.0