

Homicide Situations

The 721 homicide victims were killed in a total of 692 homicide situations involving multiple or single victims and multiple or single known or unknown offenders, as indicated in the previous table.

This year 469 or 67.8 percent of the homicide situations involved a single offender; 162 incidents or 23.4 percent involved unknown offenders; and 61 or 8.8 percent involved multiple offenders.

Age, Race, Sex of Victims

Murder victims were predominately male, accounting for 81.4 percent of the total. Victim analysis by race discloses that 31.5 percent were White and 68.5 percent were Non-White. The largest number of victims were in the 20-24 age range, accounting for 23.3 percent of the total.

Murder Weapons

As outlined in the following table, firearms were predominately the weapons used in murder (76.8 percent). Handguns alone accounted for 472 or 65.5 percent of all murders.