

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 Wife	4	.6
	Daughter	2	.3
	Father	2	.3
	Husband	2	.3
	Mother	3	.4
	Other Family	13	1.8
	Sister	1	.1
	Son	15	2.1
	Stepfather	1	.1
	Stepson	0	.0
	Wife	22	3.1
	Total Family		67
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	94	13.0
	Boyfriend	7	1.0
	Employee	1	.1
	Ex-Wife	1	.1
	Friend	16	2.2
	Girlfriend	29	4.0
	Homosexual Relationship	1	.1
	Neighbor	5	.7
	Other - Known to Victim	100	13.9
Total Known to Victim		254	35.2
Stranger	Stranger	33	4.6
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	367	50.9
Total		721	100.0