

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	2	.3
	Robbery	58	8.0
	Burglary	3	.4
	Larceny	1	.1
	Arson	3	.4
	Other Sex Offense	1	.1
	Narcotic Drug Laws	56	7.8
	Other - Not Specified	73	10.1
	All Suspected Felony Type	1	.1
	All Other Felonies	47	6.5
Total Felony Circumstances		245	34.0
Argument Circumstances	Lover's Triangle	10	1.4
	Brawl Due to Influence of Alcohol	1	.1
	Argument Over Money or Property	14	1.9
	Other Arguments	210	29.1
Total Argument Circumstances		235	32.6
Unknown Circumstances	Unknown	241	33.4
Total		721	100.0