

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	10	1.4
	Common-Law Husband	1	.1
	Common-Law Wife	1	.1
	Daughter	12	1.7
	Father	8	1.1
	Husband	2	.3
	In-law	4	.6
	Mother	4	.6
	Other Family	5	.7
	Sister	0	.0
	Son	8	1.1
	Stepson	1	.1
	Wife	14	1.9
Total Family		70	9.6
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	84	11.6
	Boyfriend	7	1.0
	Employee	0	.0
	Ex-Wife	2	.3
	Friend	10	1.4
	Girlfriend	25	3.4
	Neighbor	1	.1
	Other - Known to Victim	108	14.9
Total Known to Victim		237	32.6
Stranger	Stranger	44	6.1
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	376	51.7
Total		727	100.0