

## **Homicide Situations**

The 698 homicide victims were killed in a total of 661 homicide situations involving multiple or single victims and multiple or single known or unknown offenders, as indicated in the previous table.

This year 440 or 66.6 percent of the homicide situations involved a single offender; 163 incidents or 24.7 percent involved unknown offenders; and 58 or 8.8 percent involved multiple offenders.

## **Age, Race, Sex of Victims**

Murder victims were predominately male, accounting for 79.7 percent of the total. Victim analysis by race discloses that 35.5 percent were White and 64.5 percent were Non-White. The largest number of victims were in the 20-24 age range, accounting for 19.5 percent of the total.

## **Murder Weapons**

As outlined in the following table, firearms were predominately the weapons used in murder (74.4 percent). Handguns alone accounted for 398 or 57.0 percent of all murders.