

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	1	.1
	Daughter	10	1.4
	Father	7	1.0
	Husband	1	.1
	In-law	1	.1
	Mother	3	.4
	Other Family	11	1.6
	Son	10	1.4
	Stepdaughter	1	.1
	Stepson	4	.6
	Wife	18	2.6
Total Family		69	9.9
Known to Victim	Acquaintance	92	13.2
	Boyfriend	9	1.3
	Ex-Husband	0	.0
	Ex-Wife	2	.3
	Friend	16	2.3
	Girlfriend	29	4.2
	Neighbor	6	.9
	Other - Known to Victim	122	17.5
Total Known to Victim		276	39.5
Stranger	Stranger	41	5.9
Unknown	Unknown Relationship	312	44.7
Total		698	100.0