

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	Robbery	72	10.3
	Burglary	3	.4
	Arson	2	.3
	Other Sex Offense	1	.1
	Narcotic Drug Laws	48	6.9
	Other - Not Specified	89	12.8
	All Suspected Felony Type	6	.9
	All Other Felonies	43	6.2
Total Felony Circumstances		264	37.8
Argument Circumstances	Lover's Triangle	18	2.6
	Brawl Due to Influence of Alcohol	6	.9
	Argument Over Money or Property	12	1.7
	Other Arguments	229	32.8
Total Argument Circumstances		265	38.0
Unknown Circumstances	Unknown	169	24.2
Total		698	100.0