

Homicide Situations

The 648 homicide victims were killed in a total of 622 homicide incidents involving multiple or single victims and multiple or single known or unknown offenders, as indicated in the previous table.

In 2009, 430 or 69.1 percent of the homicide incidents involved a single offender; 132 incidents or 21.2 percent involved unknown offenders; and 60 or 9.6 percent involved multiple offenders.

Age, Race, Sex of Victims

Murder victims were predominately male, accounting for 76.9 percent of the total. Victim analysis by race reveals that 40.6 percent were White and 59.4 percent were Non-White. The largest number of victims were in the 20-24 age range, accounting for 21.5 percent of the total.

Murder Weapons

As outlined in the following table, firearms were the predominate weapons used in murder (71.8 percent). Handguns alone accounted for 371 or 57.3 percent of the weapons used in all murders.