

Expanded Homicide Data Table 10

Murder Circumstances

by Relationship,¹ 2008

Circumstances	Total murder victims	Husband	Wife	Mother	Father	Son	Daughter	Brother	Sister	Other family	Acquaintance	Friend	Boyfriend	Girlfriend	Neighbor	Employee	Employer	Stranger	Unknown
Total	14,180	119	577	117	120	270	211	98	15	314	3,068	504	145	492	106	5	9	1,742	6,268
Felony type total:	2,101	2	34	6	8	12	8	4	0	31	480	77	6	22	20	0	3	503	885
Rape	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	1	2	0	1	7	4
Robbery	924	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	167	22	0	1	3	0	1	339	387
Burglary	87	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	23	0	0	5	9	0	0	17	30
Larceny-theft	16	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Motor vehicle theft	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	5
Arson	26	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	14
Prostitution and commercialized vice	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other sex offenses	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Narcotic drug laws	501	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	161	42	0	0	0	0	0	57	232
Gambling	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Other [X]not specified	477	1	28	5	3	11	6	3	0	19	91	6	6	13	6	0	1	74	204
Suspected felony type	104	1	5	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	9	6	0	1	0	0	0	12	64
Other than felony type total:	6,975	101	440	88	92	219	170	78	13	230	2,064	351	121	404	67	4	6	828	1,699
Romantic triangle	104	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	9	3	6	1	0	0	7	13
Child killed by babysitter	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Brawl due to influence of alcohol	125	2	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	5	38	16	0	4	3	0	0	34	16
Brawl due to influence of narcotics	68	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	30	5	0	2	0	0	0	7	17
Argument over money or property	192	1	4	4	4	3	0	4	0	9	94	9	2	4	6	1	2	21	24
Other arguments	3,558	78	291	48	63	39	16	53	5	144	1,207	235	90	305	41	3	3	386	551
Gangland killings	133	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	11	0	0	0	0	0	24	64
Juvenile gang killings	711	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	149	3	0	0	0	0	0	101	457
Institutional killings	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Sniper attack	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Other [X]not specified	2,014	18	139	35	24	175	150	16	7	65	402	61	26	83	16	0	1	246	550
Unknown	5,000	15	98	23	20	35	32	15	2	53	515	70	18	65	19	1	0	399	3,620

¹ Relationship is that of victim to offender.

NOTE: The relationship categories of husband and wife include both common-law and ex-spouses. The categories of mother, father, sister, brother, son, and daughter include stepparents, stepchildren, and stepsiblings. The category of acquaintance includes homosexual relationships and the composite category of other known to victim.