

Expanded Homicide Data Table 10

Murder Circumstances

by Relationship,¹ 2009

Circumstances	Total murder victims	Husband	Wife	Mother	Father	Son	Daughter	Brother	Sister	Other family	Acquaintance	Friend	Boyfriend	Girlfriend	Neighbor	Employee	Employer	Stranger	Unknown
Total	13,636	141	609	131	116	247	201	94	35	281	2,941	404	138	472	132	12	20	1,676	5,986
Felony type total:	2,020	7	20	13	5	17	8	2	3	34	503	63	4	17	23	1	7	489	804
Rape	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	9
Robbery	849	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	18	176	13	3	1	6	1	4	306	317
Burglary	105	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	22	1	0	4	4	0	0	29	39
Larceny-theft	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1
Motor vehicle theft	23	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	9
Arson	38	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	16
Prostitution and commercialized vice	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Other sex offenses	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
Narcotic drug laws	487	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	183	26	1	2	4	0	0	51	217
Gambling	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Other [X]not specified	460	5	16	10	3	15	7	1	2	7	92	17	0	6	7	0	3	80	189
Suspected felony type	56	2	4	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	3	32
Other than felony type total:	6,728	115	491	101	84	181	161	73	25	191	1,925	282	115	379	87	6	8	842	1,662
Romantic triangle	87	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	43	3	2	10	2	0	1	10	7
Child killed by babysitter	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brawl due to influence of alcohol	116	1	4	1	2	0	2	2	0	4	45	7	3	0	4	0	0	23	18
Brawl due to influence of narcotics	93	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	2	32	2	0	2	0	0	0	17	32
Argument over money or property	203	1	3	4	3	1	0	7	0	5	116	7	1	2	11	2	3	23	14
Other arguments	3,334	69	315	55	51	30	13	54	9	103	1,052	202	90	277	54	4	1	366	589
Gangland killings	180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	10	0	0	0	0	0	56	77
Juvenile gang killings	715	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163	4	0	0	0	0	0	128	420
Institutional killings	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sniper attack	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other [X]not specified	1,961	43	162	41	26	146	146	9	16	73	404	47	19	88	16	0	3	218	504
Unknown	4,832	17	94	17	27	47	32	18	6	56	506	59	19	72	22	5	5	342	3,488

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.