

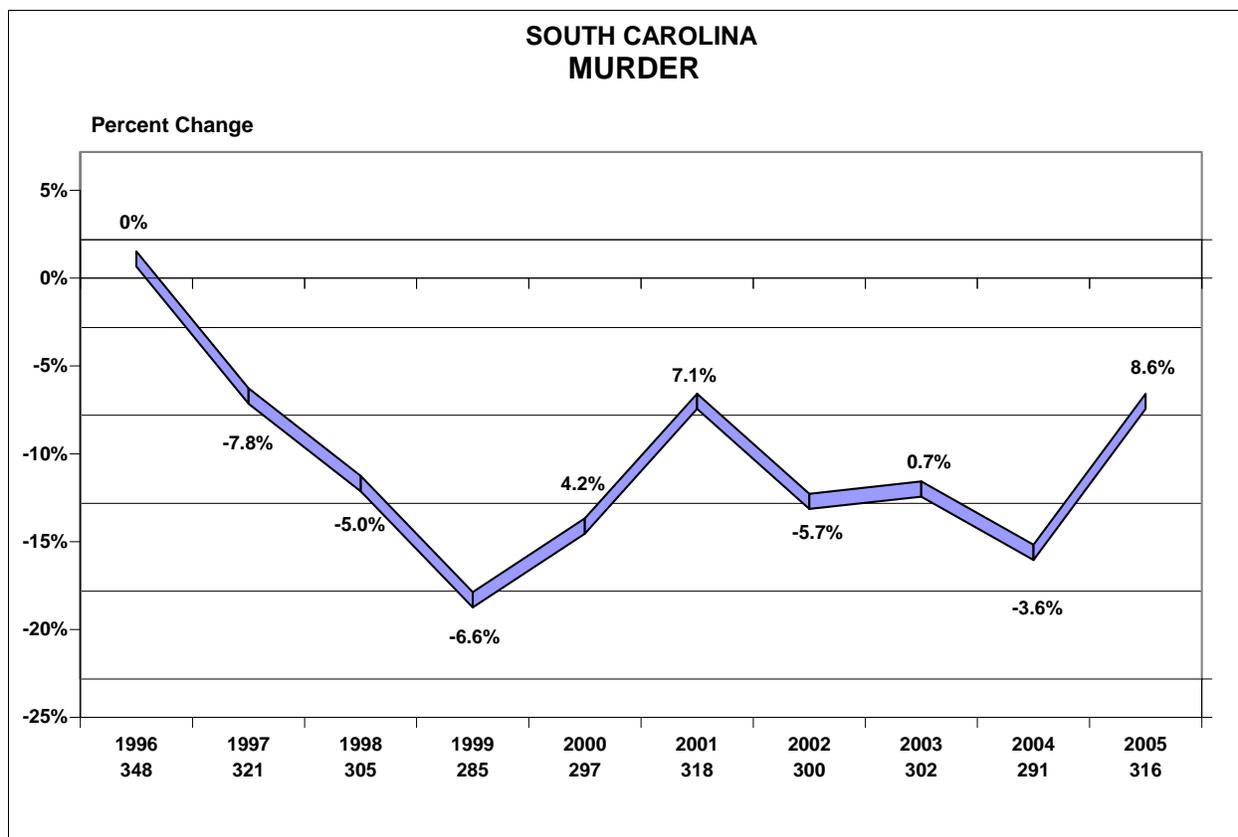
MURDER

DEFINITION

Murder is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another, except those cases classified as justifiable homicides. Under the UCR definition, justifiable homicides are specifically limited to the killing of an offender by a police officer in the line of duty, or the killing, during the commission of a serious crime, of a criminal by a private citizen. This definition does not take into consideration the findings of coroners' juries, or other courts. Suicides are not defined as murder under UCR. Attempts to commit murder are classified as aggravated assaults.

ROUNDING

Percentages shown in the tables and charts may not add to 100% due to rounding. Rates per 10,000 population and percent changes also have been rounded.



2005 SUMMARY

A total of 316 murder victims was reported in the 2005 crime index. During this year, the number of murders increased 8.6 percent compared to those reported in 2004.

There were 251 murders cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 79.4 percent statewide.

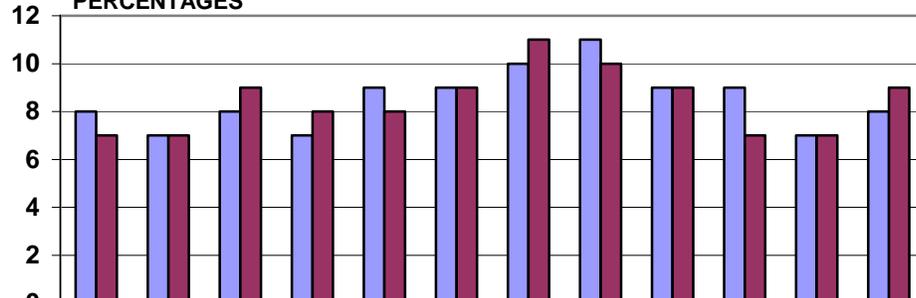
Murders accounted for 1.0 percent of all violent crimes and 0.1 percent of the total crime index. The index murder rate in South Carolina was 0.74 per 10,000 persons.

The age group 17-24 accounted for 44.4 percent of persons arrested for murder. Males represented 89.5 percent of the total arrests made for murder.

Firearms were used in 67.9 percent of the murders, cutting instruments in 15.7 percent, hands and feet in 7.0 percent, other weapons in 5.4 percent, and unknown weapons in 4.0 percent.

MURDER INCIDENTS BY MONTH

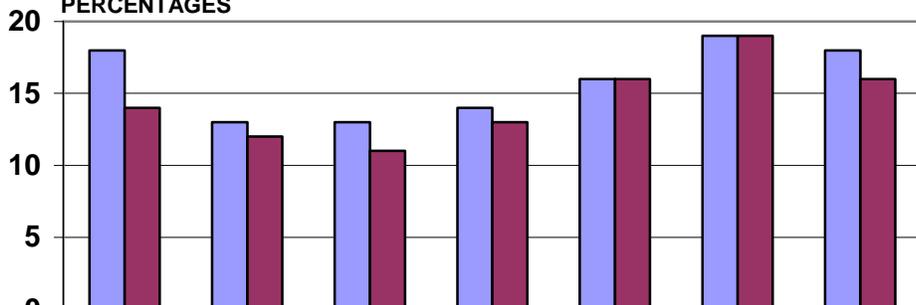
PERCENTAGES



■ 2004	8	7	8	7	9	9	10	11	9	9	7	8
■ 2005	7	7	9	8	8	9	11	10	9	7	7	9

MURDER INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK

PERCENTAGES

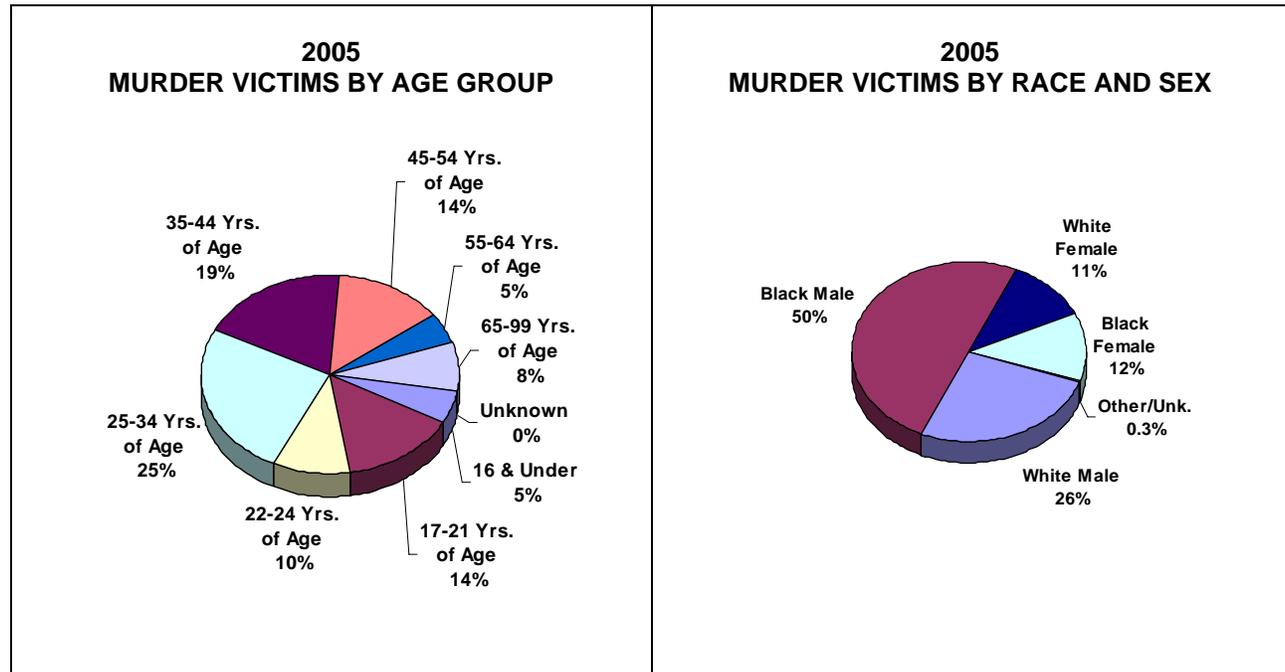


■ 2004	18	13	13	14	16	19	18
■ 2005	14	12	11	13	16	19	16

2005 MURDER VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	Unk Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female	Unk Female	Unk Unk
Infant	5	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
01 – 04	5	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
05 – 09	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10 – 16	5	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 – 21	45	12	26	0	0	2	5	0	0	0
22 – 24	31	2	22	0	0	2	5	0	0	0
25 – 34	80	20	47	1	0	8	4	0	0	0
35 – 44	59	14	25	0	0	9	11	0	0	0
45 – 54	43	13	18	0	0	6	6	0	0	0
55 – 64	16	11	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
65 – 99	25	8	8	0	0	7	2	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	316	82	158	1	0	37	38	0	0	0

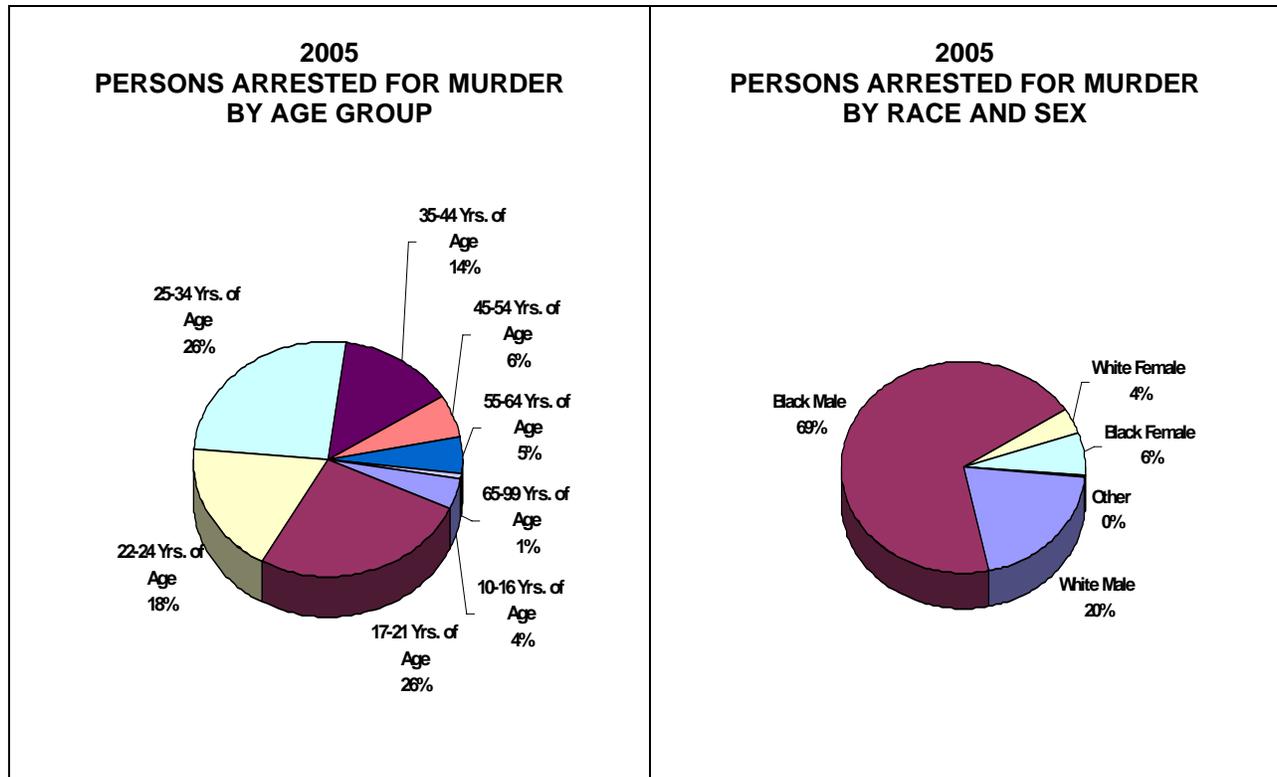
NOTE: The victim counts shown here are taken from a report which selects only the most serious offense (hierarchy) in an incident, and may vary from victim counts shown elsewhere.



Twenty-six percent of murder victims reported in 2005 were white males, 17 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 50 percent were black males, 22 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 11 percent, while black females accounted for 12 percent of murder victims reported in 2005; 11 percent of the white females and 24 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

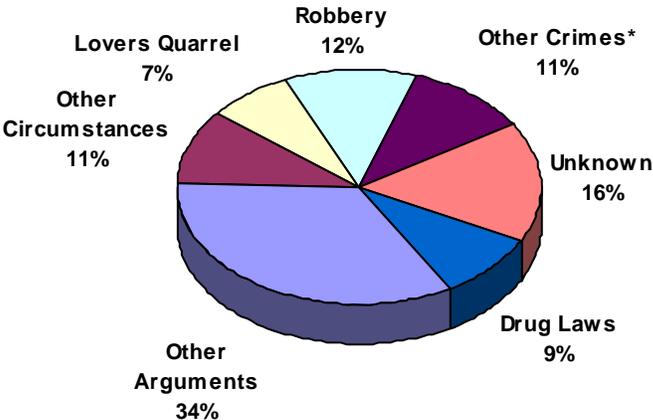
2005 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR MURDER BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	13	2	8	0	0	3	0
17 – 21	82	12	64	0	2	4	0
22 – 24	58	13	39	0	2	4	0
25 – 34	81	11	62	0	4	4	0
35 – 44	43	13	24	0	2	3	1
45 – 54	20	8	10	0	2	0	0
55 – 64	15	2	11	0	0	2	0
65 – 99	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
State Total	315	64	218	0	12	20	1



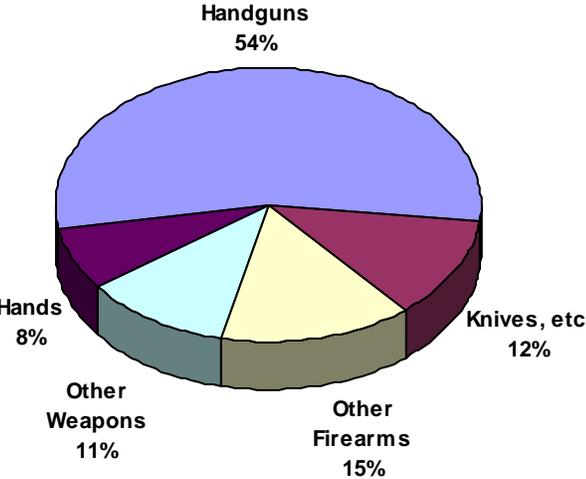
Twenty percent of persons arrested for murder in 2005 were white males, 22 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 69 percent were black males, 33 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 4 percent of persons arrested for murder, while black females accounted for 6 percent of persons arrested. Nineteen percent of the white females and 35 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

**2005
MURDER CIRCUMSTANCE DISTRIBUTION**



* (Rape, B & E, Arson, Other Sex, Other Crimes, Police Killed, Gang Killings)

**2005
MURDER WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**



2005 MURDER VICTIM DISTRIBUTION BY CIRCUMSTANCE AND WEAPON

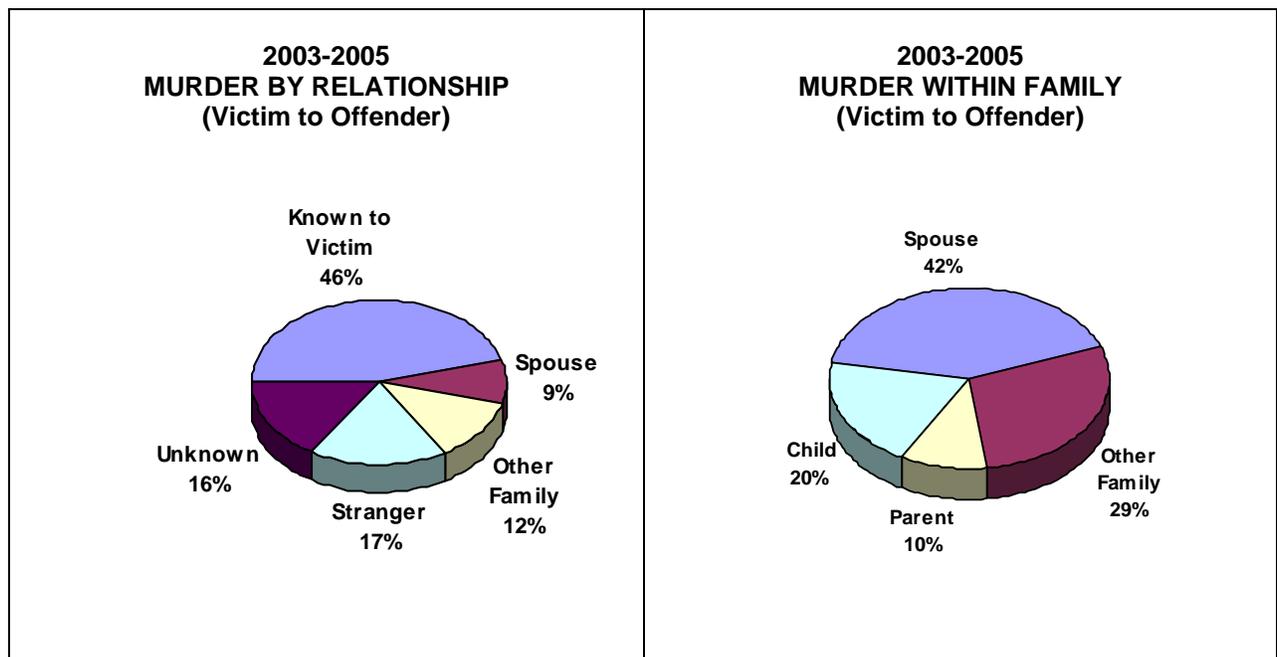
Circumstance	Handgun	Shotgun	Other Guns	Knife or Cutting Instr.	Hands, Etc.	Other/ Unknown Wpns.	Total	% Distr.
Rape	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1.3
Robbery	23	3	1	1	4	5	37	11.7
B & E	9	0	1	0	0	0	10	3.2
Arson	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0.6
Other Sex Off.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Drug Laws	23	0	3	1	2	0	29	9.2
Other Crimes	6	0	2	3	0	4	15	4.8
Lovers Quarrel	12	1	1	6	2	1	23	7.3
Police Killed	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.3
Juvenile Gang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other Gang	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.9
Arguments	66	8	5	19	6	3	107	33.9
Other Circumstances	12	0	4	4	8	6	33	10.4
Unknown	19	1	16	4	0	12	52	16.5
State Total	173	14	33	38	24	35		
% Distr.	54.7	4.4	10.4	12.0	7.6	11.1	316	100

2003-2005 MURDER VICTIM CIRCUMSTANCE DISTRIBUTION

Circumstance	Number of Victims 2003	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2004	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2005	% Distr.
Rape	3	1.0	2	0.7	4	1.3
Robbery	33	10.9	25	8.6	37	11.7
B & E	5	1.7	11	3.8	10	3.2
Arson	2	0.7	14	4.8	2	0.6
Other Sex. Off.	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Drug Laws	26	8.6	22	7.6	29	9.2
Other Crimes	8	2.6	6	2.1	15	4.7
Lovers Quarrel	24	7.9	24	8.2	23	7.3
Police Killed	4	1.3	0	0.0	1	0.3
Juvenile Gang	2	0.7	1	0.3	0	0.0
Other Gang	1	0.3	3	1.0	3	0.9
Arguments	117	38.7	103	35.4	107	33.9
Other	36	11.9	35	12.0	33	10.4
Unknown	41	13.6	45	15.5	52	16.5
State Total	302	100.0	291	100.0	316	100.0

2003-2005 RELATIONSHIP OF MURDER VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

Relationship Of Victim To Offender	Number of Victims 2003	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2004	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2005	% Distr.
Within Family	62	20.5	62	21.3	64	20.3
Spouse	18	6.0	19	6.5	20	6.3
Common-Law Spouse	8	2.6	7	2.4	6	1.9
Parent, Stepparent	8	2.6	5	1.7	6	1.9
Child, Stepchild	16	5.3	11	3.8	10	3.2
Sibling, Stepsibling	2	0.7	4	1.4	7	2.2
Other Family	10	3.3	16	5.5	15	4.7
Known to Victim	137	45.4	140	48.1	138	43.7
Acquaintance	119	39.4	120	41.2	121	38.3
Ex-Spouse	1	0.3	2	0.7	1	0.3
Boy/Girlfriend	17	5.6	18	6.2	16	5.1
Stranger	61	20.2	45	15.5	53	16.8
Unknown	42	13.9	44	15.1	61	19.3
State Total	302	100.0	291	100.0	316	100.0

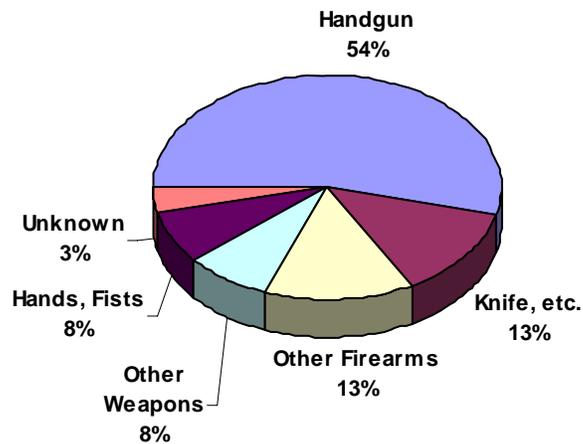


2003-2005 MURDER INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	157	55.3	147	53.5	160	53.2
Shotgun	17	6.0	12	4.4	13	4.3
Rifle	6	2.1	15	5.5	7	2.3
Other Firearm	8	2.8	16	5.8	24	8.0
Knife, Cutting Instrument	37	13.0	37	13.5	38	12.6
Hands, Fists	27	9.5	17	6.2	21	7.0
Other Weapons	25	8.8	20	7.3	26	8.6
Unknown	7	2.5	11	4.0	12	4.0
State Total	284	100.0	275	100.0	301	100.0

NOTE: The incident counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all incidents in this category are counted. For simplicity, only one weapon type has been counted for each incident. (If there was more than one weapon type used in an incident, only the primary weapon - as listed in order in this table - was counted.)

2003-2005 MURDER WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

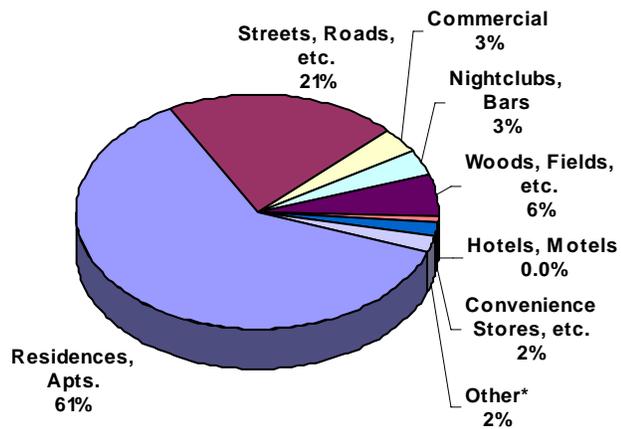


2003-2005 MURDER INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2003 Incidents	% Distr.	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	178	62.6	163	59.3	187	62.1
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	53	18.7	69	25.1	57	18.9
Commercial	13	4.6	7	2.5	10	3.3
Nightclubs, Bars	6	2.1	12	4.4	12	4.0
Hotels, Motels	4	1.4	4	1.5	0	0.0
Convenience Stores, etc.	4	1.4	4	1.5	9	3.0
Schools, Churches	0	0.0	1	0.4	1	0.3
Woods, etc.	21	7.4	10	3.6	18	6.0
Other	5	1.8	5	1.8	7	2.3
State Total	284	100.0	275	100.0	301	100.0

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2003-2005 MURDER INCIDENTS BY PREMISE



*Includes Schools, Churches

