

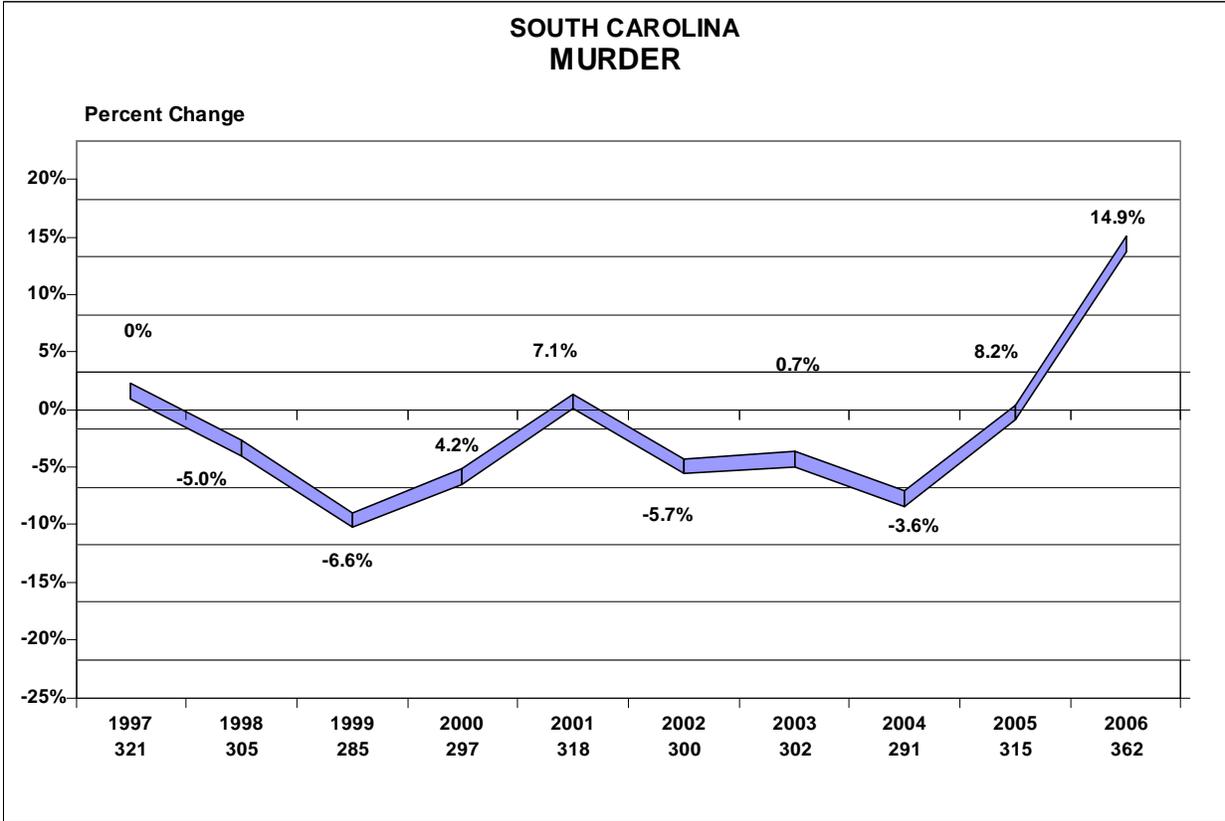
# MURDER

## **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 SCIBRS 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 SCIBRS. 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.



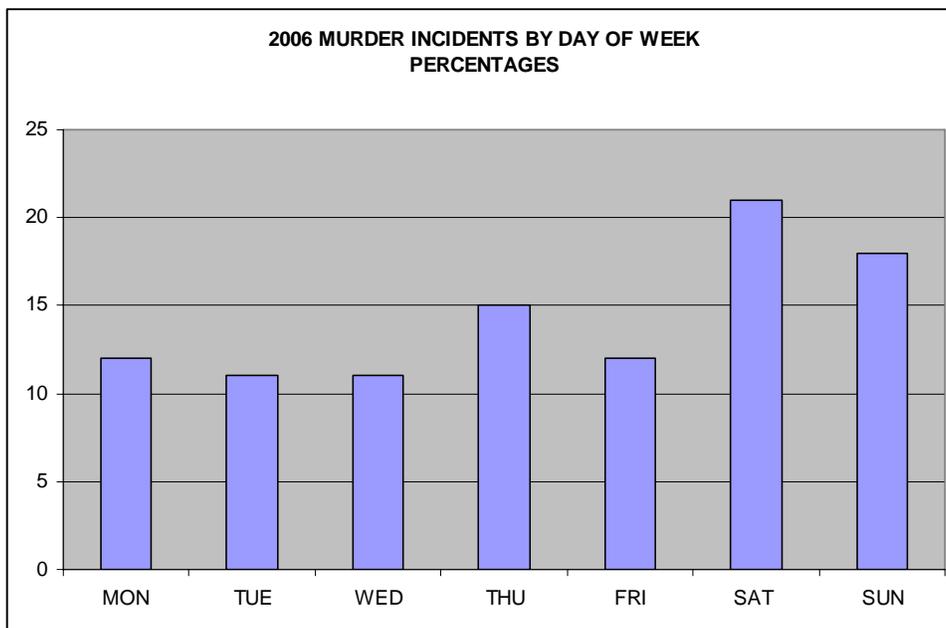
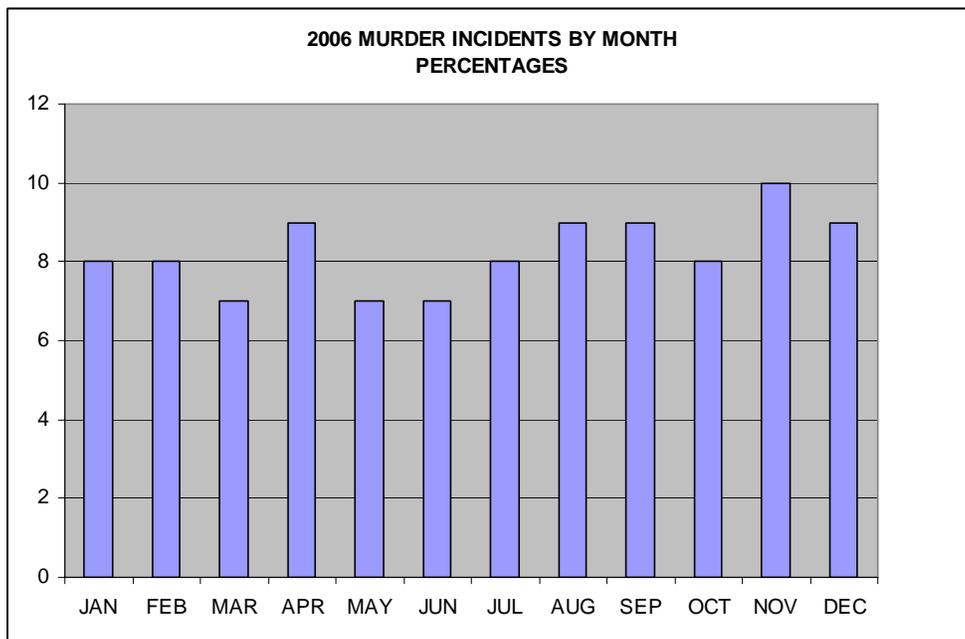
### 2006 SUMMARY

A total of 362 murder victims was reported in the 2006 crime index. During this year, the number of murders increased 14.9 percent compared to those reported in 2005.

There were 344 murders cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a clearance rate of 84.0 percent statewide.

The index murder rate in South Carolina was 0.84 per 10,000 persons.

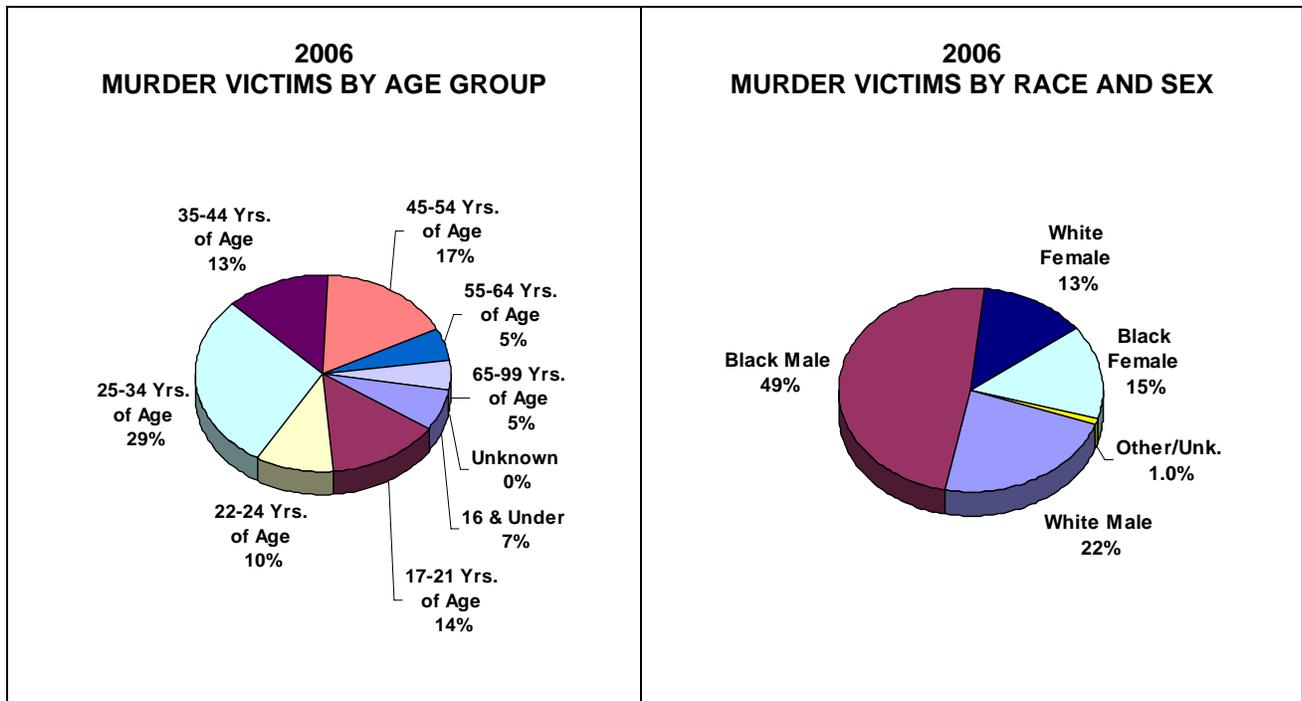
The age group 17-21 accounted for 31.0 percent of persons arrested for murder. Males represented 89.0 percent of the total arrests made for murder.



### 2006 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	7	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
01 – 04	6	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
05 – 09	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
10 – 16	9	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 – 21	51	9	30	1	0	4	7	0	0	0
22 – 24	37	4	24	0	0	3	5	1	0	0
25 – 34	104	18	56	1	0	9	20	0	0	0
35 – 44	47	12	21	0	0	5	9	0	0	0
45 – 54	62	16	27	1	0	13	5	0	0	0
55 – 64	19	8	4	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
65 – 99	18	6	2	0	0	6	4	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

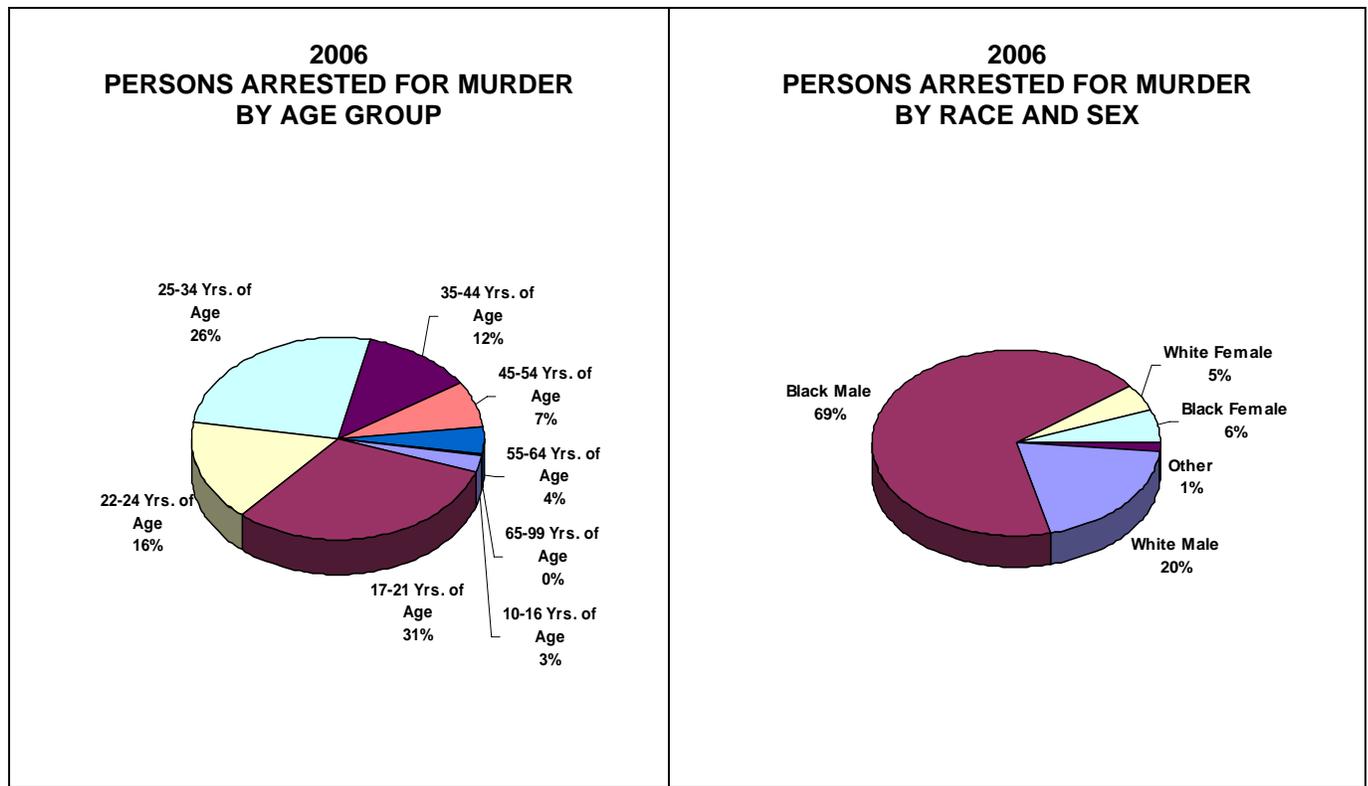
**NOTE:** The victim counts shown here are taken from a report which selects only the most serious offense (hierarchy) in an incident, and may vary from victim counts shown elsewhere.



Twenty-six percent of murder victims reported in 2006 were white males; 50 percent were black males. White females accounted for 11 percent, while black females accounted for 12 percent of murder victims reported in 2006.

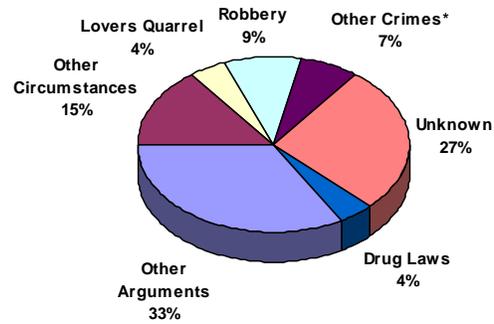
**2006 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR MURDER BY AGE, SEX, RACE**

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	9	1	7	0	0	1	0
17 – 21	107	12	84	2	1	8	0
22 – 24	55	8	42	1	2	2	0
25 – 34	90	17	67	1	4	1	0
35 – 44	42	15	19	0	4	4	0
45 – 54	25	10	10	1	2	2	0
55 – 64	15	5	5	0	3	2	0
65 – 99	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>



Twenty percent of persons arrested for murder in 2006 were white males; 69 percent were black males. White females accounted for 5 percent of persons arrested for murder, while black females accounted for 6 percent of persons arrested

**2006  
MURDER CIRCUMSTANCE DISTRIBUTION**



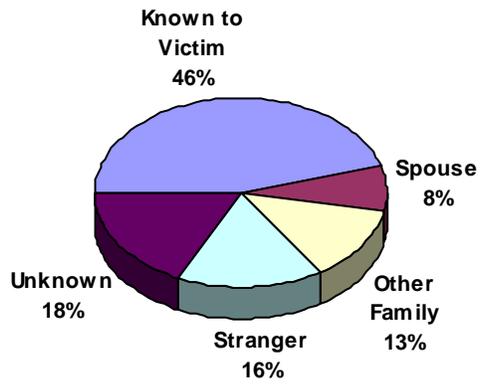
\* (Rape, B & E, Arson, Other Sex, Other Crimes, Police Killed, Gang Killings)

Circumstance	Number of Victims 2004	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2005	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2006	% Distr.
Rape	2	0.7	4	1.3	2	0.6
Robbery	25	8.6	34	10.8	33	9.1
B & E	11	3.8	4	1.3	6	1.7
Arson	14	4.8	1	0.3	4	1.1
Other Sex. Off.	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Drug Laws	22	7.6	29	9.2	15	4.1
Other Crimes	6	2.1	9	2.9	8	2.2
Lovers Quarrel	24	8.2	25	7.9	16	4.4
Police Killed	0	0	1	0.3	0	0.0
Juvenile Gang	1	0.3	1	0.3	1	0.3
Other Gang	3	1	3	1.0	4	1.1
Arguments	103	35.4	107	34.0	121	33.4
Other	35	12	41	13.0	53	14.6
Unknown	45	15.5	56	17.8	99	27.3
<b>State Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>100.0</b>

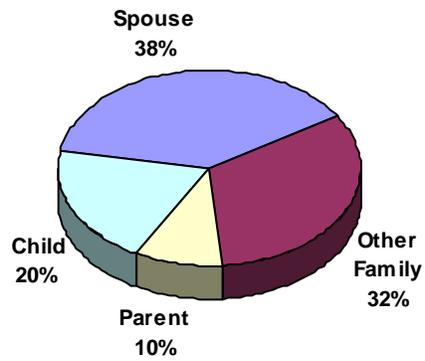
**2004-2006 RELATIONSHIP OF MURDER VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS**

<b>Relationship Of Victim To Offender</b>	<b>Number of Victims 2004</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>Number of Victims 2005</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>Number of Victims 2006</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
<b>Within Family</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>19.3</b>
Spouse	19	6.5	21	6.7	16	4.4
Parent	4	1.4	3	1.0	6	1.7
Child	11	3.8	11	3.5	12	3.3
Sibling	4	1.4	7	2.2	4	1.1
Common-Law Spouse	7	2.4	6	1.9	7	1.9
Grandparent	0	0.0	2	0.6	1	0.3
Grandchild	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Stepsibling	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Stepparent	1	0.3	3	1.0	2	0.6
Stepchild	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.4
In-law	4	1.4	6	1.9	7	1.9
Other Family	12	4.1	7	2.2	8	2.2
<b>Known to Victim</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>43.9</b>
Boy/Girlfriend	18	6.2	17	5.4	29	8.0
Friend	10	3.4	11	3.5	10	2.8
Acquaintance	94	32.3	92	29.2	96	26.5
Homosexual	1	0.3	1	0.3	1	0.3
Ex-Spouse	2	0.7	1	0.3	3	0.8
Neighbor	3	1.0	5	1.6	0	0.0
Child of BF/GF	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.8
Employee	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Employer	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Babysittee	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0
Other	11	3.8	11	3.5	17	4.7
<b>Stranger</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>15.7</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>21.0</b>
<b>Victim also Offender</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**2004-2006  
MURDER BY RELATIONSHIP  
(Victim to Offender)**



**2004-2006  
MURDER WITHIN FAMILY  
(Victim to Offender)**

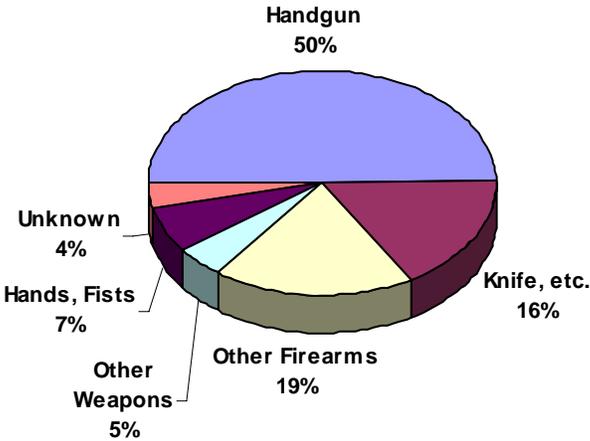


**2004-2006 MURDER INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**

<b>Weapons</b>	<b>2004 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2005 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>	<b>2006 Incidents</b>	<b>% Distr.</b>
Handgun	147	53.5	156	51.8	150	44.9
Rifle	15	5.5	7	2.3	10	3.0
Shotgun	12	4.4	13	4.3	14	4.2
Other Firearm	0	0.0	2	0.7	3	0.9
Firearm Unknown Type	16	5.8	28	9.3	52	15.6
<b>Firearm Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>69.1</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>68.6</b>
Knife/Cutting Instrument	37	13.5	38	12.6	45	13.5
Blunt Object	6	2.2	9	3.0	15	4.5
<b>Knife/ Blunt Object Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>18.0</b>
Fire/Incendiary Device	3	1.1	0	0.0	3	0.9
Explosives	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Fire/ Explosive Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Motor Vehicle	2	0.7	2	0.7	2	0.6
Drugs/Narcotics	2	0.7	0	0.0	1	0.3
Poison	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	4	1.5	4	1.3	3	0.9
Strangulation	3	1.1	8	2.7	4	1.2
<b>Other Dangerous Weapons</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Hands, Feet	17	6.2	23	7.6	20	6.0
Drowning	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pushed	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Hands, Etc. Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Unknown	11	4.0	11	3.7	12	3.6
None	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**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.)

**2004-2006  
MURDER WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**

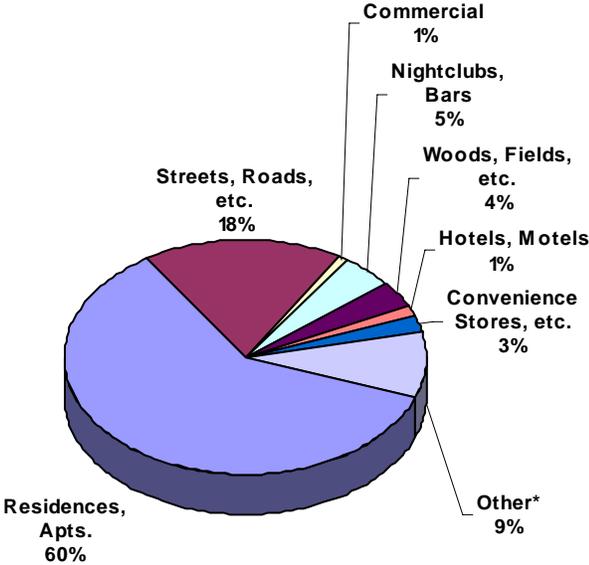


### 2004-2006 MURDER INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2004 Incidents	% Distr.	2005 Incidents	% Distr.	2006 Incidents	% Distr.
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bank/Savings and Loan	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bar/Nightclub	12	4.4	12	4.0	17	5.1
Church/Synagogue	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Commercial/ Office Building	3	1.1	4	1.3	2	0.6
Construction Site	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Convenience Store	4	1.5	8	2.7	9	2.7
Department/Discount Store	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Drugstore/Doctor/Hospital	1	0.4	1	0.3	1	0.3
Field/Woods	9	3.3	16	5.3	9	2.7
Government/Public Building	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grocery/Supermarket	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3
Highway/Road	57	20.7	46	15.3	59	17.7
Hotel/Motel	4	1.5	0	0.0	8	2.4
Jail/Prison	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lake/Waterway	1	0.4	2	0.7	0	0.0
Liquor Store	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Parking Lot/Garage	12	4.4	8	2.7	12	3.6
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Residence/Home	141	51.3	164	54.5	164	49.1
Restaurant	2	0.7	4	1.3	5	1.5
School K-12	1	0.4	0	0.0	1	0.3
Service/Gas Station	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	0.3
Specialty Store	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.6
Other/Unknown	5	1.8	8	2.7	7	2.1
Colleges	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0
Shopping Mall	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Apartment/Condo	22	8.0	23	7.6	34	10.2
Highway Rest Areas	0	0.0	1	0.3	0	0.0
Court/Courthouse	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**2004-2006  
MURDER INCIDENTS BY PREMISE**



\*Includes Schools , Churches