

2003 STATE TOTAL INDEX CRIMES Murder Victim Information

Definition: Murder is the willful killing of one human being by another. Offenses are the unlawful acts reported to a law enforcement agency. Victims are the injured party of the offense.

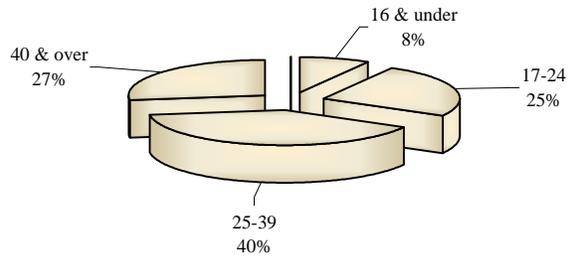
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610 Murder Victims were reported to the Michigan Uniform Crime Reporting Program in 2003

Age of Victim:

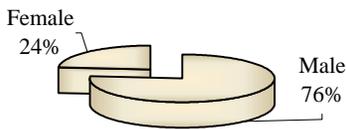
16 & under	51
17-24	150
25-39	243
40 & over	166

Age of Victims



Out of the 610 murders in 2003, 40% of them were between the ages of 25 to 39. The next highest would be the over 40 group at 27%.

Sex of Victims



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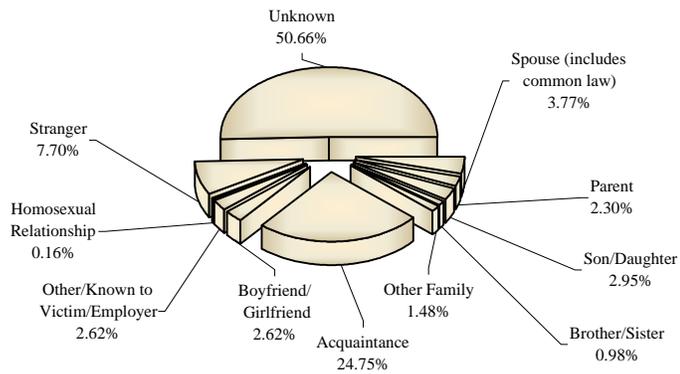
Male	466
Female	144

In 2003, 76% of the murdered victims were males. In 2002 it was 75%, an increase of only 1%. The number of males murdered in 2002 were 508 out of 671.

Victim to Offender Relationship:

Spouse (includes common law)	23
Parent	14
Son/Daughter	18
Brother/Sister	6
Other Family	9
Acquaintance	151
Boyfriend/ Girlfriend	16
Other/Known to Victim/Employer	16
Homosexual Relationship	1
Stranger	47
Unknown	309

Victim to Offender Relationship



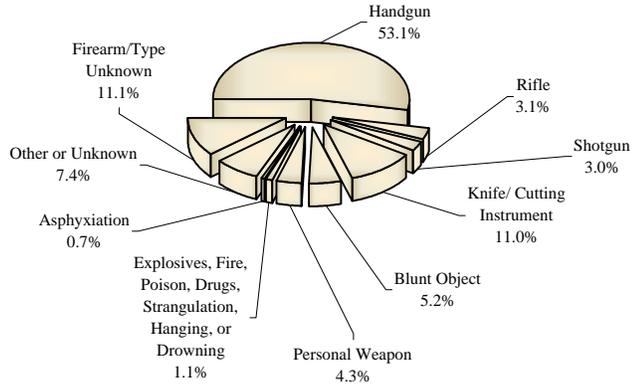
Fifty percent (50%) of the Victim to Offender Relationship were Unknown. Meaning that they did not know who the offender was. Next largest group was Acquaintance.

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Weapon:

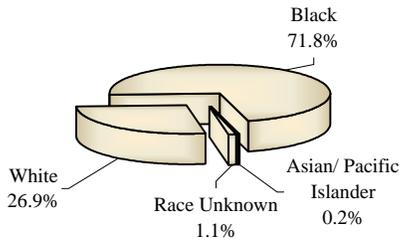
Firearm/Type Unknown	68
Handgun	324
Rifle	19
Shotgun	18
Knife/ Cutting Instrument	67
Blunt Object	32
Personal Weapon	26
Explosives, Fire, Poison, Drugs, Strangulation, Hanging, or Drowning	7
Asphyxiation	4
Other or Unknown	45

Murder Weapons



The weapon that was involved in 53% of the murders was a handgun. Firearm/Type Unknown was second at 11.1%.

Race of Victim



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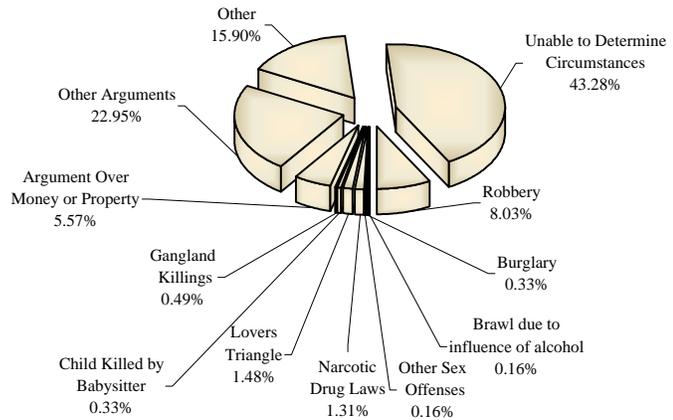
White	164
Black	438
Asian/ Pacific Islander	1
Race Unknown	7

There were more victims of the Black race (71%) than any other race. The White race was the second highest at 26%.

Circumstance:

Brawl due to influence of alcohol	1
Burglary	2
Other Sex Offenses	1
Narcotic Drug Laws	8
Lovers Triangle	9
Child Killed by Babysitter	2
Gangland Killings	3
Argument Over Money or Property	34
Other Arguments	140
Other	97
Unable to Determine Circumstances	264
Robbery	49

Murders by Circumstance



In reviewing this chart, 43.2% of the time the law enforcement officer was unable to determine the circumstance surrounding the murders at the time of the report.

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Murder

Definition: Arrests are those individuals seized, held, summoned, or cited by law enforcement agencies for involvement in an unlawful act.

463 Murder Arrests were reported to the Michigan Uniform Crime Reporting Program in 2003

7-Juveniles, 456-Adults

409-Males, 54-Females

2003 Arrests by Age, Sex and Race													
Age Group	Total	Females						Males					
		Am. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unknown	Am. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unknown
		10 & under	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13-14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
15	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	5	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Total Juveniles	7	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
17	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	2	0
18	18	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	5	0
19	34	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	6	0
20	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	1	2	0
21	21	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	6	0
22	22	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	18	0	1	0
23	28	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	21	0	3	0
24	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	0	3	0
25-29	71	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	53	0	11	0
30-34	71	0	0	9	0	3	0	0	0	50	0	9	0
35-39	50	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	33	0	9	0
40-44	36	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	22	0	7	0
45-49	24	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	12	1	7	1
50-54	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	2	0
55-59	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
60-64	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
65 & over	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total Adults	456	0	0	39	0	11	0	2	0	326	2	75	1
Totals	463	0	0	42	0	12	0	2	0	329	2	75	1