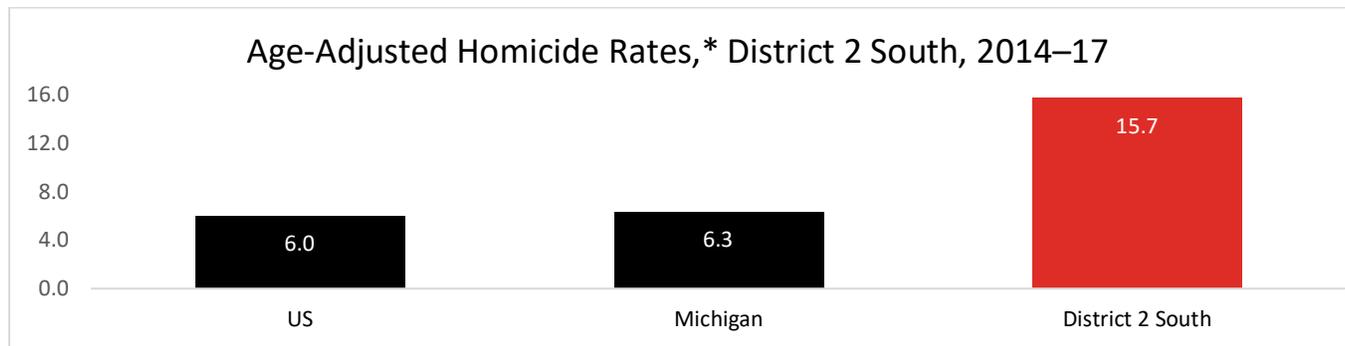


Homicide Deaths in State Police District 2 South, 2014–17

Monroe County, Washtenaw County, and Wayne County

The Michigan Violent Death Reporting System (MiVDRS)¹ collects and links data from multiple data sources to help stakeholders develop prevention strategies to reduce deaths due to interpersonal violence. From 2014–2017, there were over 2,300 homicide victims in Michigan. Over **1,300** of those victims were injured in State Police District 2 South’s jurisdiction. **Homicide rates vary greatly by race, ranging from 39.0 per 100,000 for Blacks to 1.8 per 100,000 for Asian and Pacific Islanders. Young adults 20–29 years of age were most likely to die by homicide.**

From 2014–17, State Police District 2 South had the highest homicide rate among the eight State Police Districts.



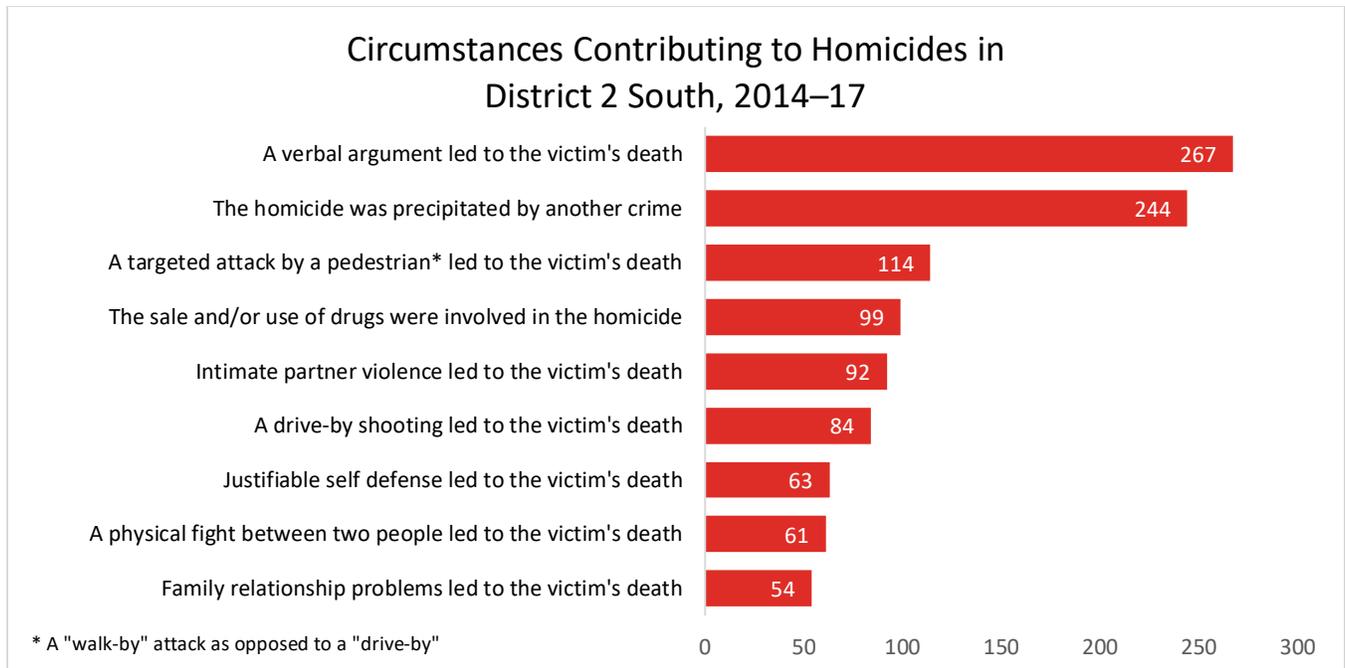
* Deaths per 100,000 population

Firearms were used in 83.4 percent of all homicides, but women were more likely than men to be killed by other means.

Weapon Used in District 2 South Homicides, 2014–17	Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Firearm	1012	87.7%	129	60.6%
Sharp instrument	70	6.1%	31	14.6%
Personal weapons	24	2.1%	14	6.6%
Blunt instrument	24	2.1%	12	5.6%
Hanging, strangulation, suffocation	8	0.7%	13	6.1%
Other/unknown	16	1.4%	14	6.6%
Total	1154	100.0%	213	100.0%

Two men got into an argument over the sale of narcotics. The argument escalated with both parties exchanging gun shots resulting in the death of one of the men.

At least one circumstance was known for 59.1 percent of homicide deaths that took place in District 2 South. An argument was involved in one-third of the deaths where a circumstance was known.



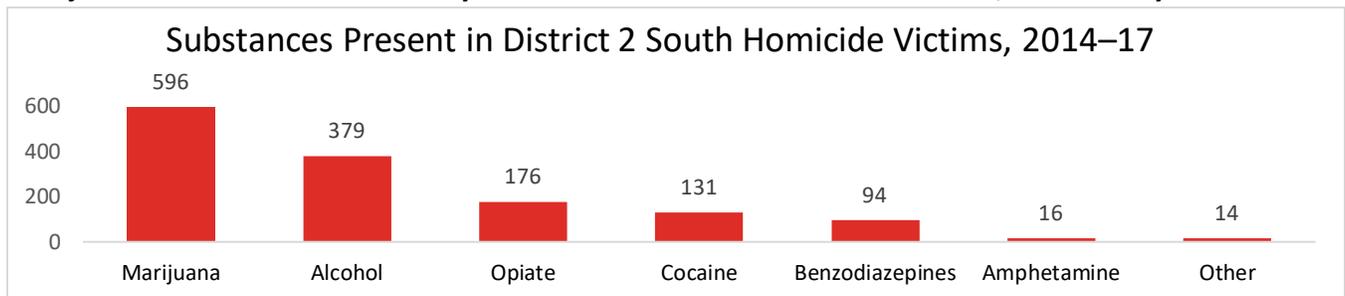
* There may be more than one known circumstance for each death, or no known circumstance.

A woman had a personal protection order against her husband who threatened to kill her and their daughter. He broke into her home and barricaded himself inside for days before police were alerted. When the police arrived, he ran out of the house and fired shots at the police before he was shot and killed.

In over 90 percent of homicide incidents in District 2 South there was only one death.

District 2 South Homicide Type, 2014–17	Number	Percent
Single homicide	1232	93.9%
Multiple homicide	47	3.6%
Legal intervention	20	1.5%
Homicide(s) followed by suicide	13	1.0%
Total	1312	100.0%

Marijuana was the most commonly found substance in victims of homicide, followed by alcohol.



* It is unknown how many homicide victims were tested for each substance.

i. MiVDRS Website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71548_54879-279986--,00.html.

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