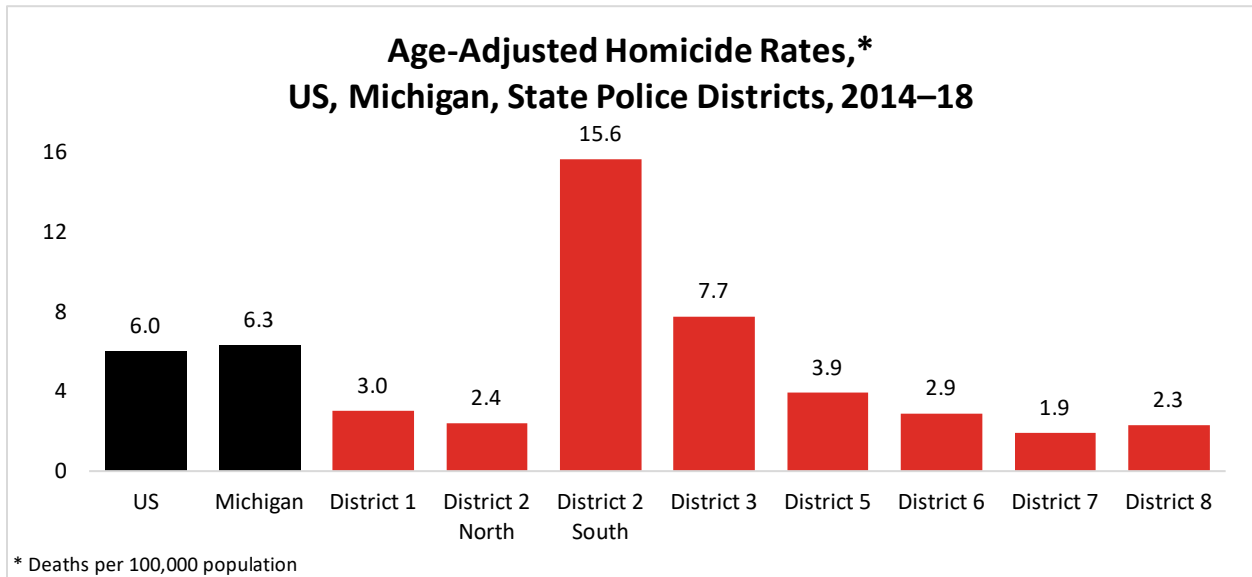


Homicide Deaths in State Police District 8, 2014–18

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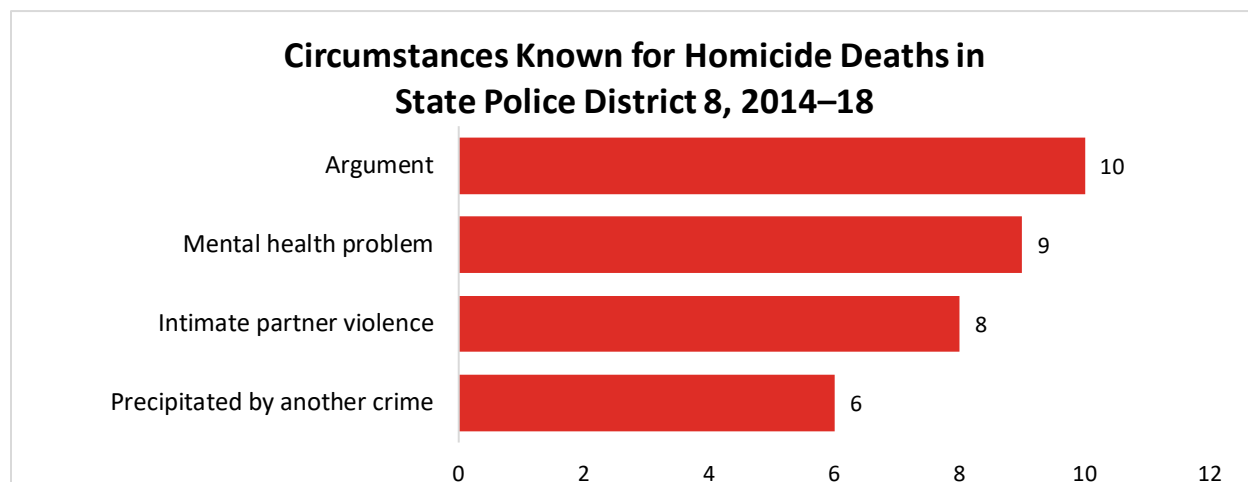
The Michigan Violent Death Reporting System (MiVDRS)ⁱ collects and links data from multiple data sources to help stakeholders develop prevention strategies to reduce deaths due to interpersonal violence. From 2014–2018, there were almost 3,000 homicide victims in Michigan. **Thirty-three of those victims were injured in State Police District 8’s jurisdiction.** The number of homicides was too small to calculate accurate rates by age, sex, or race.

From 2014–18, State Police District 8 had the seventh highest homicide rate among the eight State Police Districts.



Alcohol was the most common substance found in toxicology results for homicide victims in State Police District 8. Statewide, the most common substance found in toxicology test results was marijuana, followed by alcohol. It is unknown how many homicide victims were tested for each substance. Victims may test positive for more than one substance.

At least one circumstance was known for 90.9 percent of homicide deaths that took place in District 8. Where a circumstance was known, an argument was involved in 33.3 percent of homicides, and a mental health problem was involved in 30.0 percent.



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

73.3 percent of homicide deaths were the result of a single homicide incident, compared to 89.9 percent statewide. Legal intervention accounted for 16.7 percent of homicide deaths; statewide legal interventions account for 3.0 percent of homicide deaths.

Firearms were used in 42.4 percent of homicides. Statewide, firearms were used in 74.9 percent of homicides.

Weapon Used in State Police District 8 Homicides, 2014–18

| Weapon | Number | Percent |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Firearm | 14 | 42.4% |
| Personal weapons | 6 | 18.2% |
| Sharp instrument | 6 | 18.2% |
| Other | 7 | 21.2% |
| Total | 33 | 100.0% |

i. MiVDRS Website: [MDHHS - MiVDRS \(michigan.gov\)](http://MDHHS-MiVDRS.michigan.gov).

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