

**DEFINITION**

The FBI UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) program has defined Murder as *the willful killing of one human being by another.*

The classification of this offense is based solely on police investigation as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Deaths caused by negligence, suicide, accident, or justifiable homicide are not included in this offense category.

**ANALYSIS**

**VOLUME**

The reported number of murders committed in Michigan in 2012 was 681. This was an 11 percent increase in murders since 2011 and a 19 percent increase since 2008. More persons were murdered during the month of September, while fewer murders occurred in the month of February. Murders occurred most often on Sundays and least often on Mondays in 2012.

**CRIME RATE**

The murder rate in 2012 was 7 murders for every 100,000 persons, an increase of 11 percent from 2011.

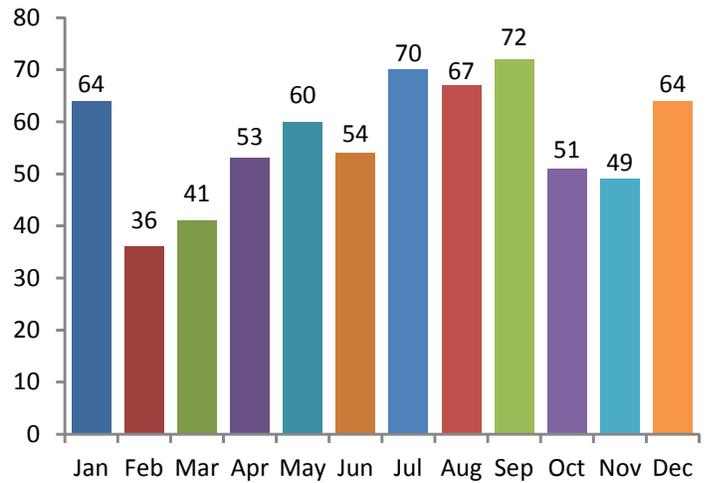
**CLEARANCES**

In 2012, 22 percent of all murders were cleared by an arrest or exceptional means. Exceptional clearances can be reported when one of the following circumstances has occurred: Death of Offender, Prosecution Declined, In Custody of Other Jurisdiction, Victim Refused to Cooperate, or Juvenile/No Custody.

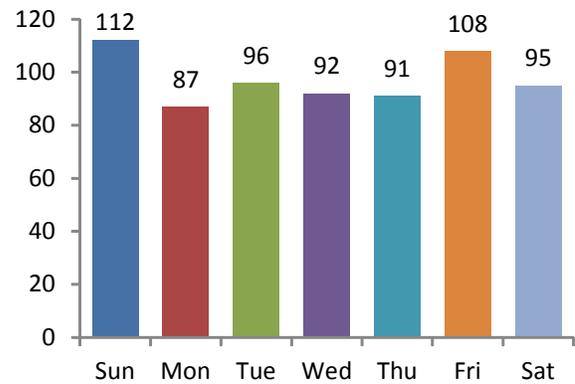
**NATURE**

Of the 681 murders, 79 percent were committed by the use of a firearm. Of the murders in which a firearm was used, Handguns accounted for 58 percent of that weapon type. Knife/Cutting Instrument was the weapon of choice in 7 percent of the reported cases and Personal Weapon in 5 percent of the cases.

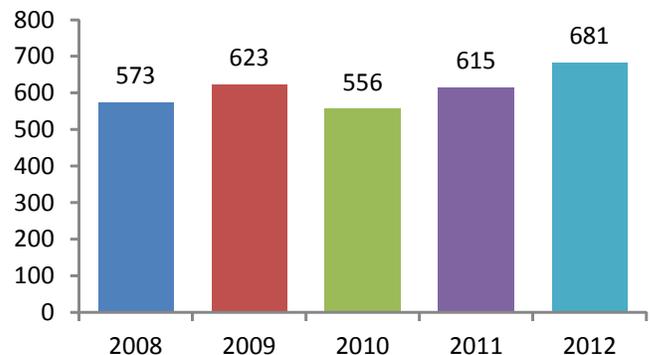
**Victims by Month**



**Victims by Day**

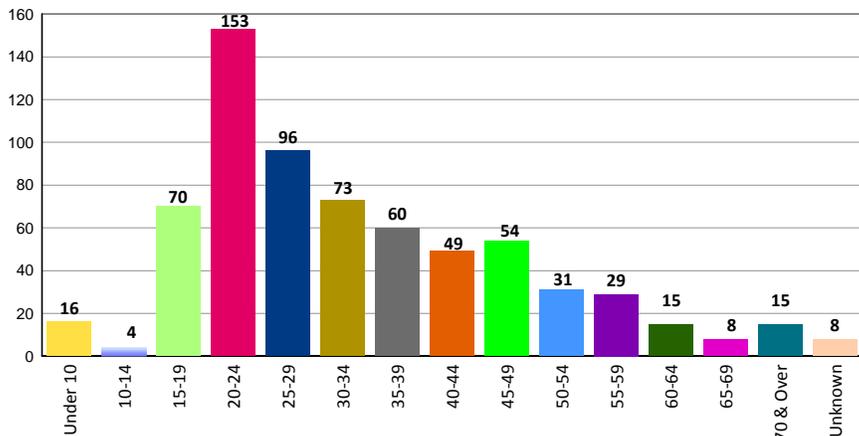


**5-Year Trend  
Number of Victims**





**Age of Victims**



**ANALYSIS CONTINUED**

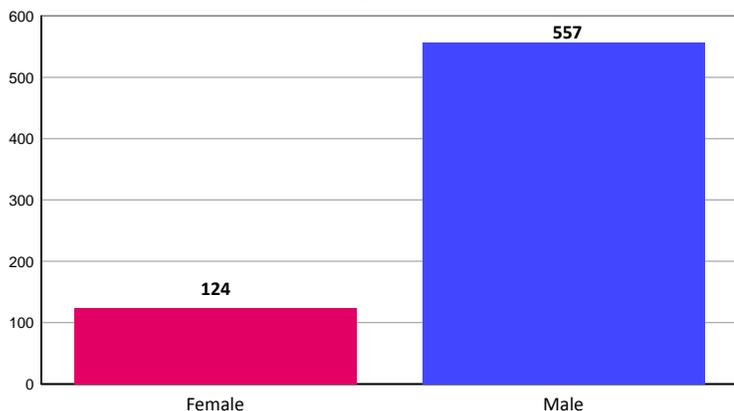
**Age, Sex, and Race Analysis**

Twenty-two (22) percent of the victims were between the ages of 20 - 24. In 2011, this age group reported 20 percent of the victims.

Fifty-three (53) percent of the female victims were black and 44 percent were white. Nineteen (19) percent of female victims fell into the 20 - 24 age group.

Seventy-nine (79) percent of the male victims were black and 19 percent were white. Twenty-three (23) percent of male victims fell into the 20 - 24 age group.

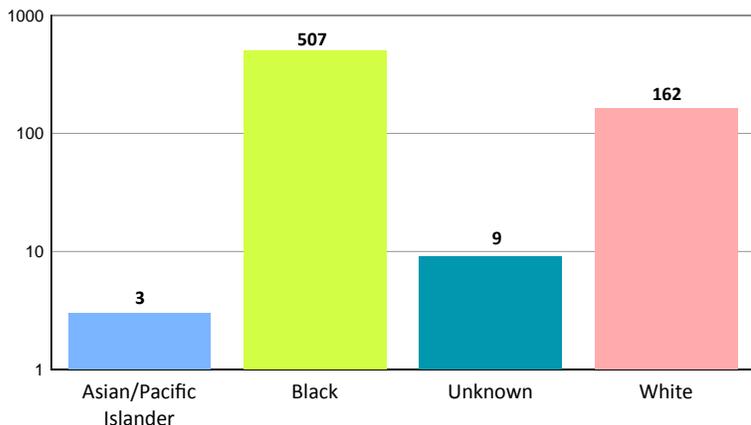
**Sex of Victims**



**Murder Circumstances**

Victim circumstance is defined as something that occurs to the victim which is out of their control. In these murders, 57 percent of the time the detectives could not determine the victim circumstance. In 18 percent of the cases, it was determined that the murder happened due to an Argument. Other Circumstances occurred in 18 percent of the murders, while Drug Dealings and Lover's Quarrel were reported in 2 percent of the cases.

**Race of Victims**

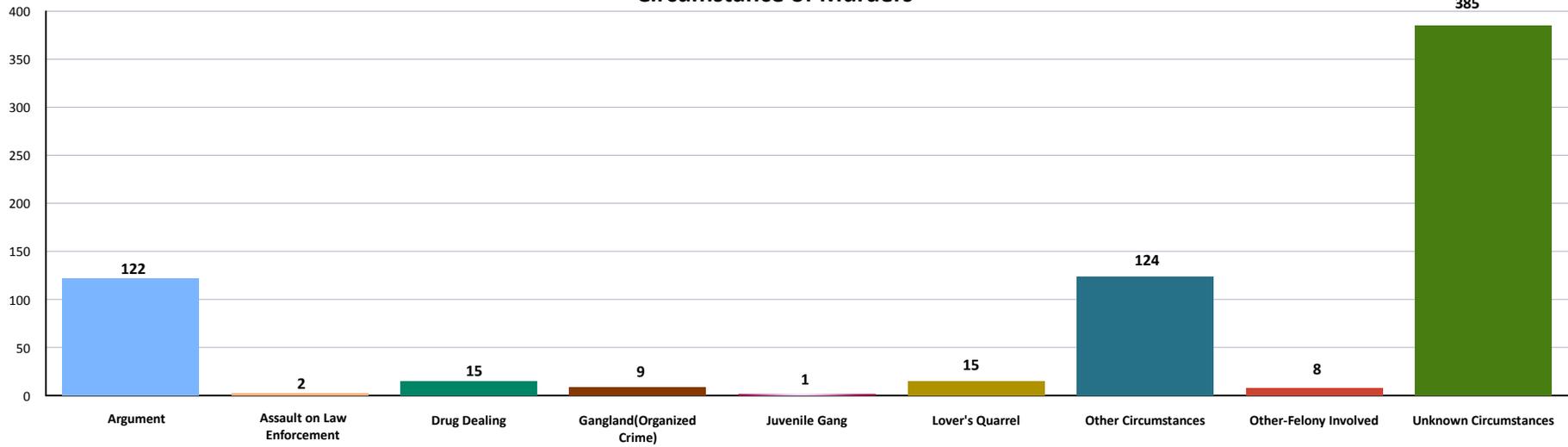


**Location of Murders**

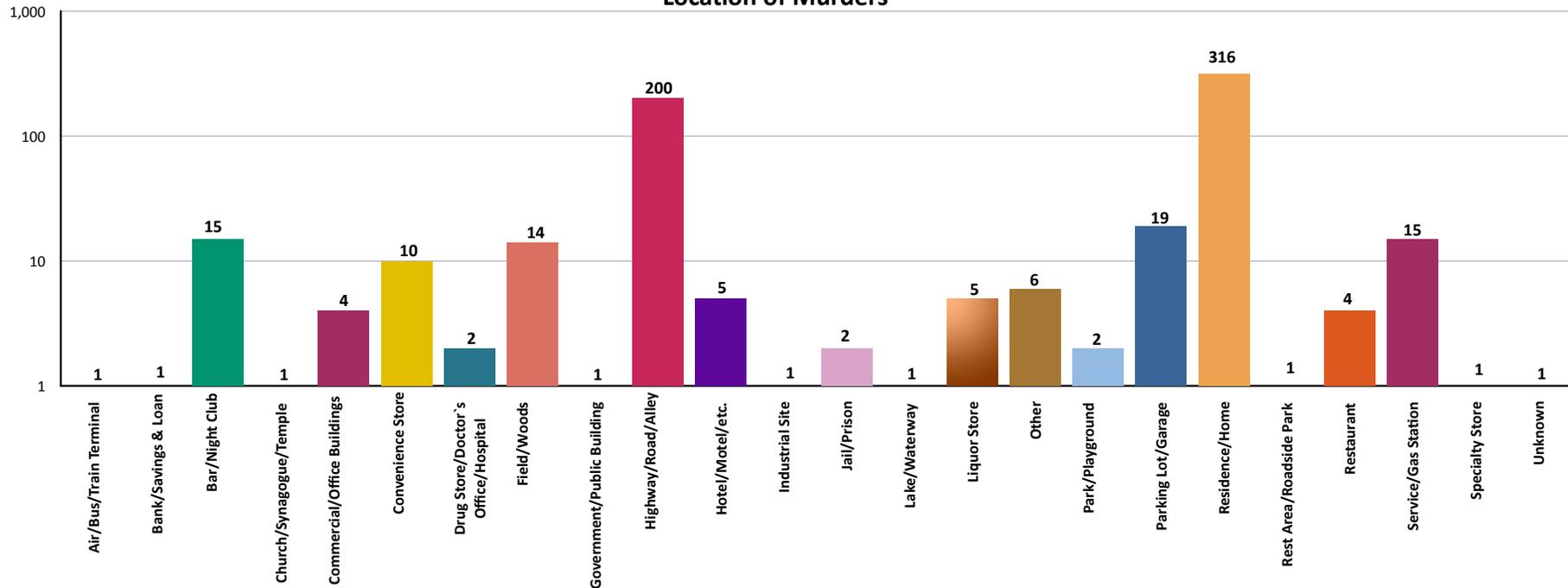
Fifty (50) percent of these murders occurred in a Residence/Home. Thirty-two (32) percent were reported to occur on a Highway/Road/Alley. Three (3) percent of the murders occurred within a Parking Lot/Garage.



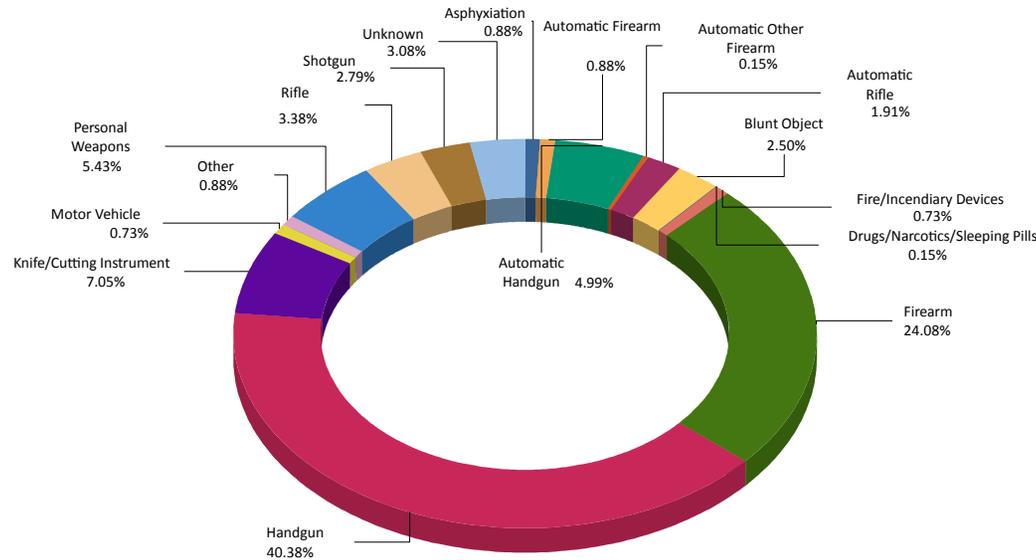
**Circumstance of Murders**



**Location of Murders**



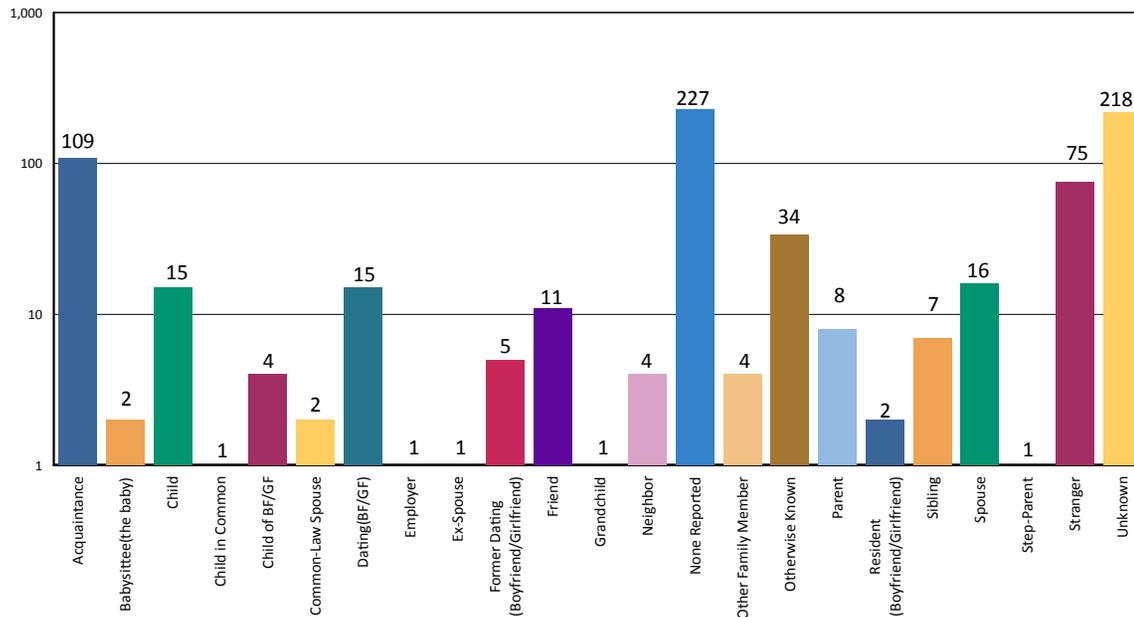
# 2012 MURDER NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER



## Weapons Used

Asphyxiation	6
Automatic Firearm	6
Automatic Handgun	34
Automatic Other Firearm	1
Automatic Rifle	13
Blunt Object	17
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	1
Fire/Incendiary Devices	5
Firearm	164
Handgun	275
Knife/Cutting Instrument	48
Motor Vehicle	5
Other	6
Personal Weapons	37
Rifle	23
Shotgun	19
Unknown	21
<b>Total:</b>	<b>681</b>

## Victim to Offender Relationship



Victim to Offender Relationship			
Acquaintance	109	Neighbor	4
Babysitter (the baby)	2	None Reported	227
Child	15	Other Family Member	4
Child in Common	1	Otherwise Known	34
Child of Boyfriend or Girlfriend	4	Parent	8
Common Law Spouse	2	Resident Boyfriend/Girlfriend	2
Dating Boyfriend/Girlfriend	15	Sibling	7
Employer	1	Spouse	16
Ex-spouse	1	Step-parent	1
Former Dating Boyfriend/Girlfriend	5	Stranger	75
Friend	11	Unknown	218
Grandchild	1		
<b>Total Relationships: 763</b>			

VOR totals will not match the victim totals due to some incidents having multiple offenders but only one victim.

**2012 MURDER NON-NEGLIGENT  
MANSLAUGHTER ARRESTS**



Age Group		Arrests By Age, Sex, and Race							Grand Total	
		FEMALE			MALE					
		Black	White	Total	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Unknown	White		Total
TOTAL JUVENILES	13-14	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3
	15	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	3
	16	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
TOTAL ADULTS	17	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	5	6
	18	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	5	6
	19	0	2	2	0	7	0	4	11	13
	20	1	0	1	0	5	0	2	7	8
	21	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	6	7
	22	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	3	4
	23	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3
	24	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	6	6
	25-29	5	3	8	0	18	0	7	25	33
	30-34	2	1	3	1	10	0	12	23	26
	35-39	3	0	3	1	4	0	5	10	13
	40-44	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	6	6
	45-49	1	0	1	0	3	0	5	8	9
	50-54	1	0	1	0	1	0	8	9	10
	55-59	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	
65 & Above	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>155</b>	
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>163</b>