



**DEFINITION**

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, 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 2016 was 586. This was a two percent increase in murders from 2015 and a fourteen percent decrease from 2012. More persons were murdered during the month of July; while fewer murders occurred in the month of March. Murders occurred most often on Sundays and least often on Tuesdays.

**CRIME RATE**

The murder rate in 2016 was six murders for every 100,000 persons. The murder rate in 2015 was also six murders for every 100,000 persons.

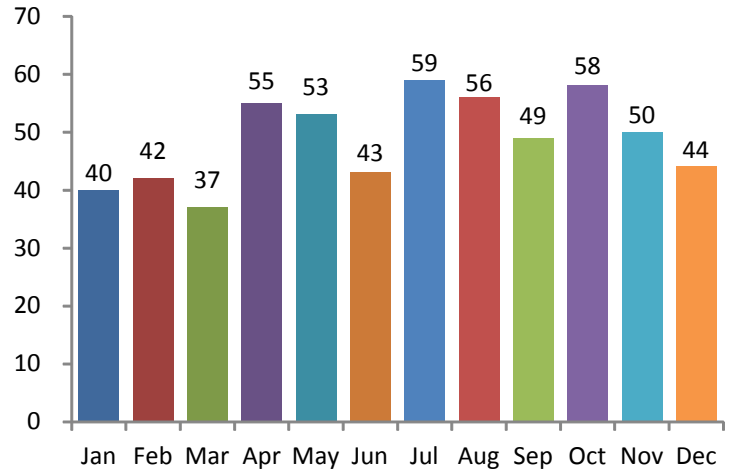
**CLEARANCES**

In 2016, thirty-one 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.

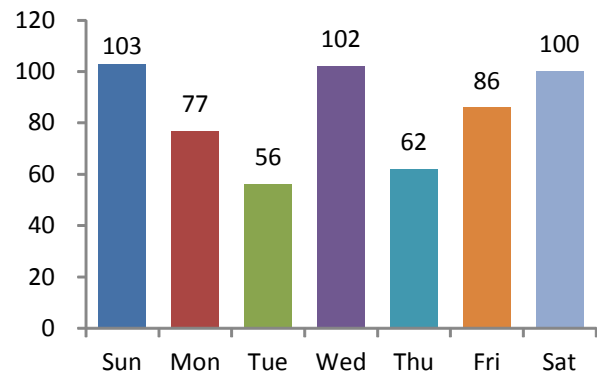
**NATURE**

Of the 586 murders, seventy-four percent were committed by the use of a firearm (firearm, handgun, rifle, shotgun, and other firearm including automatics of these categories). Knife/Cutting Instrument was the weapon of choice in eight percent of the reported cases and Personal Weapon in three percent of the cases.

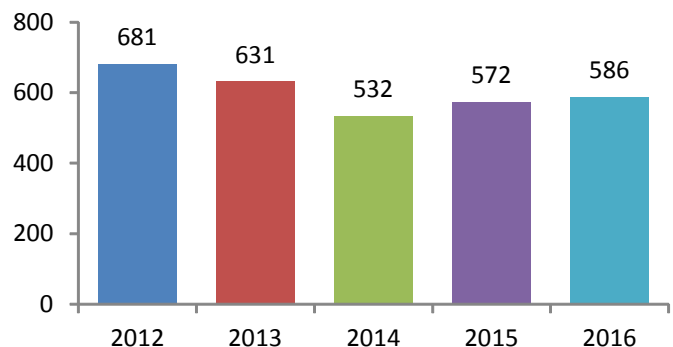
**Victims by Month**



**Victims by Day**

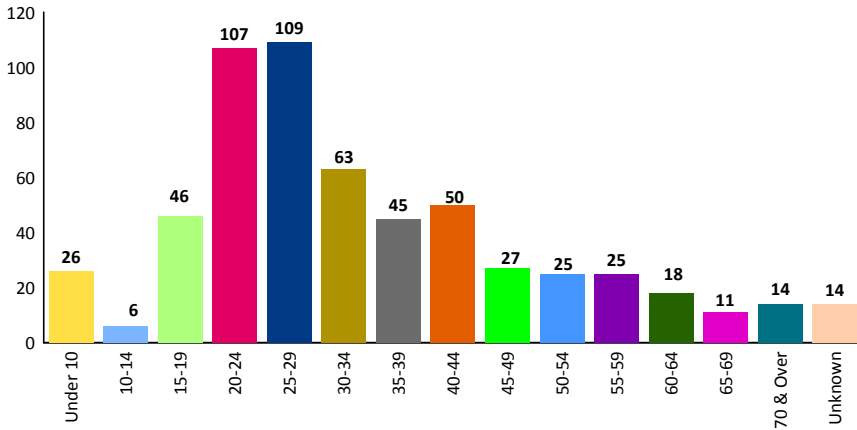


**5-Year Trend  
 Number of Victims**





**Age of Victims**



**ANALYSIS CONTINUED**

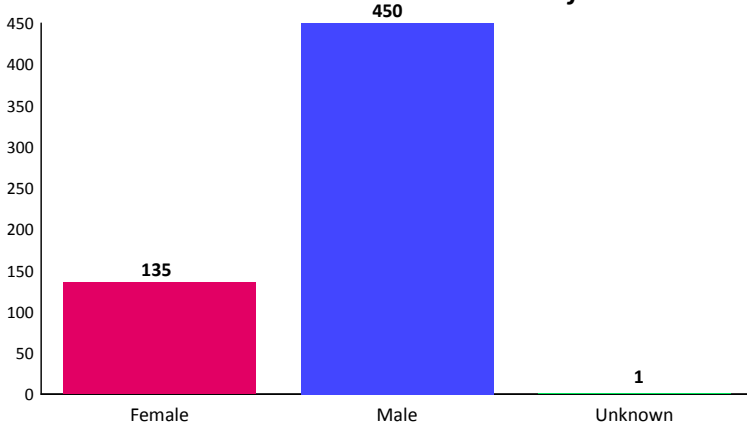
**Age, Sex, and Race Analysis**

Nineteen percent of the victims were between the ages of 25 and 29. In 2015, this age group reported thirteen percent of the victims and eighteen percent were between the ages of 20 and 24.

Forty-nine percent of the Female victims were Black and forty-eight percent were White. Sixteen percent of Female victims fell into the 25 - 29 age group.

Seventy-four percent of the Male victims were Black and twenty-three percent were White. Nineteen percent of Male victims fell into the 25 - 29 age group.

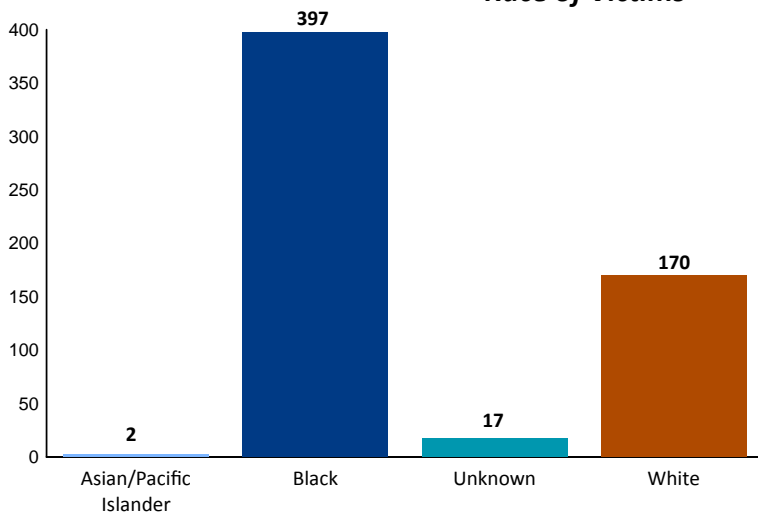
**Gender of Victims**



**Murder Circumstances**

Victim circumstance is defined as something that occurs to the victim which is out of their control. In these murders, sixty-three percent of the time the detectives could not determine the victim circumstance. In sixteen percent of the cases for each category, it was determined that the murder occurred due to Other Circumstances. In sixteen percent of the incidents reported, an Argument was reported as the circumstance.

**Race of Victims**



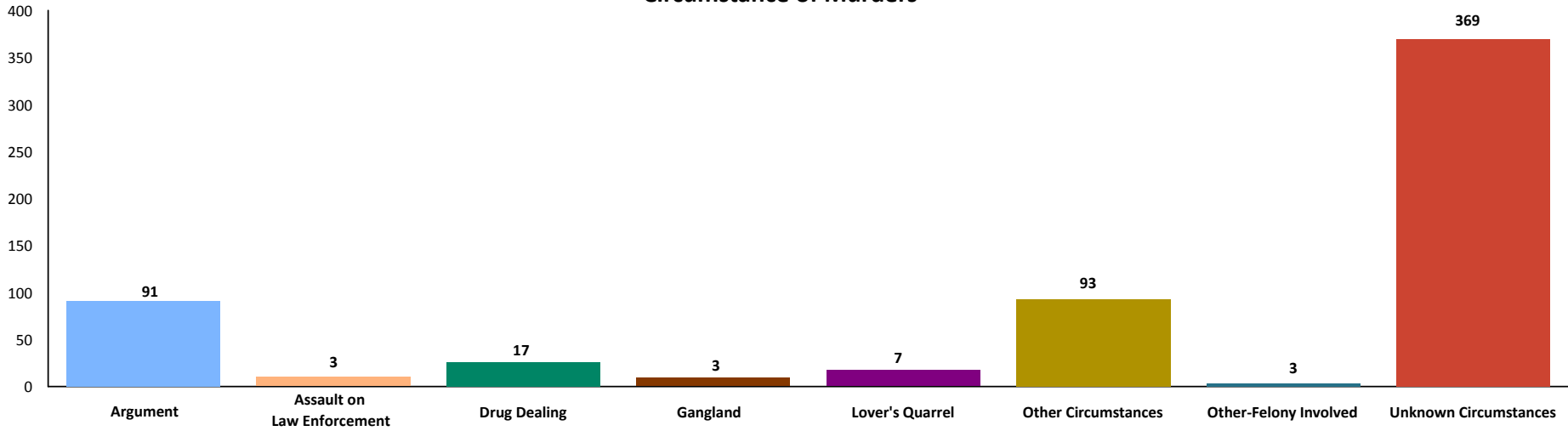
**Location of Murders**

Fifty-one percent of these incidents occurred in a Residence/Home. Thirty-two percent were reported to occur on a Highway/Road/Alley. Four percent of the murders occurred in a Parking Lot/Garage.

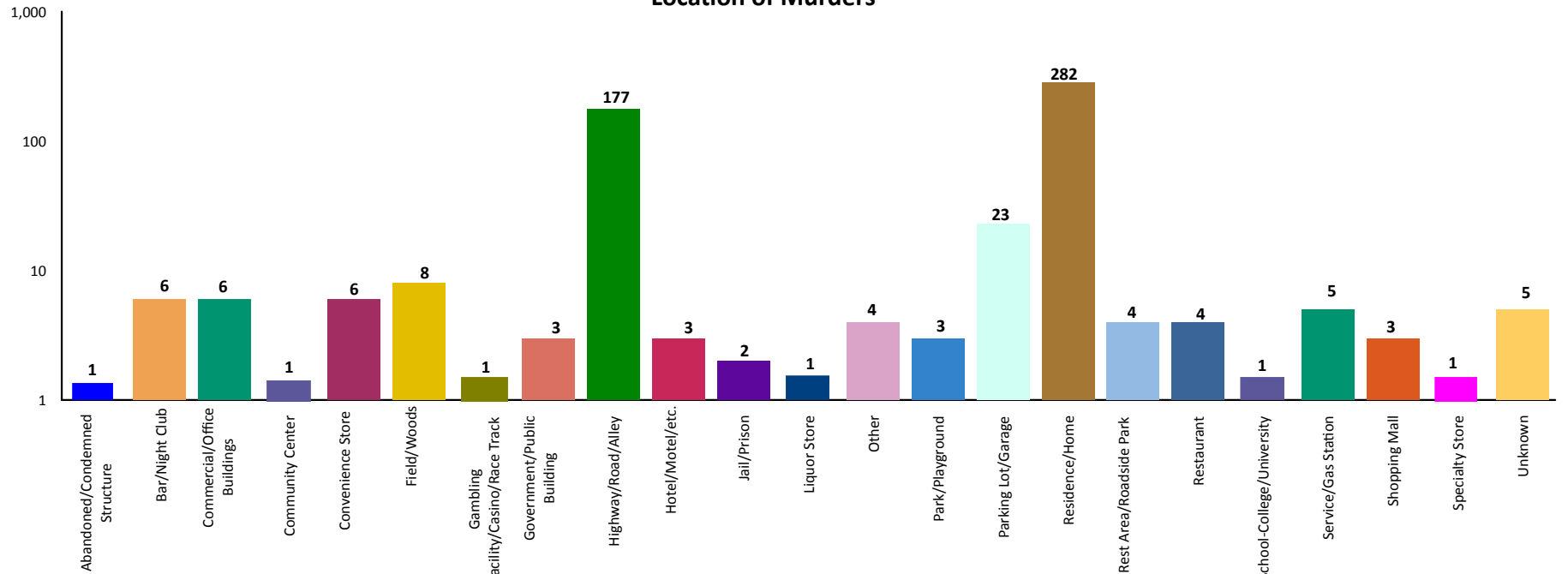
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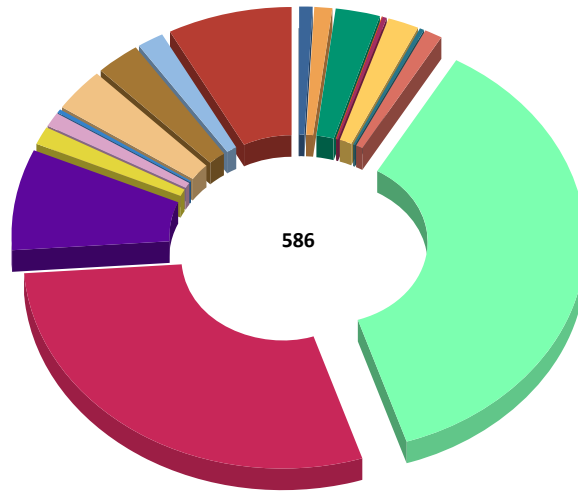
**Circumstance of Murders**



**Location of Murders**



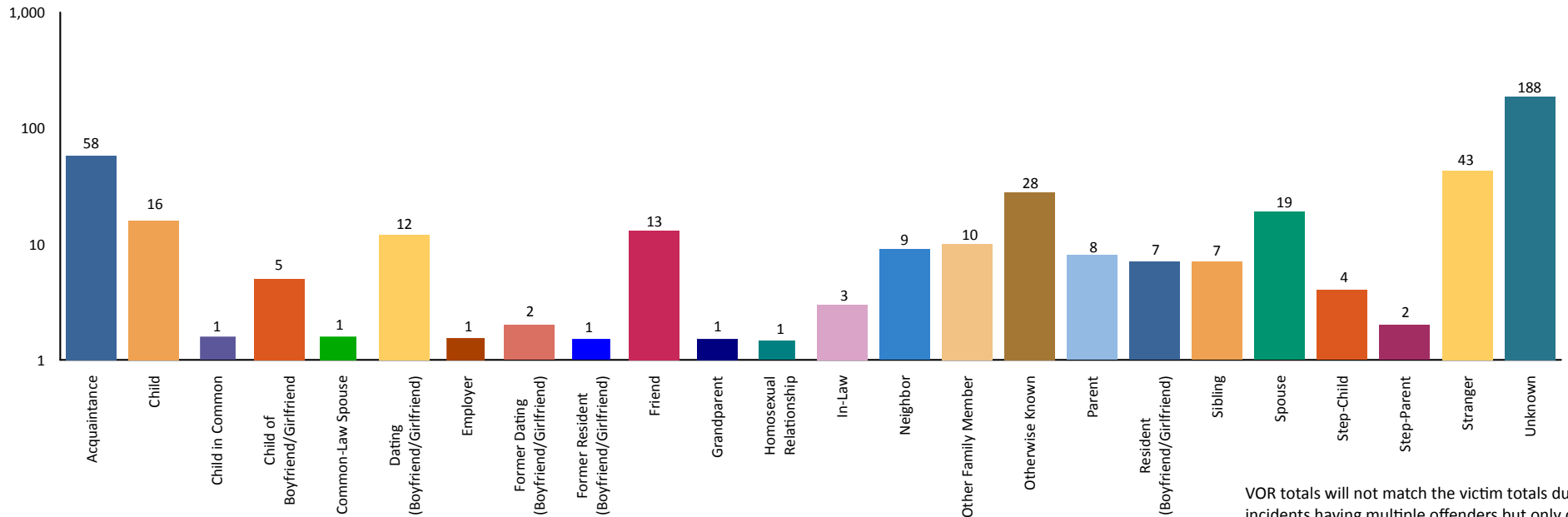
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**Weapon Used Against Victim**

Asphyxiation	5	0.85%
Automatic Firearm	6	1.02%
Automatic Handgun	16	2.73%
Automatic Other Firearm	1	0.17%
Automatic Rifle	1	0.17%
Blunt Object	11	1.88%
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	3	0.51%
Fire/Incendiary Devices	6	1.02%
Firearm	215	36.69%
Handgun	169	28.84%
Knife/Cutting Instrument	45	7.68%
Motor Vehicle	9	1.54%
Other	6	1.02%
Other Firearm	2	0.34%
Personal Weapon	20	3.41%
Rifle	15	2.56%
Shotgun	11	1.88%
Unknown	45	7.68%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Victim to Offender Relationship**



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

## 2016 Murder Non-Negligent Manslaughter Arrests



		Arrests By Age, Sex, and Race								Grand Total
		FEMALE				MALE				
		Black	Unknown	White	Total	Black	Unknown	White	Total	
Age Group	Black	Unknown	White	Total	Black	Unknown	White	Total	Grand Total	
Total Juveniles	13-14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	15	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3
	16	1	0	1	2	4	1	1	6	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>
Total Adults	17	2	0	0	2	3	1	0	4	6
	18	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	5
	19	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5	5
	20	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	5
	21	2	1	0	3	8	0	2	10	13
	22	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	6	7
	23	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	10	10
	24	1	0	0	1	9	3	2	14	15
	25-29	5	0	1	6	21	1	4	26	32
	30-34	1	1	0	2	5	0	5	10	12
	35-39	1	0	0	1	2	2	3	7	8
	40-44	2	0	1	3	2	1	3	6	9
	45-49	1	0	2	3	6	1	4	11	14
	50-54	2	0	0	2	4	1	2	7	9
	55-59	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	2	4
	60-64	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	4
65 & Above	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5	5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>163</b>	
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>175</b>	