

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 2015 was 572. This was an eight percent increase in murders from 2014 and a seven percent decrease from 2011. More persons were murdered during the month of August, while fewer murders occurred in the month of July. Murders occurred most often on Saturdays and least often on Wednesdays.

CRIME RATE

The murder rate in 2015 was six murders for every 100,000 persons, an increase of one victim from 2014.

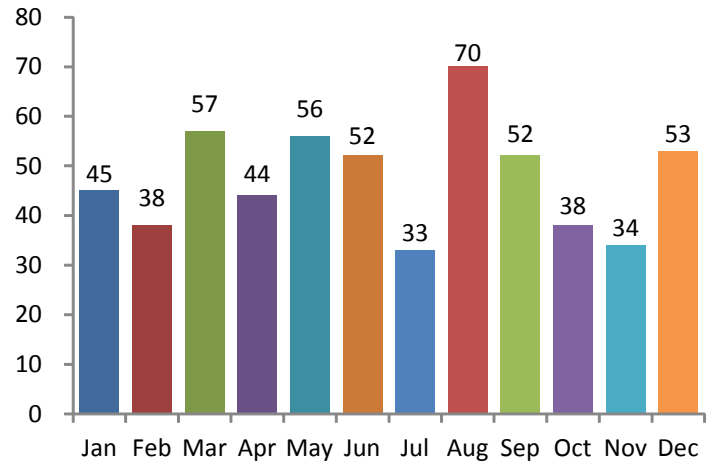
CLEARANCES

In 2015, 40 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.

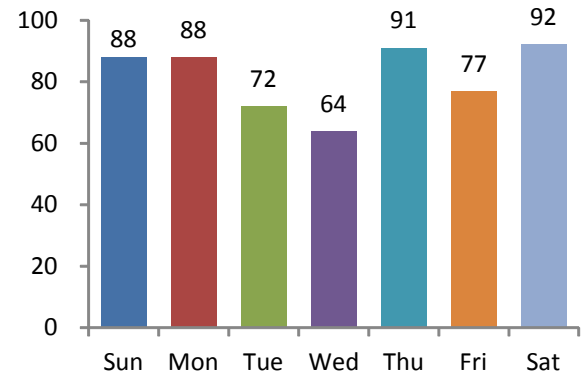
NATURE

Of the 572 murders, 68 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 nine percent of the reported cases and Personal Weapon in five percent of the cases.

Victims by Month

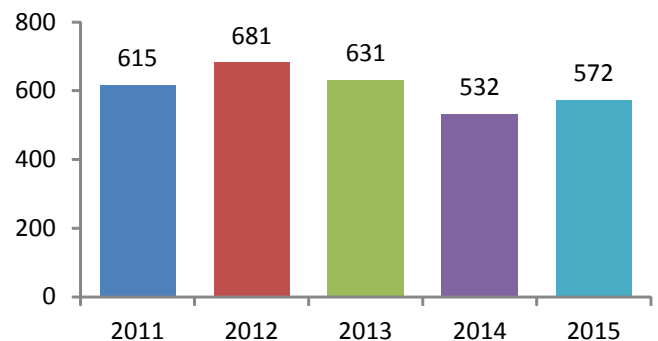


Victims by Day



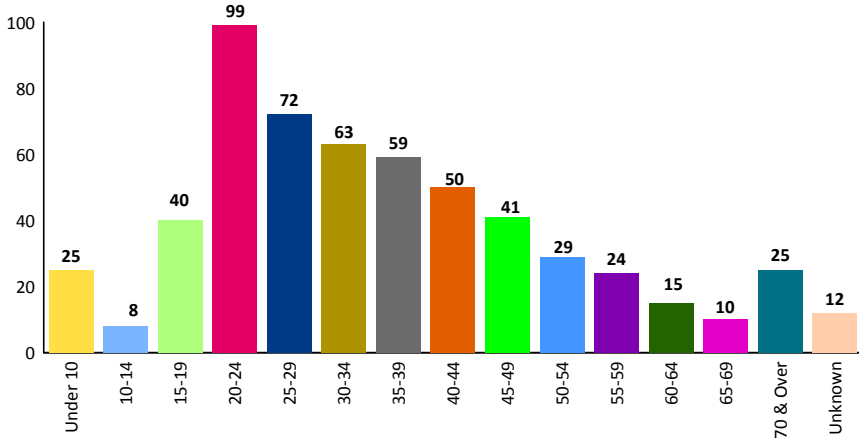
5-Year Trend

Number of Victims





Age of Victims



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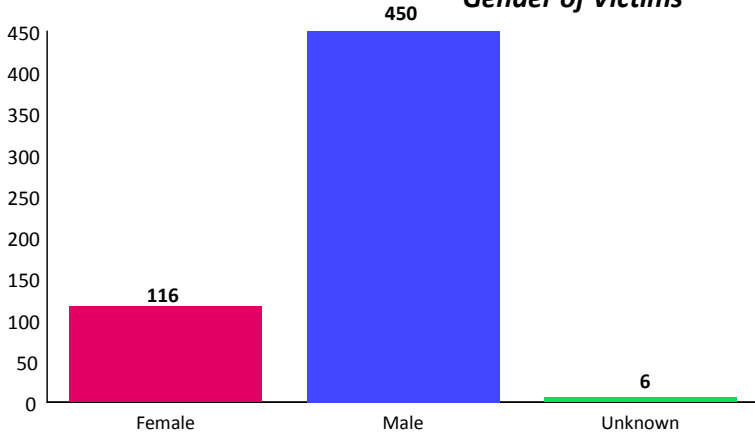
Age, Sex, and Race Analysis

Seventeen (17) percent of the victims were between the ages of 20 and 24. In 2014, this age group reported 21 percent of the victims.

Fifty-three (53) percent of the Female victims were White and 43 percent were Black. Fourteen (14) percent of Female victims fell into the 20 - 24 age group.

Seventy-eight (78) percent of the Male victims were Black and 21 percent were White. Eighteen (18) percent of Male victims fell into the 20 - 24 age group.

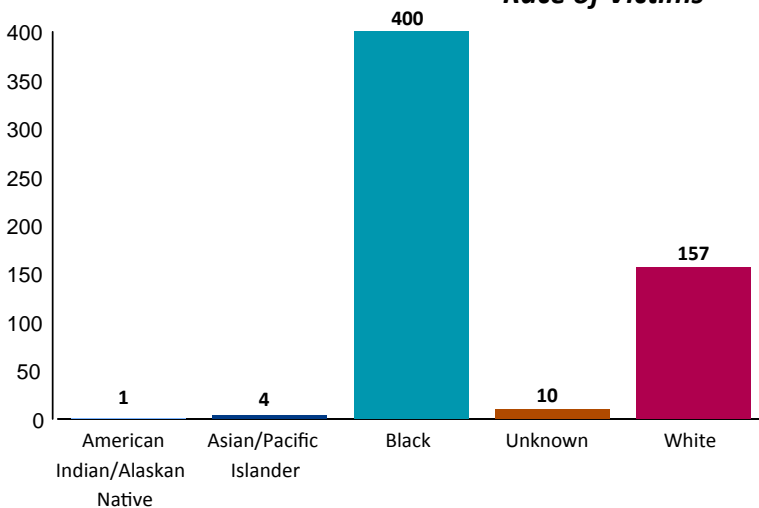
Gender of Victims



Murder Circumstances

Victim circumstance is defined as something that occurs to the victim which is out of their control. In these murders, 64 percent of the time the detectives could not determine the victim circumstance. In 16 percent of the cases for each category, it was determined that the murder occurred due to an Argument or Other Circumstances. Lover's Quarrel was reported in two percent of the cases.

Race of Victims



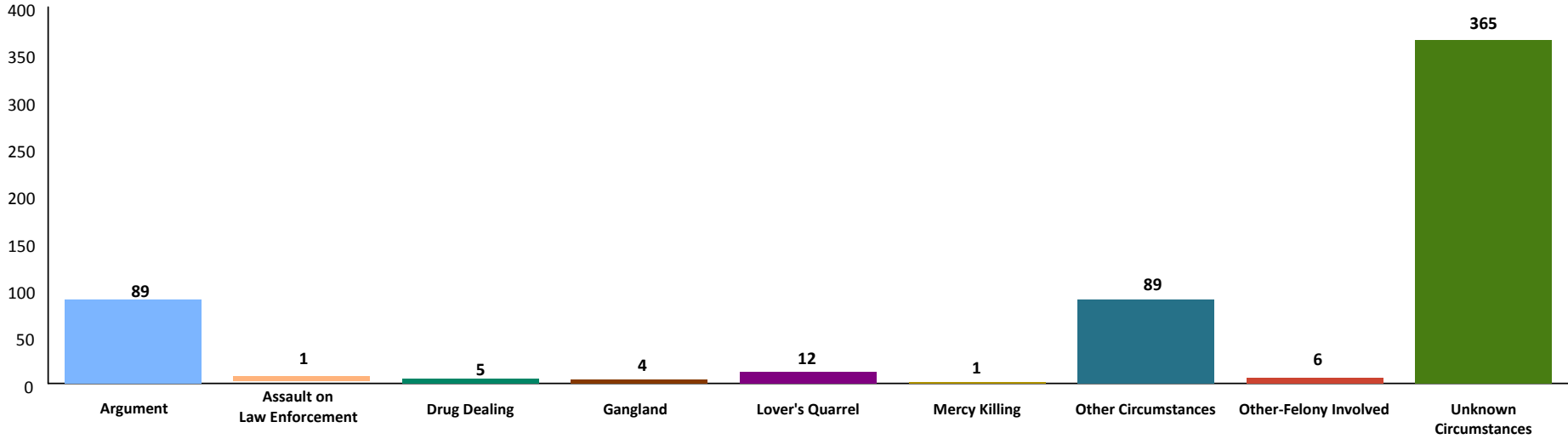
Location of Murders

Fifty (50) percent of these murders occurred in a Residence/Home. Thirty-three (33) percent were reported to occur on a Highway/Road/Alley. Five (5) percent of the murders occurred in a Parking Lot/Garage.

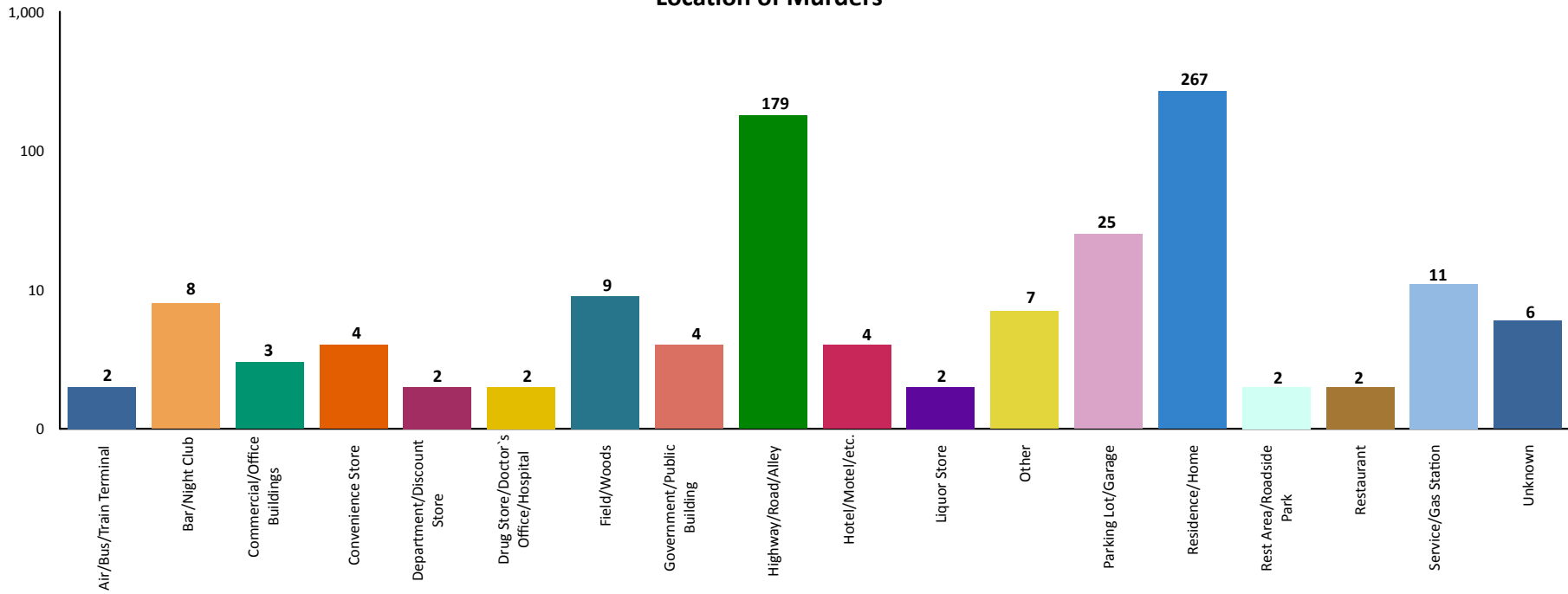
2015 Murder Non-Negligent Manslaughter



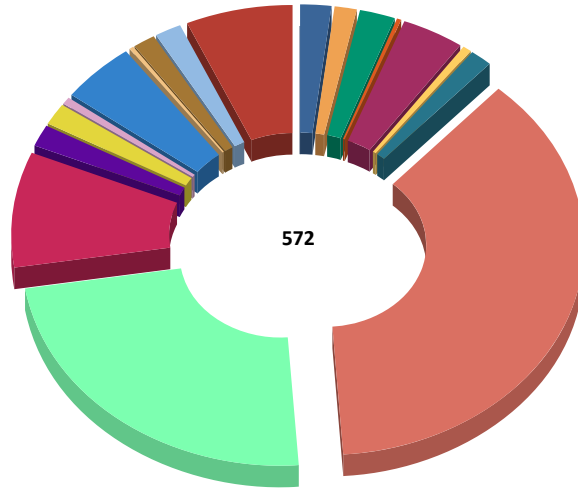
Circumstance of Murders



Location of Murders



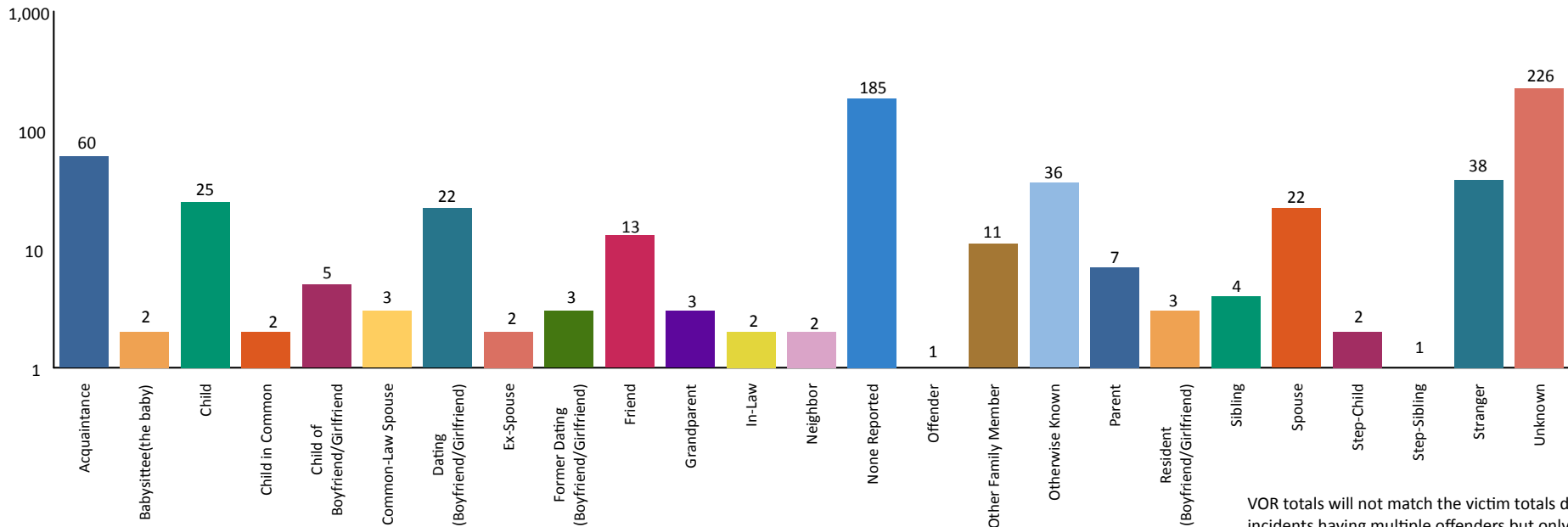
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Weapon Used Against Victim

Asphyxiation	11	1.92%
Automatic Firearm	8	1.40%
Automatic Handgun	13	2.27%
Automatic Rifle	2	0.35%
Blunt Object	21	3.67%
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	4	0.70%
Fire/Incendiary Devices	7	1.22%
Firearm	213	37.24%
Handgun	136	23.78%
Knife/Cutting Instrument	50	8.74%
Motor Vehicle	10	1.75%
Other	10	1.75%
Other Firearm	2	0.35%
Personal Weapon	27	4.72%
Poison	2	0.35%
Rifle	8	1.40%
Shotgun	10	1.75%
Unknown	38	6.64%
Total:	572	100.00%

Victim to Offender Relationship



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

2015 Murder Non-Negligent Manslaughter Arrests



		Arrests By Age, Sex, and Race									Grand Total
		FEMALE				MALE					
		Black	Unknown	White	Total	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Black	Unknown	White	Total	
Age Group	Black	Unknown	White	Total	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Black	Unknown	White	Total	Grand Total	
TOTAL JUVENILES	11-12	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	13-14	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2
	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	7	7
TOTAL ADULTS	17	1	0	0	1	0	9	1	0	10	11
	18	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	12
	19	4	0	0	4	0	9	0	1	10	14
	20	1	0	2	3	0	9	0	1	10	13
	21	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	6	6
	22	1	0	0	1	0	7	2	1	10	11
	23	1	0	1	2	0	11	1	0	12	14
	24	3	0	1	4	0	8	2	0	10	14
	25-29	3	0	8	11	0	21	0	13	34	45
	30-34	0	0	1	1	0	20	0	7	27	28
	35-39	3	1	2	6	0	10	0	2	12	18
	40-44	1	0	0	1	0	15	0	6	21	22
	45-49	3	0	0	3	0	7	0	8	15	18
	50-54	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	5	6
	55-59	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	5	6
	60-64	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3
65 & Above	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	4	5	
Total	21	2	17	40	1	149	7	49	206	246	
Grand Total:	21	2	17	40	1	155	7	50	213	253	