

Table 3.118.2003

Percent distribution of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police

By type of weapon used and region, 2003

Region	Total ^a	Type of weapon used			
		Firearm	Knife or other cutting instrument	Unknown or other dangerous weapon	Personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.) ^b
Total	100.0%	66.9%	12.6%	13.9%	6.6%
Northeast	100.0	61.9	16.8	14.1	7.2
Midwest	100.0	68.1	10.9	14.9	6.2
South	100.0	67.7	12.3	13.7	6.4
West	100.0	67.8	12.0	13.5	6.7

Note: See Notes, [tables 3.106.2003](#) and [3.117.2003](#). In this table, strangulations are classified in the "unknown or other dangerous weapon" category rather than in the category "personal weapons," as was done in [table 3.117.2003](#). For a list of States in regions, see [Appendix 3](#).

^aBecause of rounding, percents may not add to total.

^bIncludes "pushed."

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2003* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2004), p. 19, Table 2.8.