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Table 3.118.2007

Percent distribution of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police

By type of weapon used and region, 2007

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%	68.0%	12.1%	14.1%	5.8%
Northeast	100.0	66.6	14.8	13.4	5.1
Midwest	100.0	66.0	10.6	17.4	5.9
South	100.0	69.7	11.3	13.8	5.2
West	100.0	67.6	13.0	12.6	6.9

Note: These data were compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies (police, sheriffs, and State police) report the number of offenses that become known to them in the following crime categories: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. A count of these crimes is taken from records of all complaints of crime received by law enforcement agencies from victims or other sources and/or from officers who discovered the offenses. Whenever complaints of crime are determined through investigation to be unfounded or false, they are eliminated from an agency's count (Source: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/about/table_methodology.html).

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program requests that supplementary information be transmitted to the FBI when a murder or nonnegligent manslaughter has been committed. The actual number of offenses presented in the tables displaying characteristics of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to the police may differ from figures in other tables that reflect data from only the initial report of the offense. For example, supplementary data were provided by contributing agencies for 14,831 of the estimated total of 16,929 murders and nonnegligent manslaughters in 2007 (Source, **2007**, Expanded Homicide Data Table 8 and http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/violent_crime/murder_homicide.html).

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 3.117.2007. 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, 2007**, Expanded Homicide Data Table 6 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_06.html [Jan. 21, 2009].