

Table 3.121

Percent distribution of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police

By age of victim, United States, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1989-2002

Age of victim	1964	1974	1984	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 ^a	2002
Number of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters	7,990	18,632	16,689	18,954	20,045	21,505	22,540	23,271	22,076	20,043	15,848	15,289	14,088	12,658	12,943	13,752	14,054
Total ^b	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Infant (under 1 year)	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	1
1 to 4 years	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5 to 8 years ^c	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	(d)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9 to 12 years ^c	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	(d)	1	1
13 to 16 years ^c	7	9	7	11	12	13	13	13	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3
17 to 19 years ^c	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	10	11	11	10	10	10	9	9	8
20 to 24 years	12	16	16	17	17	18	19	19	19	18	17	19	18	18	18	19	20
25 to 29 years	12	15	17	17	17	16	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	15	15
30 to 34 years	12	12	13	14	14	13	14	13	13	13	12	12	11	11	11	11	11
35 to 39 years	12	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	10	10	10	10	10
40 to 44 years	10	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	8
45 to 49 years	8	7	5	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	6
50 to 54 years	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
55 to 59 years	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
60 to 64 years	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
65 to 69 years	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
70 to 74 years	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
75 years and older	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Unknown	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2

Note: See Notes, tables 3.106 and 3.117. For information on States supplying incomplete data for selected years, see Appendix 3.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 1964*, p. 104, Table 17; *1974*, p. 17, Table 17; *1984*, p. 8; *1987*, p. 9; *1989*, p. 10; *1990*, p. 11; *1991*, p. 16, Table 2.4; *1992*, p. 16, Table 2.4; *1993*, p. 16, Table 2.5; *1994*, p. 16, Table 2.5; *1995*, p. 16, Table 2.5; *1996*, p. 16, Table 2.5; *1997*, p. 18, Table 2.5; *1998*, p. 16, Table 2.5; *1999*, p. 16, Table 2.5; *2000*, p. 17, Table 2.5; *2001*, p. 21, Table 2.5; *2002*, p. 21, Table 2.5 (Washington, DC: USGPO). Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.

^aThe murders and nonnegligent manslaughters that occurred as a result of the events of Sept. 11, 2001 are not included in this table.

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

^cIn 1994, these age categories were changed by the Source; previously the age groups were "5 to 9 years," "10 to 14 years," and "15 to 19 years."

^dLess than 0.5%.