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Percent distribution of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police

By age of victim, United States, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1990, 1992-2010

Age of victim	1964	1974	1984	1990	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 <sup>a</sup>	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters	7,990	18,632	16,689	20,045	22,540	23,271	22,076	20,043	15,848	15,289	14,088	12,658	12,943	13,752	14,054	14,408	14,121	14,860	14,990	14,831	14,180	13,636	12,996
Total <sup>b</sup>	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	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	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
1 to 4 years	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
5 to 8 years <sup>c</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1	(d)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	(d)	1	1
9 to 12 years <sup>c</sup>	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	(d)	1	1	(d)	1	1	1	1	1	1	(d)
13 to 16 years <sup>c</sup>	7	9	7	12	13	13	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
17 to 19 years <sup>c</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	10	11	11	10	10	10	9	9	8	9	9	9	10	10	9	9	9
20 to 24 years	12	16	16	17	19	19	19	18	17	19	18	18	18	19	20	20	19	19	19	18	17	18	17
25 to 29 years	12	15	17	17	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	14	14	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	14	15
30 to 34 years	12	12	13	14	14	13	13	13	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	10	11	11	11	12
35 to 39 years	12	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	8	8	8	8	9	8
40 to 44 years	10	8	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	7	7
45 to 49 years	8	7	5	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	7	7	6	7	6	6	7	6
50 to 54 years	6	6	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
55 to 59 years	4	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
60 to 64 years	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
65 to 69 years	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
70 to 74 years	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	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	2	2	2	2	2	2
Unknown	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1

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, 2010, About Crime in the U.S., Methodology). In trend tables "constructed" or "adapted" by SOURCEBOOK staff from *Crime in the United States*, the data are from the first year in which the data are reported. It should be noted that the number of agencies reporting and the populations represented vary from year to year.

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 12,996 of the estimated total of 14,748 murders and nonnegligent manslaughters in 2010 (Source, 2010, Violent Crime, Murder). For information on States supplying incomplete data for selected years, see Appendix 3.

<sup>a</sup>The murders and nonnegligent manslaughters that occurred as a result of the events of Sept. 11, 2001 are not included in this table.

<sup>b</sup>Because of rounding, percents may not add to total.

<sup>c</sup>In 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."

<sup>d</sup>Less than 0.5%.

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; 1989, p. 10; 1990, p. 11; 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; 2003, p. 17, Table 2.4; 2004, p. 17, Table 2.4 (Washington, DC: USGPO); 2005, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/shrtable\\_02.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html) [Oct. 13, 2006]; 2006, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/shrtable\\_02.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html) [Oct. 18, 2007]; 2007, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/shrtable\\_02.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html) [Jan. 21, 2009]; 2008, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/shrtable\\_02.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2008/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html) [Dec. 2, 2009]; 2009, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: [http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/offenses/expanded\\_information/data/shrtable\\_02.html](http://www2.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2009/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html) [Oct. 17, 2010]; 2010, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/tables/10shrtbl02.xls> [Oct. 12, 2011]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.