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Percent distribution of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police

By race of victim, United States, 1964-2007

	Number of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters	Total ^a	Race of victim		
			White	Black	All other (including race unknown)
1964	7,990	100%	45%	54%	1%
1965	8,773	100	45	54	1
1966	9,552	100	45	54	1
1967	11,114	100	45	54	1
1968	12,503	100	45	54	1
1969	13,575	100	44	55	2
1970	13,649	100	44	55	1
1971	16,183	100	44	55	2
1972	15,832	100	45	53	2
1973	17,123	100	47	52	1
1974	18,632	100	48	50	2
1975	18,642	100	51	47	2
1976	16,605	100	51	47	2
1977	18,033	100	52	45	2
1978	18,714	100	54	44	2
1979	20,591	100	54	43	2
1980	21,860	100	53	42	4
1981	20,053	100	54	44	2
1982	19,485	100	55	42	2
1983	18,673	100	55	42	3
1984	16,689	100	56	41	3
1985	17,545	100	56	42	3
1986	19,257	100	53	44	3
1987	17,859	100	52	45	3
1988	18,269	100	49	48	3
1989	18,954	100	48	49	3
1990	20,045	100	48	49	3
1991	21,505	100	47	50	2
1992	22,540	100	47	50	3
1993	23,271	100	46	51	3
1994	22,076	100	46	51	3
1995	20,043	100	48	48	4
1996	15,848	100	48	48	4
1997	15,289	100	48	48	4
1998	14,088	100	49	47	4
1999	12,658	100	49	46	4
2000	12,943	100	48	48	4
2001 ^b	13,752	100	49	47	4
2002	14,054	100	48	48	4
2003	14,408	100	48	48	4
2004	14,121	100	49	47	3
2005	14,860	100	48	48	4
2006	14,990	100	46	50	4
2007	14,831	100	47	49	4

Note: 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). 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 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). For information on States supplying incomplete data for selected years, see Appendix 3.

^a Because of rounding, percents may not add to total.

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

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 1964*, p. 104, Table 17; *1965*, p. 106, Table 17; *1966*, p. 107, Table 21; *1967*, p. 112, Table 21; *1968*, p. 108, Table 21; *1969*, p. 106, Table 22; *1970*, p. 118, Table 22; *1971*, p. 114, Table 21; *1972*, p. 118, Table 25; *1973*, p. 8; *1974*, p. 17; *1975*, p. 17; *1976*, p. 11; *1977*, p. 12; *1978*, p. 9; *1979*, p. 10; *1980*, p. 11; *1981*, p. 10; *1982*, p. 8; *1983*, p. 8; *1984*, p. 8; *1985*, p. 9; *1986*, p. 9; *1987*, p. 9; *1988*, p. 11; *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; *2003*, p. 17, Table 2.4; *2004*, p. 17, Table 2.4 (Washington, DC: USGPO); *2005*, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html [Oct. 13, 2006]; *2006*, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2006/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html [Oct. 24, 2007]; *2007*, Expanded Homicide Data Table 2 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_02.html [Jan. 21, 2009]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.