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Sniper-attack murder incidents, victims, and offenders

By type of firearm, 1982-2001

Year	Incidents	Victims	Offenders ^a	Type of firearm				Other, unknown gun
				Handgun (pistol, revolver, etc.)	Rifle	Shotgun	Type not stated	
Total	327	379	224	208	75	23	19	3
1982	12	15	8	6	2	2	2	0
1983	17	17	8	7	4	4	2	0
1984	18	37	16	7	7	4	0	0
1985	10	10	5	5	5	0	0	0
1986	9	9	4	1	6	0	2	0
1987	28	36	17	12	12	2	2	0
1988	47	55	32	32	9	6	0	0
1989	46	49	28	37	8	1	0	0
1990	40	41	24	29	4	3	4	0
1991	10	12	5	7	3	0	0	0
1992	31	33	14	26	3	0	2	0
1993	6	6	3	4	2	0	0	0
1994	2	2	5	1	0	0	0	1
1995	11	12	6	6	2	1	0	2
1996	8	8	13	4	1	0	3	0
1997	4	4	1	4	0	0	0	0
1998	10	15	15	7	3	0	0	0
1999	5	5	4	5	0	0	0	0
2000	8	8	5	7	1	0	0	0
2001 ^b	5	5	11	1	3	0	2	0

Note: These data are from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Supplementary Homicide Reports (SHR), which are comprised of additional data submitted by participating law enforcement agencies for the offenses of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter only. "Sniper attack" is an available designation on the SHR reporting form. However, the Source cautions that there is no uniform definition of sniper attacks for law enforcement agencies to follow. Reporting agencies are required to select only one circumstance. If a sniper attack occurred in conjunction with another offense type such as a gangland killing or romantic triangle, the agency may have selected one of these designations. The above data include only those incidents in which sniper attack was designated by the reporting agency, the victim was killed, and the weapon reported on the SHR form was a firearm. (Source, p. 315.)

^aIncludes only offenders for whom age, sex and/or race was reported by law enforcement.

^bIn 2001, one incident involved more than one weapon type.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2002* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 2003), p. 315, Table 5.13; p. 316, Table 5.15. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.