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Murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police

By race and sex of victim and offender, United States, 2007

Characteristics of victim	Characteristics of offender							
	Total	Race				Sex		
		White	Black	Other	Un-known	Male	Female	Un-known
Total	7,069	3,244	3,526	160	139	6,258	672	139
Race								
White	3,587	2,918	566	51	52	3,183	352	52
Black	3,221	245	2,905	11	60	2,859	302	60
Other	173	50	25	95	3	156	14	3
Unknown	88	31	30	3	24	60	4	24
Sex								
Male	5,042	2,071	2,777	100	94	4,451	497	94
Female	1,939	1,142	719	57	21	1,747	171	21
Unknown	88	31	30	3	24	60	4	24

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, Expanded Homicide Data Table 8 and http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/violent_crime/murder_homicide.html).

These data pertain only to the 7,069 murders and nonnegligent manslaughters that involved a single offender and a single victim, and where some information about the offender is known by law enforcement.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 2007*, Expanded Homicide Data Table 5 [Online]. Available: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/offenses/expanded_information/data/shrtable_05.html [Jan. 21, 2009]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.