

Table 21
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1993-2002
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579	
Unknown.....	34		33		29		45		40	
Total known.....	4,061	100.0	3,666	100.0	3,501	100.0	2,865	100.0	2,539	100.0
Firearm.....	3,007	74.0	2,778	75.8	2,590	74.0	2,055	71.7	1,835	72.3
Handgun.....	2,609	64.2	2,441	66.6	2,288	65.4	1,866	65.1	1,633	64.3
All other firearms.....	398	9.8	337	9.2	302	8.6	189	6.6	202	8.0
Rifle.....	154	3.8	141	3.8	140	4.0	95	3.3	115	4.5
Shotgun.....	167	4.1	165	4.5	123	3.5	86	3.0	72	2.8
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Firearm - unknown type..	77	1.9	31	0.8	39	1.1	8	0.3	15	0.6
Nonfirearm.....	1,054	26.0	888	24.2	911	26.0	810	28.3	704	27.7
Knife ¹	470	11.6	427	11.6	405	11.6	341	11.9	307	12.1
Blunt object ²	204	5.0	157	4.3	156	4.5	147	5.1	108	4.3
Personal weapon ³	139	3.4	156	4.3	165	4.7	156	5.4	148	5.8
All other.....	241	5.9	148	4.0	185	5.3	166	5.8	141	5.6
Rope ⁴	114	2.8	81	2.2	75	2.1	61	2.1	56	2.2
Drugs.....	5	0.1	4	0.1	2	0.1	8	0.3	6	0.2
Other.....	122	3.0	63	1.7	108	3.1	97	3.4	79	3.1

Type of weapon used (cont.)	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1993-2002	2001-2002
Total including unknown.....	2,170		2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392			
Unknown.....	36		29		28		28		28			
Total known.....	2,134	100.0	1,977	100.0	2,046	100.0	2,173	100.0	2,364	100.0	-41.8	8.8
Firearm.....	1,469	68.8	1,334	67.5	1,440	70.4	1,568	72.2	1,735	73.4	-42.3	10.7
Handgun.....	1,315	61.6	1,152	58.3	1,242	60.7	1,341	61.7	1,555	65.8	-40.4	16.0
All other firearms.....	154	7.2	182	9.2	198	9.7	227	10.4	180	7.6	-54.8	-20.7
Rifle.....	89	4.2	62	3.1	66	3.2	67	3.1	80	3.4	-48.1	19.4
Shotgun.....	57	2.7	63	3.2	55	2.7	68	3.1	60	2.5	-64.1	-11.8
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1	-	-
Firearm - unknown type..	8	0.4	57	2.9	76	3.7	90	4.1	38	1.6	-50.6	-57.8
Nonfirearm.....	665	31.2	643	32.5	606	29.6	605	27.8	629	26.6	-40.3	4.0
Knife ¹	289	13.5	254	12.8	285	13.9	298	13.7	274	11.6	-41.7	-8.1
Blunt object ²	117	5.5	134	6.8	98	4.8	95	4.4	116	4.9	-43.1	22.1
Personal weapon ³	112	5.2	106	5.4	111	5.4	103	4.7	118	5.0	-15.1	14.6
All other.....	147	6.9	149	7.5	112	5.5	109	5.0	121	5.1	-49.8	11.0
Rope ⁴	63	3.0	60	3.0	40	2.0	37	1.7	41	1.7	-64.0	-
Drugs.....	2	0.1	8	0.4	3	0.1	4	0.2	5	0.2	-	-
Other.....	82	3.8	81	4.1	69	3.4	68	3.1	75	3.2	-38.5	10.3

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Dash indicates that a percent change is not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.