

Table 22  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2002**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male <sup>1</sup>	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,392	1,938	454	417	1,066	734	166	9
Unknown.....	28	14	14	9	7	10	1	1
Total known.....	2,364	1,924	440	408	1,059	724	165	8
Firearm.....	1,735	1,505	230	209	808	612	102	4
Handgun.....	1,555	1,360	195	174	735	553	91	2
All other firearms.....	180	145	35	35	73	59	11	2
Rifle.....	80	63	17	14	30	34	2	0
Shotgun.....	60	49	11	15	25	16	4	0
Other firearm.....	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Firearm - unknown type..	38	31	7	4	18	9	5	2
Nonfirearm.....	629	419	210	199	251	112	63	4
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	274	196	78	67	128	52	27	0
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	116	82	34	41	47	16	11	1
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	118	80	38	49	38	25	6	0
All other.....	121	61	60	42	38	19	19	3
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	41	18	23	15	11	5	10	0
Drugs.....	5	3	2	4	1	0	0	0
Other.....	75	40	35	23	26	14	9	3
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	73.4	78.2	52.3	51.2	76.3	84.5	61.8	-
Handgun.....	65.8	70.7	44.3	42.6	69.4	76.4	55.2	-
All other firearms.....	7.6	7.5	8.0	8.6	6.9	8.1	6.7	-
Rifle.....	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.4	2.8	4.7	1.2	-
Shotgun.....	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.7	2.4	2.2	2.4	-
Other firearm.....	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Firearm - unknown type..	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.0	1.7	1.2	3.0	-
Nonfirearm.....	26.6	21.8	47.7	48.8	23.7	15.5	38.2	-
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	11.6	10.2	17.7	16.4	12.1	7.2	16.4	-
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	4.9	4.3	7.7	10.0	4.4	2.2	6.7	-
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	5.0	4.2	8.6	12.0	3.6	3.5	3.6	-
All other.....	5.1	3.2	13.6	10.3	3.6	2.6	11.5	-
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	1.7	0.9	5.2	3.7	1.0	0.7	6.1	-
Drugs.....	0.2	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	-
Other.....	3.2	2.1	8.0	5.6	2.5	1.9	5.5	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.  
 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.  
<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes one homicide victim whose gender could not be determined.  
<sup>2</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.  
<sup>3</sup> Club, etc.  
<sup>4</sup> Hands, feet, etc.  
<sup>5</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.