

Table 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2002
Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,392	247	1,098	449	579	19
Unknown.....	28	5	8	4	8	3
Total known.....	2,364	242	1,090	445	571	16
Firearm.....	1,735	158	945	322	302	8
Handgun.....	1,555	133	868	287	263	4
All other firearms.....	180	25	77	35	39	4
Rifle.....	80	12	38	14	16	0
Shotgun.....	60	10	22	14	14	0
Other firearm.....	2	0	0	0	2	0
Firearm - unknown type..	38	3	17	7	7	4
Nonfirearm.....	629	84	145	123	269	8
Knife ¹	274	13	92	61	105	3
Blunt object ²	116	10	17	23	63	3
Personal weapon ³	118	34	16	17	51	0
All other.....	121	27	20	22	50	2
Rope ⁴	41	4	9	6	21	1
Drugs.....	5	0	1	1	3	0
Other.....	75	23	10	15	26	1
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	73.4	65.3	86.7	72.4	52.9	-
Handgun.....	65.8	55.0	79.6	64.5	46.1	-
All other firearms.....	7.6	10.3	7.1	7.9	6.8	-
Rifle.....	3.4	5.0	3.5	3.1	2.8	-
Shotgun.....	2.5	4.1	2.0	3.1	2.5	-
Other firearm.....	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	-
Firearm - unknown type..	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.2	-
Nonfirearm.....	26.6	34.7	13.3	27.6	47.1	-
Knife ¹	11.6	5.4	8.4	13.7	18.4	-
Blunt object ²	4.9	4.1	1.6	5.2	11.0	-
Personal weapon ³	5.0	14.0	1.5	3.8	8.9	-
All other.....	5.1	11.2	1.8	4.9	8.8	-
Rope ⁴	1.7	1.7	0.8	1.3	3.7	-
Drugs.....	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.5	-
Other.....	3.2	9.5	0.9	3.4	4.6	-

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.

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.