

MURDER

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1986—SUMMARY ANALYSIS

A total of 1,371 murders was reported by law enforcement agencies in Florida for the year 1986.

Murders accounted for 1.1 percent of all violent crimes and 0.1 percent of all index offenses reported.

The murder rate for the reporting period was 11.8 per 100,000 population.

There were 927 murders cleared by arrest or exceptionally cleared, amounting to a 67.6 percent clearance rate statewide.

The age group of 25-29 accounted for 20.0 percent of persons arrested for murder. Males accounted for 88.6 percent of all persons arrested for murder.

Of all persons arrested for murder, 47.0 percent were white, 52.7 percent were black, and 0.3 percent were of other races.

Of all murder victims, 53.8 percent were white, 43.8 percent were black, and 2.3 percent were of other races. Of all murder victims, males represented 71.6 percent.

Firearms were used in 45.8 percent of all reported murders. The use of a knife or other cutting device was involved in 17.8 percent of the murders.

The murder of one family member by another accounted for 167 or 12.2 percent of all murders. Of these, 97 murders, or 7.1 percent, resulted from one spouse killing the other.

Altercations or quarrels between the victim and perpetrator, including money quarrels, lovers' quarrels and drinking quarrels, accounted for 15.5 percent of all murders reported during the year 1986. Lovers' quarrels recorded the highest involvement, accounting for 9.9 percent of the total murders.

NUMBER AND PERCENT BY TYPE OF WEAPONS USED 1984-1986

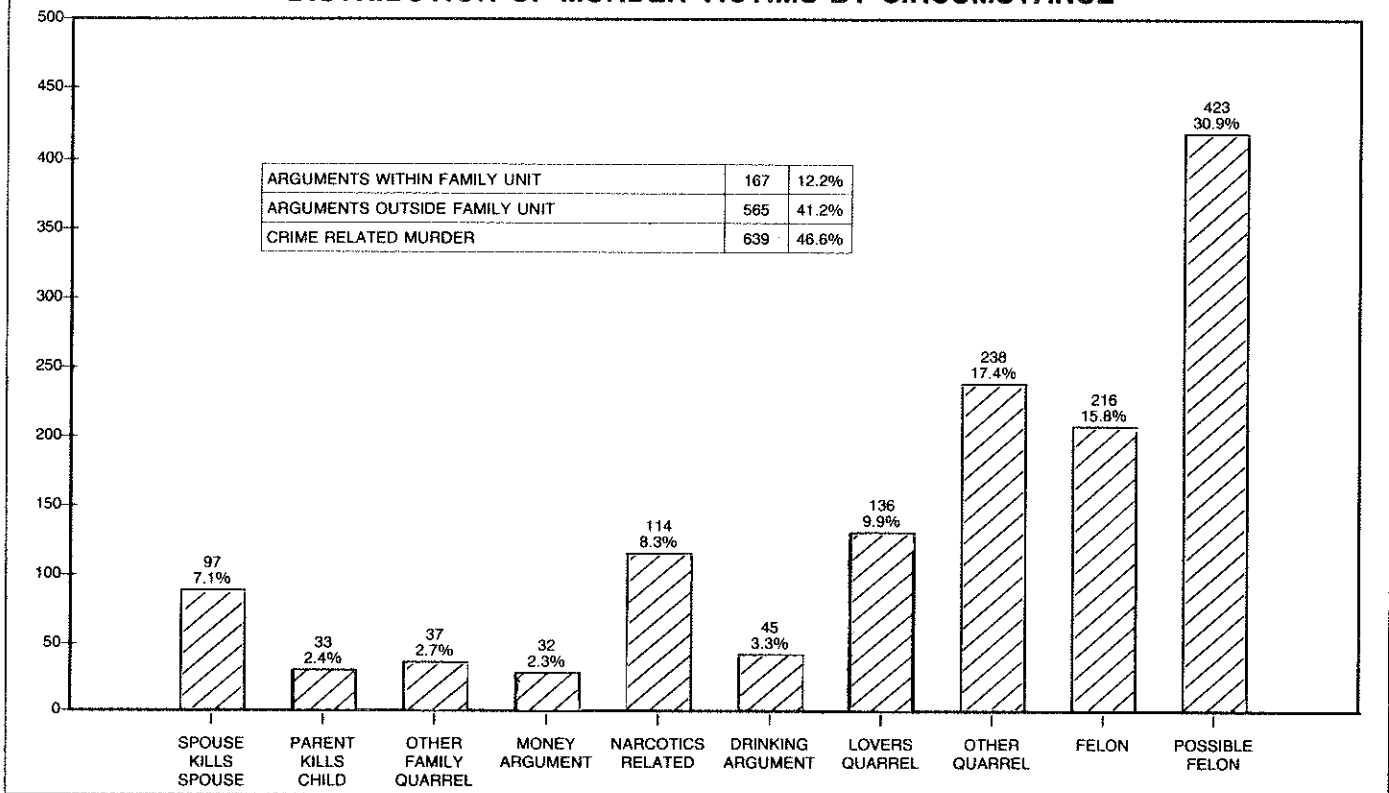
TYPE OF WEAPON USED	1984		1985		1986	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Handgun	486	38.4%	456	35.2%	532	38.8%
Rifle	41	3.2	43	3.3	40	2.9
Shotgun	58	4.6	54	4.2	56	4.1
Knife	220	17.4	218	16.8	244	17.8
Personal	70	5.5	53	4.1	80	5.8
Other	389	30.8	473	36.5	419	30.6
TOTAL*	1,264	100.0%	1,297	100.0%	1,371	100.0%

NUMBER AND PERCENT BY DAY OF WEEK 1984-1986

DAY OF THE WEEK	1984		1985**		1986	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sunday	188	14.9%	188	14.5%	223	16.3%
Monday	182	12.0	186	14.3	182	13.3
Tuesday	170	13.4	165	12.7	169	12.3
Wednesday	153	12.1	151	11.6	177	12.9
Thursday	133	10.5	165	12.7	153	11.2
Friday	196	15.5	186	14.3	209	15.2
Saturday	272	21.5	256	19.7	258	18.8
TOTAL*	1,264	100.0%	1,297	100.0%	1,371	100.0%

*Percent distribution may not total 100.0% due to rounding.
**Corrected Data

DISTRIBUTION OF MURDER VICTIMS BY CIRCUMSTANCE



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MURDER VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, AND RACE — 1986

AGE	NUMBER	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION	SEX		RACE		
			MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	BLACK	OTHER
UNDER 1	11	.8	6	5	4	7	0
1 TO 5	26	1.9	19	7	13	13	0
6 TO 10	7	.5	5	2	4	3	0
11 TO 14	15	1.1	7	8	9	6	0
15 TO 19	76	5.5	56	20	34	42	0
20 TO 24	194	14.2	135	59	80	110	4
25 TO 29	238	17.4	176	62	111	127	0
30 TO 34	176	12.8	135	41	92	83	1
35 TO 39	143	10.4	109	34	83	59	1
40 TO 44	104	7.6	80	24	62	40	2
45 TO 49	65	4.7	49	16	39	25	1
50 TO 54	50	3.6	40	10	32	17	1
55 TO 59	43	3.1	35	8	28	14	1
60 TO 64	35	2.6	26	9	26	9	0
65 TO 69	39	2.8	25	14	24	15	0
70 TO 74	22	1.6	16	6	17	5	0
75 & OVER	43	3.1	13	30	37	6	0
UNKNOWN	84	6.1	50	34	43	20	21
TOTAL FOR FLORIDA	1,371	100.0	982	389	738	601	32
PERCENT*			71.6	28.4	53.8	43.8	2.3

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