

# MURDER

## DEFINITION

The killing of one human being by another.

### Clarifying Notes

As a general rule, Murder is any death due to a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, commission of a crime or by premeditated design.

The natural death of a person during the commission of a crime is not classified as homicide.

Suicides or accidental deaths are not classified as homicide.

Attempted murder offenses are classified as Assaults.

## Features 1988

### CRIME VOLUME

Number Reported .....	1,008
Percentage of Index Violent Crimes .....	1.1%
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Mandatory Crimes .....	0.1%
Rate Per 100,000 .....	8.1

### CLEARANCE DATA

Number Cleared .....	576
Clearance Rate .....	57.1%
Number Cleared by Arrest .....	532
Number Cleared Exceptionally .....	44

### ARREST PROFILE

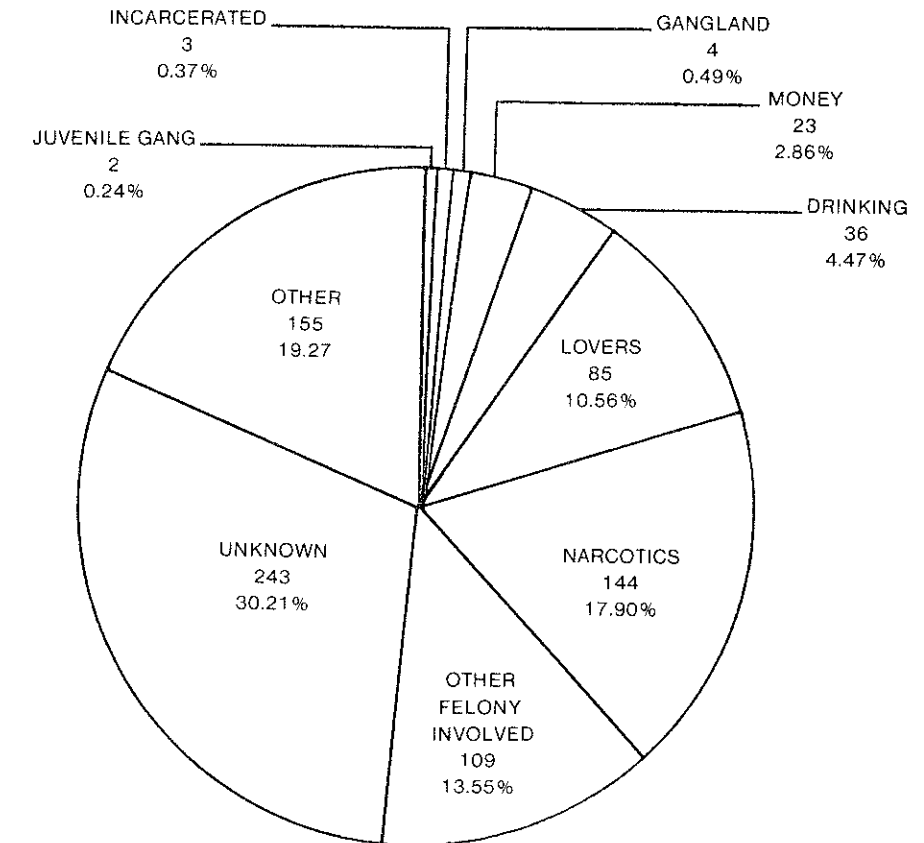
Number Arrested .....	1,126
Most Frequent Age Group Arrested .....	Ages 18-24 33.4%
Percentage of Arrests by Race .....	White 44.6%, Black 55.3%, Other 0.1%
Percentage of Arrests by Sex .....	Male 89.7%, Female 10.3%

### OFFENSE SPECIFICS

Most Frequent Victim .....	Adult White Male
Most Frequent Victim-Offender Relationship .....	Undetermined 49.8%
Most Frequent Location .....	Residence 37.9%
Most Frequent Weapon Used .....	Handgun 44.9%
Most Frequent Homicide Circumstance .....	Unknown 30.21%*
Most Frequent Offender .....	Adult Black Male*

\*Based on supplemental data received on 804 of the 1,008 reported murders.

# MURDER BY CIRCUMSTANCES \* 1988



## SECONDARY OFFENSES REPORTED WITH HOMICIDE OFFENSES \*\* 1988

PRIMARY OFFENSE	SECONDARY OFFENSES							
	None	Manslaughter	Sex Offenses	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft
Murder	891	1	3	46	77	11	1	4
Manslaughter	60	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

PRIMARY OFFENSE	SECONDARY OFFENSES							
	Kidnap/Abduction	Arson	Simple Assault	Drug/Narcotics	Bribery	Embezzlement	Fraud	Other
Murder	2	6	3	1	0	0	0	4
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*Based on supplemental data received on 804 of the 1,008 reported homicides.

\*\*Incident where the primary offense is Murder or Manslaughter, these are the offenses committed in conjunction with the incident.

**MURDER VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, RACE AND RESIDENCE  
1988**

AGE	Number of Victims	SEX		RACE			FLORIDA RESIDENT		
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Full-Time	Part-Time	Non-Resident
0 - 10	37	20	17	18	18	1	34	3	0
11 - 17	51	39	12	14	37	0	49	0	2
Total Juveniles	88	59	29	32	55	1	83	3	2
18 - 24	190	152	38	80	108	2	177	9	4
25 - 34	341	254	87	172	165	4	324	8	9
35 - 54	286	231	55	175	109	2	268	8	10
55 - Over	103	66	37	71	32	0	100	2	1
Total Adults	920	703	217	498	414	8	869	27	24
<b>TOTAL for Florida</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>

**MURDER VICTIM AGE, SEX AND RELATIONSHIP TO OFFENDER BY TYPE OF WEAPON  
1988**

VICTIM DATA	TYPE OF WEAPON							TOTAL
	Handgun	Other Firearm	Knife/Cutting Instr.	Blunt Object	Hands/Fists/Feet	Other	Unknown	
TOTAL for Florida	453	172	152	50	47	57	77	1,008
<b>AGE AND SEX</b>								
Juvenile Male	24	10	6	1	12	3	3	59
Juvenile Female	4	2	5	3	5	7	3	29
Adult Male	342	134	105	32	15	29	46	703
Adult Female	83	26	36	14	15	18	25	217
<b>VICTIM'S RELATIONSHIP TO OFFENDER</b>								
Undetermined	210	92	64	29	14	35	58	502
Stranger	56	11	8	5	6	2	6	94
Spouse/Ex-Spouse	34	10	5	2	4	2	2	59
Parent/Step-Parent	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	17
Brother/Sister	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	8
Child/Step-Child	7	0	0	2	5	6	2	22
Child of Boy/Girlfriend	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	6
Other Family/In-Laws	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
Sitter/Daycare	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Boy/Girlfriend	9	4	13	2	1	1	0	30
Co-Habitant	6	3	7	0	1	1	0	18
Teacher	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Student	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Friend/Neighbor/ Acquaintance	96	40	40	3	6	7	3	195
Employer/Employee	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
Landlord/Tenant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Known	21	7	6	2	3	0	3	42

**MURDER OFFENDERS BY SEX, RACE, AND AGE\*  
1988**

OFFENDER	AGE OF OFFENDER								Unknown	Total Offenders
	0 - 10	11 - 17	Total Juveniles	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 54	55 and Over	Total Adults		
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	5	51	56	145	143	110	28	426	60	542
Female	0	4	4	14	28	16	1	59	2	65
Unknown	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	182	186
<b>Race</b>										
White	2	12	14	61	88	79	19	247	19	280
Black	3	43	46	98	83	47	10	238	41	325
Other	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	184	188
<b>Total for Florida</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>793</b>

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**HOMICIDE OFFENSES BY LOCATION  
1988**

PRIMARY OFFENSE	TOTAL	LOCATION				
		Residence	Commercial	Gov't./Public	Outdoor	Other
Murder	1,008	382	98	8	360	160
Negligent Manslaughter	65	18	1	1	41	4