

Table 3.124

**Murders and nonnegligent manslaughters known to police**

By victim-offender relationship and circumstances of the offense, United States, 1995

(- represents zero)

| Circumstances                        | Total  | Relationship of victim to offender <sup>a</sup> |      |        |        |     |          |         |        |              |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---|------|--------|--------|-----|----------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------|
|                                      |        | Husband   | Wife | Mother | Father | Son | Daughter | Brother | Sister | Other family | Acquaintance |
| Total                                | 20,043 | 267   | 732  | 114    | 148    | 281 | 226      | 124     | 24     | 382          | 5,347        |
| Felony type, total                   | 3,535  | 6   | 11   | 11     | 11     | 25  | 23       | 4       | 2      | 44           | 935          |
| Rape                                 | 79     | -   | 1    | -      | -      | 1   | 1        | -       | 1      | 2            | 29           |
| Robbery                              | 1,855  | -   | 1    | 3      | 3      | -   | -        | 2       | -      | 20           | 318          |
| Burglary                             | 123    | -   | 1    | 1      | 1      | -   | 1        | -       | -      | 1            | 20           |
| Larceny-theft                        | 23     | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | 1            | 5            |
| Motor vehicle theft                  | 49     | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | -            | 12           |
| Arson                                | 109    | 1   | 2    | 3      | 1      | 3   | 2        | 1       | 1      | 6            | 21           |
| Prostitution and commercialized vice | 9      | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | -            | 2            |
| Other sex offenses                   | 30     | -   | 1    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | -            | 16           |
| Narcotic drug laws                   | 1,010  | 2   | 2    | 2      | -      | 2   | 2        | -       | -      | 2            | 445          |
| Gambling                             | 22     | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | -            | 17           |
| Other - not specified                | 226    | 3   | 3    | 2      | 6      | 19  | 17       | 1       | -      | 12           | 50           |
| Suspected felony type                | 114    | -   | 1    | 1      | -      | -   | 2        | -       | -      | 1            | 27           |
| Other than felony type, total        | 10,592 | 243   | 649  | 86     | 124    | 245 | 187      | 114     | 21     | 294          | 3,899        |
| Romantic triangle                    | 280    | 15  | 40   | -      | -      | -   | 2        | -       | -      | 2            | 147          |
| Child killed by babysitter           | 23     | -   | -    | -      | -      | 1   | -        | -       | -      | 3            | 17           |
| Brawl due to influence of alcohol    | 254    | 4   | 7    | 2      | 2      | 2   | 1        | 5       | -      | 7            | 112          |
| Brawl due to influence of narcotics  | 185    | 2   | 1    | -      | -      | -   | -        | 1       | -      | 1            | 80           |
| Argument over money or property      | 338    | 4   | 3    | 4      | 4      | 1   | -        | 7       | 1      | 20           | 200          |
| Other arguments                      | 5,188  | 181   | 407  | 43     | 83     | 52  | 26       | 88      | 11     | 183          | 1,859        |
| Gangland killings                    | 85     | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | 1      | 1            | 23           |
| Juvenile gang killings               | 1,157  | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | 2            | 600          |
| Institutional killings               | 30     | -   | -    | 1      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | -            | 19           |
| Sniper attack                        | 13     | -   | -    | -      | -      | -   | -        | -       | -      | -            | 3            |
| Other - not specified                | 3,039  | 37  | 191  | 36     | 35     | 189 | 158      | 13      | 8      | 75           | 839          |
| Unknown                              | 5,802  | 18  | 71   | 16     | 13     | 11  | 14       | 6       | 1      | 43           | 486          |

Note: See Notes, tables 3.106 and 3.121. Law enforcement agencies are requested to describe the circumstances of murders and nonnegligent manslaughters. These descriptions are categorized by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. These data include murder and nonnegligent manslaughter victims for which supplemental homicide data were received. "Felony type" refers to killings that occur in conjunction with the commission of another felony, such as robbery or burglary.

<sup>a</sup>Column headers refer to victims.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States, 1995* (Washington, DC: USGPO, 1996), p. 19. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.

| Friend | Boyfriend | Girlfriend | Neighbor | Employee | Employer | Stranger | Unknown relationship |
|--------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|
| 584    | 191       | 482        | 175      | 7        | 18       | 3,036    | 7,905                |
| 69     | 5         | 22         | 38       | 1        | 4        | 1,052    | 1,272                |
| 2      | -         | 1          | 2        | -        | -        | 17       | 22                   |
| 22     | -         | 5          | 16       | 1        | 2        | 763      | 699                  |
| 2      | 1         | 2          | 6        | -        | -        | 48       | 39                   |
| 1      | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | 13       | 3                    |
| 2      | -         | 2          | -        | -        | 2        | 24       | 7                    |
| -      | -         | 2          | 7        | -        | -        | 9        | 50                   |
| -      | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | 4        | 3                    |
| 2      | -         | -          | 2        | -        | -        | 5        | 4                    |
| 34     | 2         | 5          | 2        | -        | -        | 125      | 385                  |
| -      | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | 2        | 3                    |
| 4      | 2         | 5          | 3        | -        | -        | 42       | 57                   |
| 1      | -         | 1          | -        | -        | -        | 14       | 66                   |
| 460    | 171       | 425        | 119      | 6        | 10       | 1,576    | 1,963                |
| 15     | 11        | 23         | 1        | -        | -        | 13       | 11                   |
| 1      | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1                    |
| 20     | 3         | 8          | 4        | -        | -        | 49       | 28                   |
| 6      | -         | 2          | 1        | -        | -        | 20       | 71                   |
| 35     | 4         | 2          | 4        | 1        | 1        | 24       | 23                   |
| 284    | 138       | 321        | 80       | 2        | 5        | 684      | 741                  |
| 1      | -         | -          | 1        | -        | -        | 30       | 28                   |
| 7      | 1         | 1          | -        | -        | -        | 257      | 289                  |
| -      | -         | -          | -        | -        | -        | 1        | 9                    |
| -      | 1         | -          | -        | -        | -        | 2        | 7                    |
| 91     | 13        | 68         | 28       | 3        | 4        | 496      | 755                  |
| 54     | 15        | 34         | 18       | -        | 4        | 394      | 4,604                |