

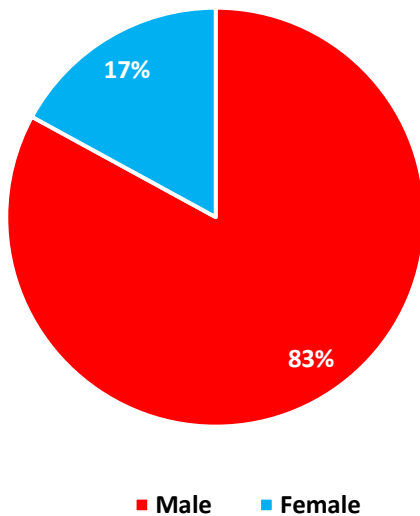
### BACKGROUND

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania is an urban county with a population of approximately 1.22 million people (588,000 males and 628,000 females). In 2019, Allegheny County had 88 homicide deaths (73 males and 15 females) at a rate of 7.2 homicide deaths per 100,000 people. The Pennsylvania Violent Death Reporting System (PAVDRS) worked closely with the Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries, the Allegheny County Office of the Medical Examiner, and Allegheny County law enforcement to gather detailed information about each violent death. Below are some results of those collaborations.

**In 2019, Allegheny County averaged 1 to 2 homicide deaths each week.**

### Characteristics of Homicide Victims

Sex of Victims:

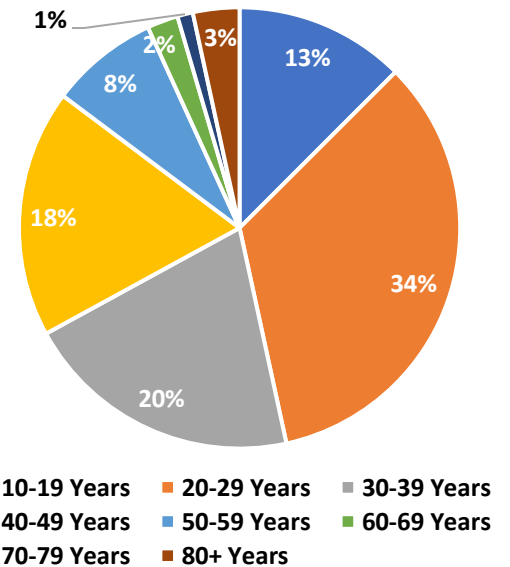


- In Allegheny County, males were almost 5 times more likely to die by homicide than females.
- Allegheny residents, ages 20-29 had the highest percentage of homicides (34%) among all age groups.
- Overall, homicide rates in Allegheny County were higher than the state average:

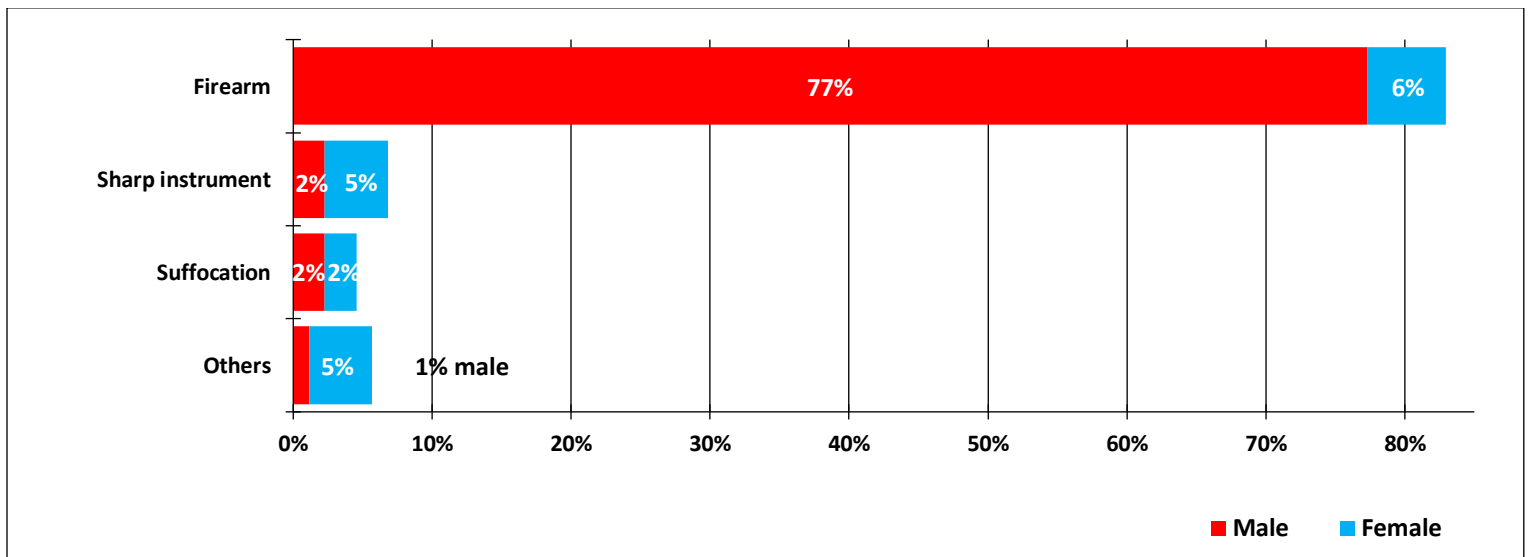
**Allegheny Rates:** 7.2 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 12.4 and females 2.4).

**Pennsylvania Rates:** 5.6 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 9.2 and females 2.0).

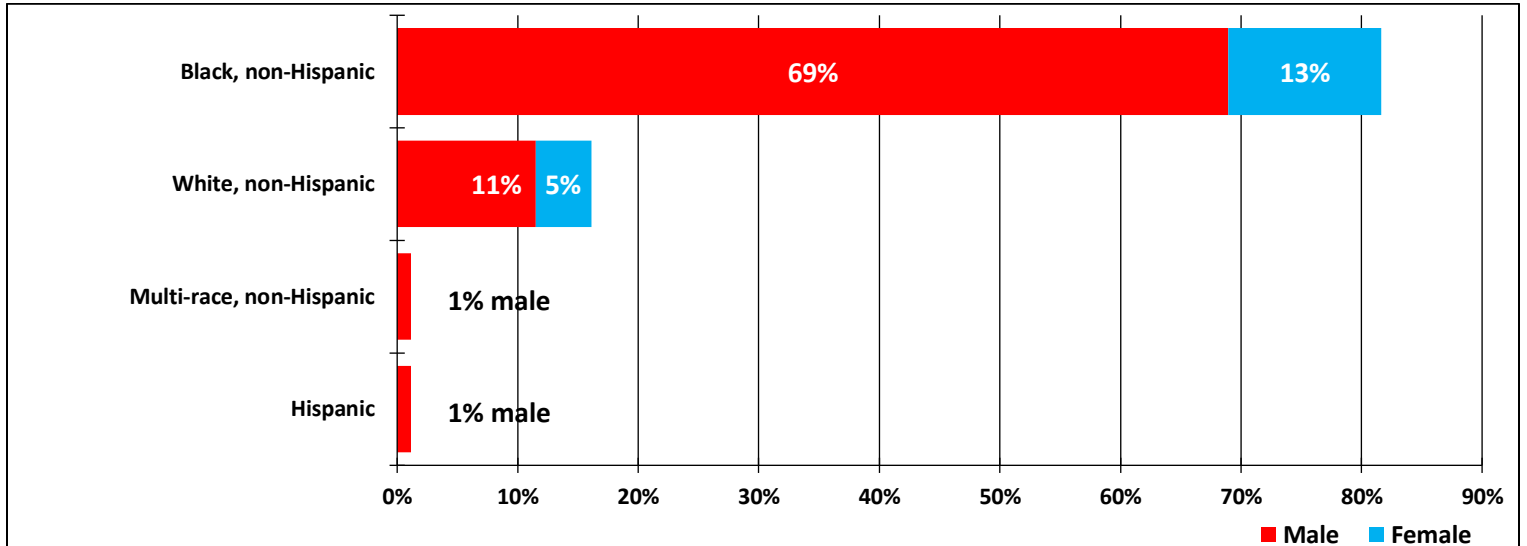
Age of Victims:



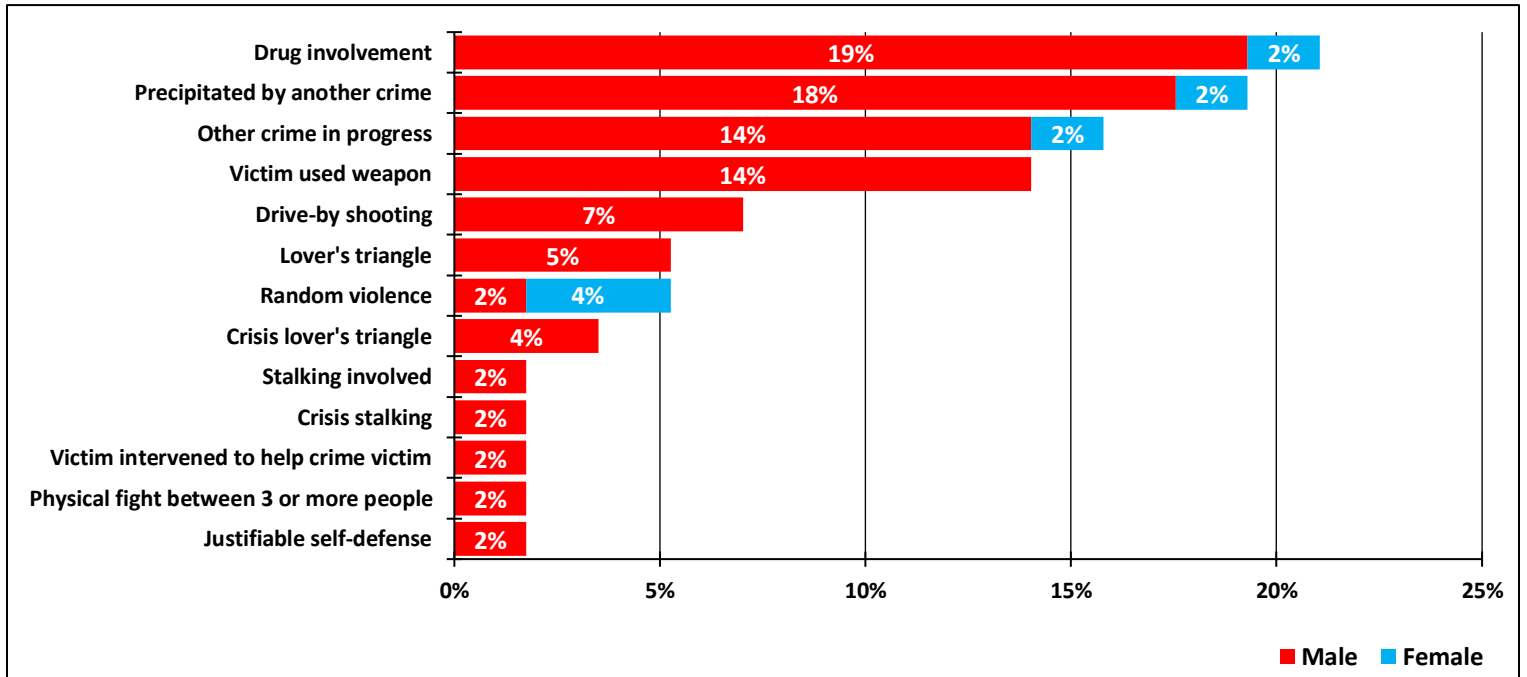
### Leading Cause of Homicide Deaths by Sex:



**Characteristics of Homicide Victims by Race/Ethnicity and Sex:**



**Most Common Precipitating Circumstances:**



Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The PAVDRS program is a state level surveillance system funded and overseen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The program is part of the larger National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS). The PAVDRS program collects data on suicides, homicides, deaths of undetermined intent and accidental firearm deaths. The program is required to collect data directly from death certificates, coroners/medical examiners, and law enforcement. These sources contribute to a comprehensive understanding of each violent death. PAVDRS/NVDRS data is used for research, policymaking, and ultimately to develop violence prevention programs and strategies that will enhance community safety. For more information about the PAVDRS program, please call 717-787-5900 or email [RA-DHPAVDRS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DHPAVDRS@pa.gov)