



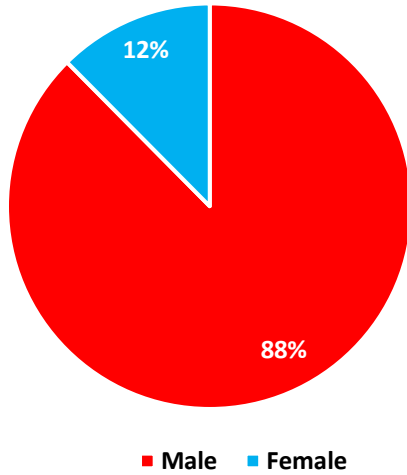
BACKGROUND

Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania is an urban county with a population of approximately 1.58 million people (750,000 males and 835,000 females). In 2019, Philadelphia had 362 homicide deaths (317 males and 45 females) at a rate of 22.9 homicide deaths per 100,000 people. The Pennsylvania Violent Death Reporting System (PAVDRS) worked closely with the Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries, the Philadelphia Medical Examiner’s Office, and the Philadelphia Police Department to gather detailed information about each violent death. Below are some results of those collaborations.

In 2019, 7 homicide deaths occurred every week in Philadelphia County.

Characteristics of Homicide Victims

Sex of Victims:

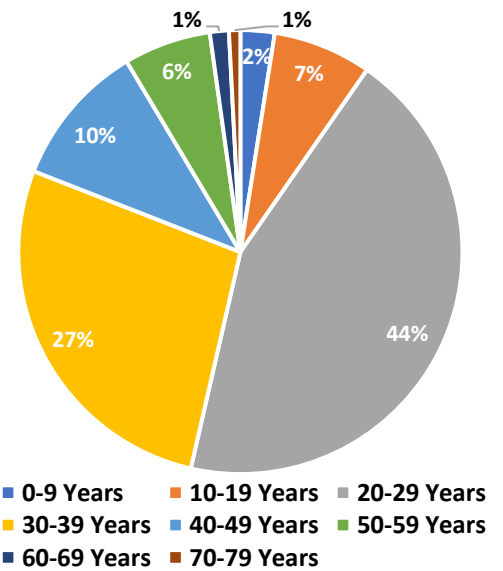


- In Philadelphia County, males were over 7 times more likely to die by homicide than females.
- Homicides in Philadelphia accounted for over half (362) of all homicides in Pennsylvania (711).
- Overall, homicide rates in Philadelphia County were higher than the state average:

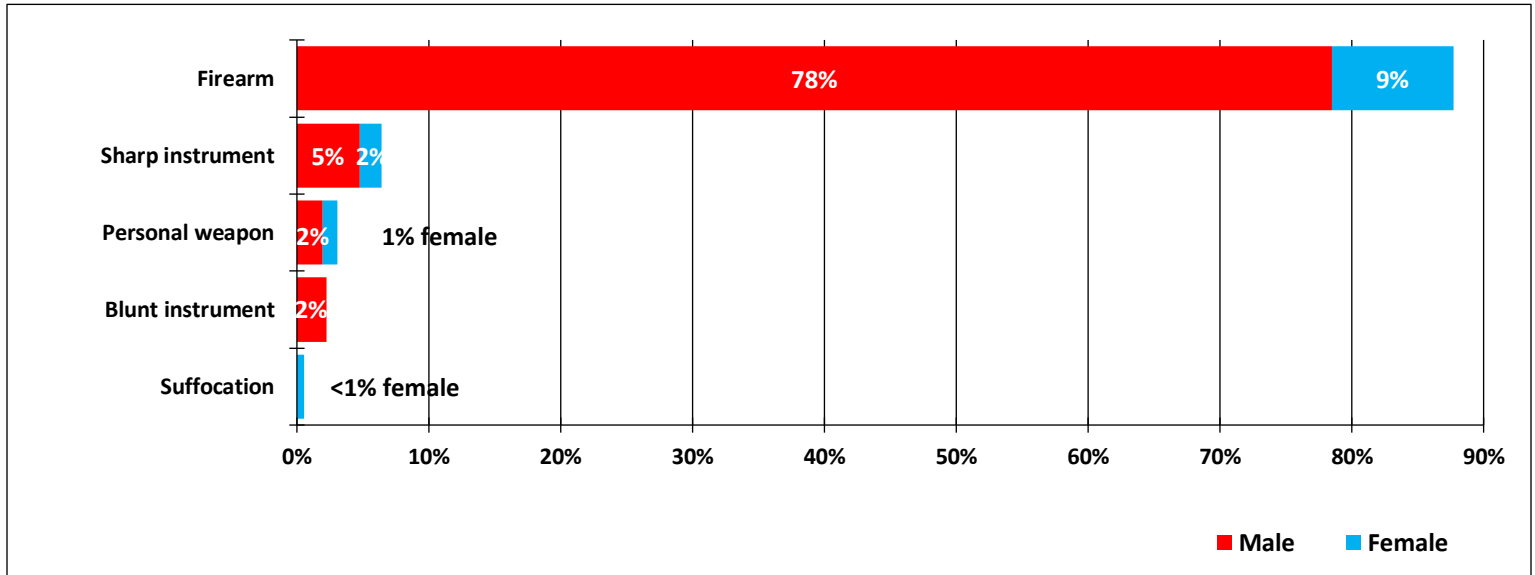
Philadelphia Rates: 23.3 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 42.3; females 5.4).

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

Age of Victims:

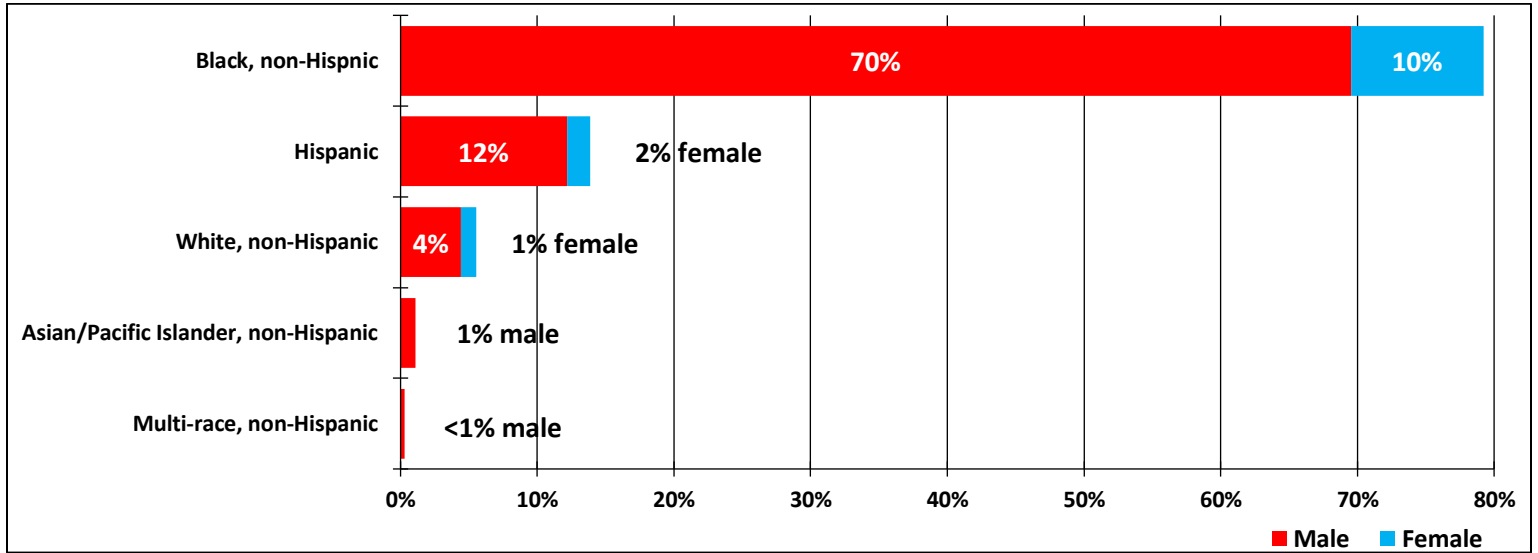


Leading Cause of Homicide Deaths by Sex:

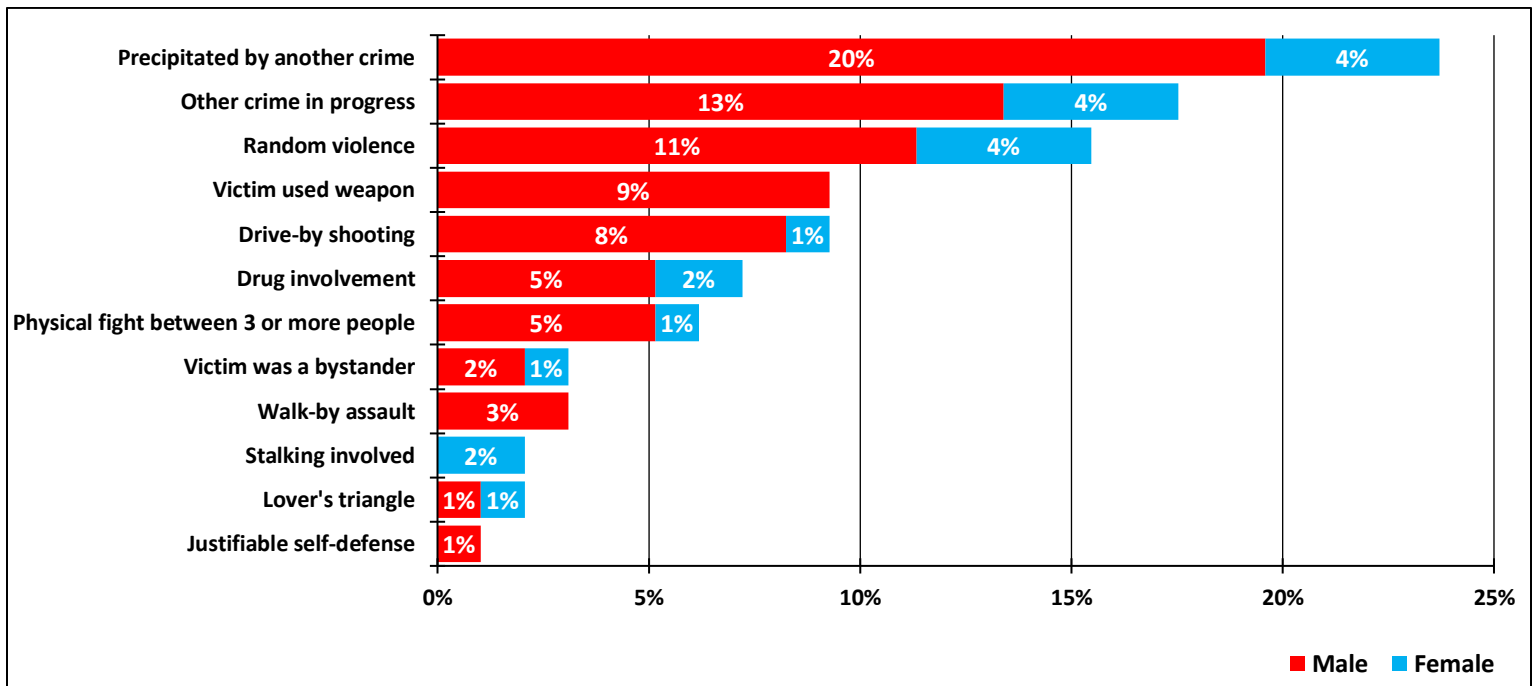


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Characteristics of Homicide Victims by Race/Ethnicity and Sex:



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