MURDER/NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER SUMMARY, 2019

Date and Location of Incident	Victim		Assailant		Weapon Used	Relationship of Victim to Offender	Circumstances
	Age	Sex	Age	Sex			
1/2/2019 Paris	31 31	F M	49	M	Handgun	Ex-girlfriend Other — known to victim	Victims shot inside a downtown apartment. Offender, former boyfriend of female victim, charged with two counts of murder.
1/14/2019 Clifton	35	F	37	M	Shotgun	Girlfriend	Victim found shot to death in the home she shared with suspect. Suspect arrested and charged with murder.
2/21/2019 Owls Head	83	F	37	F	Blunt object	Other — known to victim	Victim asked suspect to shovel her snow. Victim beaten to death inside her home. Suspect arrested, charged with murder.
3/15/2019 Swanville	26	M	22	M	Handgun	Acquaintance	Victim shot outside a cabin. Suspect charged with his murder. The two men were dating the same woman.
3/16/2019 Portland	22	M	24	M	Firearm	Acquaintance	Victim shot inside home owned by girlfriend's parents. Suspect, homeowners' son, charged with murder.
3/17/2019 Portland	59	F	61	M	Hands, fists, feet	Girlfriend	Victim strangled inside her apartment. Her boyfriend charged with her murder.
3/17/2019 Presque Isle	1	M	35	M	Shotgun	Son	Father shot and killed his son, then shot and killed himself.
3/19/2019 Gardiner	44	F	48	M	Firearm	Wife	Victim shot and killed by her estranged husband at a home in Gardiner where she had been staying. Husband then shot and killed himself.
3/19/2019 Old Orchard Beach	65	M	30	M	Knife or cutting instrument	Acquaintance	Victim beaten and stabbed to death inside his apartment. Roommate charged with murder.
5/11/2019 Lebanon	30	F	27	M	Firearm	Girlfriend	Victim shot and killed by her boyfriend, who then shot and killed himself.
7/19/2019 Waterboro	45	F	45	M	Shotgun	Wife	Victim found shot to death inside her home. Her husband shot and killed her, then shot and killed himself.
7/27/2019 Auburn	41	M	21	M	Handgun	Stranger	Victim shot to death in Walmart parking lot after a confrontation with the suspect. Suspect arrested and charged with murder.
8/12/2019 Castle Hill	51 25	M M	38	M	Handgun	Unknown Unknown	Victims found shot to death in a pickup truck in the middle of the road. Both residents of Castle Hill, and victims of a homicide. Suspect arrested and charged with two counts of murder.
8/31/2019 Leeds	31	M	Unk.	Unk.	Firearm	Unknown	Victim found deceased on the side of the road. Investigation is ongoing.

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9/15/2019 Portland	63	M	62	M	Other	Neighbor	Suspect and victim argued over cigarettes. Suspect struck victim with unknown object; he later died at the hospital. Suspect arrested and charged for the murder.
10/11/2019 Richmond	48	M	Unk.	Unk.	Other	Other	Victim found deceased in his residence when a neighbor went to check on him. Investigation is ongoing.
10/24/2019 Waterville	29	F	28	M	Firearm	Girlfriend	Victim found shot to death in the family home. The suspect, her boyfriend, arrested and charged with her murder.
11/1/2019 Bangor	59	M	30 40	M M	Other	Acquaintance Acquaintance	Victim found in his burning home. Two suspects charged with his death. Investigation is ongoing.
11/12/2019 Augusta	30	F	30	M	Knife or cutting instrument	Girlfriend	Victim found stabbed in her home. Her boyfriend shot and killed himself.
12/15/2019 Scarborough	82	M	22	M	Knife or cutting instrument	Stranger	Victim stabbed outside his residence. Suspect later charged with murder.
The following incidents, classified as manslaughters by negligence, are not discussed elsewhere in this report. Added to the 22 murders and non-negligent manslaughters, they make a total of 24 homicides for 2019.							
7/5/2019 Saco	87	M	82	M	Hands, fists, feet	Acquaintance	Victim and suspect were residents of a nursing home. Victim was assaulted by offender, transported to hospital, where he passed away due to injuries sustained from the assault.
9/22/2019 Biddeford	50	M	29	M	Hands, fists, feet	Father	Father and son had an altercation at the family home. Father later died that evening as a result of the altercation.

MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter are described by UCR as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another — or a death that results from the commission of another criminal act.

Murder — "1. A person is guilty of murder if: A. He intentionally or knowingly causes the death of another human being; B. He engages in conduct which manifests a depraved indifference to the value of human life ...; or C. ... causes another human being to commit suicide by the use of force, duress or deception." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 201

Felony Murder — "1. A person is guilty of felony murder if acting alone or with one or more other persons in the commission or attempt to commit immediate flight after committing or attempting to commit ... [another felony offense], he or another participant in fact causes the death of another human being ..." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 202

Manslaughter — "1. A person is guilty of manslaughter if he: B. ... causes the death of another human being ... while under the influence of extreme anger or extreme fear ..." M.R.S.A. Title 17-A, § 203

Not included in the count for this offense classification are deaths caused by negligence, suicide, or accident. Although manslaughter by negligence is recorded on the "offenses known to police" form along with murder, it is not considered an index offense and is not discussed in this report. Attempts to murder or assaults to murder are scored as aggravated assaults and not murder.

Crime Clock

1 Murder

every

16 days,

14 hours,

11 minutes
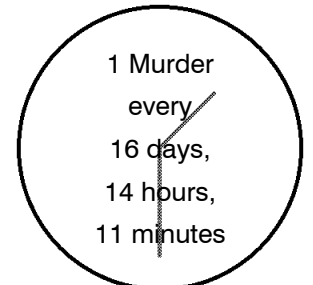
Trend

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2015–2019
Number reported	23	18	21	23	22	
% change from previous year	4.5%	–21.7%	16.7%	9.5%	–4.3%	
					% change	–4.3%
Rate per 1,000	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	
% change from previous year	–13.5%	–21.9%	16.3%	9.3%	–4.8%	
					% change	–5.4%

Characteristics — 2019

Victim-Offender Relationship
Non-Stranger to Non-Stranger..............................73.9%
Stranger to Stranger...8.7%
Unknown...17.4%

Type of Weapon Used
Firearm..63.6%
Knife/Cutting Instrument....................................13.6%
Other Dangerous Weapon.......................................4.5%
Hands, Fists, Feet..4.5%
Other/Undetermined...13.6%

Value of Property Stolen during Offense
Total...$0.00
Per Incident Average..$0.00

Clearance Rate
19 Offenses Cleared...86.4%
Arrests/Crime Ratio...0.45

Profile of Persons Arrested
10 Arrests

Age
17 and under...0.0%
18–24...30.0%
25–29...0.0%
30–34...10.0%
35–39...30.0%
40 and over..30.0%

5 offenders committed suicide

Sex
Male..90.0%
Female...10.0%

Murder Distribution by Relationship (Victim to Offender)

Relationship*	Number	% of Total
Wife	2	8.7%
Son	1	4.3%
Total Family	**3**	**13.0%**
Girlfriend/Boyfriend	6	26.1%
Acquaintance	8	34.8%
Stranger	2	8.7%
Unknown	4	17.4%
Total Other	**20**	**87.0%**
TOTAL	**23**	**100.0%**
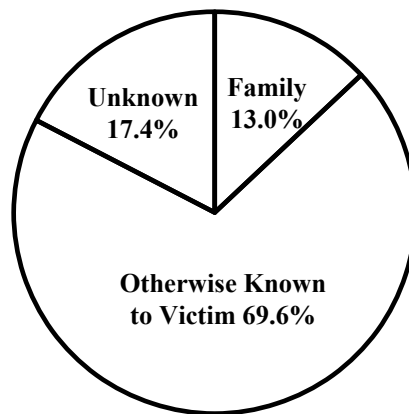
Number of relationships may not agree with number of victims due to instances of multiple offenders or multiple victims.

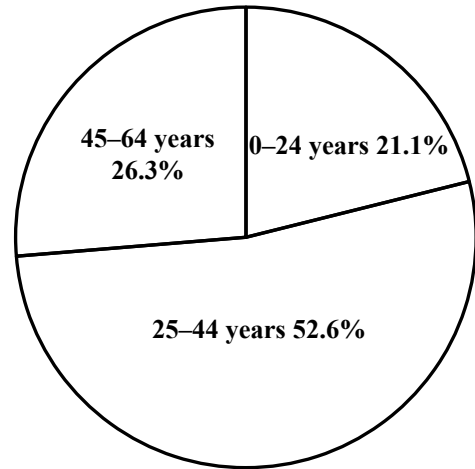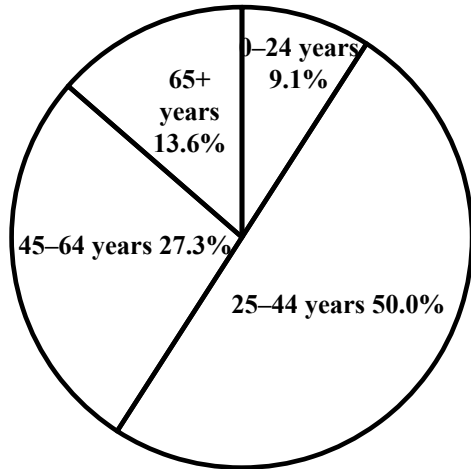## Murder Distribution by Weapon

Weapon	Number	% of Total
Firearm	14	63.6%
Knife, Cutting Instrument	3	13.6%
Hands, Fists, Feet	1	4.5%
Blunt Instrument	1	4.5%
Other/Unknown	3	13.6%
Total	**22**	**100.0%**
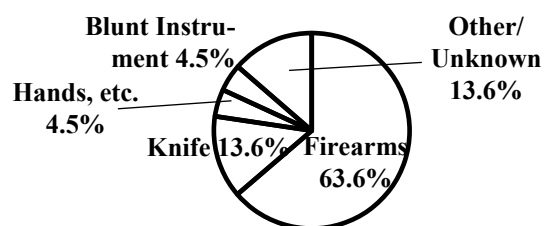
Murder Distribution by Age and Sex

Age of Victims	Male	Female	Total	Age of Offenders	Male	Female	Total
0–14 years	1	—	1	0–14 years	—	—	—
15–24 years	1	—	1	15–24 years	4	—	4
25–34 years	4	4	8	25–34 years	5	—	5
35–44 years	1	2	3	35–44 years	4	1	5
45–54 years	2	1	3	45–54 years	3	—	3
55–64 years	2	1	3	55–64 years	2	—	2
65+ years	2	1	3	65+ years	—	—	—
Total	**13**	**9**	**22**	**Total**	**18**	**1**	**19**

Murder Distribution by Circumstances

Circumstance**	Number	% of Total
Arson	1	4.5%
Felony Total*	**3**	**4.5%**
Domestic Conflict	9	40.9%
Argument	2	9.1%
Other	7	31.8%
Unknown	3	13.6%
Other than Felony Total	**21**	**95.5%**
TOTAL	**22**	**100.0%**
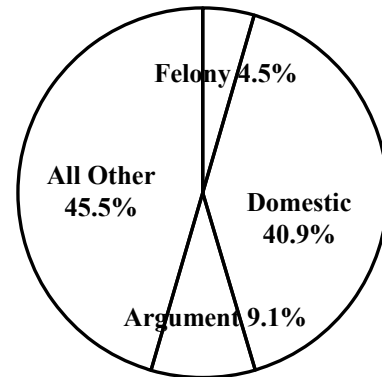
Felony murder is defined as a killing which occurs in conjunction with the commission of another crime such as a robbery, arson, sexual assault or other felonious activities.

**Due to the unlimitped set of possible circumstances surrounding homicides, it is difficult to provide a clear-cut or precise statistical category. In the intent of uniformity, the number of circumstance categories has been kept to a minimum. Caution is suggested in drawing generalizations from the data without more deliberate analysis. This table makes no attempt to analyze the motives of offenders, but rather to display general circumstances surrounding the events.*