

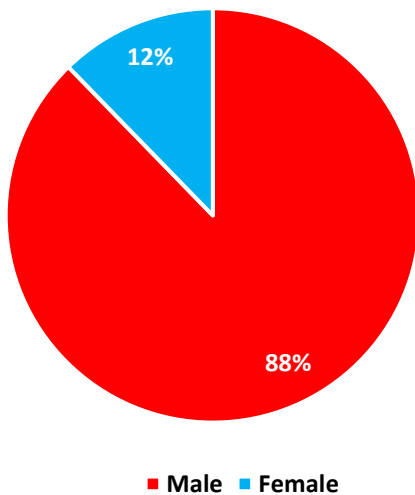
**BACKGROUND**

Delaware County, Pennsylvania is an urban county with a total combined population of approximately 1.7 million people (810,000 males and 880,000 females) from 2016-2018. During those three years, Delaware County had 114 homicide deaths (100 males and 14 females) at a rate of 6.7 homicide deaths per 100,000 people. The Pennsylvania Violent Death Reporting System (PAVDRS) worked closely with the Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries, the Delaware County Medical Examiner’s Office, and Delaware County law enforcement to gather detailed information about each violent death. Below are some results of those collaborations.

**Delaware County averaged more than 3 homicide deaths every month during 2016-2018.**

**Characteristics of Homicide Victims**

**Sex of Victims:**

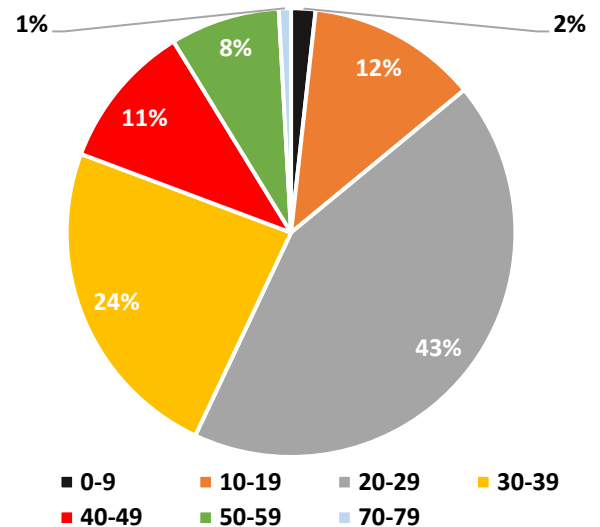


- In Delaware County, males were over 7½ times more likely to die by homicide than females.
- Overall, homicide rates in Delaware County were higher than the state average:

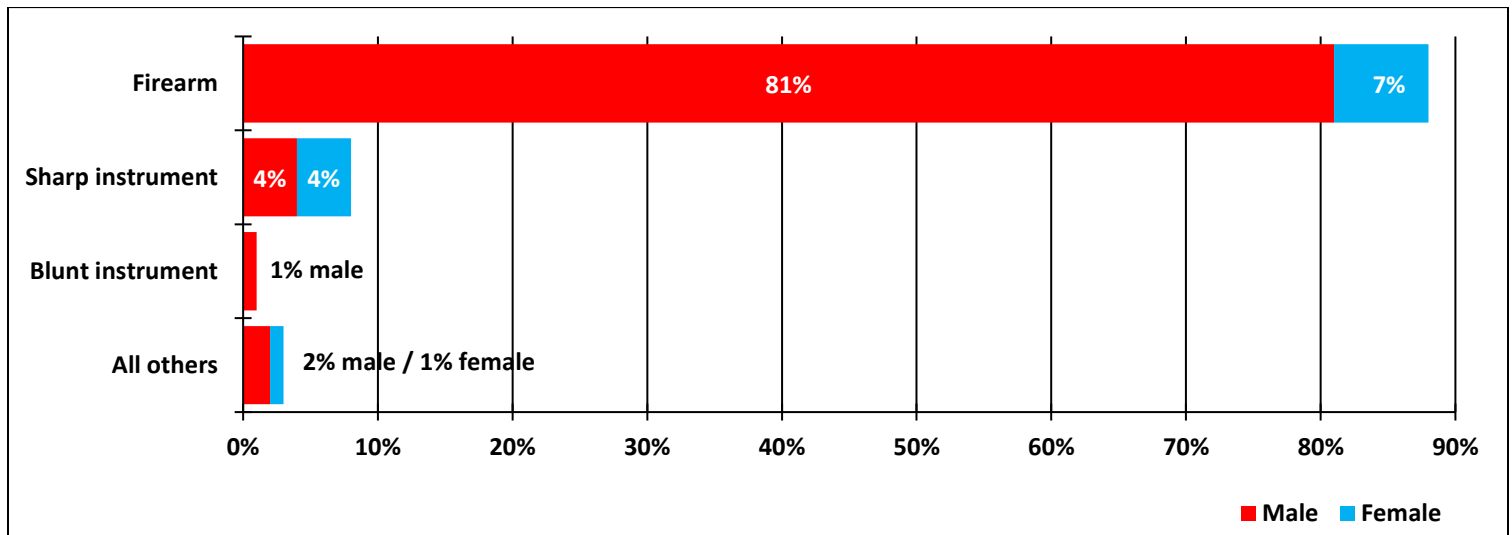
**Delaware Crude Rates:** 6.7 deaths per 100,000 residents (Males 12.3 and Females 1.6).

**Pennsylvania Crude Rates:** 5.6 deaths per 100,000 residents (males 9.4 and females 2.0).

**Age of Victims:**

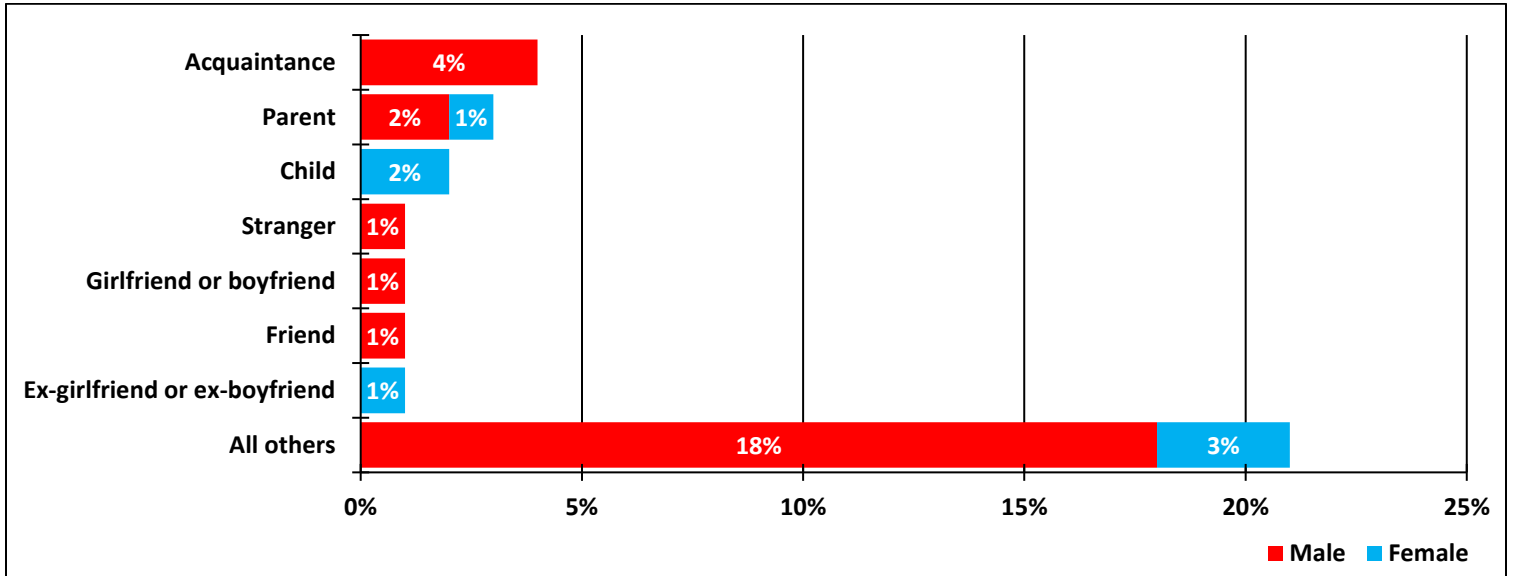


**Leading Cause of Homicide Deaths by Sex:**

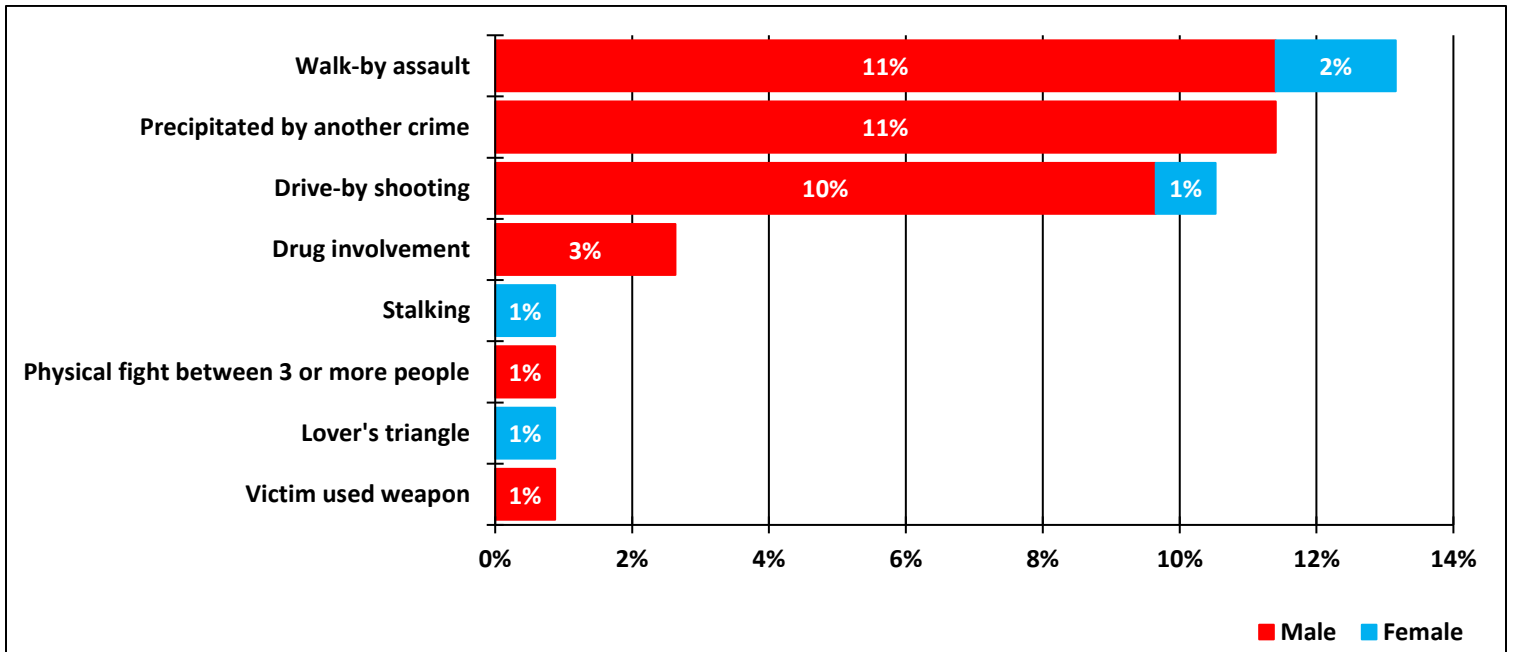


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**Most Common Relationships Between Victims and Perpetrators:**



**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 three sources contribute 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)

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