



Homicide Study 2005-2007

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Introduction

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Crime Statistics Unit conducted a project as part of a grant awarded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The current study examines numerous aspects of offenses involving Homicide circumstances. The study will examine the demographics of Homicide Offenses and highlight their clearance rates. The weapons used in the act of Homicide will be reviewed along with the victim to offender relationship. Finally, a brief snapshot of domestic violence offenses will be outlined in the study.

For the study the count of victims will be used based upon FBI National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) standards instead of the count of incidents. A single incident can report up to 999 victims.

Homicide is defined as the killing of one person by another. Justifiable Homicides were not included in this report. Justifiable Homicide is defined as the killing of a perpetrator of a serious criminal offense by a peace officer in the line of duty; or killing, during the commission of a serious criminal offense, of the perpetrator by a private individual.

The data used to compile this report was reported by agencies through the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS). The data is warehoused at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in Nashville, Tennessee.

The TIBRS program is comprised of all law enforcement agencies and college/universities who receive Title IV Federal Funding within the State of Tennessee. Each agency reports crime data monthly to the Statistical Analysis Center also known as the Crime Statistics Unit.

TBI implemented a web based reporting tool with the www.tncrimeonline.com site. The system was used in compiling this report. The public is encouraged to view the website and stay abreast of crime statistics in their immediate area along with the state.

Further information regarding this study or previous studies may be found at www.tbi.state.tn.us. Specific crime data may be found at www.tncrimeonline.com

Highlights

Homicide Rates

- ❖ 436 Homicides were reported in 2005
- ❖ 421 Homicides were reported in 2006
- ❖ 394 Homicides were reported in 2007

Clearance Average

The average numbers of days from incident date to Cleared by Arrest date were calculated.

- ❖ 24.1 Days in 2005
- ❖ 20.2 Days in 2006
- ❖ 11.9 Days in 2007

Domestic Violence Related Homicide Offenses

- ❖ 111 Offenses in 2005
- ❖ 78 Offenses in 2006
- ❖ 82 Offenses in 2007

Homicide Clearance Rates

- ❖ 2005 73.6% of Homicide Offenses were cleared
- ❖ 2006 73.4% of Homicide Offenses were cleared
- ❖ 2007 61.9% of Homicide Offenses were cleared

Homicides Cleared By Arrest

- ❖ 2005 66.7% of Homicide Offenses cleared were cleared by arrest
- ❖ 2006 67.0% of Homicide Offenses cleared were cleared by arrest
- ❖ 2007 57.6% of Homicide Offenses cleared were cleared by arrest

Most Frequently Reported Weapon Type

- ❖ In 2005 131 Homicide Offenses involved handguns
- ❖ In 2006 137 Homicide Offenses involved handguns
- ❖ In 2007 101 Homicide Offenses involved handguns

Domestic Violence Weapon Types

- ❖ In 2005 31 Handguns were reported in Domestic Violence Related Offenses
- ❖ In 2006 25 Handguns were reported
- ❖ In 2007 21 Handguns were reported

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Clearance Rates

A crime is cleared by two means, by either arrest or by exceptional means. Specific circumstances must exist for an exceptional clearance which include the following: known offender, known offender location, probable cause and a reason beyond law enforcement control that prevents an arrest. The reason could be death of offender, prosecution declined, extradition denied, victim refused to cooperate and juvenile/no custody.

The greatest numbers of Homicides are cleared by arrest. A total of 73.6% of Homicides were cleared compared to a national average of 62.1% in 2005 (FBI, Crime in The United States 2005). In 2006 agencies cleared 73.4% versus a national average of 60.7% (FBI, Crime In The United States 2006). The FBI has not released 2007 Homicide Clearance statistics as of this study's publication date. Due to the complex nature of homicide investigations some cases may take an extended period of time to develop enough evidence resulting in the arrest of an offender.

In 2005 436 Homicides were reported and 73.6% were Cleared. In 2006 421 Homicides were reported and 73.4% were Cleared. In 2007 394 Homicides were reported and 61.9% were Cleared.

Homicides and Clearances

Table 1

	2005	% Cleared	2006	% Cleared	2007	% Cleared
Total Homicides	436	73.6%	421	73.4%	394	61.9%
Cleared by Arrest	291	66.7%	282	67.0%	227	57.6%
Death of Offender	28	6.4%	23	5.5%	12	3.0%
Prosecution Declined	2	0.5%	4	1.0%	5	1.3%
Victim Refused to Cooperate	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Not Cleared	115	26.4%	112	26.6%	150	38.1%

Homicides by Weapon Type

Table 2

	05 Total	% Cleared	06 Total	% Cleared	07 Total	% Cleared
Total Weapon Count	470		445		429	
Total Firearms	319	67.9%	290	65.2%	258	60.1%
Handgun	202	63.3%	213	73.4%	188	72.9%
Handgun-Automatic	11	3.4%	4	1.4%	6	2.3%
Shotgun-Automatic	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Shotgun	35	11.0%	19	6.6%	13	5.0%

	05 Total	% Cleared	06 Total	% Cleared	07 Total	% Cleared
Rifle	9	2.8%	14	4.8%	11	4.3%
Other Firearm-Automatic	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Other Firearm	6	1.9%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	55	17.2%	37	12.8%	39	15.1%
Firearm-Automatic (Type Not Stated)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%
All Other Weapon Types	151	32.1 %	155	34.8%	171	39.9%
Asphyxiation (by Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	8	5.3%	4	2.6%	2	1.2%
Blunt Object (Club Hammer, Etc.)	19	12.6%	25	16.1%	14	8.2%
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	5	3.3%	1	0.6%	2	1.2%
Fire/Incendiary Device	4	2.6%	5	3.2%	4	2.3%
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Ice pick, Ax, Etc.)	49	32.5%	45	29.0%	53	31.0%
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	8	5.3%	4	2.6%	5	2.9%
Other	8	5.3%	24	15.5%	36	21.1%
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc)	32	21.2%	29	18.7%	35	20.5%
Poison	0	0.0%	1	0.6%	0	0.0%
Unknown	18	11.9%	17	11.0%	20	11.7%

**Up to three different weapon types can be entered per offense.*

A handgun was the most frequently reported weapon used. Handguns were reported in 603 out of 1,251 (48.2%) Homicide offenses during the three year study period. The weapon type reported least frequently was poison with only 1 incident reported during the study period. Crime in the United States, published by the FBI annually, showed that for the years 2005-2006 15,360 out of 29,850 (51.5%) homicide offenses involved a handgun (FBI, Crime in the United States). The number of homicides reported in Tennessee involving a handgun was below the national average in handgun related Homicides.

The use of firearms as a weapon involved in homicides decreased over the three year study period. However, all other weapon types showed a slight increase. Out of the All Other Weapon Type category a knife/cutting instrument was reported in 49 Homicide Offense in 2005, 45 in 2006 and 35 in 2007. Personal Weapons were reported in 32 Homicide Offenses in 2005, 29 in 2006 and 35 in 2007. The least reported weapon type per the study's findings was the firearm-automatic (Type Not Stated).

Clearances by Weapon Type

Table 3

	05 Total	% Cleared	06 Total	% Cleared	07 Total	% Cleared
Total Homicides	436		421		394	
Cleared by Arrest	299	68.6%	292	69.4%	247	62.7%
Total Firearms	200	45.9%	188	44.7%	142	36.0%
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	28	6.4%	20	4.8%	20	5.1%
Firearm-Automatic (Type Not Stated)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Handgun	131	30.0%	137	32.5%	101	25.6%
Handgun-Automatic	8	1.8%	4	1.0%	4	1.0%
Rifle	7	1.6%	7	1.7%	8	2.0%
Rifle-Automatic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Shotgun	22	5.0%	18	4.3%	8	2.0%
Shotgun-Automatic	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Other Firearm	4	0.9%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Other Firearm - Automatic	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
All Other Weapon Types	99	22.7%	104	24.7%	105	26.6%
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.)	38	8.7%	37	8.8%	45	11.4%
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc)	15	3.4%	19	4.5%	12	3.0%
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	6	1.4%	2	0.5%	4	1.0%
Asphyxiation (br Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	3	0.7%	2	0.5%	0	0.0%
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc)	23	5.3%	27	6.4%	24	6.1%
Poison	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	4	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Explosives	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Fire/Incendiary Device	3	0.7%	4	1.0%	3	0.8%
Other	7	1.6%	12	2.9%	16	4.1%
Cleared Exceptionally	53	12.1%	47	11.2%	32	8.20%
Death of Offender	31	7.1%	28	6.7%	27	6.9%
Total Firearms	29	6.7%	20	4.8%	22	5.6%
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	4	0.9%	2	0.5%	1	0.3%
Handgun	14	3.2%	0	0.0%	8	2.0%
Handgun-Automatic	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Rifle	0	0.0%	2	0.5%	2	0.5%
Shotgun	4	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Shotgun-Automatic	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Clearances by Weapon Type
Table 3 (Continued)

	05 Total	% Cleared	06 Total	% Cleared	07 Total	% Cleared
Other Firearm	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
All Other Weapon Types	2	0.5%	8	1.9%	5	1.3%
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.)	2	0.5%	2	0.5%	2	0.5%
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc)	0	0.0%	4	1.0%	1	0.3%
Asphyxiation (br Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc)	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	
Fire/Incendiary Device	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Prosecution Denied	22	5.0%	19	4.5%	5	1.3%
Total Firearms	15	3.4%	17	4.0%	5	1.3%
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	0.3%
Handgun	1	0.2%	12	2.9%	4	1.0%
All Other Weapon Types	7	1.6%	2	0.5%	0	0.0%
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc)	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Asphyxiation (br Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	3	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc)	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Extradition Denied	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Firearms	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Handgun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Victim Refused to Cooperate	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Firearms	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Handgun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
All Other Weapon Types	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Asphyxiation (br Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Note: Up to three weapon types may be reported as used in a Homicide offense. The clearance rates between total clearances and weapon type clearances will differ due to multiple weapons

in an incident. Some weapon types without clearances were omitted from the following categories: Prosecution Denied, Extradition Declined, Victim Refused to Cooperate and Juvenile/No Custody. A full list of weapon types is included in the Cleared by Arrest section of table 2.

The majority of Homicide Offenses were Cleared by Arrest. During the study period 838 Homicide Offenses out of 1,251 total offenses (66.9%) were Cleared by Arrest. Handguns were the most reported weapon in all the Clearance categories with personal weapons making up the largest category of all other weapon types. The least reported weapon type was Explosives.

Total Victim to Offender Relationships Reported

Table 4

Year	Relationship	Total Relationships
Total		1674
2005	Total Homicides 436	587
	Intimate Relationship	
	Spouse	17
	Ex-Spouse	3
	Boyfriend/Girlfriend	25
	Homosexual Relationship	1
	Family	
	Child	12
	Stepchild	2
	Grandchild	0
	Sibling (Brother or Sister)	2
	Parent	3
	Stepparent	0
	Grandparent	0
	In-Law	1
	Other Family Member	1
	Known	
	Child of Boyfriend/Girlfriend	2
	Babysitree (the baby)	0
	Friend	10
	Neighbor	4
	Acquaintance	155
	Otherwise Known	16
	Relationship Unknown	333

**Total Victim to
Offender Relationships
Reported**
Table 4 Continued

Year	Relationship	Total Relationships
2006	Total Homicides 421	562
	Intimate Relationship	
	Spouse	16
	Ex-Spouse	0
	Boyfriend/Girlfriend	18
	Homosexual Relationship	1
	Family	
	Child	13
	Stepchild	2
	Grandchild	1
	Sibling (Brother or Sister)	2
	Parent	4
	Stepparent	2
	Grandparent	1
	In-Law	1
	Other Family Member	5
	Known	
	Child of Boyfriend/Girlfriend	1
	Babysittee (the baby)	0
	Friend	14
	Neighbor	4
	Acquaintance	144
	Otherwise Known	24
	Relationship Unknown	309
2007	Total Homicides 394	525
	Intimate Relationship	
	Spouse	9
	Ex-Spouse	1
	Boyfriend/Girlfriend	19
	Homosexual Relationship	0
	Family	
	Child	11
	Stepchild	1
	Grandchild	0
	Sibling (Brother or Sister)	4
	Parent	7
	Stepparent	0

**Total Victim to
Offender Relationships
Reported**
Table 4 Continued

Year	Relationship	Total Relationships
	Grandparent	0
	In-Law	3
	Other Family Member	7
	Known	
	Child of Boyfriend/Girlfriend	4
	Babysittee (the baby)	1
	Friend	12
	Neighbor	0
	Acquaintance	119
	Otherwise Known	23
	Relationship Unknown	304

Note: Some incidents have multiple Victim to Offender relationships because the incident involved more than one offender. Table 3 represents a count of relationships and not victims. If more than one offender committed the offense, then each relationship to the victim is counted.

The category of "Relationship Unknown" was the most frequently reported victim to offender relationship type during the three year study period and acquaintance accounted for the second most frequent. Nationally, "Unknown" was the most frequent with "Acquaintance" being the second most frequent type(FBI, Crime in the United States) .

The Victim to Offender Relationship type showing the least number of offenses was the relationships of Grandchild reporting only 1 incident for the period studied.

The Victim to Offender Relationships were reviewed over a three year period and an average of each relationship category indicated:

- ❖ 56.5% of relationships were classified as Relationship Unknown
- ❖ 31.9% of offenders were Known
- ❖ 6.6% of Homicides were listed as Intimate Relationship
- ❖ 5.1% of Homicide Offenses involved Family

Victim to Offender Relationship with Weapon Type - 2005

Table 5

	2005				
	Intimate	Family	Known	Victim Was Offender	Relation Unknown
Total Weapon Count	70	36	138	0	170
Total Firearms	42	19	89	0	143
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	3	7	12	0	26
Firearm-Automatic (Type Not Stated)	0	0	0	0	0
Handgun	28	5	64	0	90
Handgun-Automatic	2	0	2	0	7
Rifle	1	2	2	0	4
Shotgun	6	4	8	0	14
Shotgun-Automatic	1	0	0	0	0
Other Firearm	1	1	1	0	2
Other Firearm-Automatic	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Weapon Types	28	17	49	0	27
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.)	12	5	20	0	8
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc.)	3	4	9	0	3
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	2	0	3	0	3
Asphyxiation (by Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	2	1	3	0	1
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc.)	8	7	9	0	9
Poison	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	0	0	3	0	2
Fire/Incendiary Device	1	0	2	0	1

Victim to Offender Relationship with Weapon Type - 2006

Table 6

	2006				
	Intimate	Family	Known	Victim Was Offender	Relation Unknown
Total Weapon Count	46	28	138	0	138
Total Firearms	28	8	89	0	110
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	2	1	12	0	14
Firearm-Automatic (Type Not Stated)	0	0	0	0	0
Handgun	24	2	64	0	80
Handgun-Automatic	0	1	2	0	2
Rifle	0	2	2	0	6
Shotgun	2	2	8	0	7
Shotgun-Automatic	0	0	0	0	0
Other Firearm	0	0	1	0	1
Other Firearm-Automatic	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Weapon Types	18	20	49	0	28
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.)	9	5	20	0	13
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc.)	4	2	9	0	6
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	0	0	3	0	3
Asphyxiation (by Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	1	0	3	0	1
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc.)	4	9	9	0	4
Poison	0	1	0	0	0
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	0	1	3	0	0
Fire/Incendiary Device	0	2	2	0	1

Victim to Offender Relationship with Weapon Type - 2007

Table 7

	2007				
	Intimate	Family	Known	Victim Was Offender	Relation Unknown
Total Weapon Count	43	35	133	0	148
Total Firearms	27	16	83	0	121
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	3	0	10	0	23
Firearm-Automatic (Type Not Stated)	0	0	0	0	1
Handgun	15	9	66	0	89
Handgun-Automatic	1	0	3	0	3
Rifle	5	3	1	0	2
Shotgun	3	4	3	0	3
Shotgun-Automatic	0	0	0	0	0

Victim to Offender Relationship with Weapon Type - 2007
Table 7 (Continued)

	2007				
	Intimate	Family	Known	Victim Was Offender	Relation Unknown
Other Firearm-Automatic	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Weapon Types	16	19	50	0	27
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.)	7	7	28	0	9
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc.)	2	1	5	0	4
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	1	0	3	0	1
Asphyxiation (by Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	0	1	0	0	1
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc.)	4	10	11	0	11
Poison	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	2	0	0	0	0
Fire/Incendiary Device	0	0	3	0	1

Domestic Violence Related Homicide Clearances

Table 8

	2005	% of Total Cleared	2006	% of Total Cleared	2007	% of Total Cleared
Total Homicides	436	78.9%	421	78.1%	394	66.8%
Domestic Violence Offenses	111	91.9%	78	96.2%	82	86.6%
Total Cleared	102		75		71	
Cleared by Arrest	76	74.5%	58	77.3%	61	85.9%
Death of Offender	26	25.6%	16	21.3%	10	14.1%
Prosecution Declined	0	0.0%	1	1.3%	0	0.0%
Extradition Denied	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Victim Refused to Cooperate	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Juvenile/No Custody	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

Homicide Offenses that were Domestic Violence Related made up 271 (21.7%) of the 1,251 total Homicides during the time frame studied. Domestic Violence related offenses were cleared more often than non-domestic violence related homicides. On average a Domestic Violence Homicide was cleared 91.6% of the time per the three year period compared to 75.1% for non domestic involved homicides.

The greatest number of Domestic Violence related Homicide Offenses were Cleared by Arrest with 79.2% cleared during the three year study period. The second most frequent Clearance category was Death of Offender with a three year average Clearance Rate of 20.2%.

Domestic Violence Related Homicide Offenses by Weapon Type

Table 9

	2005	2006	2007
Total Weapon Count	100	72	67
Total Firearms	57	35	38
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	9	3	3
Handgun	31	25	21
Handgun-Automatic	1	1	1
Rifle	3	2	8
Shotgun	10	4	5
Shotgun-Automatic	1	0	0
Other Firearm	2	0	0
All Other Weapon Types	43	37	29
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, etc.)	16	14	13
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc.)	8	6	3
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	2	0	1
Asphyxiation (by Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	4	1	1
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth Etc.)	12	12	10
Poison	0	1	0
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	0	1	1
Fire/Incendiary Device	1	2	0

Handguns made up the greatest category of Weapon Types related to Domestic Violence Homicide Incidents with 77 Handguns reported out of a total of 239 Weapons reported during the study period. The second most frequently reported category was Knife/Cutting Instrument with a total count of 43 compared to a total of 239 reports involving Weapons and Domestic Violence. A Shotgun-Automatic and Poison were used in only 1 Offense each during the study period making them the least common weapon type reported.

Non-Domestic Violence Homicide Offenses by Weapon Type

Table 10

	2005	2006	2007
Total Weapon Count	370	373	362
Total Firearms	262	254	224
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	46	34	39
Firearm-Automatic (Type Not Stated)	0	0	1
Handgun	171	188	168
Handgun-Automatic	10	3	5
Rifle	6	12	3
Rifle-Automatic	0	0	0
Shotgun	25	15	8
Shotgun-Automatic	0	0	0

Non-Domestic Violence Homicide Offenses by Weapon Type

Table 10 (Continued)

	2005	2006	2007
Other Firearm	4	1	0
Other Firearm-Automatic	0	1	0
All Other Weapon Types	108	119	138
Knife/Cutting Instrument (Icepick, Ax, Etc.)	33	31	40
Blunt Object (Club, Hammer, Etc.)	11	19	11
Motor Vehicle as Weapon	6	4	4
Asphyxiation (by Drowning, Strangulation, Suffocation, Gas)	4	3	1
Personal Weapons (Hands, Feet, Teeth, Etc.)	20	17	25
Poison	0	1	0
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	5	0	1
Explosives	0	0	0
Fire/Incendiary Device	3	3	0
Other	8	24	36
Unknown	18	17	20

Table 10 reflects the same findings as mentioned in Tables 2, 3, 5 & 6 with the only difference being the weapon category of knife/cutting instrument (104 reports) was the second most commonly reported Weapon. Personal Weapons (62 reports) accounted for the third most frequently reported Weapon Type.

Conclusion

The greatest number of Homicides was cleared by arrest with a three year average of 79.6%. The most frequently reported weapon was a handgun reported in 369 Homicides during the study period. Domestic Violence related Homicides were cleared on average 91.6% of the time. The higher clearance rate of these offenses could possibly be due to the fact that the relationships are known. In many cases investigators could ascertain a history of abuse and gather evidence quicker to solve the offense.

Death of Offender is the most frequently reported exceptional clearance type in Domestic Violence (18.8%) and non Domestic Violence (8.2%) homicide offenses during the study period. The average number of days from the report of the offense to the clearance date showed a decrease during the three year study period. The highest was reported in 2005 at 24.1 days and in 2007 the average I was 11.9 days.

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