

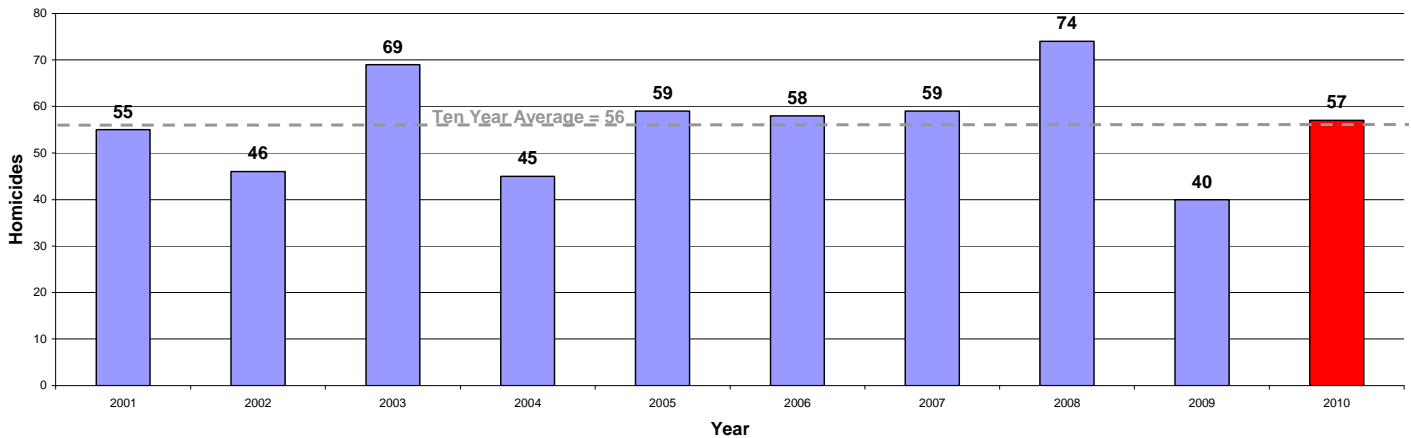
Homicides in the City of Pittsburgh, 2010

1. Total Homicides:.....57

Most homicides in the City of Pittsburgh occurred in the late summer/early fall on weekends in the late evening/early morning hours (see data below). Firearms were the weapon of choice and most homicides were associated with other criminal activity (drugs, robbery and retaliations). The average victim was a 33 year old black man with some involvement in crime (victims with a record of prior criminal charges averaged 3.79 drug charges, 0.71 gun charges and 4.64 other type charges). The average offender was a 29 year old black man with some involvement in crime (offenders with a record of prior criminal charges averaged 2.12 drug charges, 0.85 gun charges and 6.12 other type charges). Thirty of the 57 homicides were cleared by either arrest or exceptionally cleared (1 homicide exceptionally cleared with no arrest as offender committed suicide) resulting in 38 arrests. The average time to clear cases for these thirty cases was 20 calendar days.

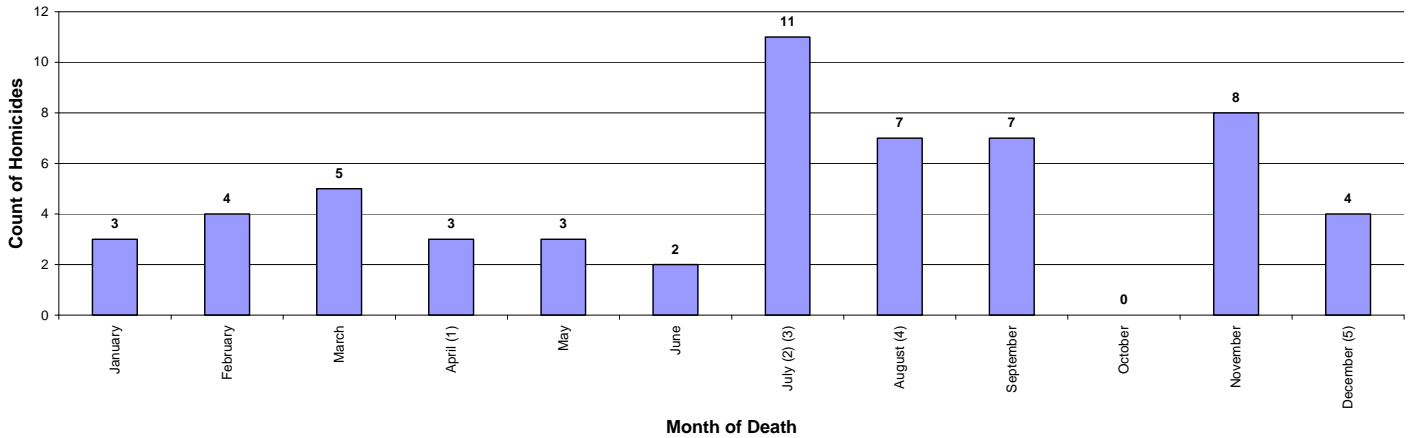
2. Homicides by Time Unit Review: In 2010, homicides increased by 17 from the 2009 level of 40 (a 42.5% increase). The 2010 homicides of 57 are slightly higher than the 10 year average homicide rate of 56 (1.79% over the average) and are slightly lower than the median homicide rate of 57.5 (0.89% below the median). Ten years of homicide data are shown below:

Homicides (10 Years)



Homicides by Month of Year: In the first six months of the years (January – June), the average homicide rate is 3.33 homicides per month (slightly less than one homicide a week). The next five months showed a sharp increase in the monthly homicide rate. The only exception to this spike was October, 2010 in which there were no homicides. The average homicide rate for July, August, September and November is 8.25 homicides per month (slightly greater than two homicides per week).

2010 Homicides by Month

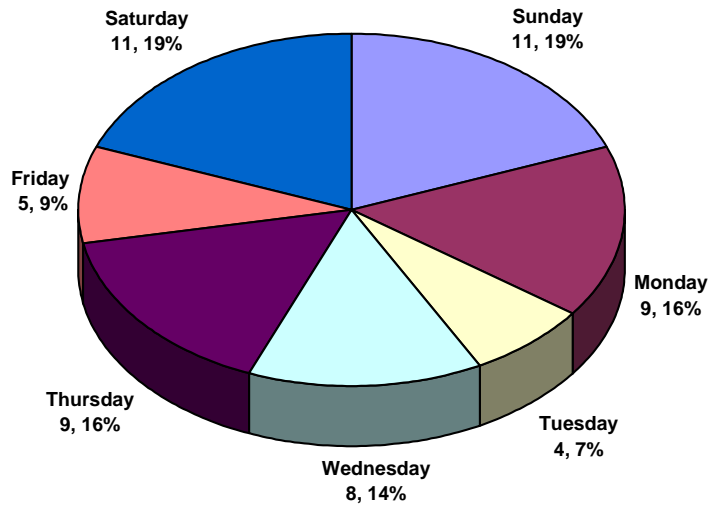


Notes on Single Homicides (for chart above):

- (1) Death happened in April 2010, attack occurred in November 2009.
- (2) Death happened in July 2010, attack occurred in September 2008.
- (3) Death happened in July 2010, attack occurred in June 2010.
- (4) Death happened in August 2010, attack occurred in July 2010.
- (5) Death happened in December 2010, attack occurred in December 2009.

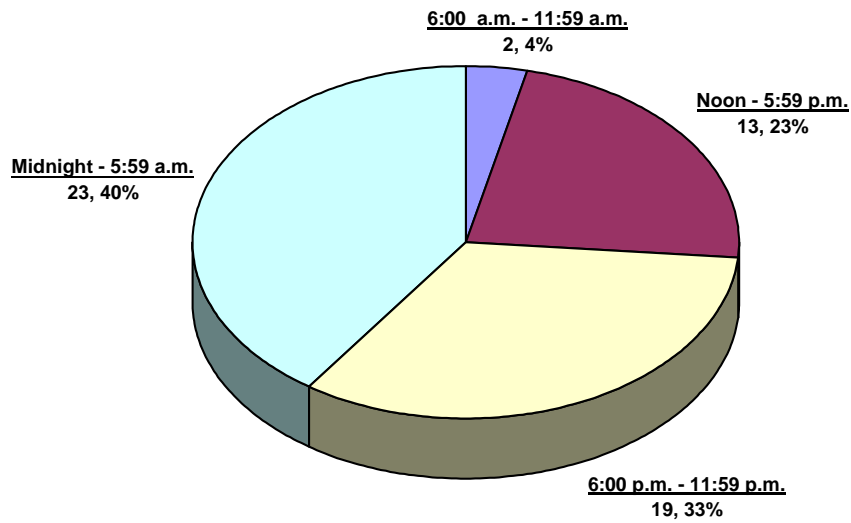
Homicides by Day of Week: Homicides by day of the week indicate that most homicides occur on the weekends. This trends starts on Saturdays and extends into the early morning hours of Mondays.

2010 Homicides by Day of Week



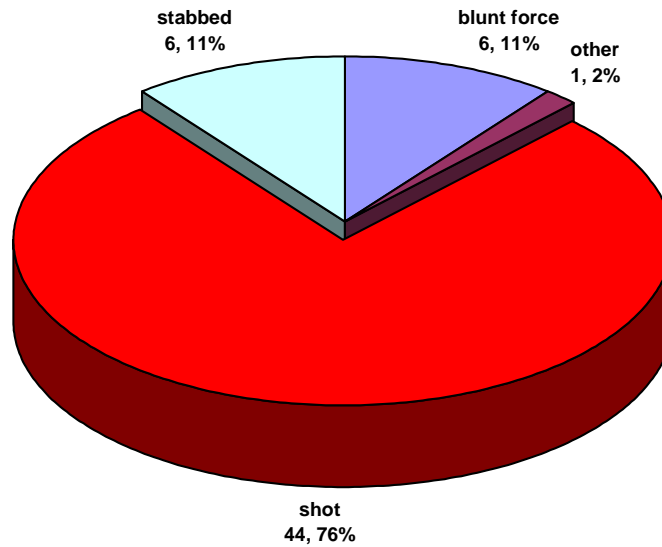
Homicides by Time of Day: Most homicides (73%) occur during the late evening and early morning hours.

2010 Homicides by Time of Day



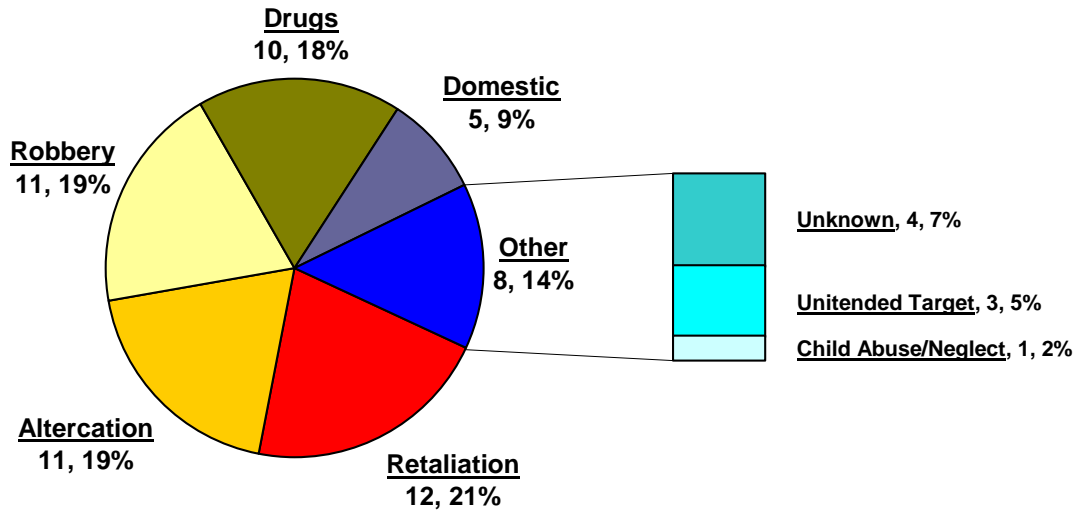
3. Homicide – Cause of Death: The majority of homicides (44, 76%) were caused by being shot by a firearm. There was one case of smothering an infant.

Weapon Used in Homicides

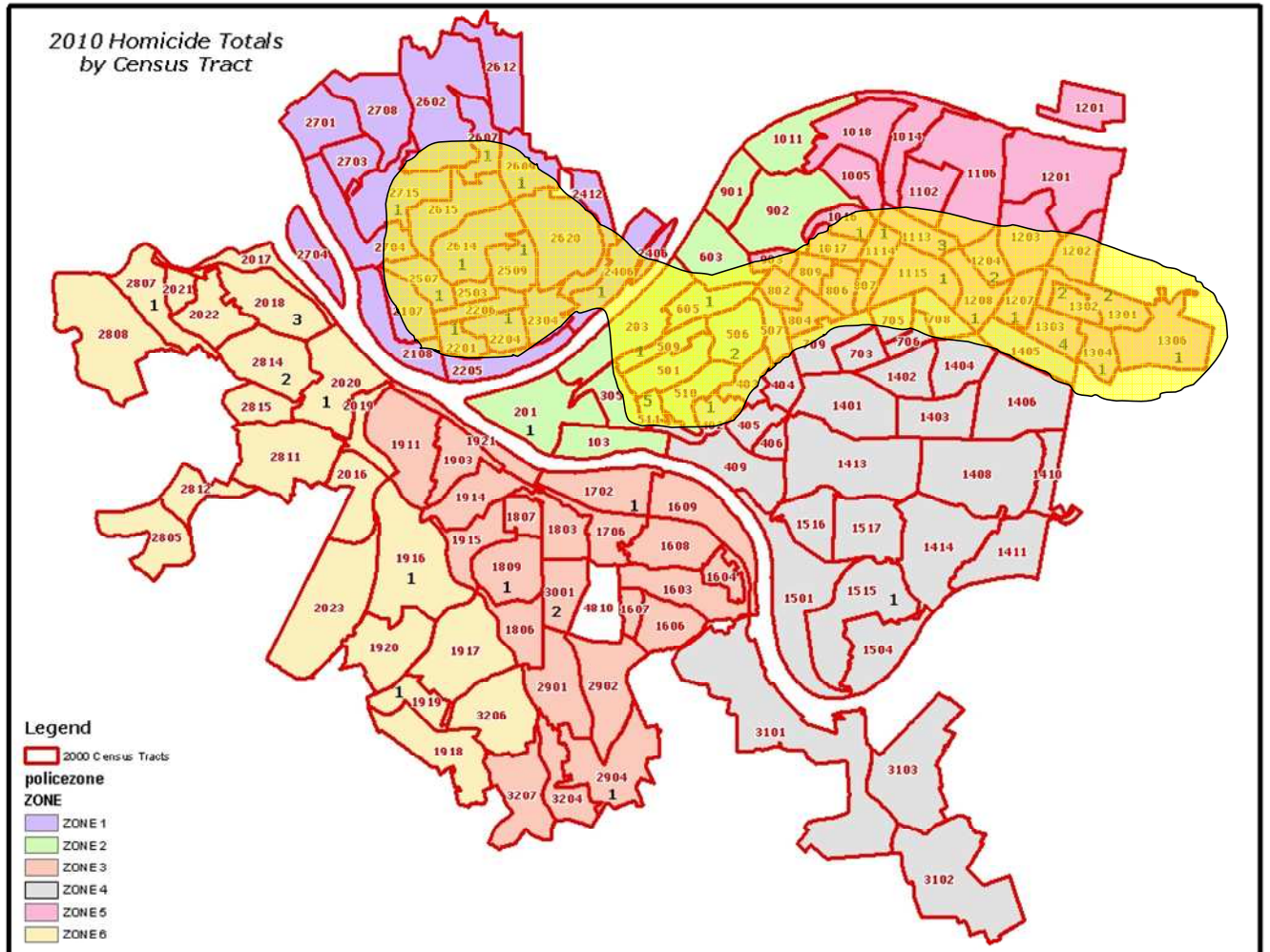


4. Homicide – Motives:

2010 Homicides by Motive



5. Homicide – by Location: Most homicides (68.4%) in the City occurred in an area starting in Pittsburgh’s Northside extending through the Hill District going through East Liberty & Homewood and ending in the East Hills.



6. Gender, Race and Age:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Victim Gender</u>	
	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>
Black	6	40
Hispanic	0	2
White	3	6

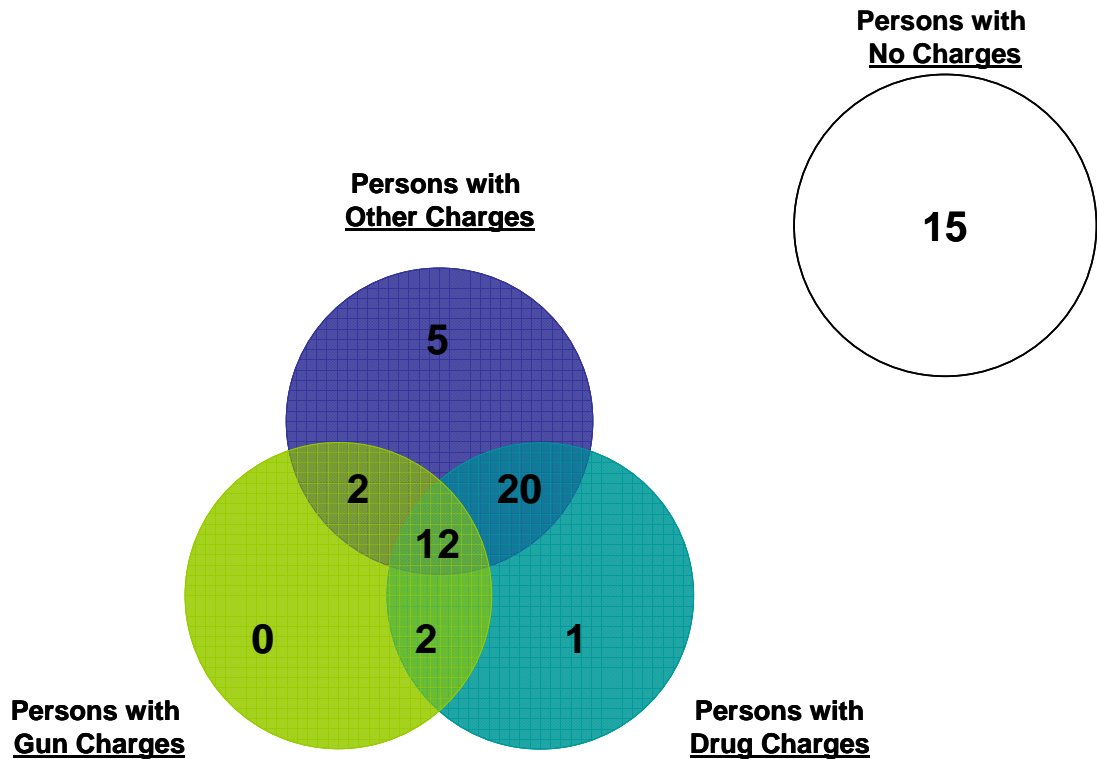
The average age of homicide victims is 33. The youngest victim was 5 weeks old and the oldest was 73 years old.

<u>Race</u>	<u>Offender Gender</u>	
	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>
Black	3	32
Hispanic	0	1
White	0	3

The average age of offenders is 29. The youngest offender was 15 and the oldest was 55 years old.

7. Prior Involvement with Crime:

Of the 57 victims of homicide, 42 had prior involvement with crime. Breakdown of victim involvement with crime is shown in the Venn diagram below:



Of the 39 homicide offenders, 33 had prior involvement with crime. Breakdown of offender involvement with crime is shown in the Venn diagram below:

