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Criminal Justice Statistics Special Report

Homicide in North Dakota, 2020



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The term "homicide," for purposes of this report, includes the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) offenses of murder and non-negligent manslaughter. Homicide refers to the "willful killing of one human being by another." It does not include attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, justifiable homicides or deaths caused by gross negligence. (Any new data for prior years will be included in this report.)

HOMICIDE IN 2020

- In 2020, thirty-two homicide deaths were known to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. Based on a state population estimate of 765,309, the resulting homicide rate for the state of North Dakota was 4.2 per 100,000 population. See Table 2 on page 4 for information regarding rates for previous years.
- **Victim Gender:** Twenty-two of the homicide victims were male.
- **Victim Age:** Twenty-eight of the victims were adults. "Adult" is defined as a person aged 18 or older. See Table 1 on page 2 for a summary of homicide incidents in 2020.
- **Weapons:** Firearms were involved in the deaths of fifteen homicide victims.
- **Domestic Violence:** There were twelve homicides in 2020 resulting from domestic violence incidents. See definition on page 11.
- **Assailant Gender:** Twenty-five of the thirty identified assailants were male.
- **Assailant Age:** All identified assailants were adults.
- While tribal law enforcement agencies and any other federal law enforcement entities in the state do not participate in the state UCR program, every effort is made to include all homicide incidents occurring within the state's borders.

**Table 1
Summary of Homicide Incidents
North Dakota, 2020**

| Date & Location of Incident | Victim(s) | | Assailant(s) | | Relationship of Victim to Assailant | Weapons Used | Circumstances |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | Age | Sex | Age | Sex | | | |
| 1/2/20 Burleigh SO | 42 | M | 41 | M | Otherwise Known | Shotgun | Other Circumstance Domestic Incident |
| 1/12/20 Minot PD | 29 | M | 27 24 | M M | Otherwise Known Otherwise Known | Firearm | Argument |
| 1/26/20 Grand Forks SO | 15 | M | 32 | F | Acquaintance | Handgun | Argument |
| 3/1/20 Williston PD | 40 | M | 24 | M | Friend | Blunt Object Personal Weapon | Argument |
| 3/12/20 Dickinson PD | 39 | M | 44 | M | Other Family Member | Handgun | Argument Domestic Incident |
| 5/6/20 Spirit Lake Res. | 5 | M | 42 45 | M F | Foster parents | Personal weapon | Child abuse Domestic incident |
| 5/8/20 Cass County SO | 50 | M | 23 | M | Neighbor | Handgun | Argument |
| 5/12/20 Fargo PD | 39 | M | 21 28 | M M | Acquaintance Acquaintance | Firearm | Drug Dealing |
| 5/13/20 Minot PD | 21 | M | 22 | M | Stepsibling | Firearm | Argument Domestic Incident |
| 5/21/20 Minot PD | 37 | F | 42 | M | Spouse | Firearm | Unknown Circumstance Domestic Incident |
| 5/25/20 Minot PD | 43 | M | 56 | M | Unknown | Knife/Cutting Instrument | Argument |
| 5/27/20 Grand Forks PD | 29 61 | M F | 41 | M | Police Officer Parent | Rifle | Assault on a Police Office Domestic Incident |
| 5/30/20 Fargo PD | 27 | M | 32 | F | Boyfriend | Knife/Cutting Instrument | Argument Domestic Incident |
| 6/1/20 Mandan PD | 53 | M | 47 | M | Acquaintance | Knife/Cutting Instrument | Argument |
| 6/8/20 Minot PD | 22 | F | 25 | M | Spouse | Personal Weapon Asphyxiation | Argument Domestic Incident |
| 6/28/20 Cass County SO | 31 | M | 25 | M | Acquaintance | Personal Weapon | Argument |
| 8/4/20 Fargo PD | 18 | M | 25 | M | Acquaintance | Blunt Object | Other Circumstances Drug Dealing |
| 8/14/20 Ft. Berthold Res. | 38 | M | 34 | M | Friend | Firearm | Argument |

**Table 1- Continued
Summary of Homicide Incidents
North Dakota, 2020**

| Date & Location of Incident | Victim(s) | | Assailant(s) | | Relationship of Victim to Assailant | Weapons Used | Circumstances |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----|--------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | Age | Sex | Age | Sex | | | |
| 8/22/20 Wells SO | 27 | M | | | | Personal weapon Asphyxiation | Drug dealing |
| 8/28/20 Fargo PD | 41 | M | | | | Firearm | Unknown Circumstance Drive by shooting |
| 8/30/20 Grand Forks PD | 46 | M | 44 | M | Otherwise Known | Knife/Cutting Instrument | Unknown Circumstance |
| 9/19/20 Williston PD | 34 | F | 29 | M | Girlfriend | Personal Weapon | Domestic Incident |
| 10/23/20 Burleigh SO | 47 | M | 28 | M | Otherwise Known | Handgun | Unknown Circumstance |
| 11/02/20 Fargo PD | 1 | F | 37 | F | Babysittee | Personal Weapon | Other Circumstance Child Abuse |
| 11/8/20 Ft. Berthold Res. | 32 | M | | | | Firearm | Unknown Circumstance Drugs suspected |
| 12/5/20 Grand Forks PD | 55 | M | | | | Firearm | Unknown Circumstance |
| 12/7/20 Fargo PD | 37 | F | 27 | M | Girlfriend | Personal Weapon | Argument Domestic Incident |
| 12/14/20 Minot PD | 16 | F | 32 | M | Otherwise Known | Drugs/Sleeping Pills | Drug Dealing |
| 12/20/20 Minot PD | 29 | F | 28 | M | Otherwise Known | Asphyxiation Other | Unknown Circumstance |
| 12/21/20 Benson SO | 33 | M | 34 | F | Boyfriend | Knife/Cutting Instrument | Argument Other Circumstance Domestic Incident |
| 12/22/20 Fargo PD | 49 | F | 54 | M | Girlfriend | Knife/Cutting Instrument | Unknown Circumstance Domestic Incident Murder/Suicide |

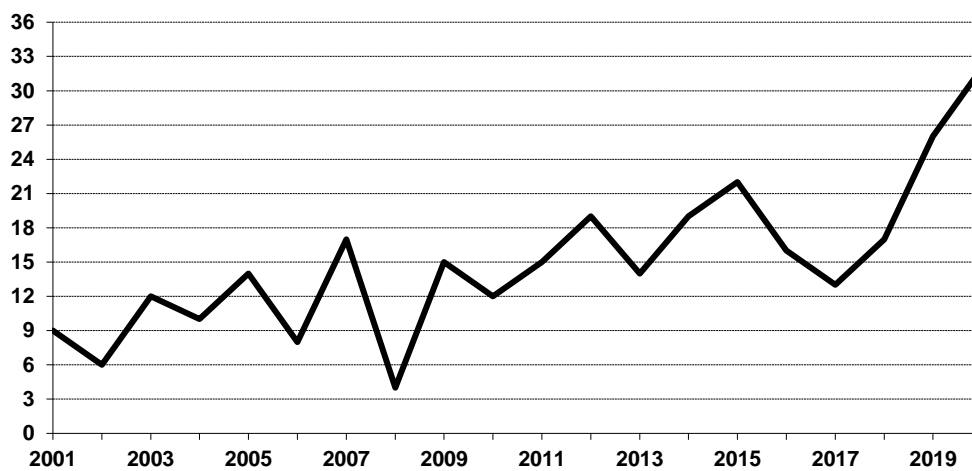
HOMICIDE TOTALS AND RATES

- Table 2 provides yearly homicide totals and homicide rate information for North Dakota during the period 2001-2020.
- The average number of homicide deaths per year during this period is 15.

**Table 2
Homicide Rate
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Homicide Total | Population Estimate | Rate/100,000 Population |
|------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 2001 | 9 | 634,450 | 1.4 |
| 2002 | 6 | 634,110 | 0.9 |
| 2003 | 12 | 634,000 | 1.9 |
| 2004 | 10 | 634,500 | 1.6 |
| 2005 | 14 | 637,000 | 2.2 |
| 2006 | 8 | 636,000 | 1.3 |
| 2007 | 17 | 640,000 | 2.7 |
| 2008 | 4 | 641,500 | 0.6 |
| 2009 | 15 | 647,000 | 2.3 |
| 2010 | 12 | 672,591 | 1.6 |
| 2011 | 15 | 683,932 | 2.2 |
| 2012 | 19 | 699,628 | 2.7 |
| 2013 | 14 | 723,393 | 1.9 |
| 2014 | 19 | 739,482 | 2.6 |
| 2015 | 22 | 756,927 | 2.9 |
| 2016 | 16 | 757,952 | 2.1 |
| 2017 | 13 | 755,393 | 1.7 |
| 2018 | 17 | 760,077 | 2.2 |
| 2019 | 26 | 762,062 | 3.4 |
| 2020 | 32 | 765,309 | 4.2 |

**Figure 1
Homicide in North Dakota
2001-2020**



VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS - GENDER

- Sixty-five percent of the 300 total homicide victims during the period 2001-2020 were male.

**Table 3
Gender of Homicide Victims
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2001 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| 2002 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 2003 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| 2004 | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| 2005 | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| 2006 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 2007 | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| 2008 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 2009 | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| 2010 | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| 2011 | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 2012 | 13 | 6 | 19 |
| 2013 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| 2014 | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| 2015 | 16 | 6 | 22 |
| 2016 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| 2017 | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| 2018 | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| 2019 | 19 | 7 | 26 |
| 2020 | 22 | 10 | 32 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 196 (65%) | 104 (35%) | 300 |

VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS - AGE

- Of the 300 homicides during the period 2001-2020, 83 percent were adults. See Table 4 below.
- Forty-two percent of homicide victims were between the ages of 21 and 40. See Table 5 on the following page for information regarding age and gender of victims.

**Table 4
Homicide Victims
Juvenile and Adult
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Juvenile | Adult | Total |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2001 | | 9 | 9 |
| 2002 | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 2003 | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| 2004 | 3 | 7 | 10 |
| 2005 | 2 | 12 | 14 |
| 2006 | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 2007 | 4 | 13 | 17 |
| 2008 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 2009 | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 2010 | 1 | 11 | 12 |
| 2011 | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| 2012 | 6 | 13 | 19 |
| 2013 | 2 | 12 | 14 |
| 2014 | 1 | 18 | 19 |
| 2015 | 4 | 18 | 22 |
| 2016 | | 16 | 16 |
| 2017 | | 13 | 13 |
| 2018 | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| 2019 | 2 | 24 | 26 |
| 2020 | 4 | 28 | 32 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 52 | 248 | 300 |

**Table 5
Homicide Victims
By Age and Gender
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Less than 1 year | 14 | 12 | 26 |
| 01-05 | 1 | 4 | 35 |
| 06-10 | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 11-15 | 5 | | 5 |
| 16-20 | 18 | 10 | 28 |
| 21-25 | 25 | 8 | 33 |
| 26-30 | 30 | 10 | 40 |
| 31-35 | 19 | 4 | 23 |
| 36-40 | 17 | 13 | 30 |
| 41-45 | 11 | 12 | 23 |
| 46-50 | 19 | 7 | 26 |
| 51-55 | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| 56-60 | 13 | 3 | 16 |
| 61-65 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Over 65 | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 196 | 104 | 300 |

WEAPONS AND VICTIM CHARACTERISTICS

- Forty-one percent of deaths due to homicide during the period 2001-2020 resulted from firearm use. See Table 6 below.
- In homicides involving firearms, the weapon was more likely to be a long gun than a handgun.
- Fifty-nine of the 300 total homicide deaths involved the use of "personal weapons." Personal weapons include the use of hands, fists and feet as weapons.

**Table 6
Weapons of Homicide
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Handgun | Other Firearm | Knife | Blunt Instrument | Personal Weapon | Other or Unknown | Total |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 2001 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 9 |
| 2002 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| 2003 | 4 | 7 | | | 1 | | 12 |
| 2004 | | 5 | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| 2005 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 14 |
| 2006 | 1 | | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| 2007 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 17 |
| 2008 | | | 2 | | 2 | | 4 |
| 2009 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 15 |
| 2010 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 12 |
| 2011 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 15 |
| 2012 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 19 |
| 2013 | | 4 | 6 | 2 | 2 | | 14 |
| 2014 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 19 |
| 2015 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 22 |
| 2016 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 | | 16 |
| 2017 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 13 |
| 2018 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 17 |
| 2019 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 26 |
| 2020 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 32 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 52 | 72 | 60 | 22 | 59 | 35 | 300 |

*One weapon per incident is recognized on this chart.

- Firearms were used in 21 percent of the homicides of juveniles. Forty-six percent of adult deaths due to homicide involved firearms. See Table 7 below.
- Forty-three percent of homicides of males and 38 percent of homicides of females involved the use of firearms. See Table 8.
- Twenty-one percent of homicides of males and 17 percent of homicides of females involved knives.

**Table 7
Homicide Victims
By Weapon and Age Category
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Weapon | Juvenile | Adult | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Handgun | 4 | 48 | 52 |
| Other Firearm | 7 | 65 | 72 |
| Knife | 2 | 58 | 60 |
| Blunt Instrument | | 22 | 22 |
| Personal Weapon | 27 | 32 | 59 |
| Other or Unknown | 12 | 23 | 35 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 52 | 248 | 300 |

**Table 8
Homicide Victims
By Weapon and Gender
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Weapon | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Handgun | 39 | 13 | 52 |
| Other Firearm | 46 | 26 | 72 |
| Knife | 42 | 18 | 60 |
| Blunt Instrument | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| Personal Weapon | 33 | 26 | 59 |
| Other or Unknown | 18 | 17 | 35 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 196 | 104 | 300 |

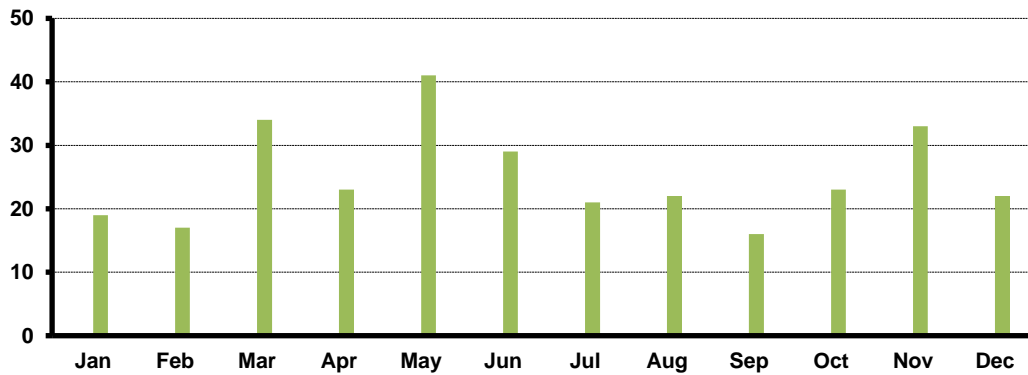
MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

- During the period 2001-2020, the month of May had the highest number of homicide deaths. See Table 9 below. Figure 2 illustrates this information graphically.

**Table 9
Deaths Due to Homicide
By Month, 2001-2020**

| Month | Number | Percent of Total Homicides |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| January | 19 | 6.3% |
| February | 17 | 5.7 |
| March | 34 | 11.3 |
| April | 23 | 7.7 |
| May | 41 | 13.7 |
| June | 29 | 9.7 |
| July | 21 | 7.0 |
| August | 22 | 7.3 |
| September | 16 | 5.3 |
| October | 23 | 7.7 |
| November | 33 | 11.0 |
| December | 22 | 7.3 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 300 | 100.0 |

**Figure 2
Homicides by Month of Occurrence
North Dakota, 2001-2020**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEATHS

For purposes of this report, domestic violence deaths include those involving a spouse, former spouse, parent, child, persons related by blood or marriage, persons in a present or former dating relationship, persons who are presently residing together or have resided together in the past, persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time, other persons on premises when a domestic incident occurs, and romantic triangle situations.

- For the period 2001-2020, 43 percent of deaths due to homicide involved domestic violence.

**Table 10
Domestic Violence Deaths
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Domestic | Non-Domestic | No Assailant Identified | Homicide Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2001 | 2 | 7 | | 9 |
| 2002 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| 2003 | 8 | 4 | | 12 |
| 2004 | 6 | 4 | | 10 |
| 2005 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 14 |
| 2006 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| 2007 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 17 |
| 2008 | | 4 | | 4 |
| 2009 | 12 | 3 | | 15 |
| 2010 | 6 | 6 | | 12 |
| 2011 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| 2012 | 6 | 13 | | 19 |
| 2013 | 7 | 7 | | 14 |
| 2014 | 6 | 12 | 1 | 19 |
| 2015 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 22 |
| 2016 | 2 | 14 | | 16 |
| 2017 | 4 | 9 | | 13 |
| 2018 | 12 | 5 | | 17 |
| 2019 | 10 | 16 | | 26 |
| 2020 | 12 | 16 | 4 | 32 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 130 | 158 | 12 | 300 |

- Persons killed in non-domestic violence incidents were more likely to be killed with a firearm than those killed in domestic incidents.
- Forty-two percent of female deaths in domestic violence incidents involved firearms, while 26 percent of female deaths in non-domestic violence incidents involved firearms.
- Seventy-three percent of female homicide victims were killed in domestic violence incidents, compared to 29 percent of males.

Table 11
Domestic Violence Deaths
By Type of Weapon and Age Category of Victim
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Domestic | | Non-Domestic | |
|------------------|----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | Juvenile | Adult | Juvenile | Adult |
| Handgun | 3 | 16 | 1 | 32 |
| Other Firearm | 3 | 30 | 4 | 31 |
| Knife | 2 | 21 | | 35 |
| Blunt Instrument | | 8 | | 14 |
| Personal Weapon | 21 | 11 | 5 | 21 |
| Other or Unknown | 6 | 9 | 5 | 10 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 35 | 95 | 15 | 143 |

Table 12
Domestic Violence Deaths
By Type of Weapon and Gender of Victim
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Domestic | | Non-Domestic | |
|------------------|----------|--------|--------------|--------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Handgun | 7 | 12 | 32 | 1 |
| Other Firearm | 11 | 20 | 29 | 6 |
| Knife | 13 | 12 | 29 | 6 |
| Blunt Instrument | 4 | 4 | 14 | |
| Personal Weapon | 11 | 21 | 21 | 5 |
| Other or Unknown | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 54 | 76 | 131 | 27 |

CLEARANCE RATES

- Cases may be "cleared by arrest" of an assailant, or "cleared exceptionally," if a physical arrest cannot be made for reasons beyond the control of law enforcement. An example of an exceptional clearance would be a case in which the assailant committed suicide after killing someone.
- "Clearances" should not be interpreted as "convictions." The information regarding clearances, collected through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) program, reflects law enforcement activity. If an arrest is made, the NIBRS program considers the case cleared. NIBRS data does not reflect the results of prosecution of assailants.
- The average clearance rate for homicides in North Dakota during the period from 2001 to 2020 is 95 percent.

**Table 13
Clearance Rates for Homicides
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Total Cleared | Total Homicides | North Dakota Clearance Rate | National Clearance Rate* |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2001 | 9 | 9 | 100 | 63 |
| 2002 | 5 | 6 | 83 | 64 |
| 2003 | 12 | 12 | 100 | 62 |
| 2004 | 10 | 10 | 100 | 63 |
| 2005 | 12 | 14 | 86 | 62 |
| 2006 | 7 | 8 | 88 | 61 |
| 2007 | 15 | 17 | 88 | 61 |
| 2008 | 4 | 4 | 100 | 64 |
| 2009 | 15 | 15 | 100 | 67 |
| 2010 | 12 | 12 | 100 | 65 |
| 2011 | 14 | 15 | 93 | 65 |
| 2012 | 19 | 19 | 100 | 63 |
| 2013 | 14 | 14 | 100 | 64 |
| 2014 | 18 | 19 | 95 | 65 |
| 2015 | 20 | 22 | 91 | 62 |
| 2016 | 16 | 16 | 100 | 59 |
| 2017 | 12 | 13 | 92 | 62 |
| 2018 | 17 | 17 | 100 | 62 |
| 2019 | 26 | 26 | 100 | 61 |
| 2020 | 28 | 32 | 88 | Not Available |

* Clearance rates reported in annual [Crime in the United States](#) reports published by the FBI.

IDENTIFIED ASSAILANT CHARACTERISTICS - GENDER

- During the period 2001-2020, 88 percent of the 305 identified homicide assailants were male.
- Fourteen homicides during 2001-2020 have not had an assailant identified by law enforcement.

**Table 14
Identified Homicide Assailants
By Gender
North Dakota, 2001-2020**

| Year | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2001 | 11 | | 11 |
| 2002 | 5 | | 5 * |
| 2003 | 9 | | 9 |
| 2004 | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| 2005 | 13 | 1 | 14 * |
| 2006 | 6 | 1 | 7 * |
| 2007 | 14 | 3 | 17 * |
| 2008 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 2009 | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| 2010 | 11 | 1 | 12 |
| 2011 | 11 | 2 | 13 * |
| 2012 | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| 2013 | 13 | 4 | 17 |
| 2014 | 18 | 4 | 22 * |
| 2015 | 20 | 2 | 22 * |
| 2016 | 17 | 2 | 19 |
| 2017 | 11 | 2 | 13 * |
| 2018 | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| 2019 | 22 | 2 | 24 |
| 2020 | 25 | 5 | 30 * |
| Total 2001-2020 | 267 (88%) | 38 (12%) | 305 |

* Indicates that at least one incident for the year does not have an identified assailant.

- Ninety-eight percent of the total 305 assailants identified by law enforcement were adults. See Table 15 below.
- Of the 305 assailants identified by law enforcement, 67 percent were between the ages of 16 and 35. See Table 16 on the following page for information on age and gender of identified assailants.

Table 15
Identified Homicide Assailants
Juvenile and Adult
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Year | Juvenile | Adult | Total |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|-------|
| 2001 | | 11 | 11 |
| 2002 | | 5 | 5 * |
| 2003 | | 9 | 9 |
| 2004 | | 14 | 14 |
| 2005 | | 14 | 14 * |
| 2006 | | 7 | 7 * |
| 2007 | 3 | 14 | 17 * |
| 2008 | | 7 | 7 |
| 2009 | | 17 | 17 |
| 2010 | | 12 | 12 |
| 2011 | | 13 | 13 * |
| 2012 | 1 | 16 | 17 |
| 2013 | | 17 | 17 |
| 2014 | | 22 | 22 * |
| 2015 | | 22 | 22 * |
| 2016 | | 19 | 19 |
| 2017 | | 13 | 13 * |
| 2018 | | 15 | 15 |
| 2019 | 2 | 22 | 24 |
| 2020 | | 30 | 30 * |
| Total 2001-2020 | 6 (2%) | 299 (98%) | 305 |

* Indicates that at least one incident for the year does not have an identified assailant.

Table 16
Identified Homicide Assailants
By Age and Gender
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Age | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Less than 10 | | | 0 |
| 11-15 | 2 | | 2 |
| 16-20 | 33 | 5 | 38 |
| 21-25 | 60 | 7 | 67 |
| 26-30 | 49 | 8 | 57 |
| 31-35 | 34 | 8 | 42 |
| 36-40 | 15 | 2 | 17 |
| 41-45 | 28 | 5 | 33 |
| 46-50 | 19 | 1 | 20 |
| 51-55 | 9 | | 9 |
| 56-60 | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| 61-65 | 5 | | 5 |
| Over 65 | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 267 | 38 | 305 |

WEAPONS AND IDENTIFIED ASSAILANT CHARACTERISTICS

- In homicide incidents involving firearms, adult assailants were much more likely to use firearms other than handguns.
- Male assailants were more likely to use firearms in homicide incidents, while females were more likely to use personal weapons or knives.

Table 17
Identified Assailants
By Type of Weapon and Age Category
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Juvenile | Adult | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Handgun | 1 | 50 | 51 |
| Other Firearm | 1 | 64 | 65 |
| Knife | 1 | 64 | 65 |
| Blunt Instrument | | 28 | 28 |
| Personal Weapon | 3 | 64 | 67 |
| Other or Unknown | | 29 | 29 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 6 | 299 | 305 |

Table 18
Identified Assailants
By Type of Weapon and Gender
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Male | Female | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Handgun | 49 | 2 | 51 |
| Other Firearm | 62 | 3 | 65 |
| Knife | 54 | 11 | 65 |
| Blunt Instrument | 27 | 1 | 28 |
| Personal Weapon | 54 | 13 | 67 |
| Other or Unknown | 21 | 8 | 29 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 267 | 38 | 305 |

- Forty-three percent of assailants identified by law enforcement were involved in domestic violence incidents. See Table 19 below.
- Assailants were more likely to use firearms in non-domestic incidents than in domestic incidents. See Table 20.
- Knives were more likely to be used by assailants in non-domestic incidents.

Table 19
Identified Homicide Assailants
Domestic/Non-Domestic Incidents
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Year | Domestic | Non-Domestic | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 2001 | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| 2002 | 4 | 1 | 5 * |
| 2003 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 2004 | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| 2005 | 7 | 7 | 14 * |
| 2006 | 4 | 3 | 7 * |
| 2007 | 9 | 8 | 17 * |
| 2008 | | 7 | 7 |
| 2009 | 14 | 3 | 17 |
| 2010 | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| 2011 | 7 | 6 | 13 * |
| 2012 | 6 | 11 | 17 * |
| 2013 | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| 2014 | 6 | 16 | 22 * |
| 2015 | 9 | 13 | 22 * |
| 2016 | 2 | 17 | 19 |
| 2017 | 4 | 9 | 13 * |
| 2018 | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| 2019 | 10 | 14 | 24 |
| 2020 | 13 | 17 | 30 * |
| Total 2001-2020 | 131 (43%) | 174 (57%) | 305 |

* Indicates that at least one incident for the year does not have an identified assailant.

Table 20
Weapon Use by Identified Assailants
Domestic/Non-Domestic Incidents
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Domestic | Non-Domestic | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Handgun | 19 | 32 | 51 |
| Other Firearm | 31 | 34 | 65 |
| Knife | 21 | 44 | 65 |
| Blunt Instrument | 9 | 19 | 28 |
| Personal Weapon | 35 | 32 | 67 |
| Other or Unknown | 16 | 13 | 29 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 131 | 174 | 305 |

Table 21
Domestic/Non-Domestic Incidents
By Type of Weapon and Age Category of Assailant
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Domestic | | Non-Domestic | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Juvenile | Adult | Juvenile | Adult |
| Handgun | | 19 | 1 | 31 |
| Other Firearm | 1 | 30 | | 34 |
| Knife | | 21 | 1 | 43 |
| Blunt Instrument | | 9 | | 19 |
| Personal Weapon | 2 | 33 | 1 | 31 |
| Other or Unknown | | 16 | | 13 |
| Total 2001-2020 | 3 | 128 | 3 | 171 |

Table 22
Domestic/Non-Domestic Incidents
By Type of Weapon and Gender of Assailant
North Dakota, 2001-2020

| Weapon | Domestic | | Non-Domestic | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Handgun | 18 | 1 | 31 | 1 |
| Other Firearm | 30 | 1 | 32 | 2 |
| Knife | 15 | 6 | 39 | 5 |
| Blunt Instrument | 9 | | 18 | 1 |
| Personal Weapon | 24 | 11 | 30 | 2 |
| Other or Unknown | 8 | 8 | 13 | |
| Total 2001-2020 | 104 | 27 | 163 | 11 |