



# Winnipeg Police Service

## City of Winnipeg Homicides

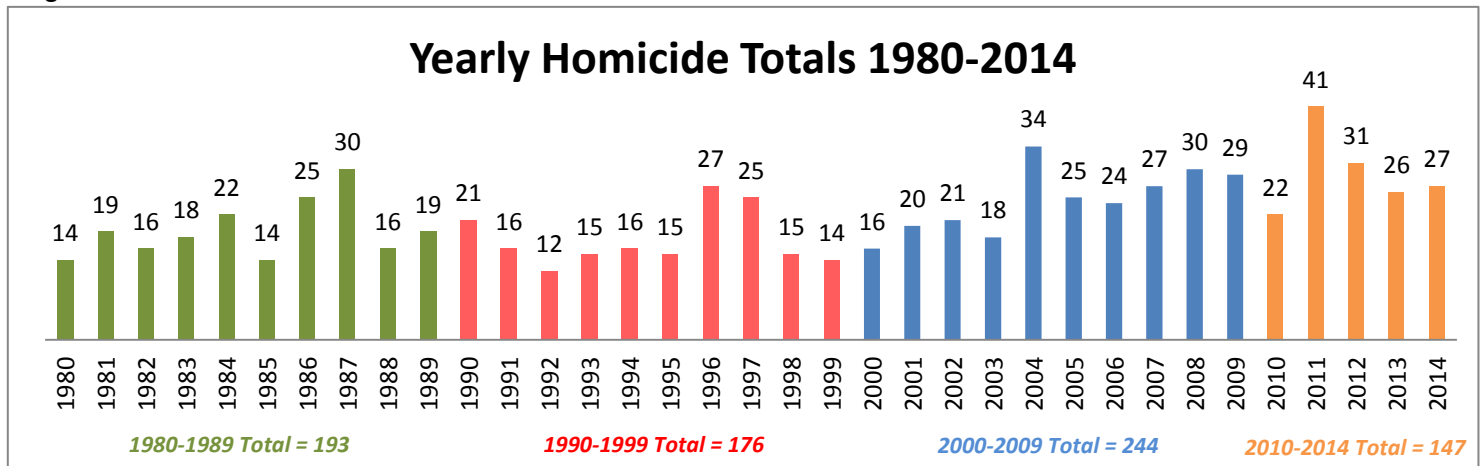
### 1980 – 2014

*This document is a summary of all homicides in the City of Winnipeg from 1980 up to and including 2014 and is current as of 2015-03-31. Homicide totals are based on the number of victims and not individual homicide occurrences. Prior to 2000, there is a large amount of missing data including, but not limited to offender characteristics, victim characteristics and homicide occurrence locations. The time frames and values listed reflect the data available at the time of the report. Interpret all information presented cautiously.*

### Summary

Between 1980-01-01 and 2014-12-31, there were 760 homicides in Winnipeg. Out of those 760 homicides, there were 895 offenders. There were 715 occurrences that involved 1 deceased individual; 21 occurrences had 2 or 3 deceased individuals. Figure 1 outlines the yearly homicide totals between 1980 and 2014; Table 1 outlines total clearance rate and clearance rate by decade.

Figure 1



*Note: Homicide values are based on yearly totals (deceased individuals) and do not take into account Winnipeg population increases and/or decreases (per capita).*

Table 1

Clearance Rate (Overall and by Decade)

Decade	Cleared by charge	Cleared other	Cleared other: Death of Accused	Percent Cleared	Complete - unsolved	Not cleared (continuing)	Percent Continuing/Unsolved	Grand Total
1980-1989	181	0	0	94%	0	12	6%	193
1990-1989	166	1	1	95%	0	8	5%	176
2000-2009	215	2	1	89%	5	21	11%	244
2010-2014	130	4	1	92%	11	1	8%	147
<b>Total</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>760</b>

## Victim Characteristics

### Age and Sex

- 70% of homicides involved a male victim.
- Between 1980 and 2014, 3 female victims were pregnant at the time of homicide.
- Between 1980 and 1989, 8% of homicides involved a child 12 and under; between 1990 and 1999, 9% involved a child 12 and under. Between 2000 and 2009, the portion of child/infant homicides lowered to 4%. In the last 5 years (2010-2014), the portion of child and infant homicides continue to remain low (in comparison to previous decades) at 1%.
- 87% of victims were 18 years or older at the time of homicide.
  - Of those victims, 70% were male; 30% were female.
- Table 2 examines homicide victims by age and sex between 1980 and 2014.

**Table 2** **Victim Age and Sex**

Age	Female	Male	Total	% Total
12 and under	21	21	42	6%
13-17	12	29	41	5%
18 and up	196	464	660	87%
Unknown	0	17	17	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Lifestyle Vulnerabilities

#### Sex Trade

- 18% of all female homicide victims were involved in the sex-trade.
- 2 male (< 0.5%) homicide victims were sex-trade consumers.

#### Street Gang/Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) Involvement

- Between 2000 and 2014, 10% of male victims were involved in a gang. There were no female victims listed as being involved in a gang. *Note: Limited gang data prior to 2000.*

#### Impairment by Alcohol

- Between 2010 and 2014, 7% of victims were impaired by alcohol at the time of the homicide.  
*Note: Limited impairment data prior to 2010.*
  - Of those victims, 73% were male; 27% were female.

## **Offender Characteristics**

### Age and Sex

- 83% of offenders were male.
- 83% of offenders were 18 years or older at the time of homicide.
  - Of those offenders, 84% were male; 15% were female.
- 13% of offenders were youths between the ages 13 and 17.
  - Of those youth offenders, 79% were male; 20% were female.
- Table 3 examines homicide offenders between 1980 and 2014.

**Table 3                      Offender Age and Sex**

Age	Female	Male	Unknown	Total	% Total
12 and under	2	4	0	6	1%
13-17	24	93	1	118	13%
18 and up	114	623	3	740	83%
Unknown	4	27	0	31	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Lifestyle Vulnerabilities

#### Street Gang/Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) Involvement

- Between 2000 and 2014, 18% of offenders were involved in a gang at the time of the homicide.  
*Note: Limited gang data prior to 2000.*
  - Of those offenders, 93% were male; 7% were female.

## **Victim Relationship to Offender**

- Domestic related homicides (spouse/common-law partner and boyfriend/girlfriend/ex-partner) accounted for 9% of total homicides between 2000 and 2009 versus 13% of the homicide total between 2010 and 2014.
- Homicides where the victim was related to the offender (parent/grandparent/sibling/child of offender) accounted for 10% of total homicides between 2000 and 2009 versus 6% of the homicide total between 2010 and 2014.
- Stranger homicides accounted for 27% of total homicides between 2000 and 2009 versus 35% of the homicide total between 2010 and 2014.
- Table 4 examines victim/offender relationships by decade between 1980 and 2014.

**Table 4**

<b>Decade</b>	<b>Relationship Category (% of total)</b>
<b>1980-1989 (n=193)</b>	Unknown (87%)
	Family (7%)
	Stranger (4%)
	Intimate (3%)
<b>1990-1999 (n=176)</b>	Unknown (68%)
	Family (11%)
	Intimate (8%)
	Acquaintance (8%)
	Stranger (4%)
	Other (2%)
<b>2000-2009 (n=244)</b>	Acquaintance (32%)
	Stranger (27%)
	Unknown (11%)
	Family (10%)
	Gang/Drugs (9%)
	Intimate (9%)
	Other (2%)
<b>2010-2014 (n=147)</b>	Stranger (35%)
	Acquaintance (30%)
	Intimate (13%)
	Unknown (10%)
	Family (6%)
	Gang/Drugs (4%)
	Other (1%)

## **Trends**

### **Child/Infant Homicide Victims**

- Between 1980 and 1989, 8% of homicide victims involved a child 12 and under; between 1990 and 1999, 9% involved a child 12 and under. Between 2000 and 2009, the portion of child/infant homicides lowered to 4%. It appears that child/infant homicides have been decreasing. In the last 5 years (2010-2014), the portion of child and infant homicides continue to remain low (in comparison to previous decades) at 1%.

### **Murder-Suicide Homicide**

- Between 1980 and 1999 (1980-1989, 4; 1990-1999, 4) there were 8 murder-suicides which made up 2% of the homicide occurrence total. Between 2000 and 2014 there has been 1 murder-suicide (2012). Murder-suicide appears to be trending downward in comparison to the 1980's and 1990's.

### **Domestic (Intimate Relationship) Related Homicide (Between 2000 and 2014)**

- Domestic related homicides (spouse/common-law partner and boyfriend/girlfriend/ex-partner) accounted for 9% of total homicides between 2000 and 2009 versus 13% of the homicide total between 2010 and 2014. Domestic related homicides appear to be trending upward.

### **Family Homicide (Between 2000 and 2014)**

- Homicides where the victim was related to the offender (parent/grandparent/sibling/child of offender) accounted for 10% of total homicides between 2000 and 2009 versus 6% of the homicide total between 2010 and 2014. Family related homicides appear to be trending downward.

### **Stranger Homicides (Between 2000 and 2014)**

- Stranger homicides accounted for 27% of total homicides between 2000 and 2009 versus 35% of the homicide total between 2010 and 2014. Stranger homicides appear to be trending upward.

## **Homicide Location**

- Between 1980 and 2014, District 1 and 3 accounted for the majority (approximately 75%) of homicide occurrences. *Note: value based on homicide occurrence total, not victim total.*
- Between 1980 and 2014, Patrol Unit Area (PUAR) 1301 in District 3 accounted for the highest number of homicides with 85 (12% of homicide occurrence total).
- Figures 2-5 on page 8 show homicide density (by atom) in Winnipeg between 1980 and 2014.

# City of Winnipeg Homicides - Thematic Map 1980-2014

Figure 2 (1980-1989)

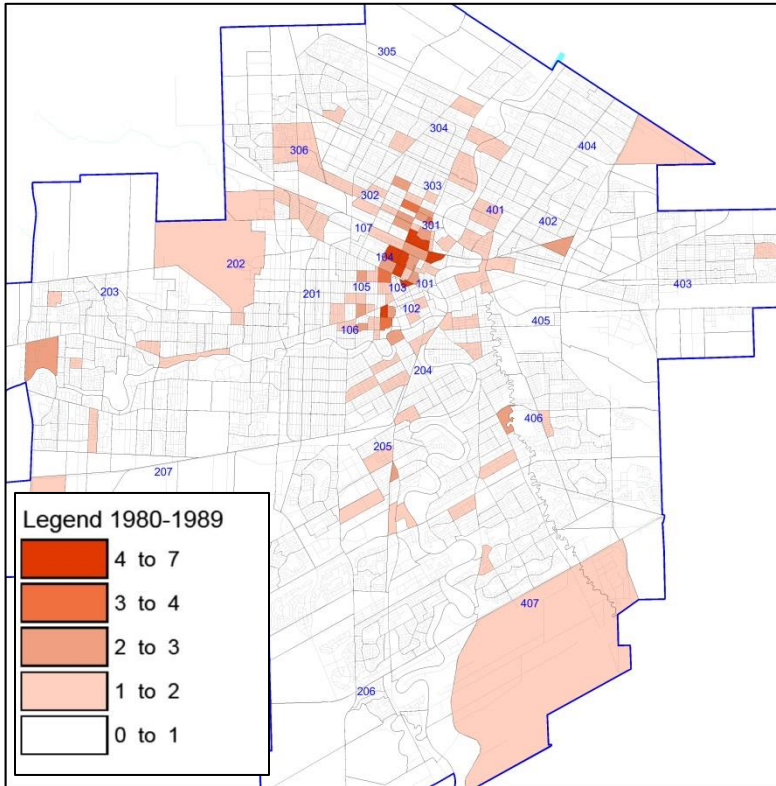


Figure 3 (1990-1999)

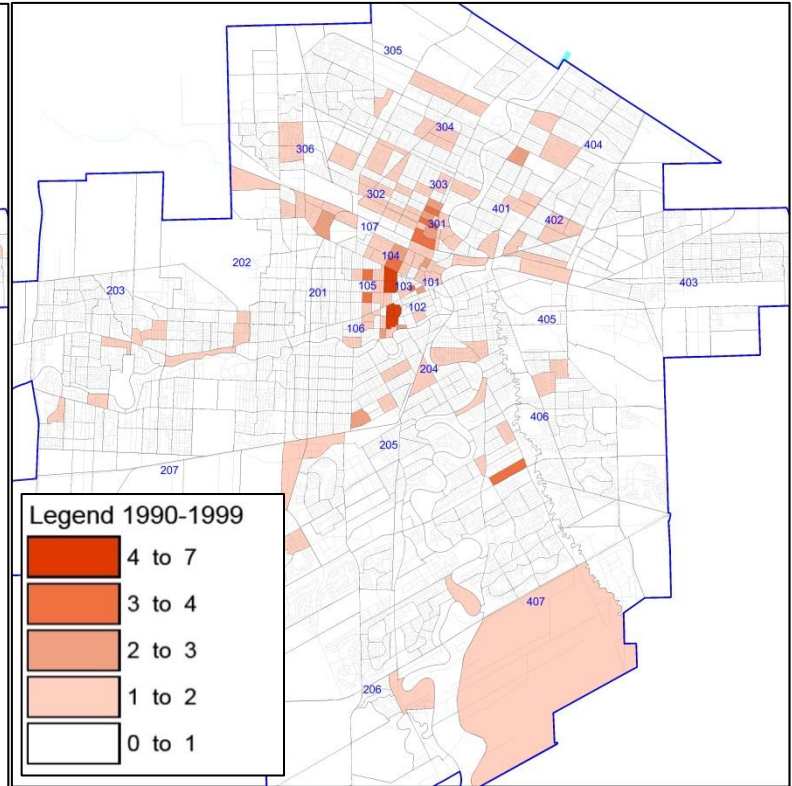


Figure 4 (2000-2009)

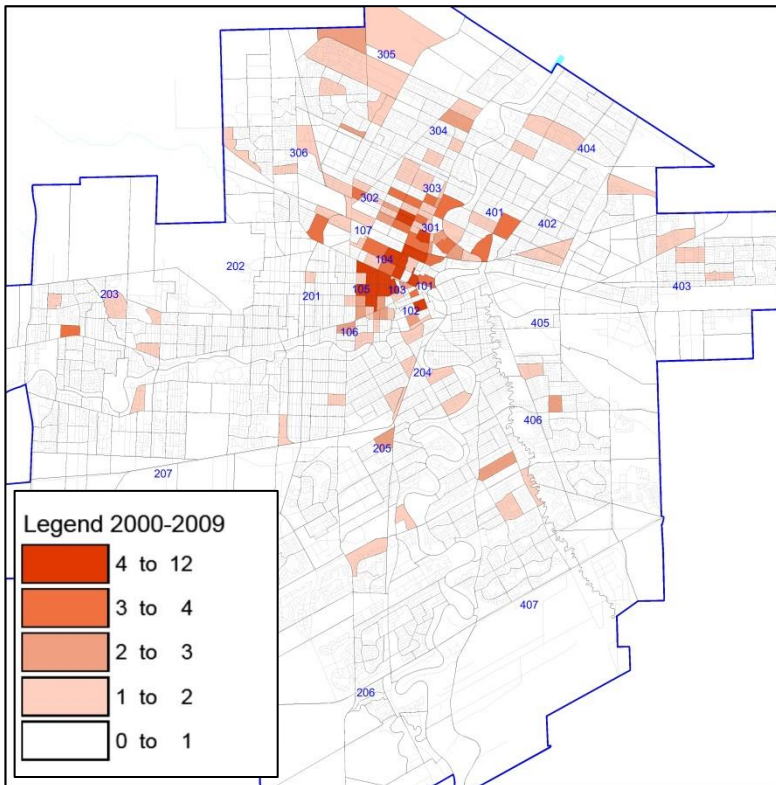


Figure 5 (2010-2014)

