MURDER IN NEW YORK CITY 2010
In 2010, 536 people were classified as homicide victims in New York City.

This number includes 19 people who were assaulted in previous years (in one case as long ago as 1977) but who died in 2010, or who died in previous years but whose deaths were not classified as homicides (either by the Medical Examiner or through police investigation) until 2010.

The following pages present a visual analysis of these 536 victims, as well as the suspects arrested for their murders.
New York City’s 2010 Murder Victims
Why, Where, When, and How 536 Persons Were Murdered in NYC in 2010

**WHY:**
- Dispute/Revenge - 51%
- Drugs - 12%
- Domestic - 14%
- Robbery/Burglary - 9%
- Unknown - 10%
- Other - 4%

**HOW:**
- Shot - 61%
- Stabbed - 21%
- Bludgeoned - 7%
- Physical Force - 7%
- Other - 4%

**WHERE:**
- Brooklyn - 42%
- Bronx - 24%
- Queens - 19%
- Manhattan - 12%
- Staten Island - 3%

**WHEN:**
- 43% killed between 11PM and 5 AM
Black people, who make up 25% of New York City's population, represent 67% of those murdered.

- 47% of New Yorkers are non-Hispanic whites or Asians, yet these groups represent only 9% of those murdered.

- Male blacks age 15-29, who represent less than 3% of the City’s population, represent 33% of those murdered.

Two-thirds were black.

- 67% were black
- 24% were Hispanic
- 6% were white
- 3% were Asian

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New York City's 2010 Murder Victims—Who Were They?

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Fewer than **one in five** were women

- Of all women murdered, 21% were killed with a firearm—for men the figure was 74% (and of male blacks age 16 to 21, the figure was nearly 90%)
- Of the people murdered in incidents related to domestic violence, 69% were female
- Of female whites assaulted and killed in 2010, all but one were murdered in incidents related to domestic violence (the one other was hit by a vehicle whose driver was fleeing police)
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More than **75%** had prior arrests

- 50% of victims had prior arrests for drug sales or possession
- One quarter of victims were on probation, parole, or had a warrant for their arrest at the time of death
- 11% of victims were confirmed gang members
- 60% of female victims had no prior arrest records

75% had prior arrests

25% had no prior arrests
Three-quarters were **16 to 37 years old**

- **In 2010,** the number of children age 0-15 murdered nearly doubled from the previous year—30% of the children were less than one year old, and half were less than three
  - These child murders include a single incident in which a mother set fire to her home and killed her four children
  - That incident (and one other arson incident that killed five people) also skewed the number of arson deaths, up from one in 2009 to ten in 2010
- In one of the other two arson murders, a 14-year-old boy was arrested for the crime

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New York City's 2010 Murder Suspects—Who Are They?

More than 60% were black

- For black suspects arrested, 85% of their victims were also black
- From 2009 to 2010, there was a 31% increase in the murder of blacks and a 27% decrease in the murder of whites
- The overall increase in murders from 2009 to 2010 can be attributed to this increase in blacks murdered
- The number of Asian and Hispanic murder victims remained nearly constant from 2009 to 2010

3% were Asian
61% were black
32% were Hispanic
4% were white
New York City’s 2010 Murder Suspects—Who Are They?

285 arrested murder suspects in NYC in 2010
as of 1/30/11

Only one in ten were women

- Of the women arrested for murder in 2010, one quarter were arrested for killing a child
- Another quarter were arrested as accomplices to a murder
- Of the remaining half who were arrested, (i.e., those who acted alone in killing an adult), all were involved in a dispute with the victim, and 77% of these stabbed the victim to death
- Only one woman was arrested for shooting her victim (another female)
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More than 84% had prior arrests

- On average, suspects arrested for murder in 2010 had **seven** prior arrests
- Women who were arrested had an average of **three** prior arrests
- 18% of the arrested suspects were confirmed gang members
- 30% were on probation, or parole, or had a warrant for their arrest at the time of the murder

84% had prior arrests

16% had no prior arrests
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Eight in ten were 16 to 37 years old

- Over 30% of the suspects arrested for murder were between 16 and 21 years old
- 7% of the arrested suspects were 19 years old
- Of the six suspects younger than 16, two were females
- The youngest suspect arrested for shooting and killing a person was a 14-year-old boy
- The oldest suspects arrested for murder were both 59 years old (two separate incidents, both domestic stabbings)

2% were 14 to 15 years old
82% were 16 to 37 years old
15% were 38 to 59 years old