

MURDER IN NEW YORK CITY



2011





In 2011, 515 people were classified as homicide victims in New York City.

This number includes 27 people who were assaulted in previous years (in one case as long ago as 1979) but who died in 2011, or who died in previous years but whose deaths were not classified as homicides (either by the Medical Examiner or through police investigation) until 2011.

The following pages present a visual analysis of these 515 victims, as well as the 373 suspects identified in their murders.



 **New York City's 2011 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?**
515 Homicide Victims in NYC

WHY:

- Dispute/Revenge- 38%
- Drug -12%
- Domestic - 18%
- Robbery/Burglary - 9%
- Gang - 5%
- Unknown - 15%
- Other- 4%

WHEN:

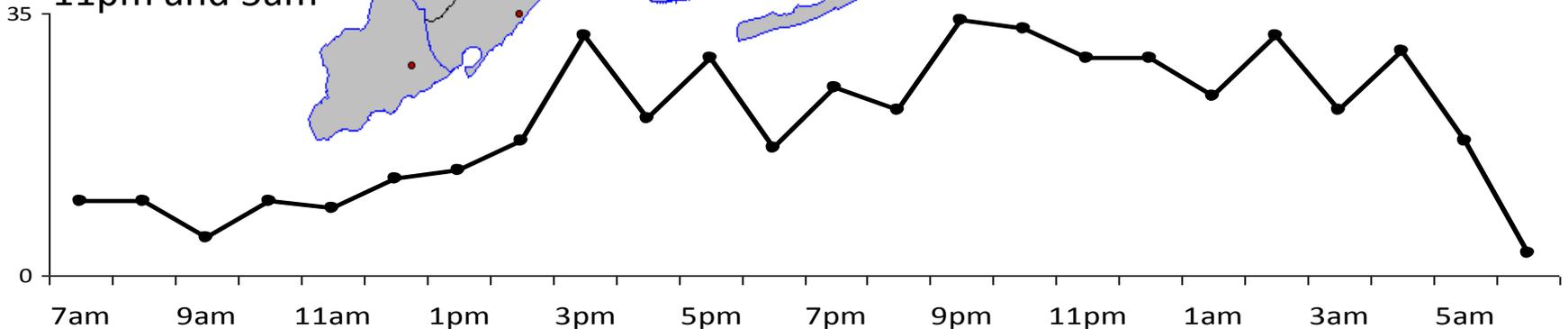
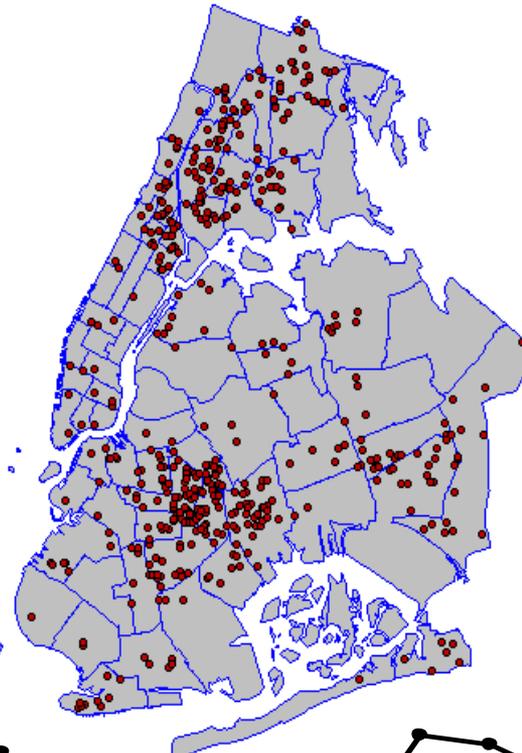
33% killed between 11pm and 5am

WHERE:

- Brooklyn- 38%
- Bronx- 29%
- Queens- 16%
- Manhattan- 14%
- Staten Island- 3%

HOW:

- Shot- 61%
- Stabbed- 22%
- Bludgeoned- 10%
- Physical Force- 5%
- Other- 2%

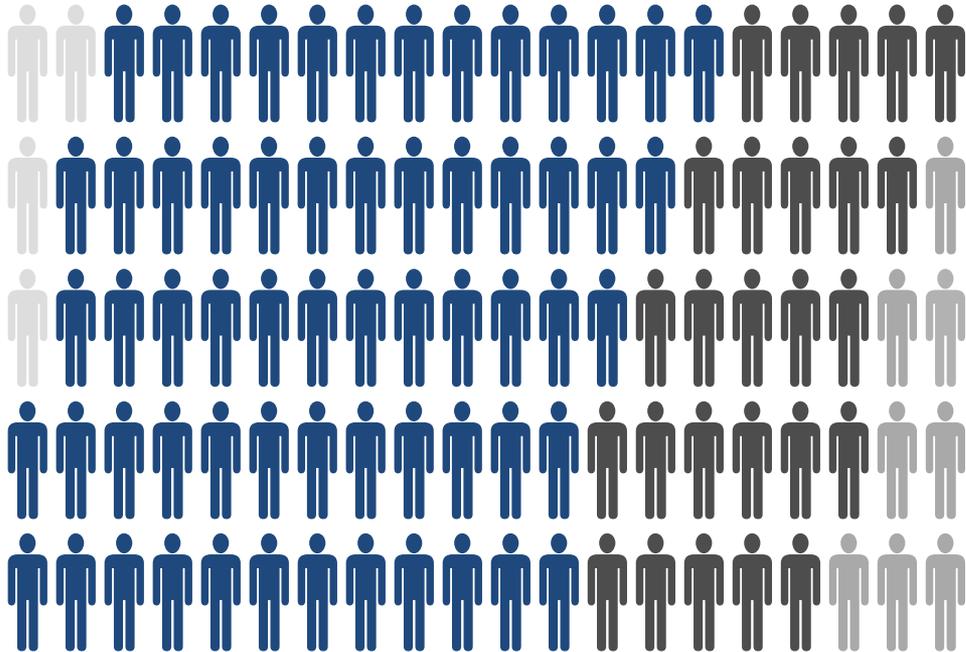




New York City's 2011 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?

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More than 60% were black



4% were Asian 62% were black 26% were Hispanic 8% were white

- ▶ Black New Yorkers, who make up 23% of the City's population, represent 62% of those murdered; 38% of all victims were male blacks aged 16 to 37

- ▶ 86% of black males aged 16 to 21 were killed with a gun

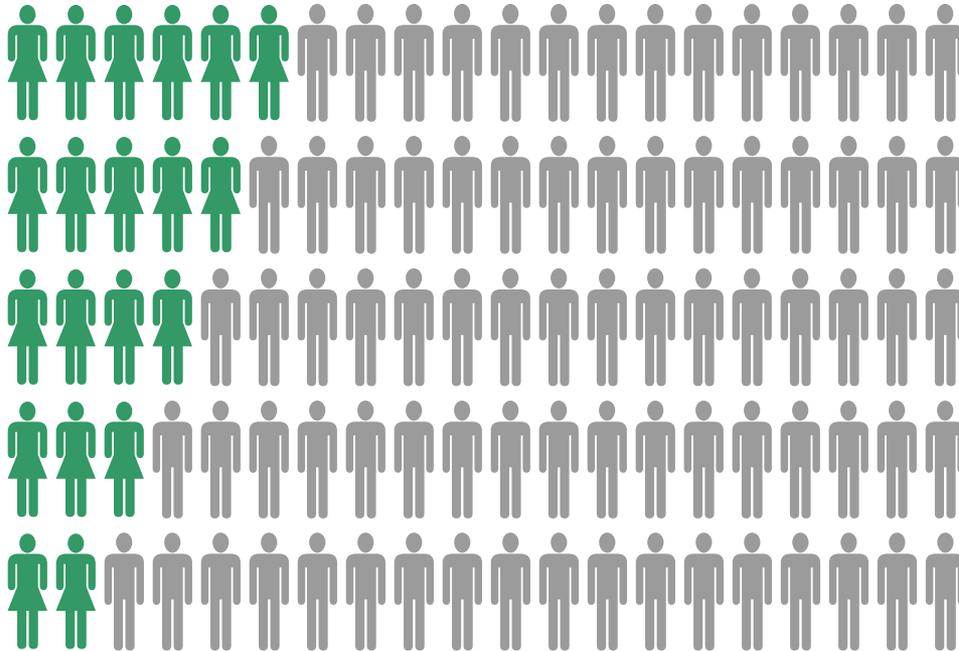
- ▶ 46% of New Yorkers are non-Hispanic white or Asian, yet these groups represent only 12% of those murdered



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One in five were women



20% were female

80% were male

► Of all women murdered, 32% were killed with a firearm; for men the figure was 68%

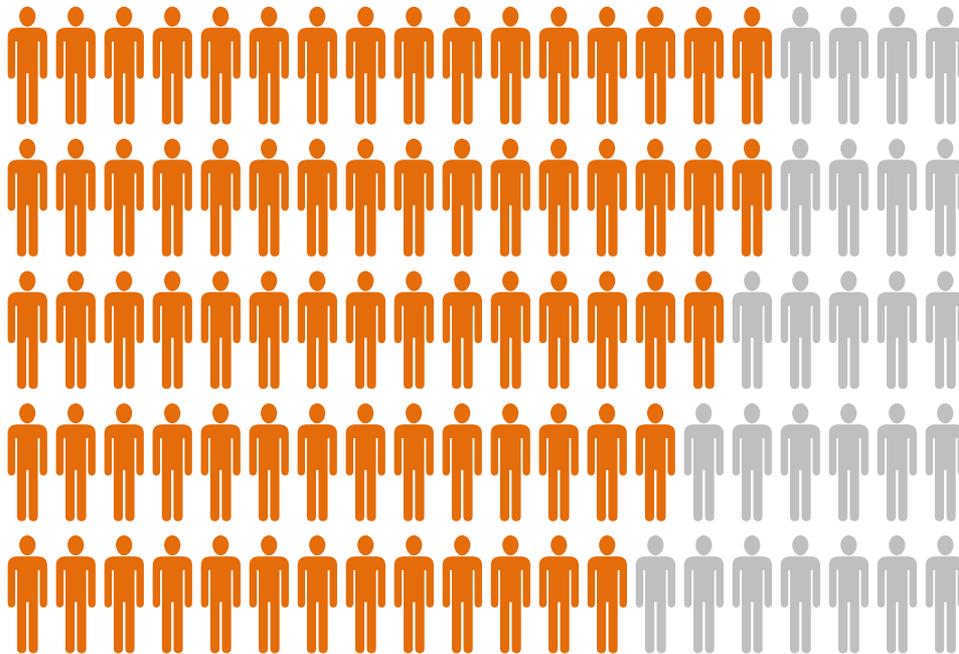
► 54% of all murders of women were incidents of domestic violence, compared to 9% of murders of men



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Nearly 75% had prior arrests



74% had prior arrests

26% had no prior arrests

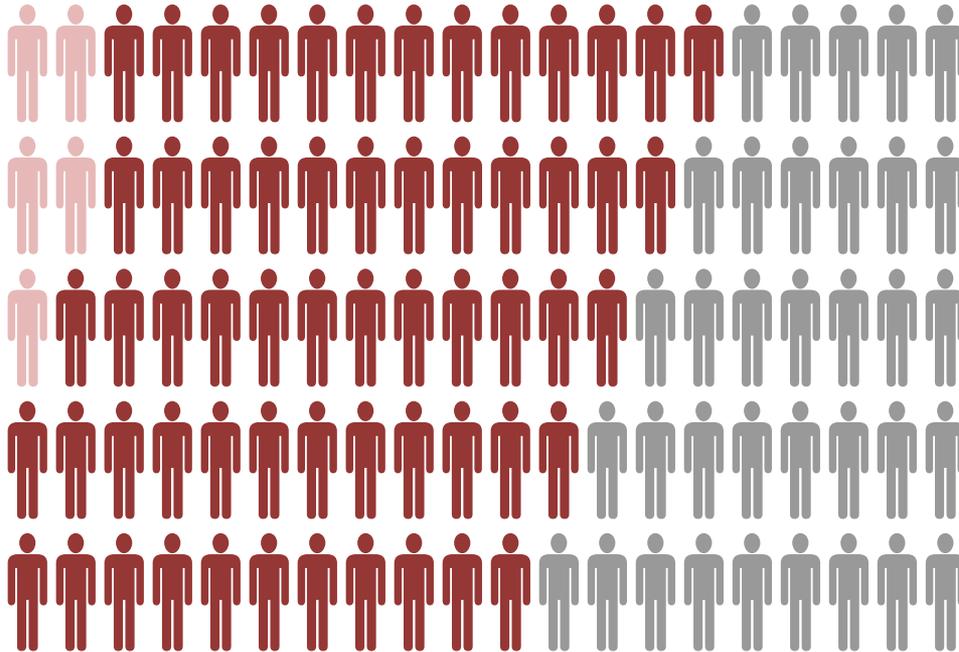
- ▶ 38% of victims had prior arrests for drug sales or possession
- ▶ One-fifth of victims were on probation, parole, or had a warrant for their arrest at the time of death
- ▶ 11% of victims were confirmed gang members
- ▶ 64% of female victims had no prior arrest records



New York City's 2011 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?

515 Homicide Victims in NYC

Three-fifths were 16 to 37 years old



5% were 0 to 15 years old 62% were 16 to 37 years old 33% were 38 to 95 years old

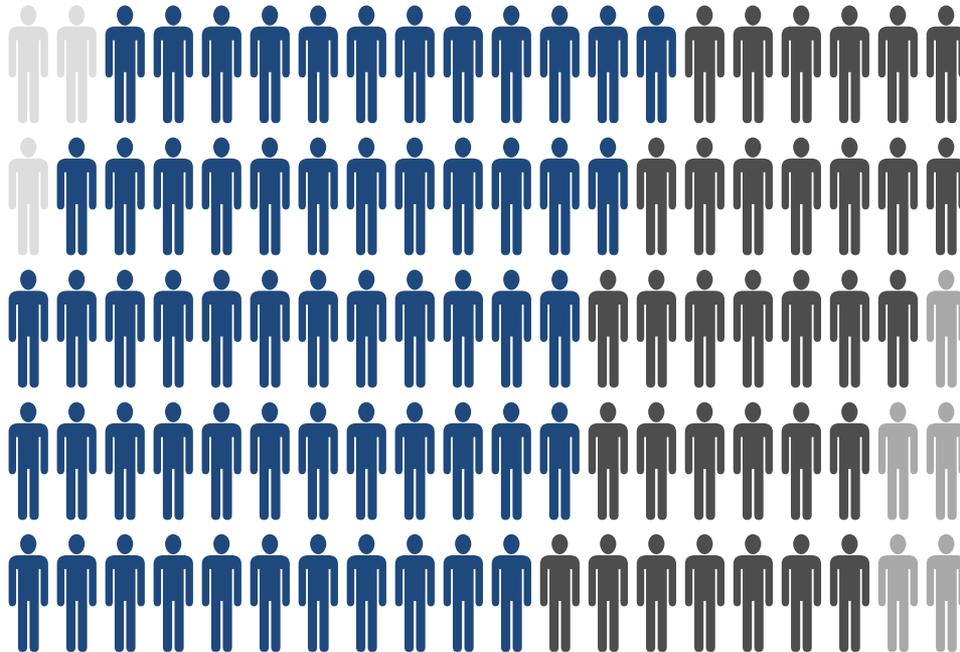
- ▶ The average age of 2011 murder victims was 33 years, while the median age was 29 years
- ▶ In 2011, 5% of murder victims were children aged 0-15, and 58% of these children were under three years old
- ▶ The proportion of victims aged 16-37 fell from 70% in 2010 to 62% in 2011, and the number of victims aged 60 and over nearly doubled



New York City's 2011 Murder Suspects-- Who Are They?

373 known suspects (arrested and not arrested) as of 03/14/2012

Nearly 60% were black



3% were Asian 59% were black 33% were Hispanic 5% were white

▶ Among black suspects arrested or identified, 83% of their victims were also black

▶ From 2010 to 2011 the number of black murder victims declined 10%; the entire decline in overall murders can be attributed to fewer black victims

▶ Among Hispanic suspects arrested or identified, 66% of their victims were also Hispanic

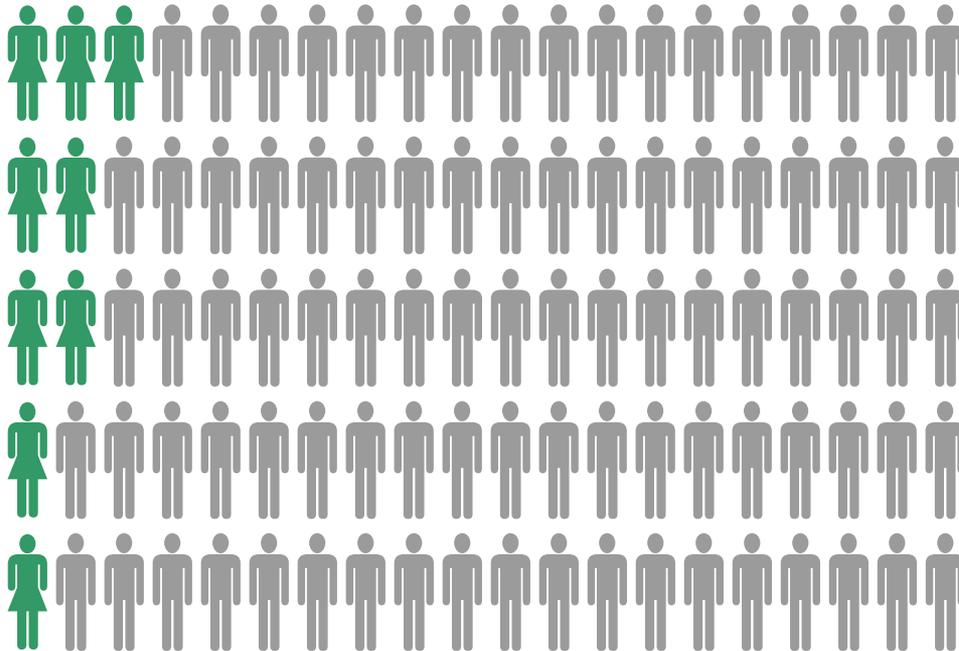
▶ 55% of Asian and white suspects were involved in domestic incidents



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Fewer than **one in ten** were women



9% were female

91% were male

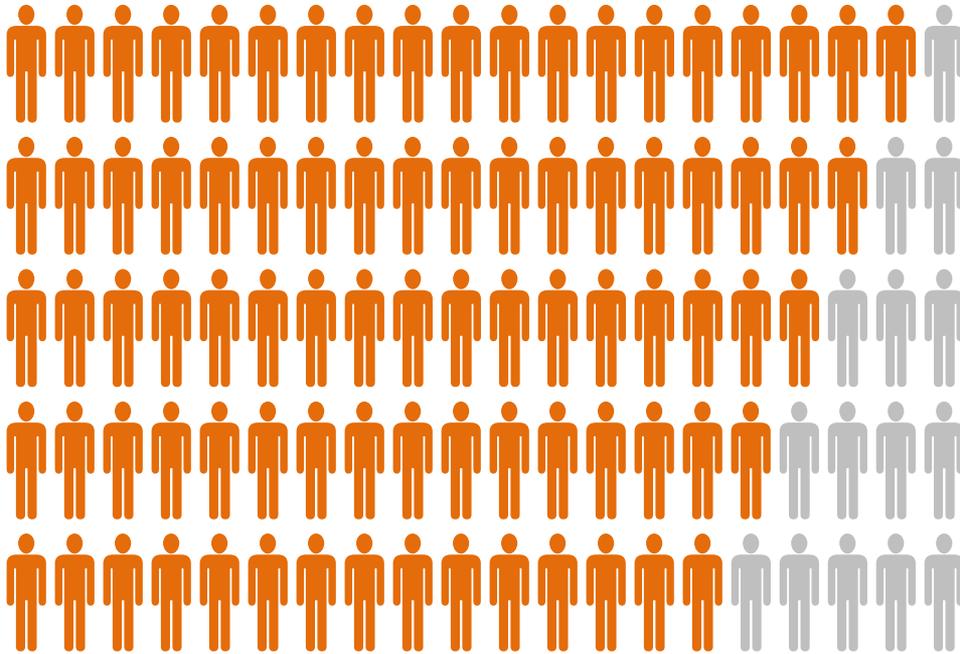
- ▶ Of the women arrested for murder in 2011, nearly 65% occurred during domestic incidents
- ▶ 55% of these domestic incident female murder suspects stabbed their victim to death
- ▶ One-quarter of these females were arrested for killing a child
- ▶ Five female suspects (18%) shot their victims
- ▶ 24% of female suspects' victims were also female



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85% had prior arrests



85% had prior arrests

15% had no prior arrests

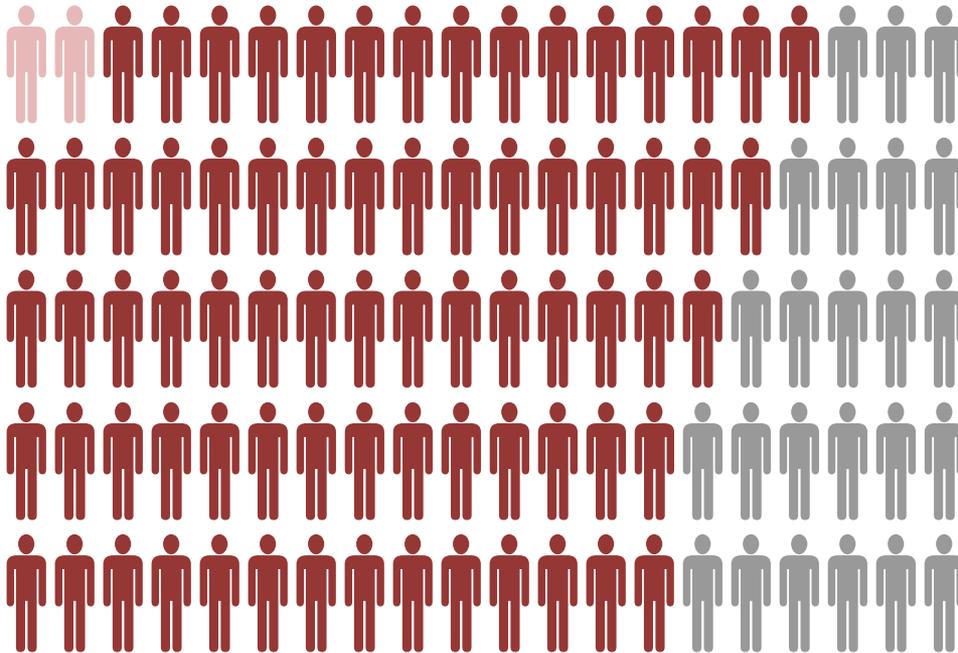
- ▶ 42% of suspects had prior arrests for drug sales or possession
- ▶ Nearly one-quarter of suspects were on probation, parole, or had a warrant out for their arrest at the time of their murder incident
- ▶ 14% of suspects were confirmed gang members
- ▶ 29% of female suspects had no prior arrests



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Three-quarters were **16 to 37** years old



2% were 14 to 15 years old

75% were 16 to 37 years old

23% were 38 to 76 years old

▶ The average age of suspects was 29 years; the median age was 25 years

▶ 34% of murder suspects were ages 16 and 21

▶ The youngest suspects arrested for murder were both 14 (one was a female in a domestic incident)

▶ The oldest suspect was 76 (also a domestic incident)