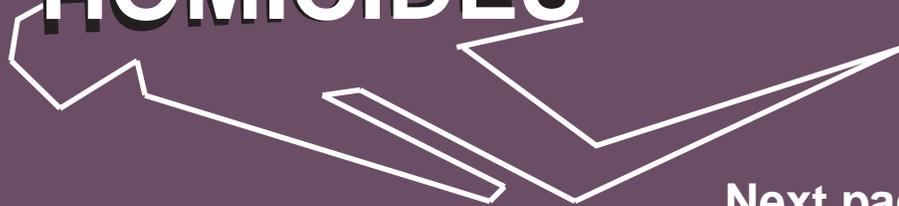


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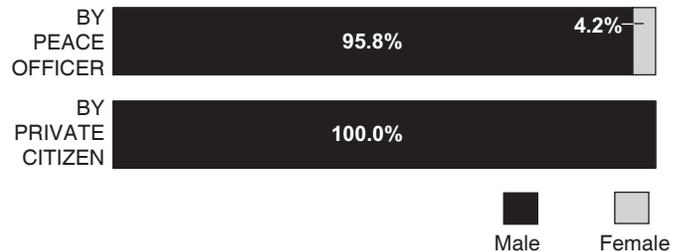
A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides.

When justifiable homicides were examined, it was found that:

In 2003,

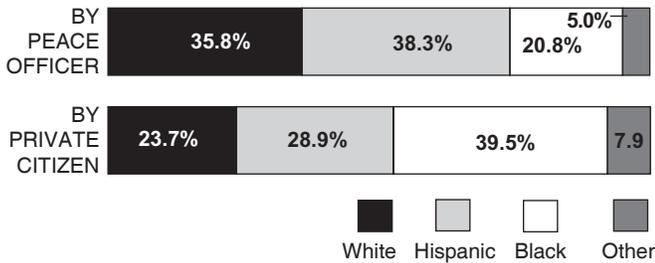
- 95.8 percent of felons (115) killed by peace officers were male; 4.2 percent were female (5).
- 100.0 percent of felons (38) killed by private citizens were male.

Figure 48
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
By Gender of Deceased



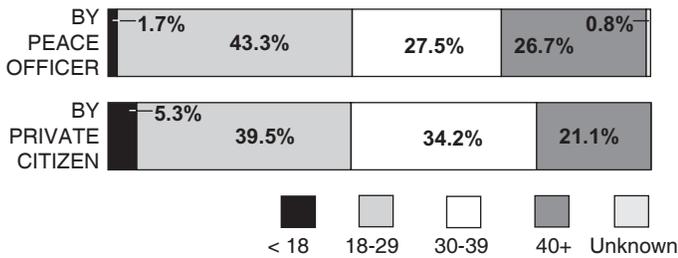
Source: Table 39.

Figure 49
 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



Source: Table 39.
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 50
 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
 By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 39.
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2003,

- 35.8 percent (43) of felons killed by peace officers were white, 38.3 percent (46) were Hispanic, 20.8 percent (25) were black, and 5.0 percent (6) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- 23.7 percent (9) of felons killed by private citizens were white, 28.9 percent (11) were Hispanic, 39.5 percent (15) were black, and 7.9 percent (3) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- 1.7 percent (2) of felons killed by peace officers were under age 18, 43.3 percent (52) were aged 18-29, 27.5 percent (33) were aged 30-39, 26.7 percent (32) were aged 40 and over, and 0.8 percent (1) fell into the “unknown” age category.
- 5.3 percent (2) of felons killed by private citizens were under age 18, 39.5 percent (15) were aged 18-29, 34.2 percent (13) were aged 30-39, and 21.1 percent (8) were aged 40 and over.

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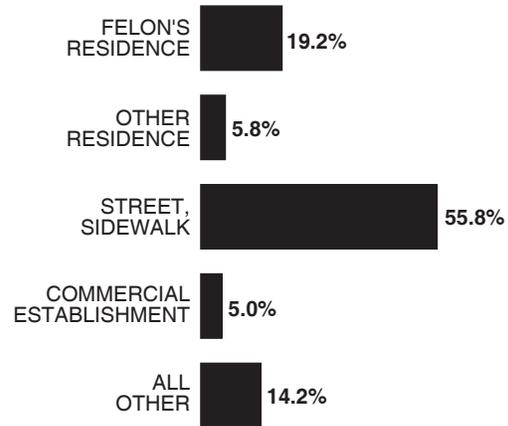
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When justifiable homicides were examined by location, it was found that:

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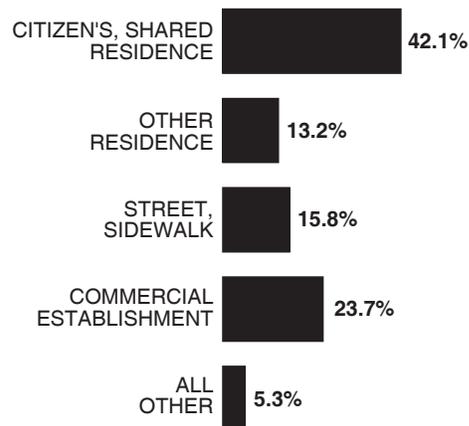
- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed on a street or sidewalk (55.8 percent).
- The largest percentage of felons killed by private citizens fell into the “citizen’s, shared residence” category (42.1 percent).

Figure 51
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2003
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.

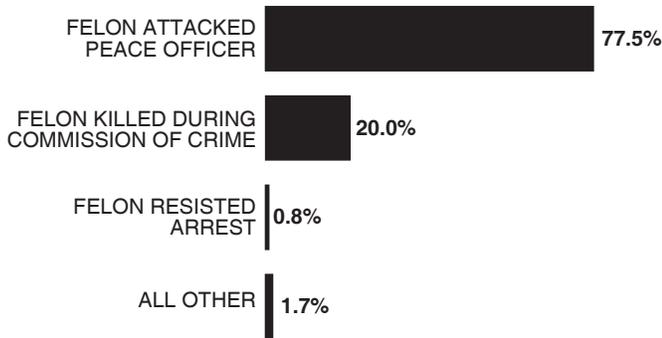
Figure 52
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.

Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 53
 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2003
 By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

Figure 54
 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
 By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

When justifiable homicides were examined by contributing circumstance, it was found that:

In 2003,

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed while attacking a peace officer (77.5 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed during the commission of a crime (63.2 percent).

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