

***JUSTIFIABLE  
HOMICIDE***

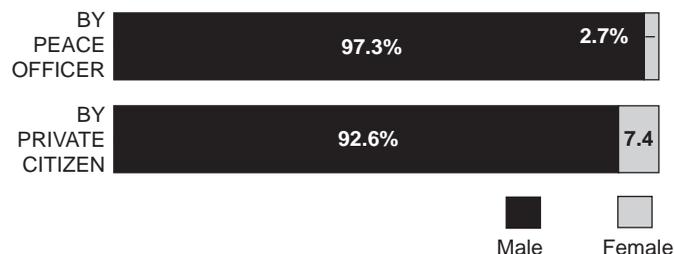
## JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

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.

In 2005, when justifiable homicides were examined by gender, it was found that:

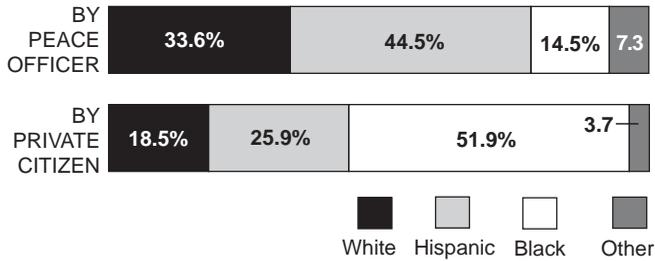
- 97.3 percent of felons (107) killed by peace officers were male; 2.7 percent were female (3).
- 92.6 percent of felons (25) killed by private citizens were male; 7.4 percent were female (2).

Figure 49  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2005  
By Gender of Deceased



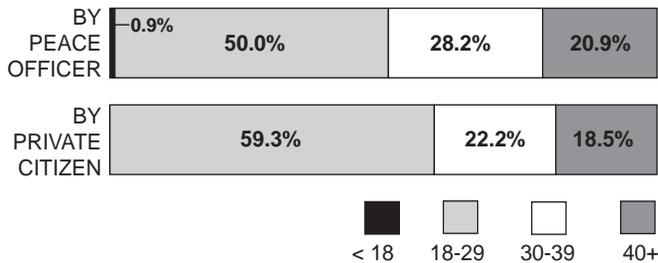
Source: Table 39.

Figure 50  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2005  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



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

Figure 51  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2005  
By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 39.

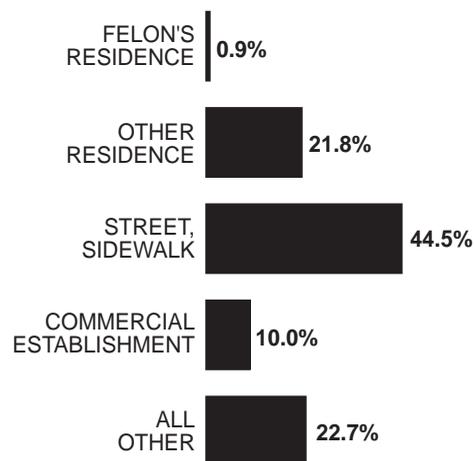
**In 2005,**

- 33.6 percent (37) of felons killed by peace officers were white, 44.5 percent (49) were Hispanic, 14.5 percent (16) were black, and 7.3 percent (8) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- 18.5 percent (5) of felons killed by private citizens were white, 25.9 percent (7) were Hispanic, 51.9 percent (14) were black, and 3.7 percent (1) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- 0.9 percent (1) of felons killed by peace officers were under age 18, 50.0 percent (55) were aged 18–29, 28.2 percent (31) were aged 30–39, and 20.9 percent (23) were aged 40 and over.
- 59.3 percent (16) of felons killed by private citizens were aged 18–29, 22.2 percent (6) were aged 30–39, and 18.5 percent (5) were aged 40 and over.

In 2005, when justifiable homicides were examined by location, it was found that:

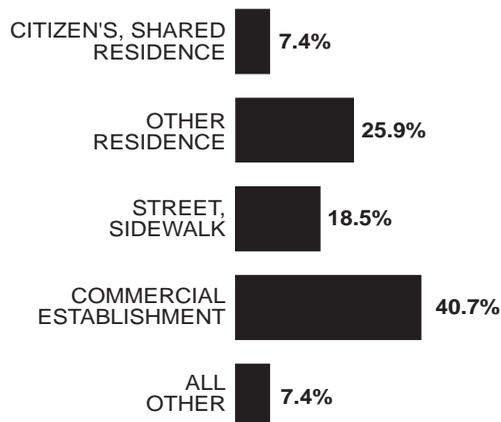
- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed on a street or sidewalk (44.5 percent).
- The largest percentage of felons killed by private citizens fell into the “commercial establishment” category (40.7 percent).

Figure 52  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2005  
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



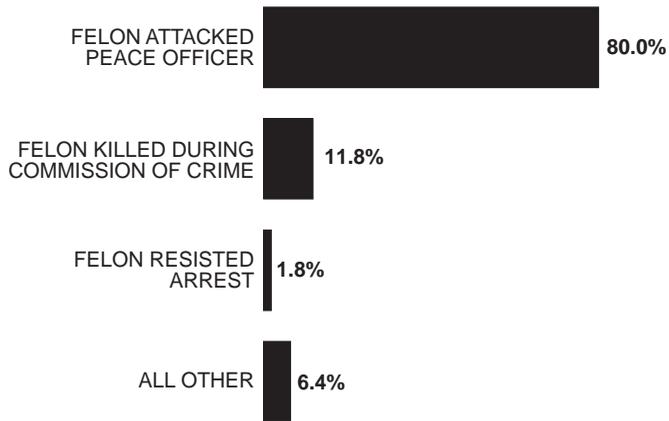
Source: Table 40.  
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 53  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2005  
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.  
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 54  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2005  
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

In 2005, when justifiable homicides were examined by contributing circumstance, it was found that:

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed while attacking a peace officer (80.0 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed while committing a crime (55.6 percent).

Figure 55  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2005  
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.