

MURDER IN NEW YORK CITY



2012





In 2012, 419 people were classified as murder victims in New York City - - the lowest number of murder victims in over 50 years.

- This is a decline of 19% from 2011.
- 96% of the decline from 2011 to 2012 can be attributed to fewer black and Hispanic murder victims.

The number of murder victims includes 14 people who were assaulted in previous years (in one case as long ago as 1973) but who died in 2012, or who died in previous years but whose deaths were not classified as murders (either by the Medical Examiner or through police investigation) until 2012.

The following pages present a visual analysis of these 419 victims, as well as the 290 suspects identified as of February 28, 2013, in their murders.



New York City's 2012 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?

419 Homicide Victims in NYC

WHY:

Dispute/Revenge- 42%

Drug -11%

Domestic - 18%

Robbery/Burglary - 6%

Gang - 9%

Unknown - 13%

Other- 1%

WHEN:

37% killed between 11pm and 5am

WHERE:

Brooklyn- 36%

Bronx- 27%

Queens- 20%

Manhattan- 15%

Staten Island- 2%

HOW:

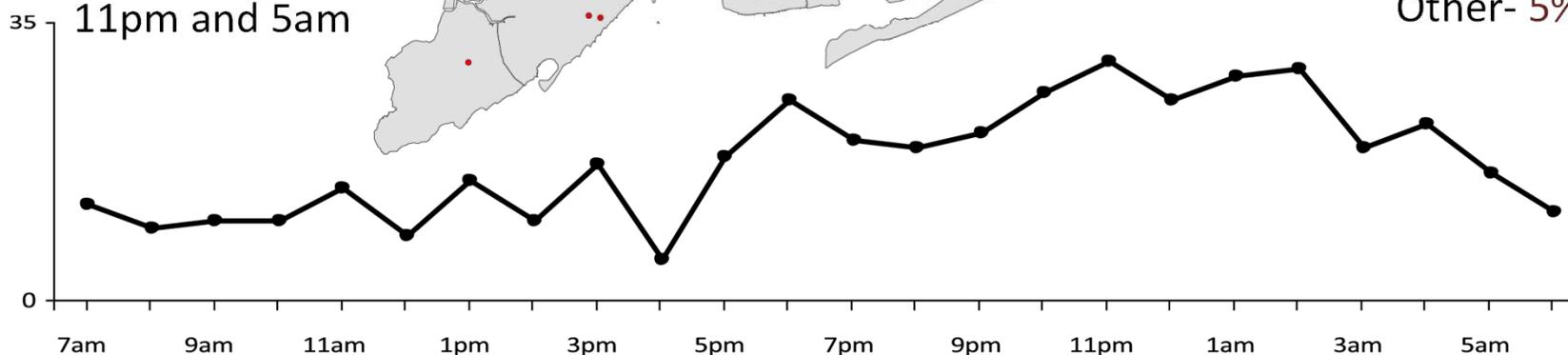
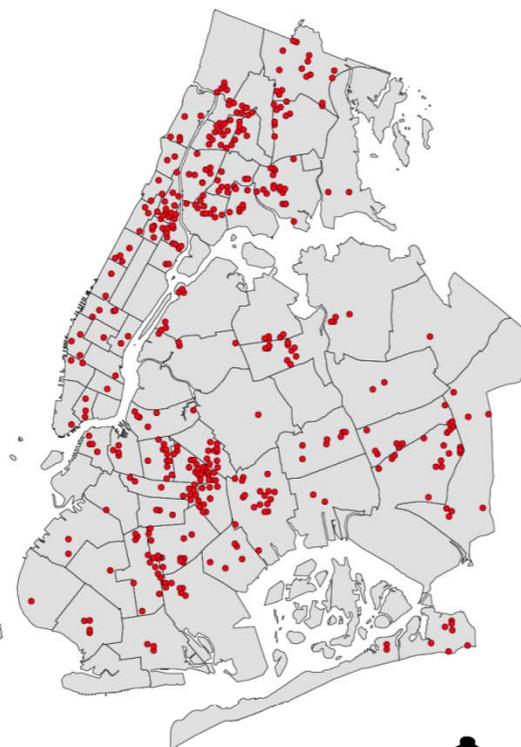
Shot- 57%

Stabbed- 21%

Bludgeoned- 11%

Physical Force- 6%

Other- 5%

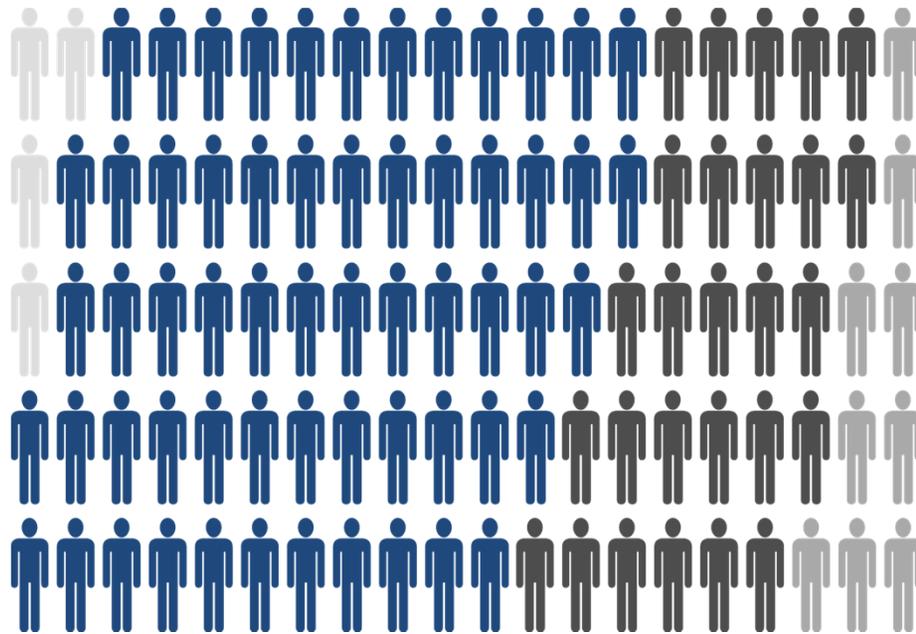




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419 Homicide Victims in NYC

60% were black



4% were Asian 60% were black 27% were Hispanic 9% were white

▶ Black New Yorkers, who make up 23% of the City's population, represent 60% of those murdered; nearly 40% of all victims were male blacks aged 16 to 37

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

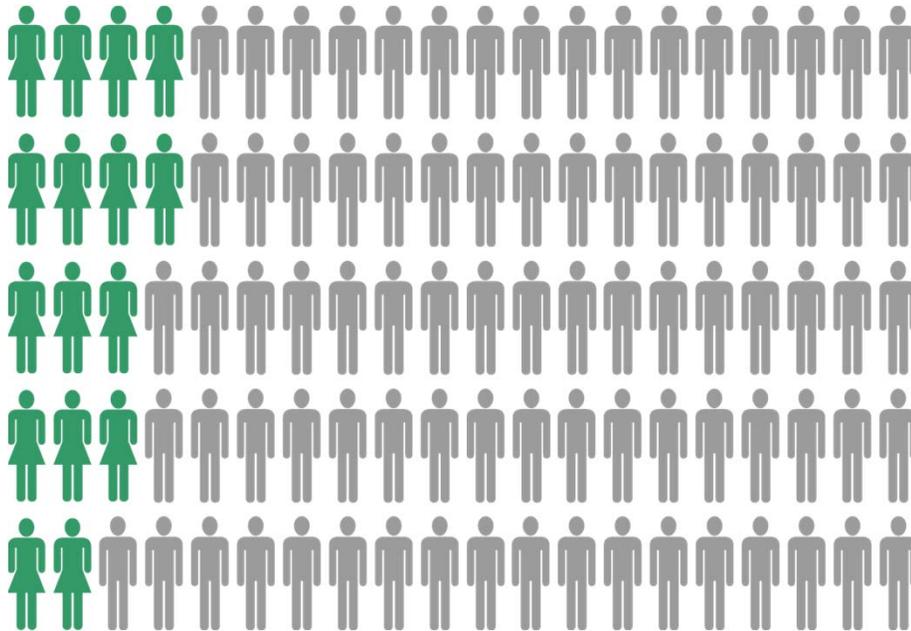
▶ 46% of New Yorkers are non-Hispanic white or Asian, yet these groups represent only 13% of those murdered



New York City's 2012 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?

419 Homicide Victims in NYC

One in six were women



16% were female

84% were male

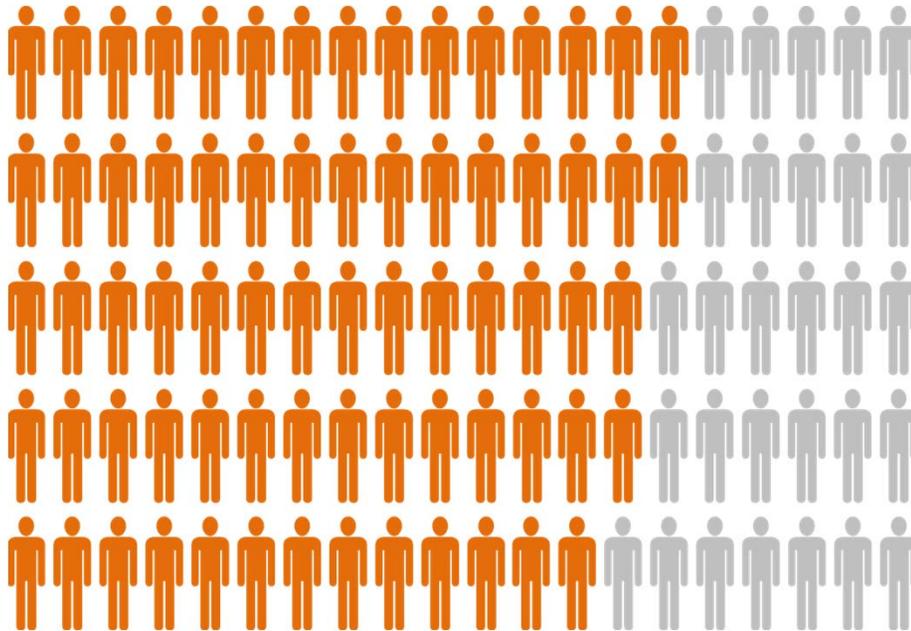
- ▶ Of all women murdered, 27% were killed with a firearm; for men the figure was 64%
- ▶ Of all women murdered, 34% were stabbed; for men the figure was 18%
- ▶ 68% of all murders of women were incidents of domestic violence, compared to 7% of murders of men



New York City's 2012 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?

419 Homicide Victims in NYC

Seven out of ten had prior arrests



71% had prior arrests

29% had no prior arrests

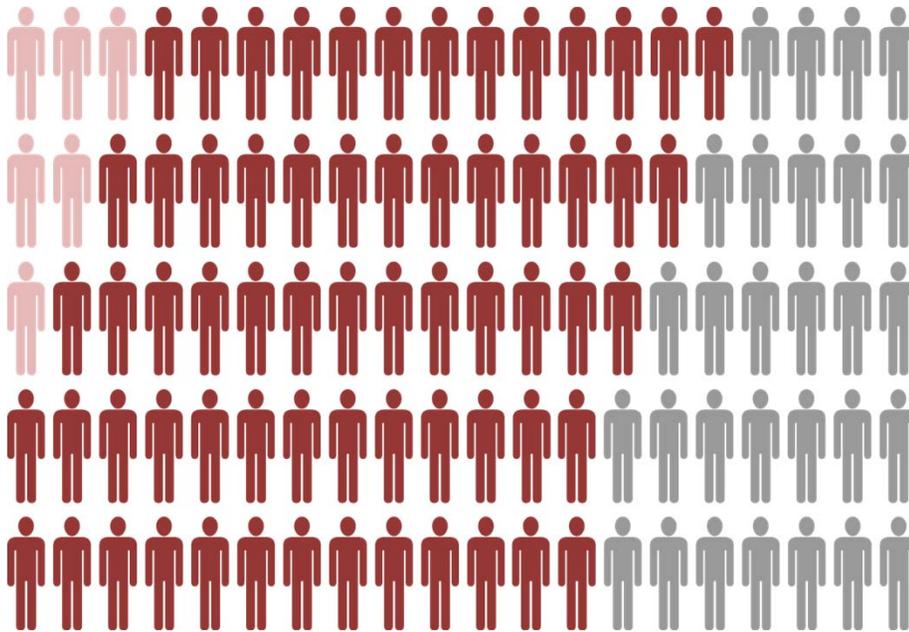
- ▶ One-fifth of victims were on probation, parole, or had a warrant for their arrest at the time of death
- ▶ 10% of victims were confirmed gang members
- ▶ 71% of female victims had no prior arrest records
- ▶ 21% of male victims had no prior arrest records



New York City's 2012 Murder Victims--- Who Were They?

419 Homicide Victims in NYC

Nearly **Two-thirds** were 16 to 37 years old



6% were 0 to 15 years old 65% were 16 to 37 years old 29% were 38 to 95 years old

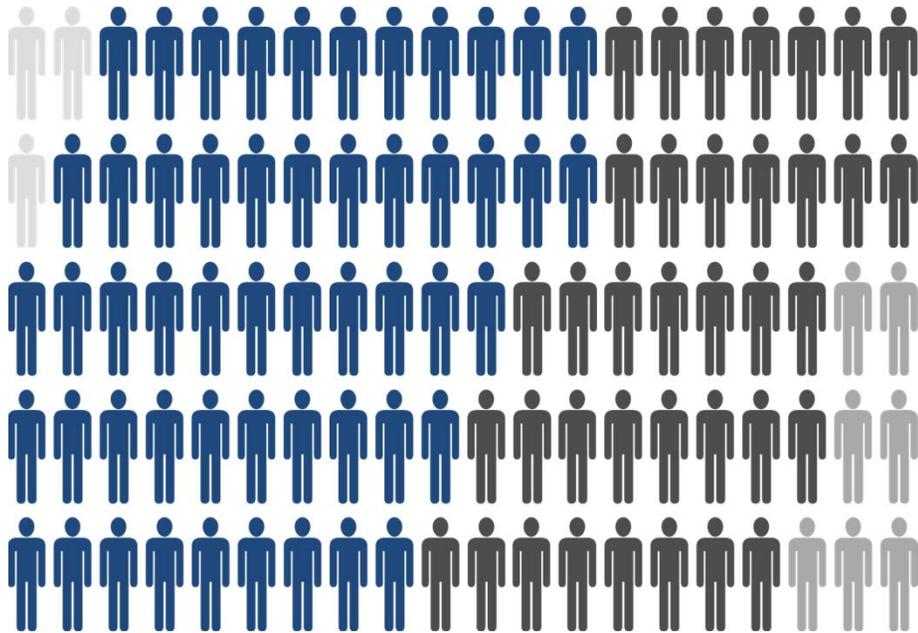
- ▶ There were 96 fewer murder victims in 2012 compared with 2011 (419 vs. 515)
- ▶ 96% of the decline can be attributed to fewer black and Hispanic victims
- ▶ There were 92 fewer black and Hispanic murder victims in 2012 compared with 2011
- ▶ The average age of 2012 murder victims was 32 years, while the median age was 27 years
- ▶ In 2012, 6% of murder victims were children aged 0-15, and 44% of these children were under three years old



New York City's 2012 Murder Suspects-- Who Are They?

290 known suspects (arrested and not arrested) as of 02/05/2013

Over 90% were black or Hispanic



3% were Asian 53% were black 37% were Hispanic 7% were white

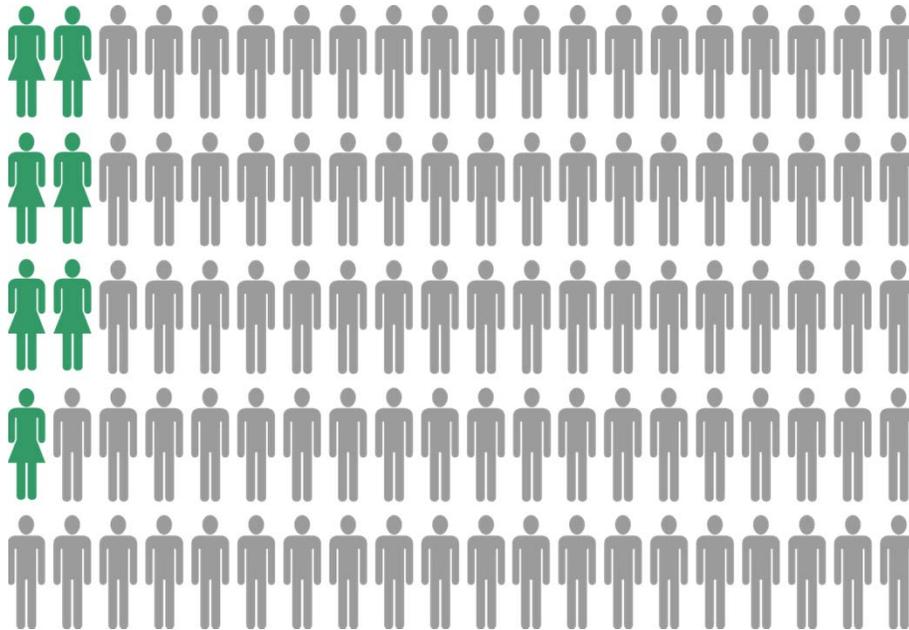
- ▶ Among black suspects arrested or identified, 83% of their victims were also black
- ▶ Among Hispanic suspects arrested or identified, 72% of their victims were also Hispanic
- ▶ 54% of Asian and white suspects were involved in domestic incidents



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Approximately **one in fifteen** were women



7% were female

93% were male

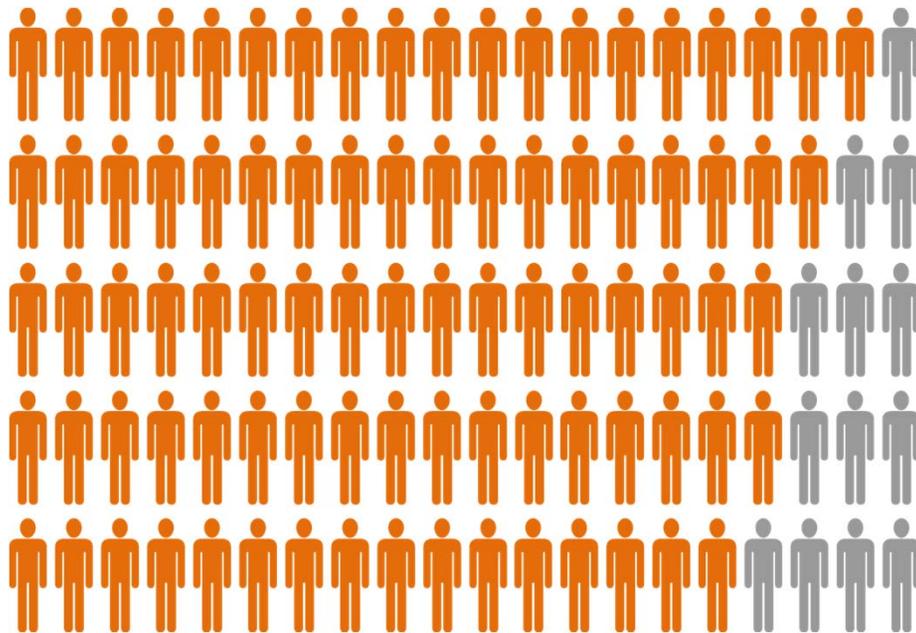
- ▶ Of the women arrested for murder in 2012, half occurred during domestic incidents
- ▶ 44% of these females were arrested for killing a child
- ▶ Not one female suspect shot her victim
- ▶ 21% of female suspects' victims were also female



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87% had at least one prior arrest



87% had prior arrests

13% had no prior arrests

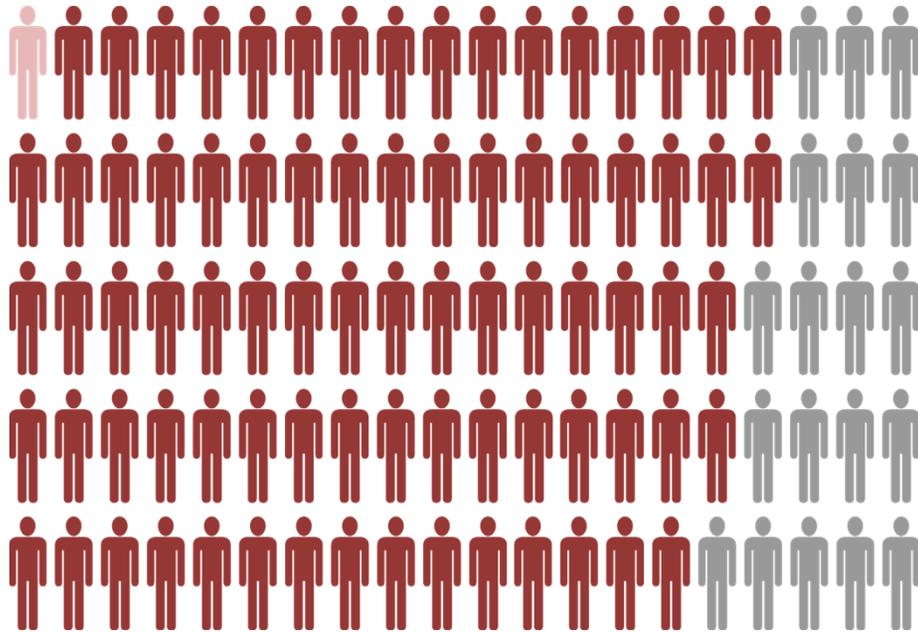
- ▶ 38% of suspects had prior arrests for drug sales or possession
- ▶ Over one-quarter of suspects were on probation, parole, or had a warrant for their arrest at the time of their murder incident
- ▶ 26% of female suspects had no prior arrests



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Nearly **Four out of Five** were **16 to 37** years old



Fewer than 1% were under 16 years old

79% were 16 to 37 years old

19% were 38 to 82 years old

- ▶ The average age of suspects was 30 years; the median age was 26 years
- ▶ 26% of murder suspects were ages 16 and 21
- ▶ The youngest suspect arrested for murder was 15
- ▶ The oldest suspect was 82