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Methods used to commit homicide, Canada, 1994-2004												
Year	Shooting		Stabbing		Beating		Strangulation/ Suffocation		Shaken baby syndrome ¹		Fire (smoke inhalation, burns)	
	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%
1994	196	32.9	154	25.8	106	17.8	84	14.1			17	2.9
1995	176	29.9	183	31.1	121	20.6	70	11.9			20	3.4
1996	212	33.4	195	30.7	132	20.8	59	9.3			8	1.3
1997	193	32.9	168	28.7	115	19.6	53	9.0	6	1.0	30	5.1
1998	151	27.1	186	33.3	125	22.4	61	10.9	6	1.1	12	2.2
1999 ^r	165	30.7	143	26.6	125	23.2	55	10.2	7	1.3	11	2.0
2000 ^r	184	33.7	149	27.3	128	23.4	39	7.1	13	2.4	5	0.9
2001	171	30.9	171	30.9	122	22.1	47	8.5	8	1.4	8	1.4
2002 ^r	152	26.1	182	31.3	126	21.7	66	11.3	8	1.4	9	1.5
2003 ^r	161	29.3	142	25.9	121	22.0	64	11.7	8	1.5	12	2.2
2004	172	27.7	205	33.0	136	21.9	63	10.1	6	1.0	13	2.1

Year	Poisoning		Vehicle ¹		Other ²		Unknown ³		Total	
	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%
1994	11	1.8			22	3.7	6	1.0	596	100.0
1995	6	1.0			6	1.0	6	1.0	588	100.0
1996	6	0.9			12	1.9	11	1.7	635	100.0
1997	8	1.4	6	1.0	2	0.3	5	0.9	586	100.0
1998	6	1.1	3	0.5	2	0.4	6	1.1	558	100.0
1999 ^r	5	0.9	13	2.4	4	0.7	10	1.9	538	100.0
2000 ^r	4	0.7	14	2.6	1	0.2	9	1.6	546	100.0
2001	8	1.4	5	0.9	5	0.9	8	1.4	553	100.0
2002 ^r	3	0.5	7	1.2	6	1.0	23	4.0	582	100.0
2003 ^r	6	1.1	6	1.1	7	1.3	22	4.0	549	100.0
2004	7	1.1	6	1.0		0.2	13	2.1	622	100.0

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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1. Data became available in 1997.

2. Other includes exposure/hypothermia, starvation/dehydration and, prior to 1997, Shaken Baby Syndrome and deaths caused by vehicles.

3. Includes 5 victims in 2004, 7 victims in 2003 and 15 victims in 2002 in which police in Port Coquitlam, B.C. reported the method used to commit homicide as unknown.

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Homicide Survey.