

Table 5

## Methods used to commit homicide, Canada, 1995 to 2005

Year	Shooting		Stabbing		Beating		Strangulation/ Suffocation		Shaken baby syndrome <sup>1</sup>		Fire (smoke inhalation, burns)	
	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%
1995	176	29.9	183	31.1	121	20.6	70	11.9			20	3.4
1996	212	33.4	195	30.7	131	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	165	30.7	143	26.6	125	23.2	55	10.2	7	1.3	11	2.0
2000	184	33.7	149	27.3	128	23.4	40	7.3	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	152	26.1	182	31.3	126	21.6	67	11.5	8	1.4	9	1.5
2003	161	29.3	142	25.9	121	22.0	64	11.7	8	1.5	12	2.2
2004 <sup>r</sup>	173	27.7	205	32.9	136	21.8	63	10.1	6	1.0	13	2.1
2005	222	33.7	198	30.1	145	22.0	45	6.8	12	1.8	7	1.1

  

Year	Poisoning		Vehicle <sup>1</sup>		Other <sup>2</sup>		Unknown		Total	
	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%	Number of victims	%
1995	6	1.0			6	1.0	6	1.0	588	100.0
1996	6	0.9			12	1.9	12	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	5	0.9	13	2.4	4	0.7	10	1.9	538	100.0
2000	4	0.7	14	2.6	1	0.2	8	1.5	546	100.0
2001	8	1.4	5	0.9	5	0.9	8	1.4	553	100.0
2002	3	0.5	7	1.2	6	1.0	22	3.8	582	100.0
2003	6	1.1	6	1.1	7	1.3	22	4.0	549	100.0
2004 <sup>r</sup>	8	1.3	6	1.0	1	0.2	13	2.1	624	100.0
2005	5	0.8	4	0.6	3	0.5	17	2.6	658	100.0

... figures not applicable

<sup>r</sup> revised

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.

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

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