When Men Murder Women
An Analysis of 2018 Homicide Data

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From 1996 to 2018, the rate of females killed by males in single victim/single offender incidents dropped from 1.57 per 100,000 females in 1996 to 1.28 per 100,000 females in 2018. Since reaching a low of 1.08 in 2014, the rate has increased, reaching 1.28 in 2018.
Nationwide, 1,946 females were murdered by males in single victim/single offender incidents, at a rate of 1.28 per 100,000.

Ninety-two percent of female victims knew their killers. Of these, almost two thirds (63%) were wives or other intimate acquaintances of their killers.

Black females were murdered by males at a rate nearly three times higher than white females (2.85 per 100,000 compared to 1.03 per 100,000).

American Indian and Alaskan Native females were murdered by males at a higher rate than white females (1.31 per 100,000).

Asian and Pacific Islander females were the least likely females of any race to be murdered by a male offender (0.52 per 100,000).

Hispanic ethnicity could not be determined on a national level because of the inadequacy of reporting and data collection.
Guns are the Most Common Weapon Used by Males to Kill Females (56%)
Handguns are the Most Common Type of Firearm Used by Males to Kill Females (69%)
Most Homicides are Not Felony Related (82%)
Sixty Percent of Non-Felony Homicides are Arguments

- Argument: 490, 40%
- Other Non-Felony: 729, 60%

Legend:
- Blue: Argument
- Orange: Other Non-Felony
Guns are the Most Common Weapon Used by Males to Kill Black Females (64%)
Handguns are the Most Common Type of Firearm Used by Males to Kill Black Females (70%)
Most Homicides of Black Females are Not Felony Related (81%)
Thirty-Three Percent of Non-Felony Homicides of Black Females are Arguments

- Argument: 117, 33%
- Other Non-Felony: 238, 67%
### 10 States with the Highest Rates of Females Killed by Males, 2018

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