

Homicide Deaths in South Dakota, 2020-2024

What is SD-VDRS?

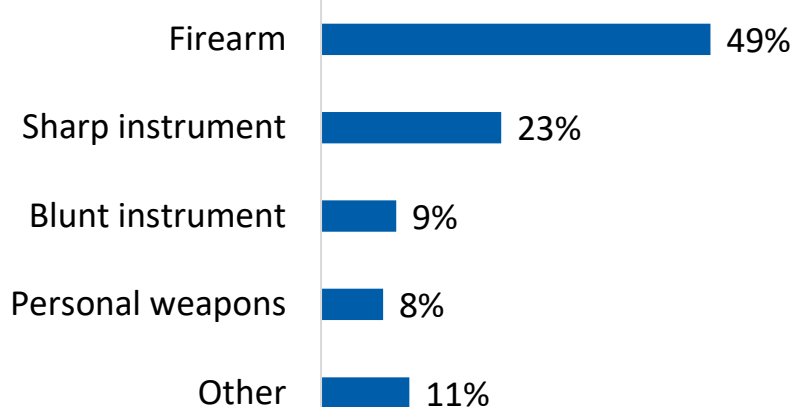
The South Dakota Violent Death Reporting System (SD-VDRS) is a CDC-funded state surveillance system that collects information on suicides, homicides, undetermined deaths, unintentional firearm deaths, and legal intervention deaths that occur in the state.

For more information and data, visit <https://doh.sd.gov/health-data-reports/injury-prevention/violent-death-reporting-system/>.

Homicide Deaths by Year

53 in 2020
43 in 2021
53 in 2022
39 in 2023
55 in 2024

49% of homicide deaths were firearm-related

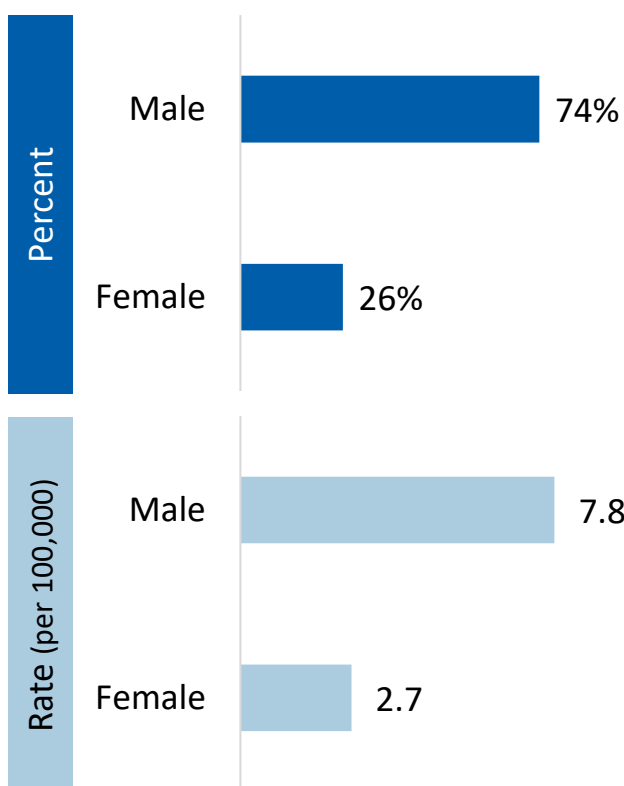


Homicide deaths were most often preceded by:

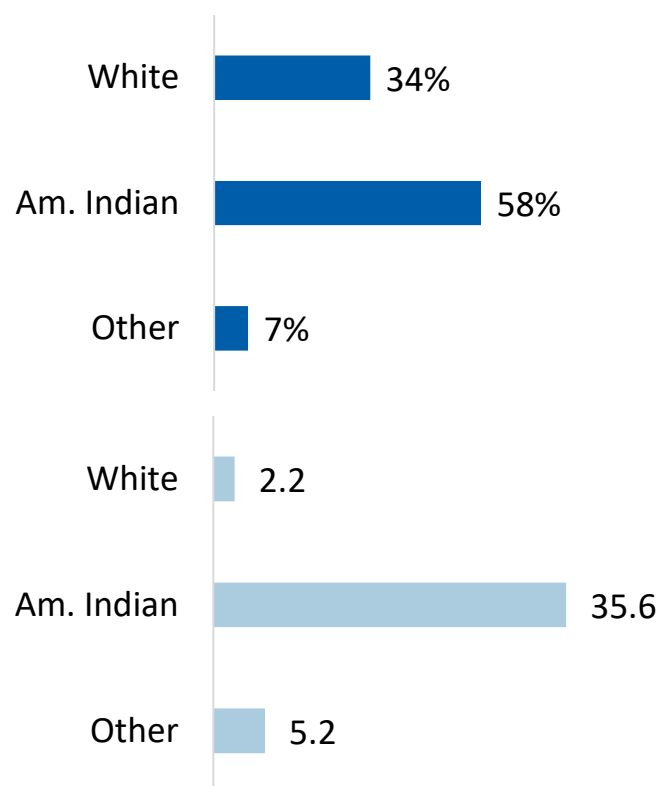
- Arguments (before or during incident)
- Another crime
- Intimate partner problem
- Physical fights

Circumstances are documented by coroners and/or law enforcement.

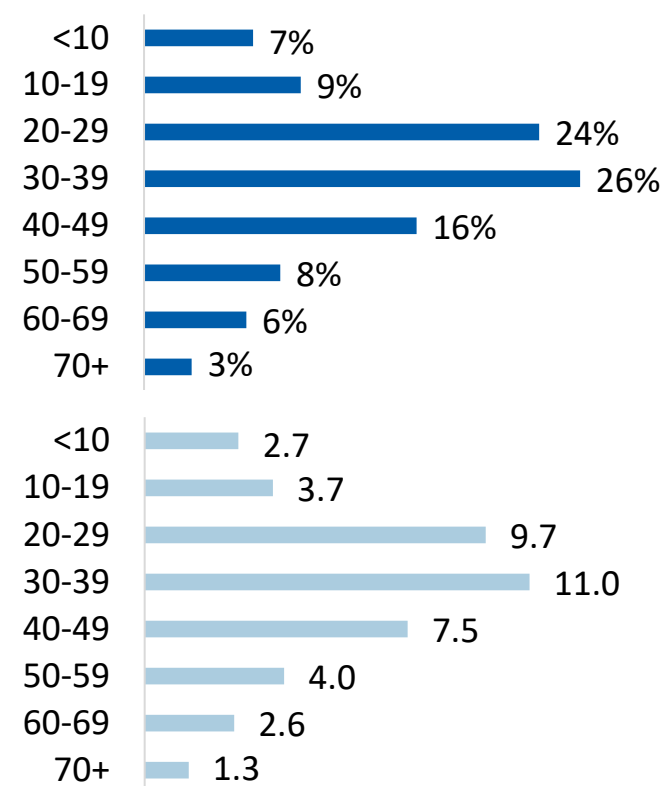
Homicide Deaths by Sex



Homicide Deaths by Race



Homicide Deaths by Age Group

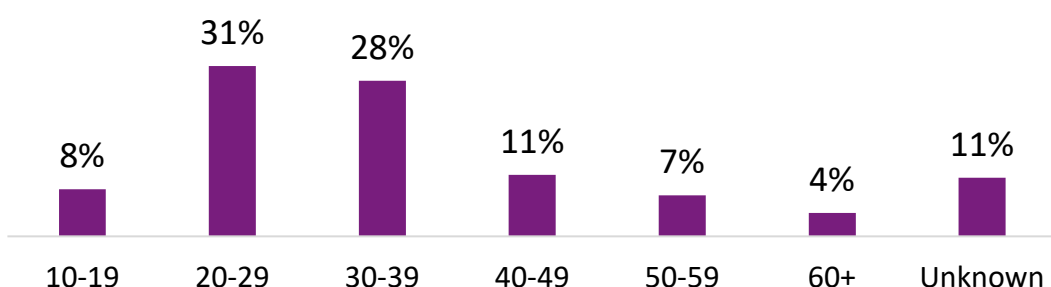


Homicide Suspect Information

Homicide Suspect Demographics

- Most suspects were male (86%)
- Most suspects were between the ages 20-39 years

Suspects by Age Group



Most homicide suspects knew their victim

- 67% of suspects knew their victim
- 10% of suspects were a stranger to the victim
- 23% of suspect/victim relationships were unknown

Homicide suspects often had:

- Contact with law enforcement within the past 12 months
- Suspected alcohol use in the hours preceding the incident
- Suspected substance use in the hours preceding the incident