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JANUARY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2002

Characteristics of Homicide Victims in the City of Dallas

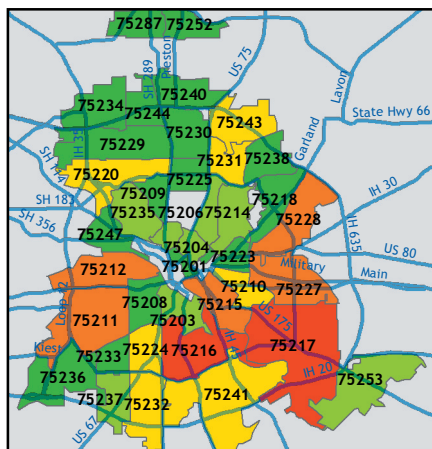
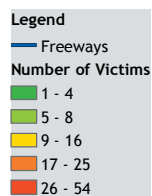
OVERALL KEY FACTS

- Homicide was the sixth leading cause of death in the City of Dallas.
- The City of Dallas accounted for 72% of all the homicides in Dallas County.
- 394 people were homicide victims in the City of Dallas in 2001 and 2002.
- The number of traffic fatalities was less than the number of homicides.
- 78% were murdered with a firearm.

HOMICIDE AND GENDER

- 78% of homicide victims were male.
- 85% of African American victims and 86% of Hispanic victims were male.

MAP 1 Frequency of Homicide Victims by Zipcode of Residence (2001-2002)



Source Texas Dept. of HealthMortality Files, 2001-2002

- 35% of white homicide victims were female compared to 15% of African Americans and 14% of Hispanics.

HOMICIDE AND AGE

- 16% of all homicide victims were under the age of 19.
- More than half of all homicide victims (52%) were between the ages 20-34.
- Roughly 1 in 3 female homicide victims was aged 20-29.

	NUMBER	PERCENT
1-14	13	3.3
15-19	51	12.9
20-24	85	21.6
25-29	78	19.8
30-34	43	10.9
35-39	37	9.4
40-44	26	6.6
45-49	22	5.6
50 +	39	9.9
TOTAL	394	100

TABLE 1 Age Distribution of Homicide Victims in Dallas, 2001-2002

Source Texas Dept of Health Mortality Files, 2001-2002

HOMICIDE AND RACE

- 50% were African American and 33% were Hispanic.
- Only 49 out of 394 homicide victims were white.

HOMICIDE AND EDUCATION

- 50% of homicide victims had not completed high school.
- Only 15 homicide victims in Dallas had attained a college degree.
- 82% of all homicide victims never attended college.

All statistics are specific to the City of Dallas and pertain to the study period of January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. Source: Texas Dept of Health Mortality Files, 2001-2002.

