

The Global Study on Homicide 2023

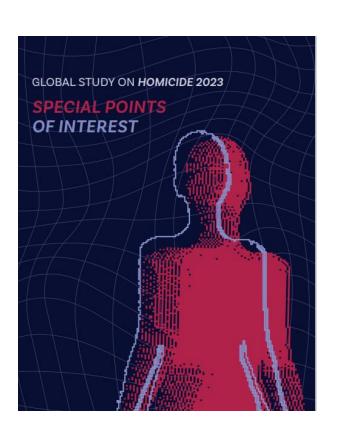
KEY FINDINGS

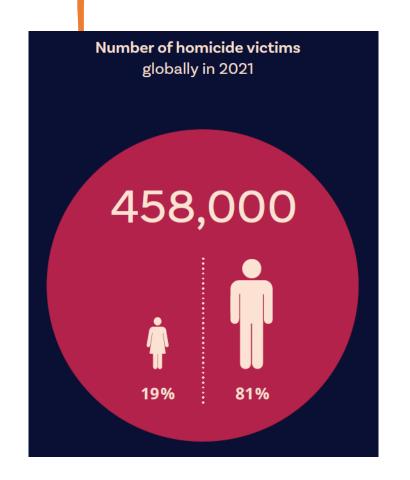






Comparable global data series



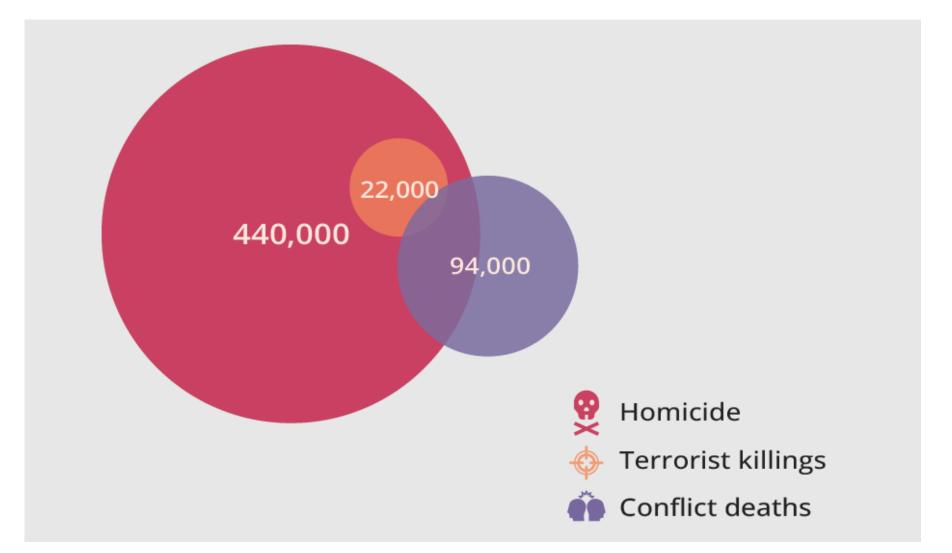








Average annual number of deaths caused by homicide, terrorism and conflict, 2019-2021 average

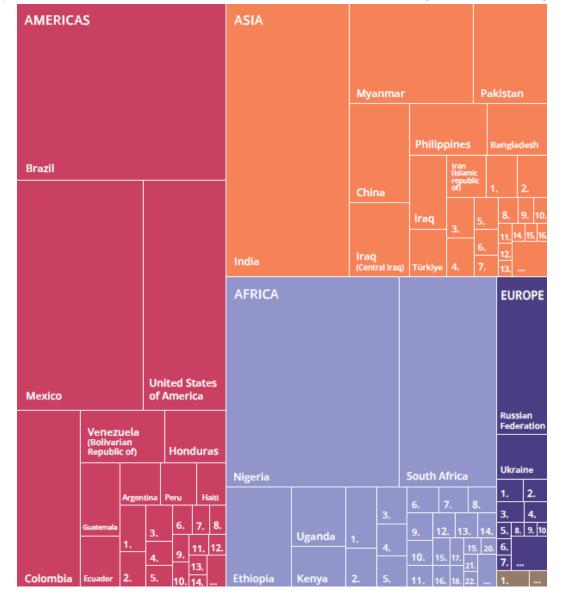








Share of global number of homicides by country, 2021









Total number of homicide victims by region, 2021

Homicide rate, by region 2021



Estimated number of intentional homicide victims (2021)

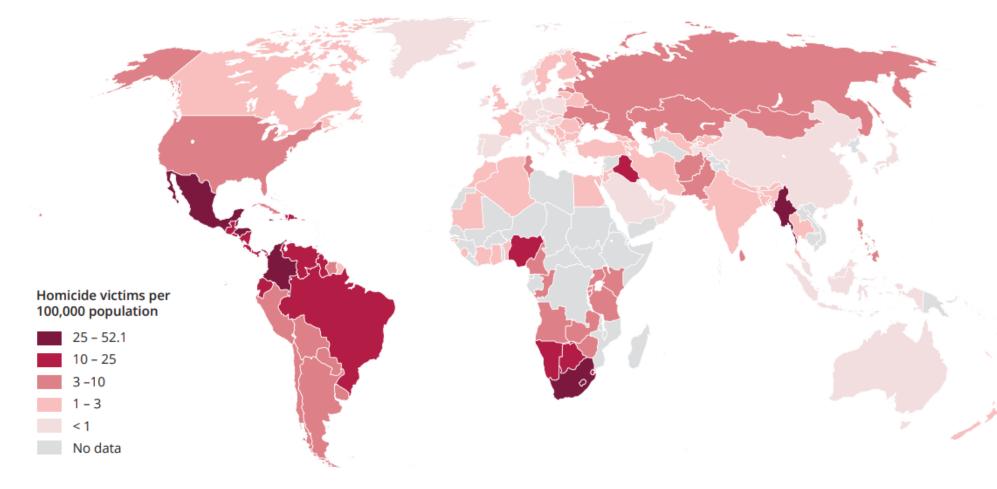
Victims of intentional homicide per 100,000 population







MAP 1 Homicide rate by country or territory, 2021 or latest available year since 2016



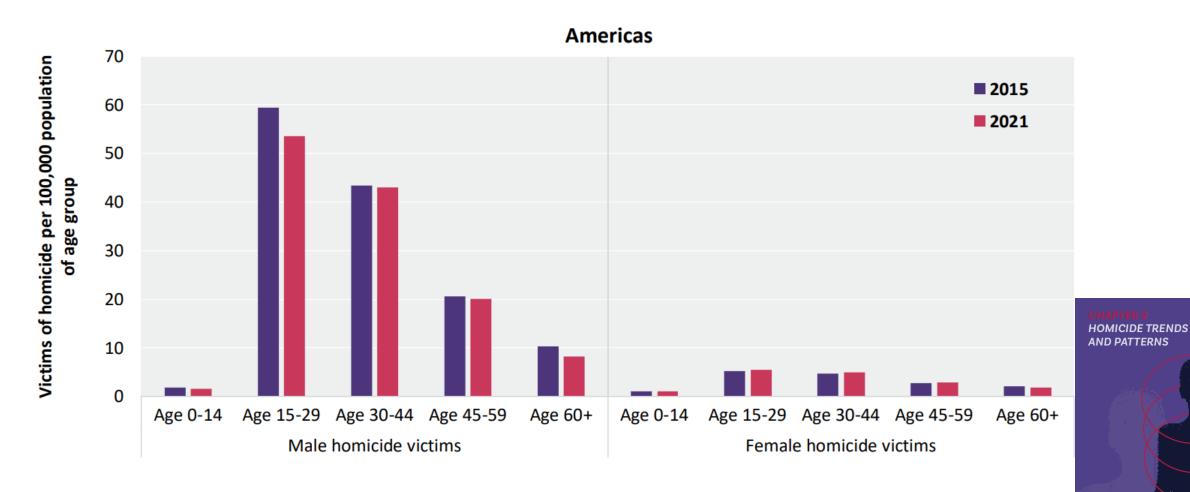
Source: UNODC homicide statistics.







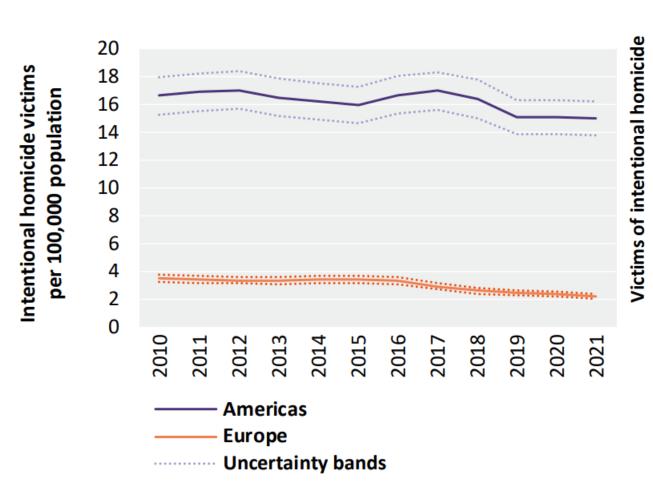
Homicide rate in the Americas, by sex and age group 2015 and 2021

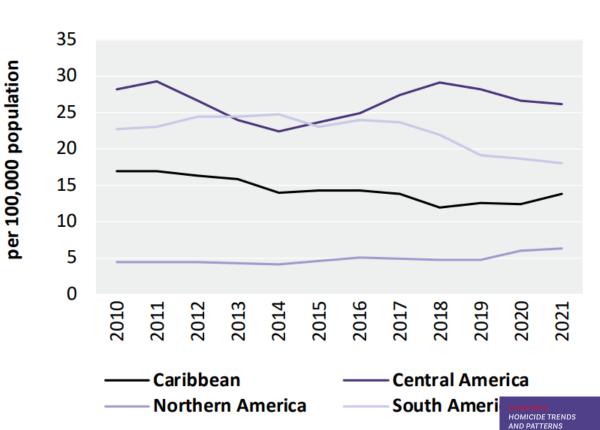






Homicide trend by region

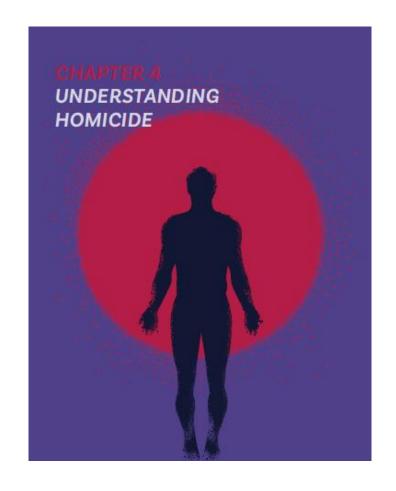


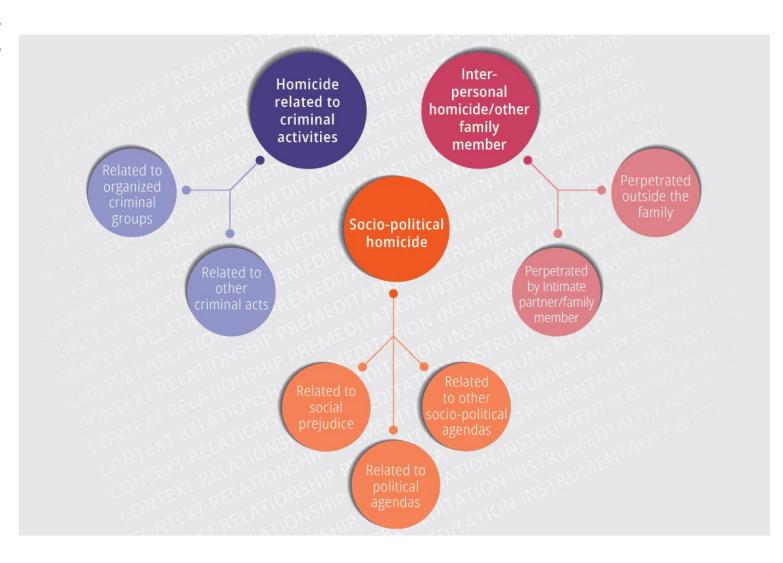




A classification of intentional homicide by

situational context



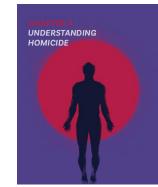






Share of homicide by type and selected regions 2021 or latest available year

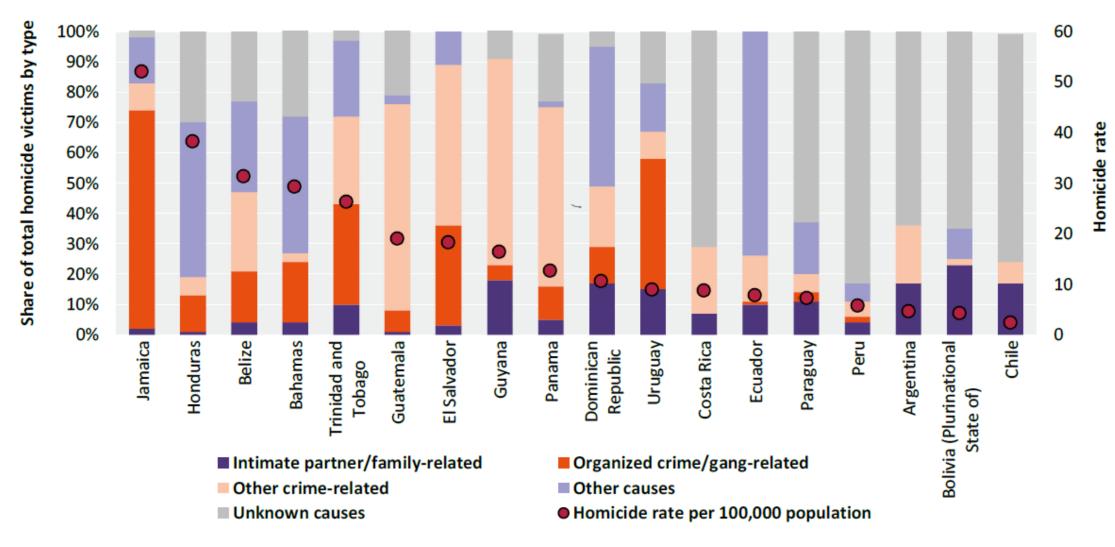
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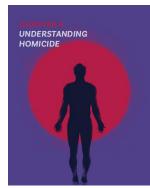






United Nations Office on Drugs and Crim Share of homicides by type, selected countries in the Americas 2021 or latest available year

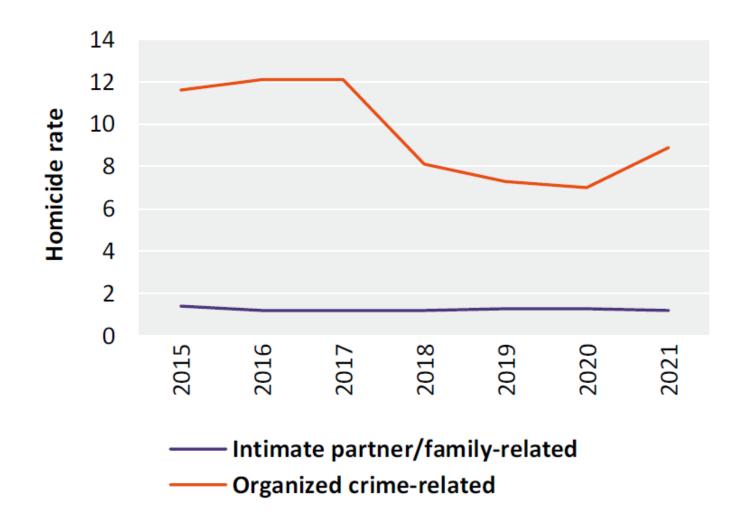








Trends in homicide types in six countries in the Americas with available data, 2015-2021





Male and female share of homicide victims 2022



Share of male and female homicide victims killed by intimate partners/family members 2022







killed by intimate partners or family members









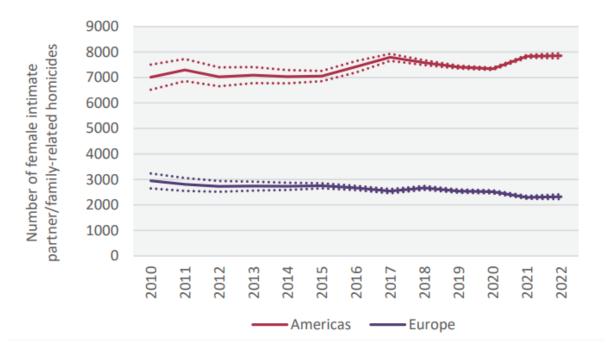
GENDER-RELATED KILLINGS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS (FEMICIDE/FEMINICIDE)

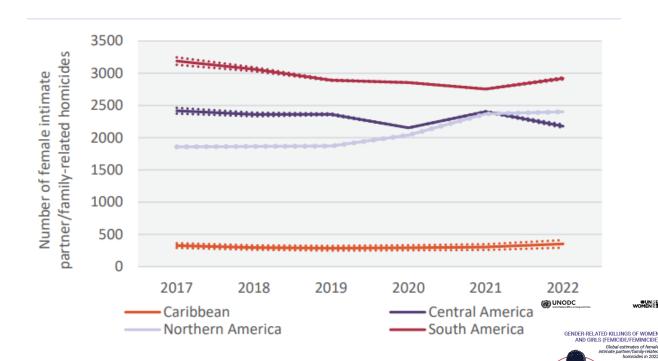






Trend of the number of female victims of intimate partner/family-related homicide by region

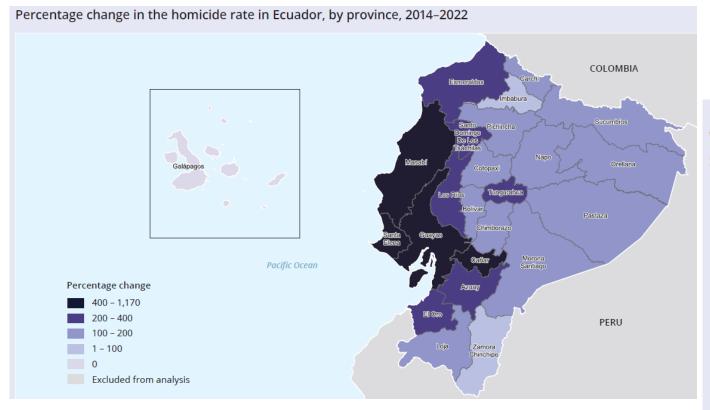




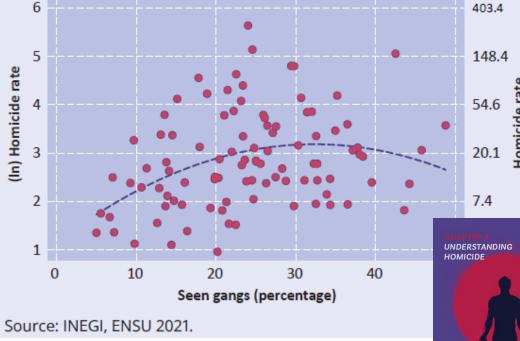


Organized crime violence





Homicide rate (ln) by the proportion of respondents who had heard about or seen violent groups or gangsterism near their home, Mexico, 2021

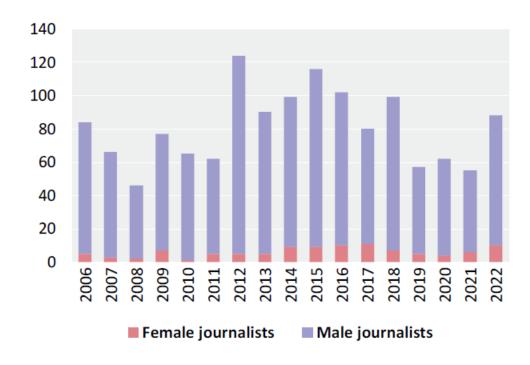




Socio-political violence

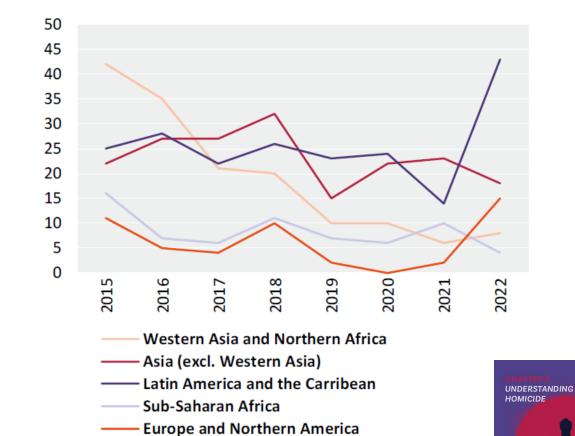


FIG. 18 Number of journalists killed, 2006–2022



Source: UNESCO database.

FIG. 19 Number of journalists killed, by region, 2015–2022

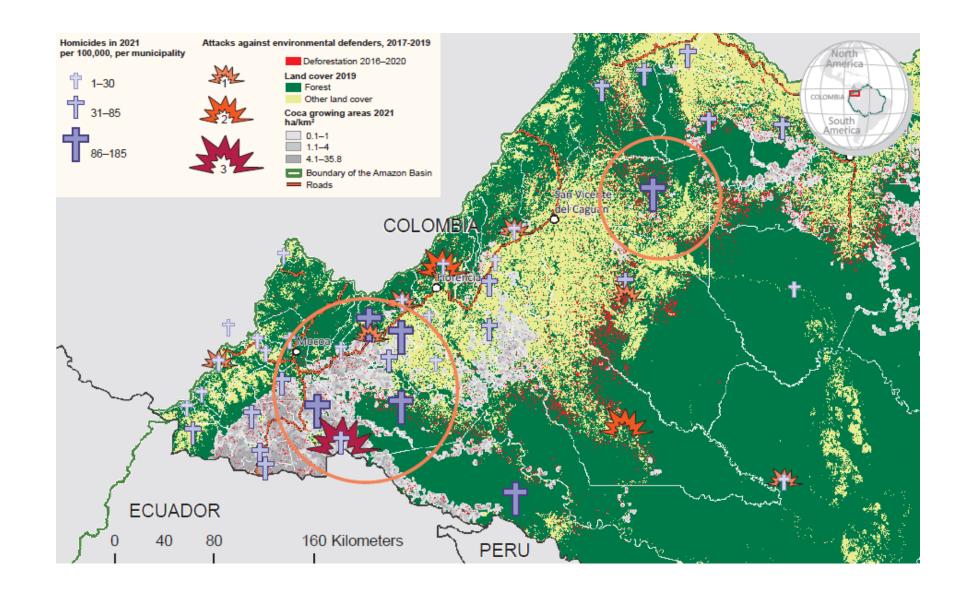


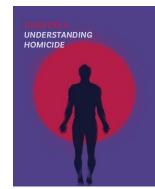
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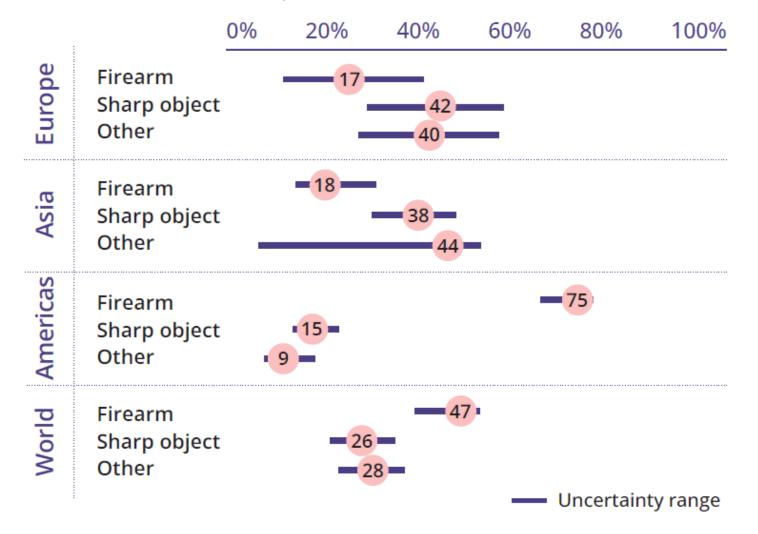


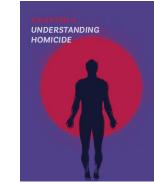


The role of firearms



FIG. 24 Regional shares of homicides by type of known mechanism, 2021



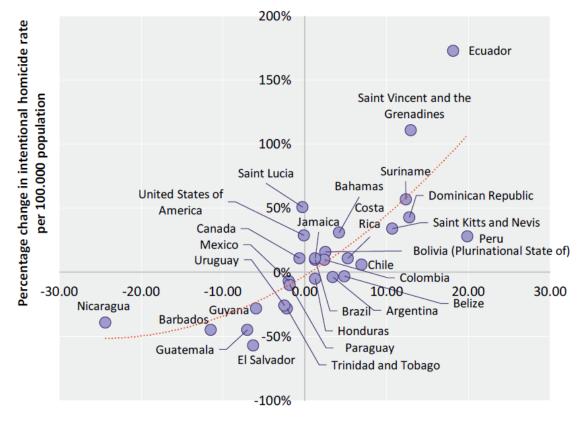




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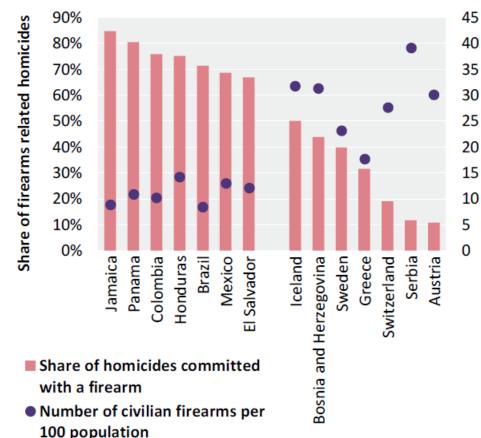


FIG. 17 Change in the homicide rate and change in the share of homicides perpetrated with firearms, the Americas, 2019–2021 or 2019–2020

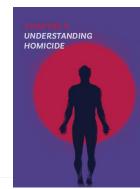


Percentage point change in share of homicides perpetrated with firearms

FIG. 29 Average share of homicides committed with a firearm in 2021, or latest year available, and estimated firearms per 100 citizens in 2017



Firearms per 100 population





Homicide through the criminal justice system 2021 or latest year available



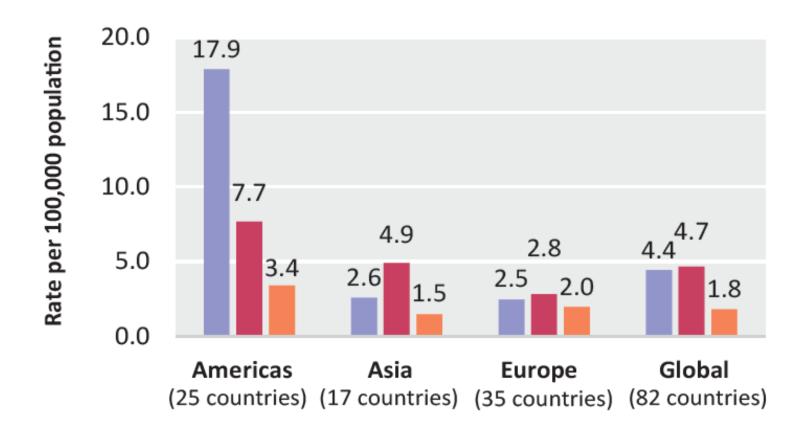
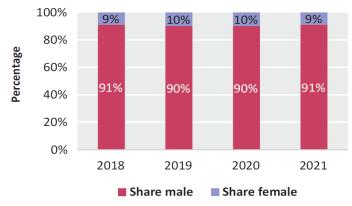
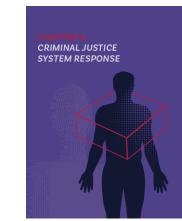


FIG. 3 Share of male and female suspects brought into formal contact with the police for intentional homicide in 50 countries, 2018–2021



- Victims of homicide
- Suspects brought into formal contact with the police
- People convicted

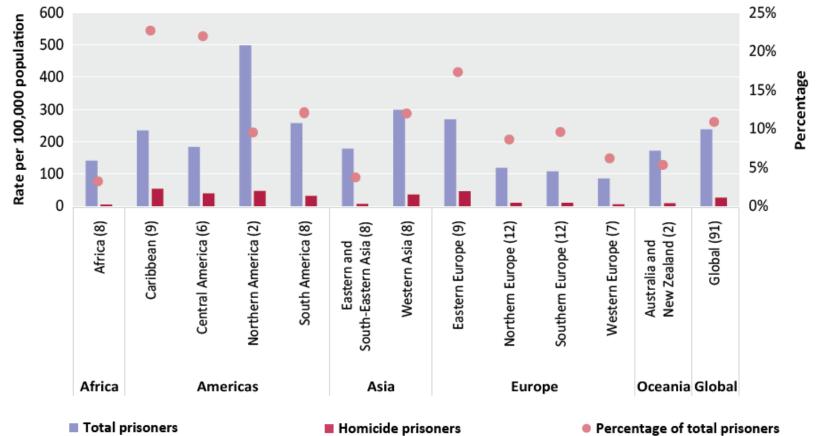






Prisoners detained for homicide

FIG. 11 Rate of prisoners detained per 100,000 population, rate of prisoners detained for homicide per 100,000 population and percentage of prisoners convicted of homicide, as a percentage of total prisoners, in selected regions, 2021 or latest year available



per 100,000 population (left-hand scale) per 100,000 population (left-hand scale) held for homicide (right-hand scale)



CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM RESPONSE





Megatrends and homicide

- Ageing populations reduce risk of homicide but a large youth population can lead to a short-term increase
- Climate change: increasing number of hot days could impact homicide
- Deepening income inequality may exacerbate vulnerability to homicide
- Rapid urbanization and associated urban deprivation influence homicide
- Digital transformation and automation could increase risk of homicide

