

Regional homicide profile: AFRICA

Intentional homicide is defined as unlawful death purposefully inflicted on a person by another person

Number of countries/territories	56
Percentage of global population	15.3%

	Victims		Rate		Percentage	
	Africa	Global	Africa	Global	Africa	Global
Total homicide	135,000	437,000	12.5	6.2	31%	100% of global homicides
<i>Disaggregation by sex</i>						
Male homicide	103,000	343,000	19.0	9.7	76%	79% of total homicides
Female homicide	32,000	93,000	6.0	2.7	24%	21% of total homicides
<i>Disaggregation by mechanism</i>						
Firearm	38,000	177,000	3.5	2.5	28%	41% of total homicides
Sharp object	41,000	107,000	3.8	1.5	30%	24% of total homicides
Other/unknown	56,000	153,000	5.2	2.2	42%	35% of total homicides

Homicide rates are calculated per 100,000 population

Source: UNODC Homicide statistics (2013)