

## Regional homicide profile: AMERICAS

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

Number of countries/territories	49
Percentage of global population	15.3%

	Victims		Rate		Percentage	
	Americas	Global	Americas	Global	Americas	Global
Total homicide	157,000	437,000	16.3	6.2	36%	100% of global homicides
<i>Disaggregation by sex</i>						
Male homicide	139,000	343,000	29.3	9.7	89%	79% of total homicides
Female homicide	18,000	93,000	3.7	2.7	12%	21% of total homicides
<i>Disaggregation by mechanism</i>						
Firearm	103,000	177,000	10.7	2.5	66%	41% of total homicides
Sharp object	27,000	107,000	2.8	1.5	17%	24% of total homicides
Other/unknown	27,000	153,000	2.8	2.2	17%	35% of total homicides

*Homicide rates are calculated per 100,000 population*

Source: UNODC Homicide statistics (2013)