

2020 Franklin County Homicide Data Brief

Franklin County observed 200 homicide fatalities reported in the year 2020, where the fatal injury incident occurred within the county. Only cases with a precipitating incident occurring inside Franklin County are considered within this report. The statistics reported here do not necessarily agree with numbers reported within the data management system or local police agencies.

From 2018 to 2020, Franklin County observed a 50% increase (133 to 200) in homicide fatalities. From 2018 to 2019, Franklin County observed a 7% decrease (133 to 123) in homicide fatalities. From 2019 to 2020, Franklin County observed a 63% increase (123 to 200) in homicide fatalities.

Franklin County Homicide Fatalities

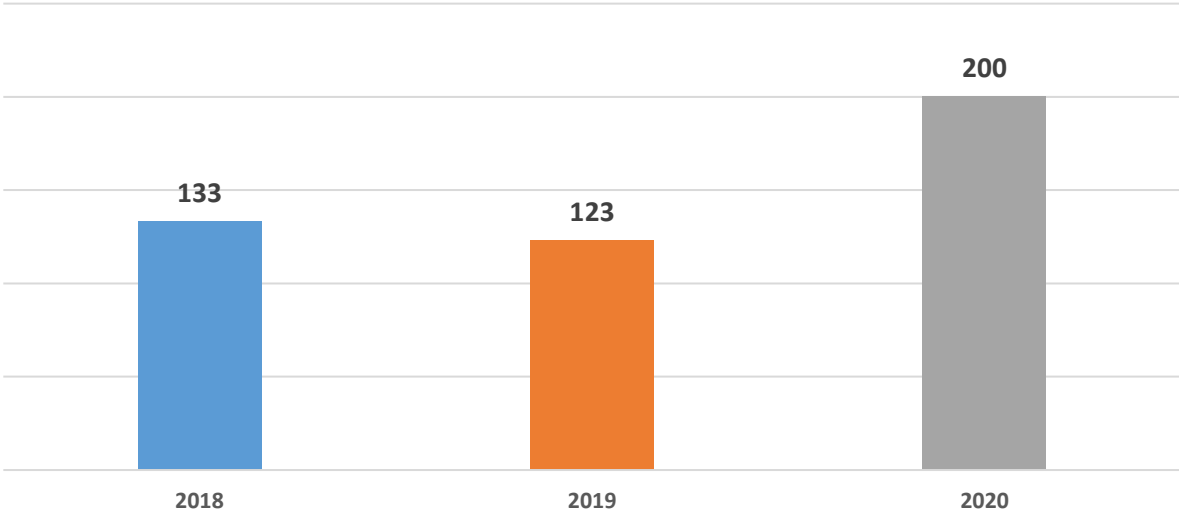


Figure 1 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities reported from 2018 to 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System, JusticeTrax.

Snapshot of Homicide Deaths in Franklin County, 2020

- 50% increase in homicide deaths from 2018 to 2020 and 63% increase from 2019 to 2020
- 84% of victims were male with 16% being female
- African Americans accounted for 74% of victims in 2020
- 50% of homicides were in the 20 to 34 age group
- Firearm injuries accounted for 84% of the homicides.
- October had the highest amount of homicide fatalities followed by September and December
- Day with the highest number of homicides was Sunday
- 43211 saw the highest percentage

Rate

From 2019 to 2020, the Franklin County age-adjusted death rate increased by 65% from a rate of death of 10.34 per 100,000 population to a rate of 17.02 per 100,000 population. From 2017 to 2019, Franklin County observed no significant changes in the age-adjusted death rate.

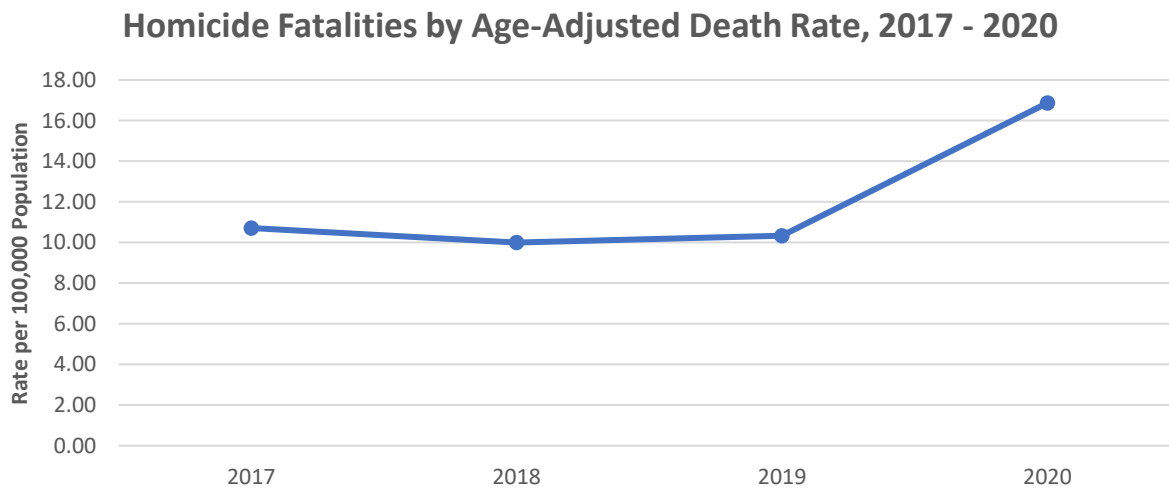


Figure 1 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Age-Adjusted Death Rate reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System, JusticeTrax. 2020 Franklin County Age-Adjusted Deaths are estimated with 2019 population census data. 2020 population census data at the time of estimation is unavailable and are age-adjusted to 2000 U.S. standard population to allow a comparison of the overall risk of dying between different populations.

Demographics – Gender

Franklin County homicide fatalities are reported predominantly in decedents identified as male. Franklin County observed 168 (84%) of the homicide fatalities within the year 2020, where decedents are identified as male. Decedents observed in 32 (16%) of the homicide fatalities within the year 2020 are identified as female.

2020 Homicide Fatalities by Gender

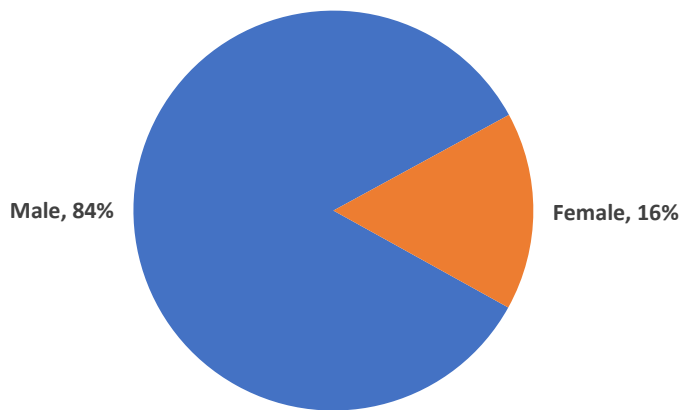


Figure 2 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Gender reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System, JusticeTrax.

Demographics – Race

Franklin County homicide fatalities occurring in 2020 were reported predominantly in decedents identified as Non-Hispanic, African Americans, which represent 148 (74%) of the homicide fatalities. This is followed by 41 (21%) of the homicide fatality decedents, who were identified as Non-Hispanic, Caucasians. A combination of those identified as Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or other communities falls under the “Other” category, accounting for 11 (6%) of the homicide fatalities.

2020 Homicide Fatalities by Race

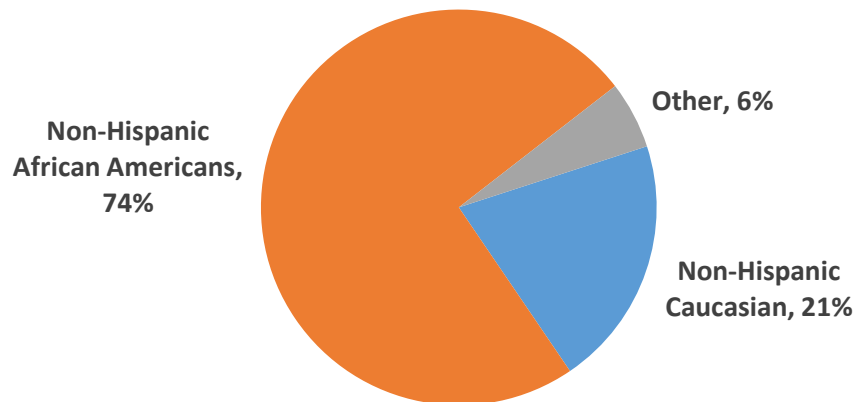


Figure 3 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Race reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System, JusticeTrax.

Demographics – Race and Gender

Franklin County observed 129 (65%) of the homicide fatality decedents, which were identified as Non-Hispanic, African American males. This group is followed by 30 (15%) of the homicide fatality decedents, who were identified as Non-Hispanic, Caucasian males, and 19 (10%) of the homicide fatality decedents, who were identified as Non-Hispanic, African American females. The smallest proportion of homicide decedents is observed in those identified as Non-Hispanic Caucasian females, which accounts for 11 (6%) of the reported Franklin County homicide fatalities in 2020.

2020 Homicide Fatalities by Race and Gender

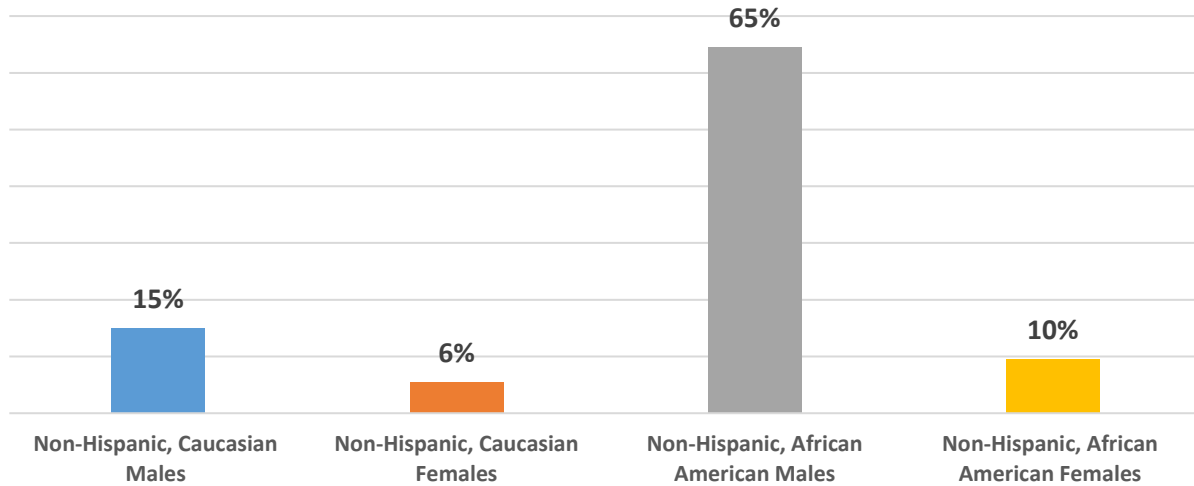


Figure 4 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Race and Gender reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System, JusticeTrax. Please note percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Demographics – Age

Franklin County homicide fatalities occurred in all age groups in the year 2020. Franklin County observed the most homicide fatalities in the 25-34 year age group, accounting for 58 (29%) of the homicide fatalities. This is followed by 0-19 year and 20-24 year age groups, accounting for 43 (22%) and 42 (21%) of the homicide fatalities in 2020, respectively. Franklin County observed the least amount of homicide fatalities in 45-54 year and 65+ year age groups, accounting for 9 (5%) and 6 (3%) of the homicide fatalities, respectively. It is notable to mention, the 0-19 year age group experienced a 10% increase compared to 2018 and 2019; however, more analysis is required to identify the factors behind this increase.

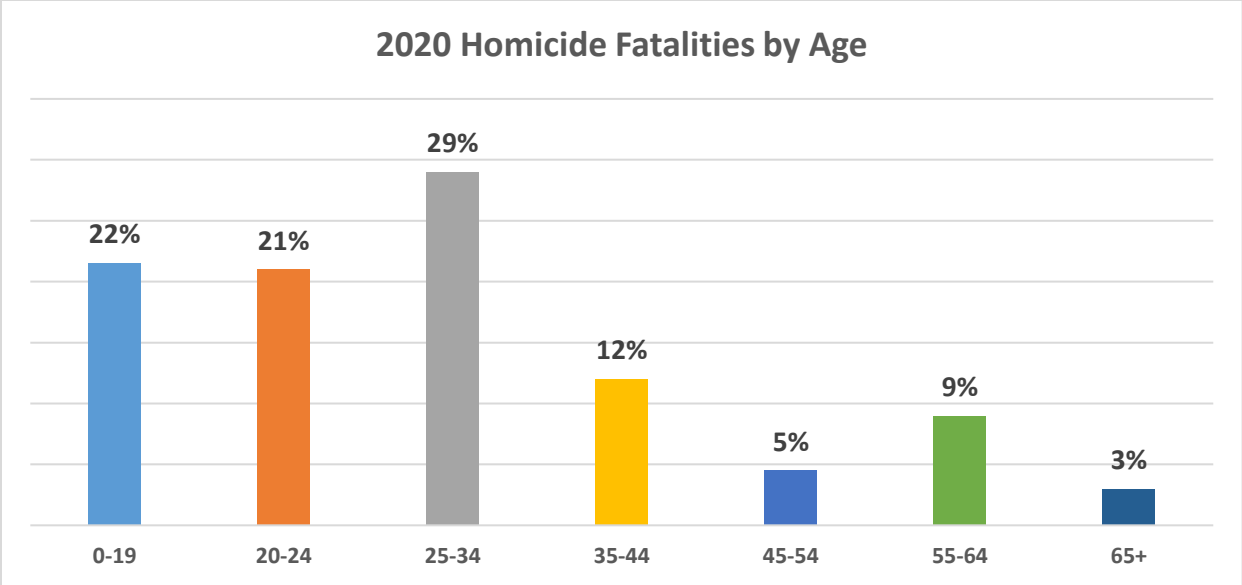


Figure 5 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Age reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System, JusticeTrax. Please note percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Method

Franklin County homicide fatalities reported in the year 2020 were primarily caused by firearm injuries. 168 (84%) of the homicide fatalities were caused by a firearm. This source of fatal injury is followed by 20 (10%) of the homicide fatalities, which were caused by sharp force injuries, and 9 (5%) of the homicide fatalities, which were caused by blunt force injuries. A combination of those injuries identified as thermal injuries, asphyxiation, or other injuries falls under the “Other” category, accounting for only 3 (2%) of the homicide fatalities in 2020.

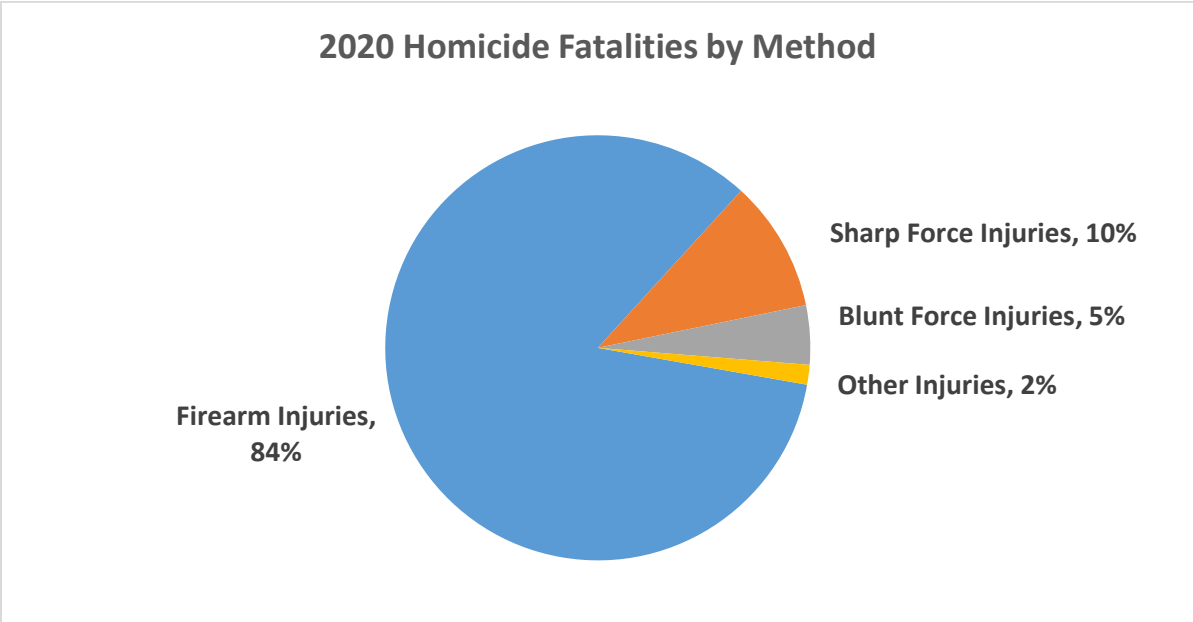


Figure 6 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Method reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System JusticeTrax.

Marital Status

Franklin County homicide fatalities occurring in 2020 are reported predominantly in decedents identified as “Never Married”, accounting for 158 (79%) of the homicide fatalities. This is followed by 20 (10%) of the homicide fatality decedents, who were identified as “Married” and 18 (9%) of the homicide fatality decedents, who were identified as “Divorced”. 4 (2%) of the homicide fatality decedents, were identified with a marital status that could not be confirmed. These cases fall under the “Unknown” category.

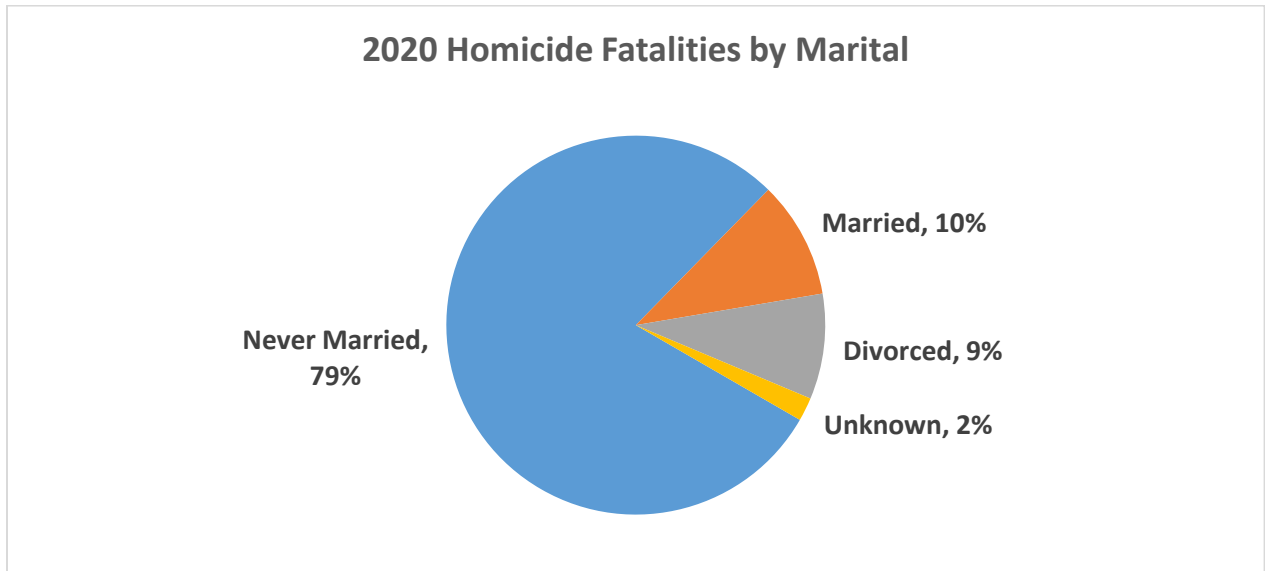


Figure 7 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Method reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System JusticeTrax.

Temporal Data – Month

Franklin County homicide fatalities occurred throughout the year 2020. Franklin County observed most homicide fatalities in the month of October, accounting for 29 (15%) of the homicide fatalities for the year, closely followed by the months of September and December, accounting for 28 (14%) and 25 (13%) homicide fatalities, respectively. The first five (5) months and the month of November have the lowest amount of homicide fatalities, accounting for 12 (6%), 12 (6%), 9 (5%), 8 (4%), 11 (6%) and 11 (6%) of the homicide fatalities, respectively. The distribution requires additional data and analysis to determine if any pattern exists, particularly due to the COVID–19 pandemic, with mandates limiting and avoiding social gathering.

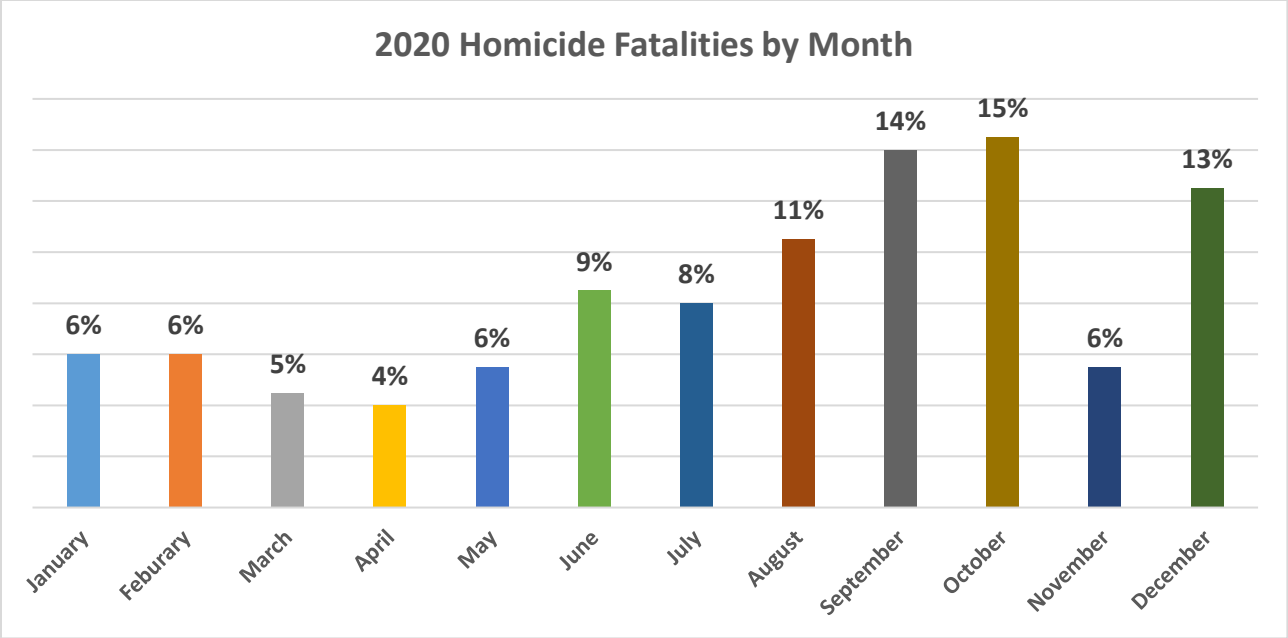


Figure 8 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Month reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System JusticeTrax. Please note percentages may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Temporal Data – Days of the Week

Franklin County homicide fatalities occurred throughout the week. Franklin County observed the most homicide fatalities on Sunday, accounting for 40 (20%) of the homicide fatalities, and followed by Monday, accounting for 32 (16%) of the homicide fatalities. Homicide fatalities are more distributed across Tuesday to Saturday.

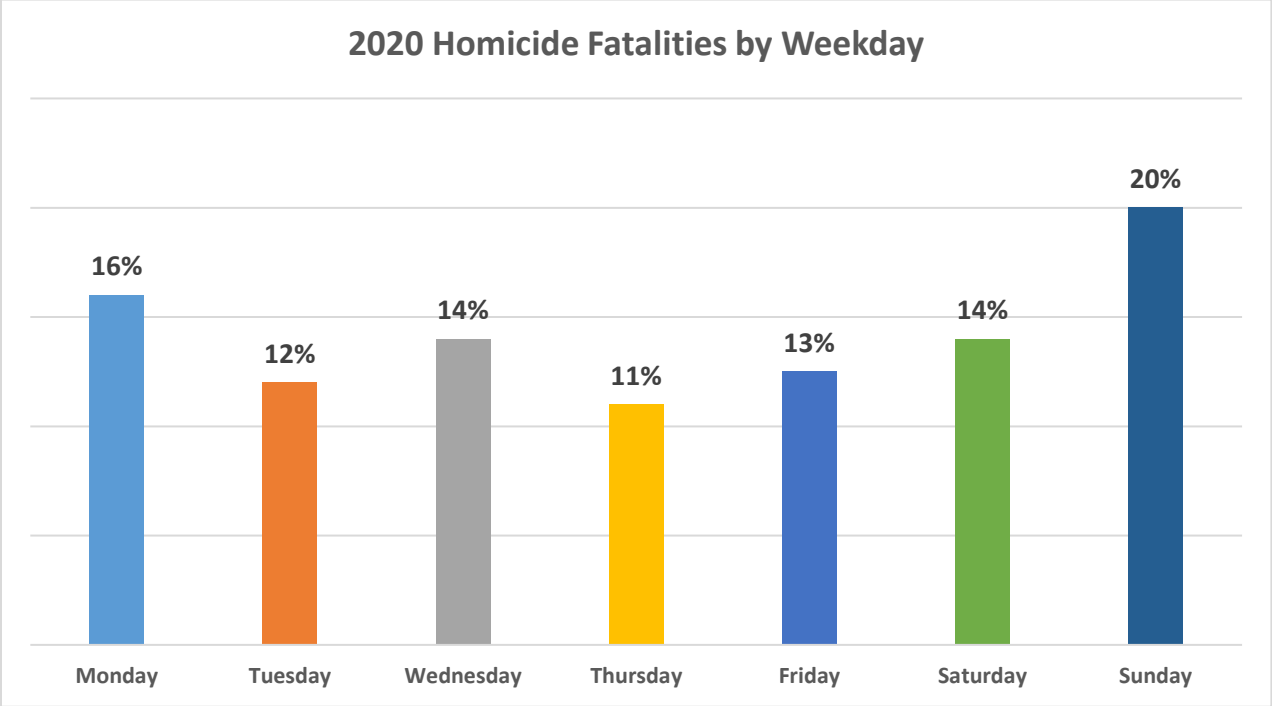


Figure 9 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Weekday reported in the year 2020. Source: FCFSC Data Management System JusticeTrax.

Location

Franklin County observed homicide fatalities across most areas within the county. Franklin County observed most homicide fatalities in the location with a zip code of 43211, accounting for 25 (13%) of the homicide fatalities. This location was followed by locations with a zip code of 43219 and 43228, accounting for 17 (9%) and 16 (8%) of the homicide fatalities, respectively. The group of locations with a zip code of 43204, 43206, 43207, 43229, and 43232 and the group of locations with a zip code 43209, 43213, 43223, 43224, and 43227 observed a similar number of occurrences of homicide fatalities. It is notable to mention that the following locations observed no reported homicide fatalities: 43002, 43004, 43017, 43054, 43125, 43137, 43214, 43217, 43222, 43231, and 43235.

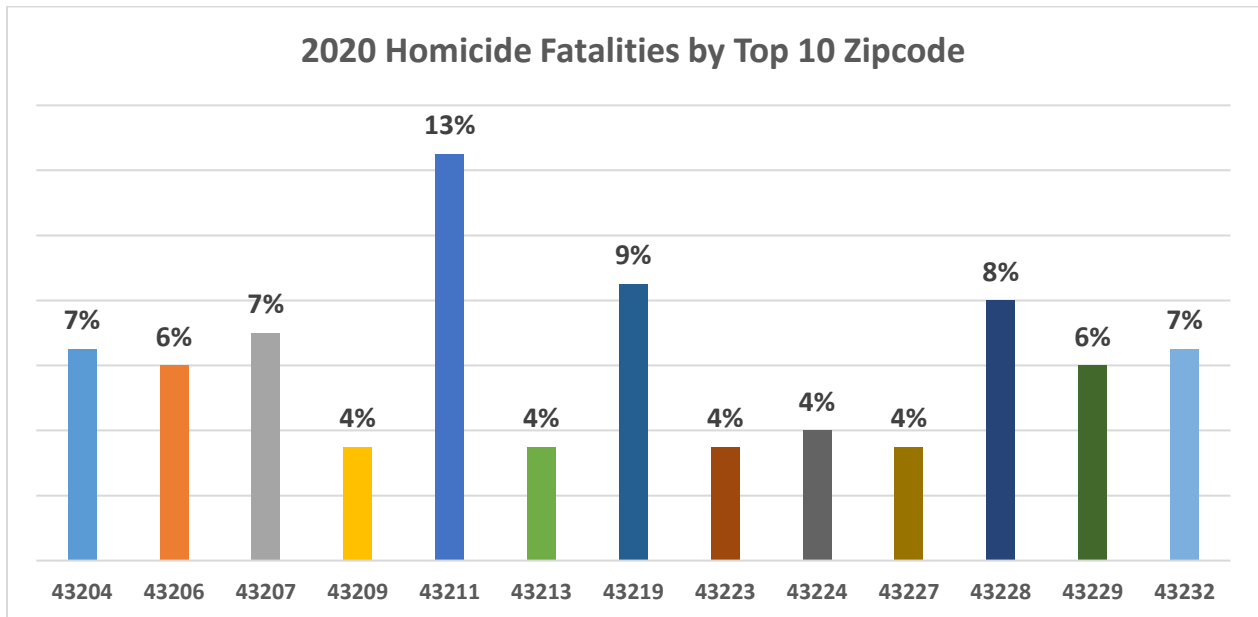


Figure 10 – Franklin County Homicide Fatalities by Top 10 Zip code with most homicide fatalities reported in the year 2020. The graph contains more than 10 locations, as tied locations are reported within the graph. Source: FCFS Data Management System JusticeTrax.