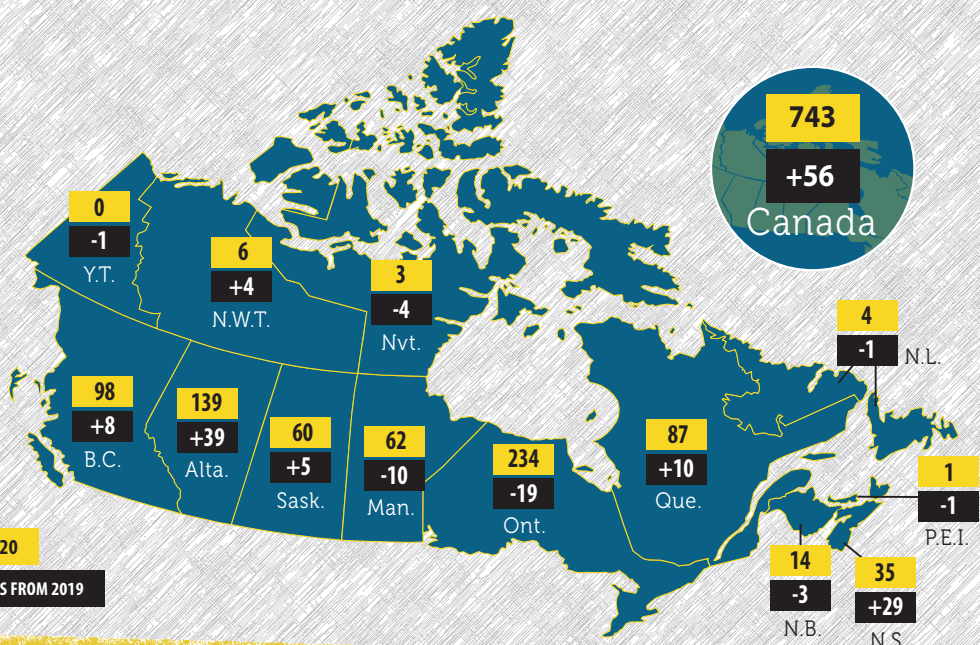Nationwide, there were **743** homicides, at a rate of **1.95** per 100,000 population.

568 male victims

171 female victims

Map of Canada — Number of homicides in 2020 / Change in number of homicides from 2019

- **743** / **+56** Canada
- **0** / **-1** Y.T.
- **6** / **+4** N.W.T.
- **3** / **-4** Nvt.
- **98** / **+8** B.C.
- **139** / **+39** Alta.
- **60** / **+5** Sask.
- **62** / **-10** Man.
- **234** / **-19** Ont.
- **87** / **+10** Que.
- **4** / **-1** N.L.
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- **14** / **-3** N.B.
- **35** / **+29** N.S.

NUMBER OF HOMICIDES IN 2020

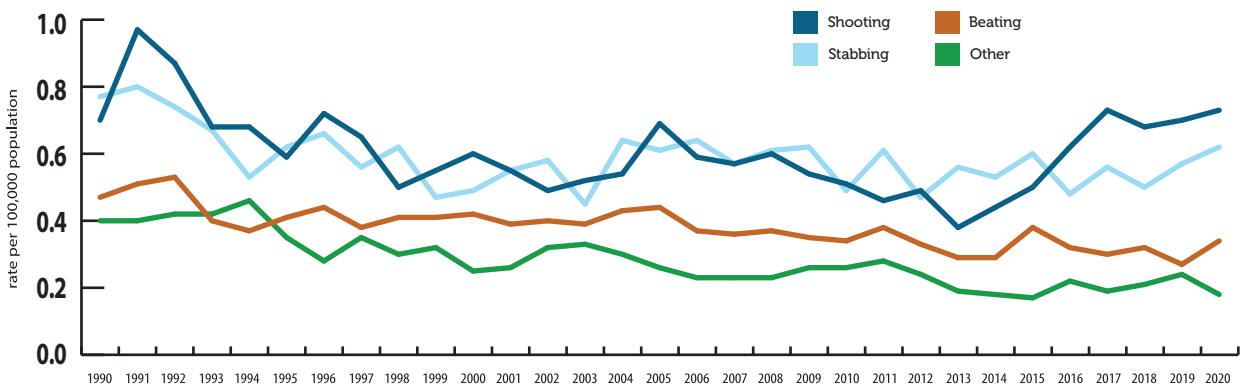CHANGE IN NUMBER OF HOMICIDES FROM 2019

HOMICIDE IN CANADA, 2020

1 in **5** homicides in Canada was gang-related.

The number of gang-related homicides decreased in 2020 to the **lowest rate since 2016.**

In Canada, **277 homicides** were committed with a firearm, or more than **1 in every 3 homicides**.

Almost half (49%) of these were committed with a handgun.

Line chart: rate per 100,000 population, 1990–2020. Legend: Shooting, Stabbing, Beating, Other.

Despite representing about **5%** of Canada's total population in 2020, **Indigenous people**[1] accounted for **28%** of homicide victims and **37%** of accused persons. The homicide rate of Indigenous people was **seven times higher** than the rate of non-Indigenous people.
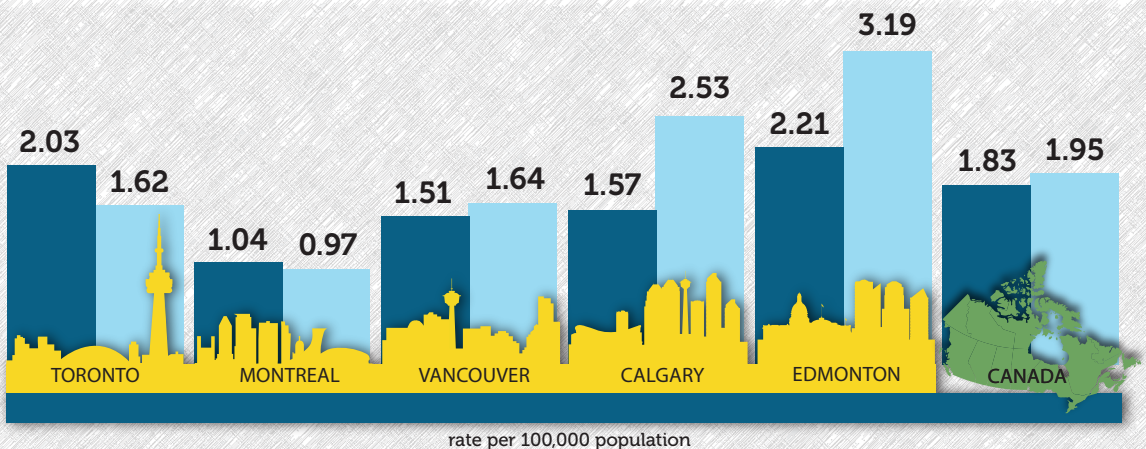
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Homicide victims[2]	16.50	3.76	2.14	0.69
Persons accused of homicide[2]	18.53	3.46	1.84	0.24

rate per 100,000 population

One-quarter of homicide victims were identified as **visible minorities,** 50% of whom were identified as **Black**.

Homicide rate for every 100,000 people living in the **5 largest** census metropolitan areas (CMAs)

- 2019
- 2020

City	2019	2020
TORONTO	2.03	1.62
MONTREAL	1.04	0.97
VANCOUVER	1.51	1.64
CALGARY	1.57	2.53
EDMONTON	2.21	3.19
CANADA	1.83	1.95

rate per 100,000 population

1. The term "Indigenous" is used instead of "Aboriginal" for this product. Aboriginal identity is reported by police for the Homicide Survey. Aboriginal identity includes victims and accused persons identified as First Nations (either status or non-status), Métis, Inuit, or an Aboriginal identity where the Aboriginal group is not known to police.
2. Excludes 4% of victims and 5% of accused persons where Indigenous identity was reported as unknown, and 1% of victims and less than 1% of accused persons where gender was reported as unknown.

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