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## Drug-Related Homicides in the United States: Statistics From 1980-1990

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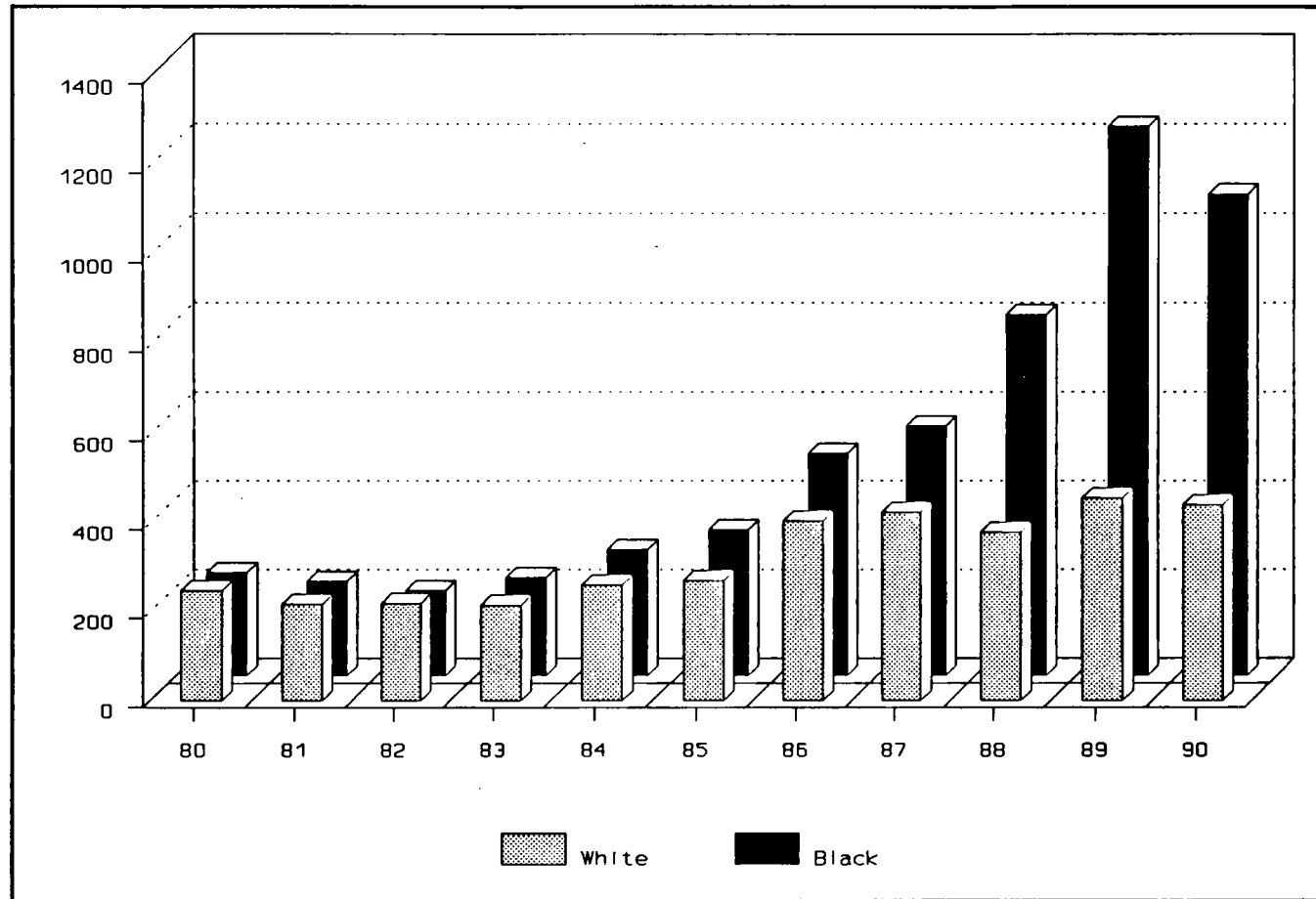
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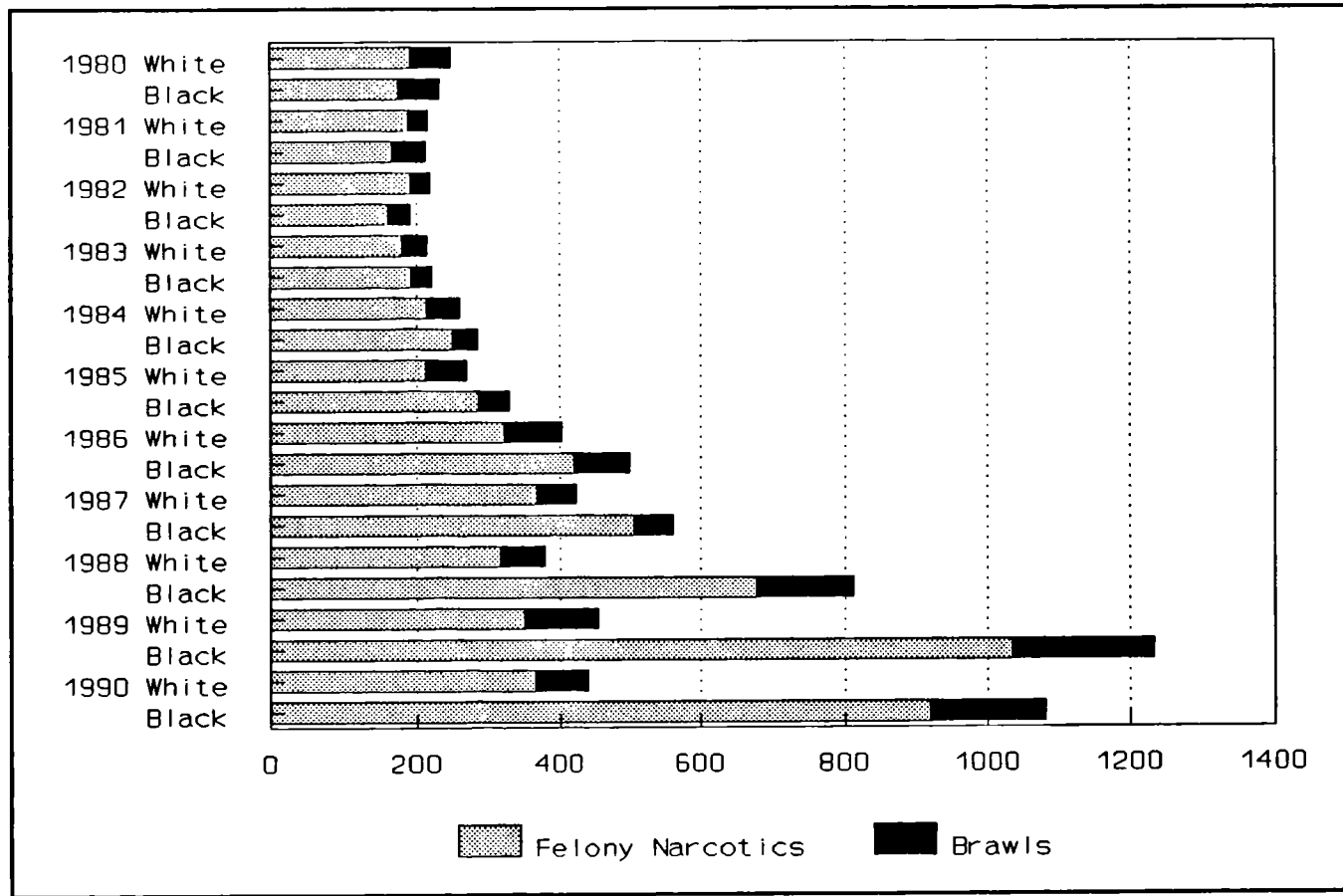
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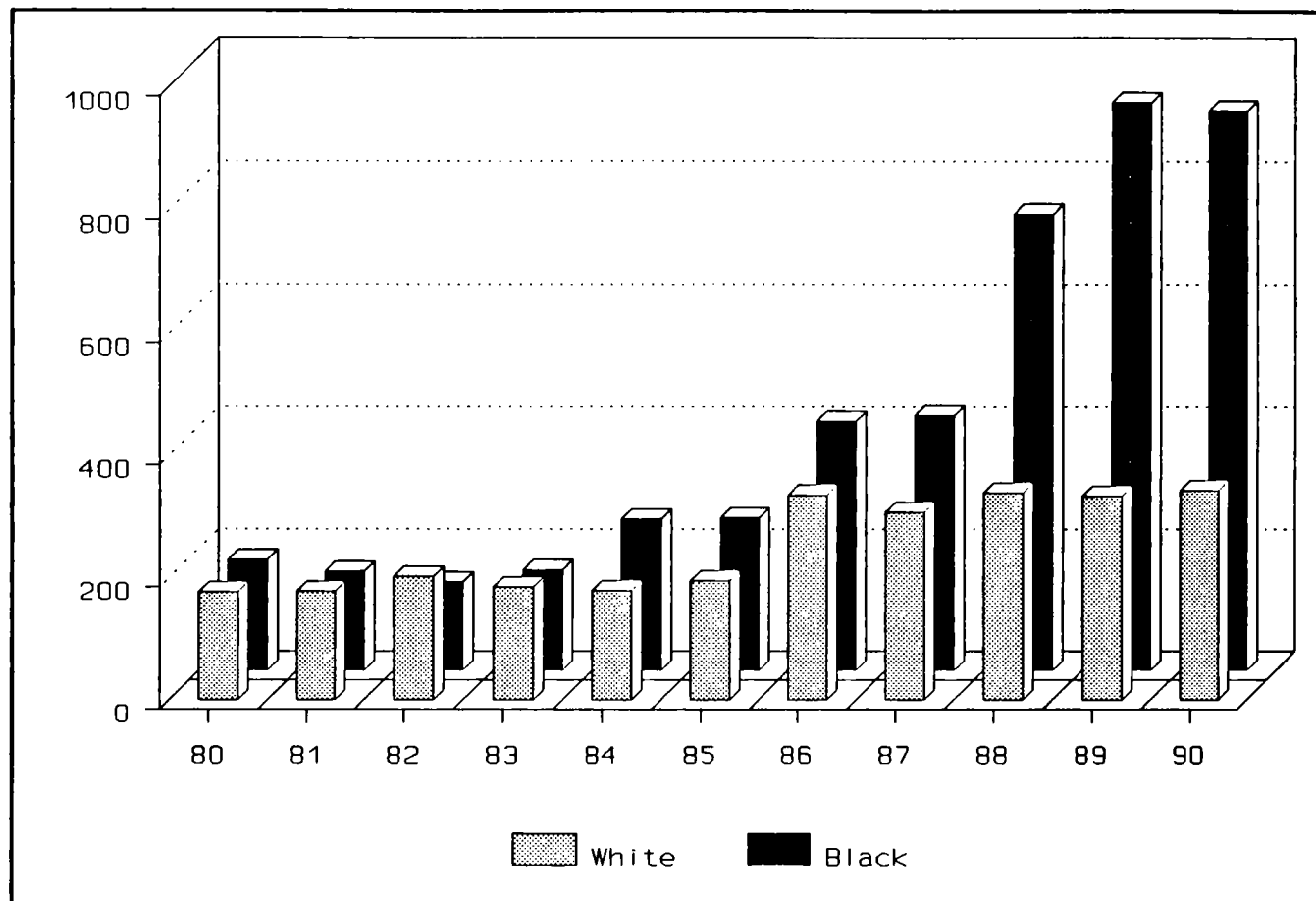
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<sup>1</sup>The races shown in this chart are white and black, who make up the majority of homicide victims. For data on other races or concerning victims of uncertain race, see Chart 7.

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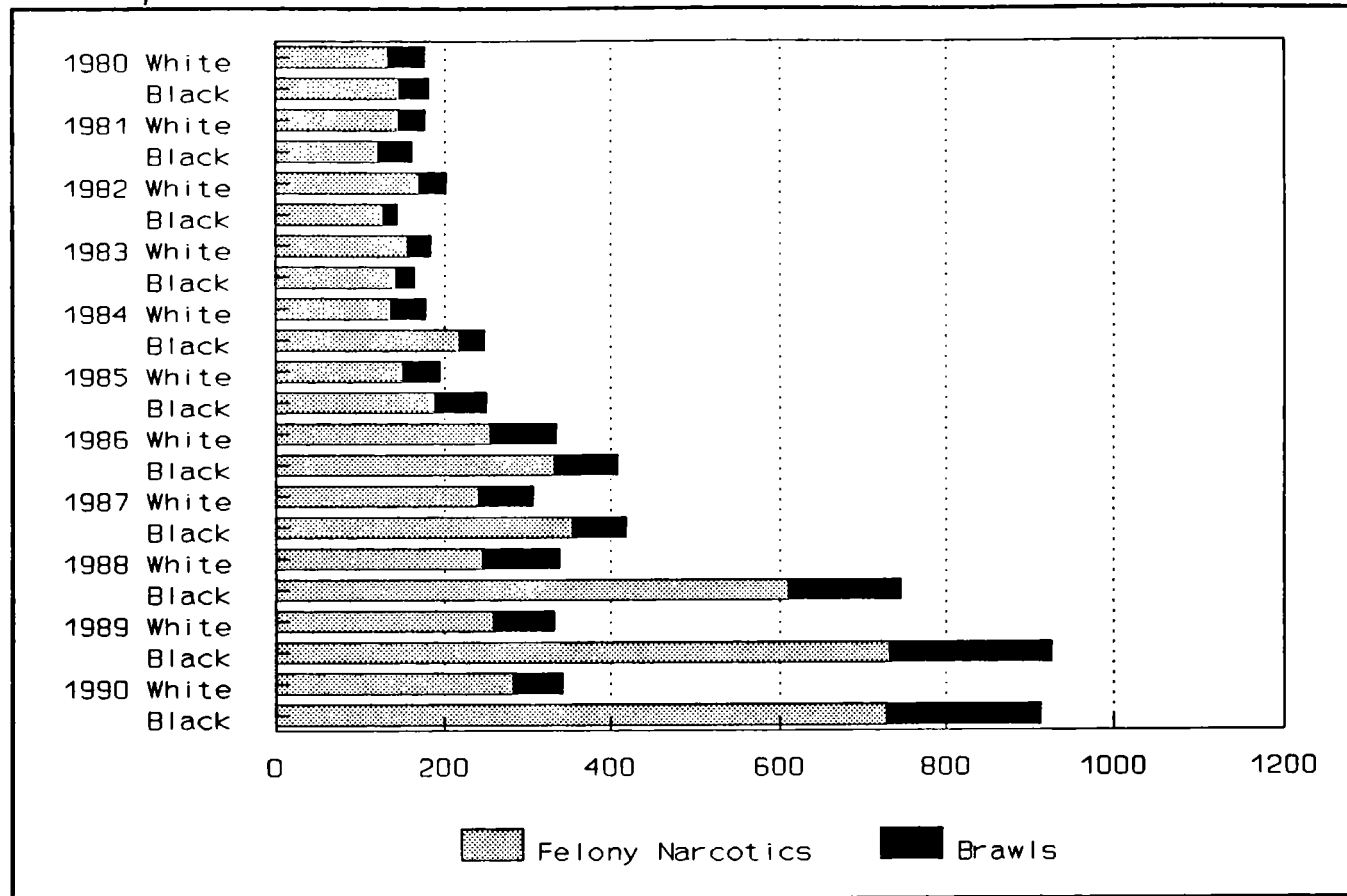
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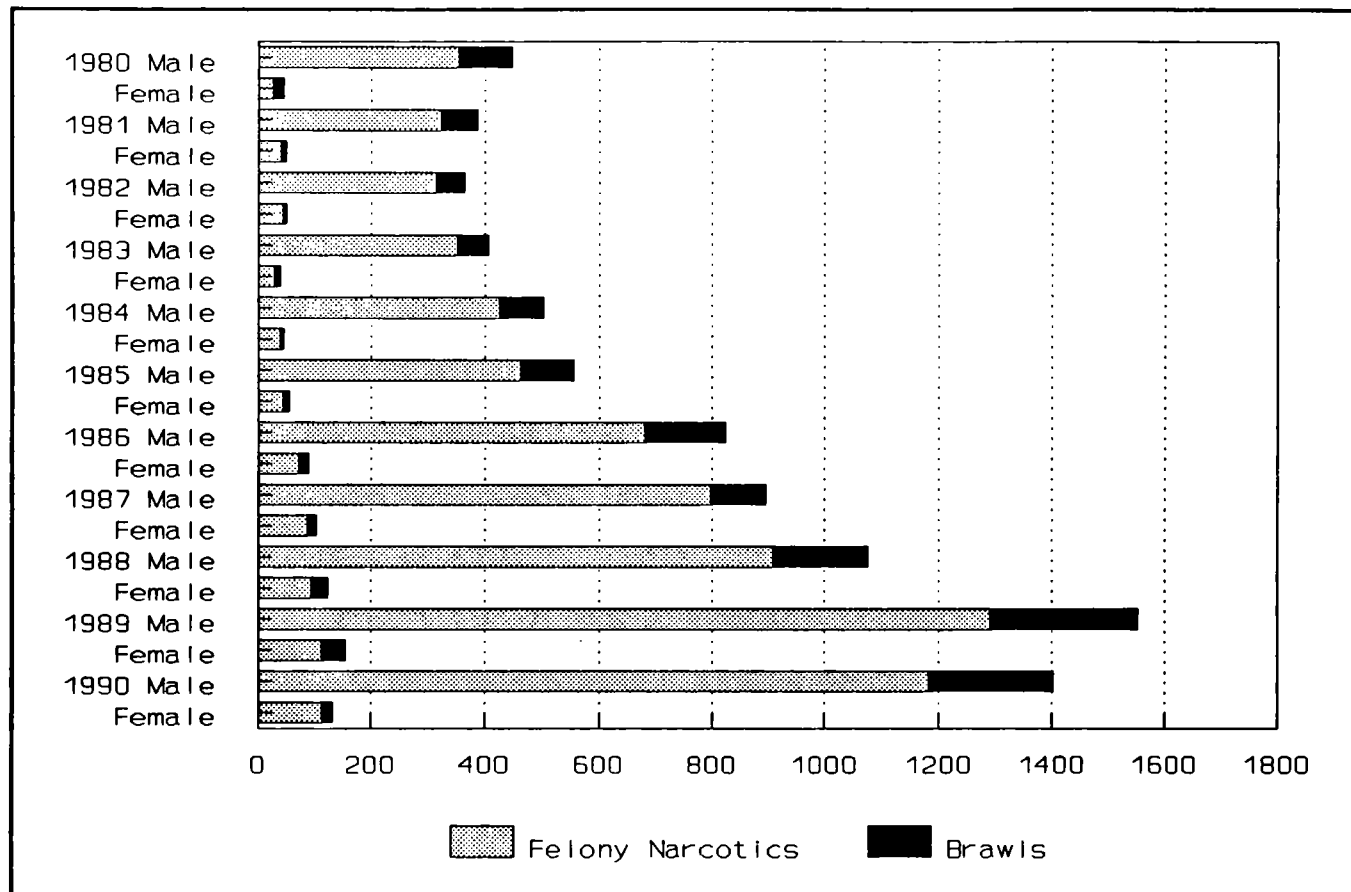
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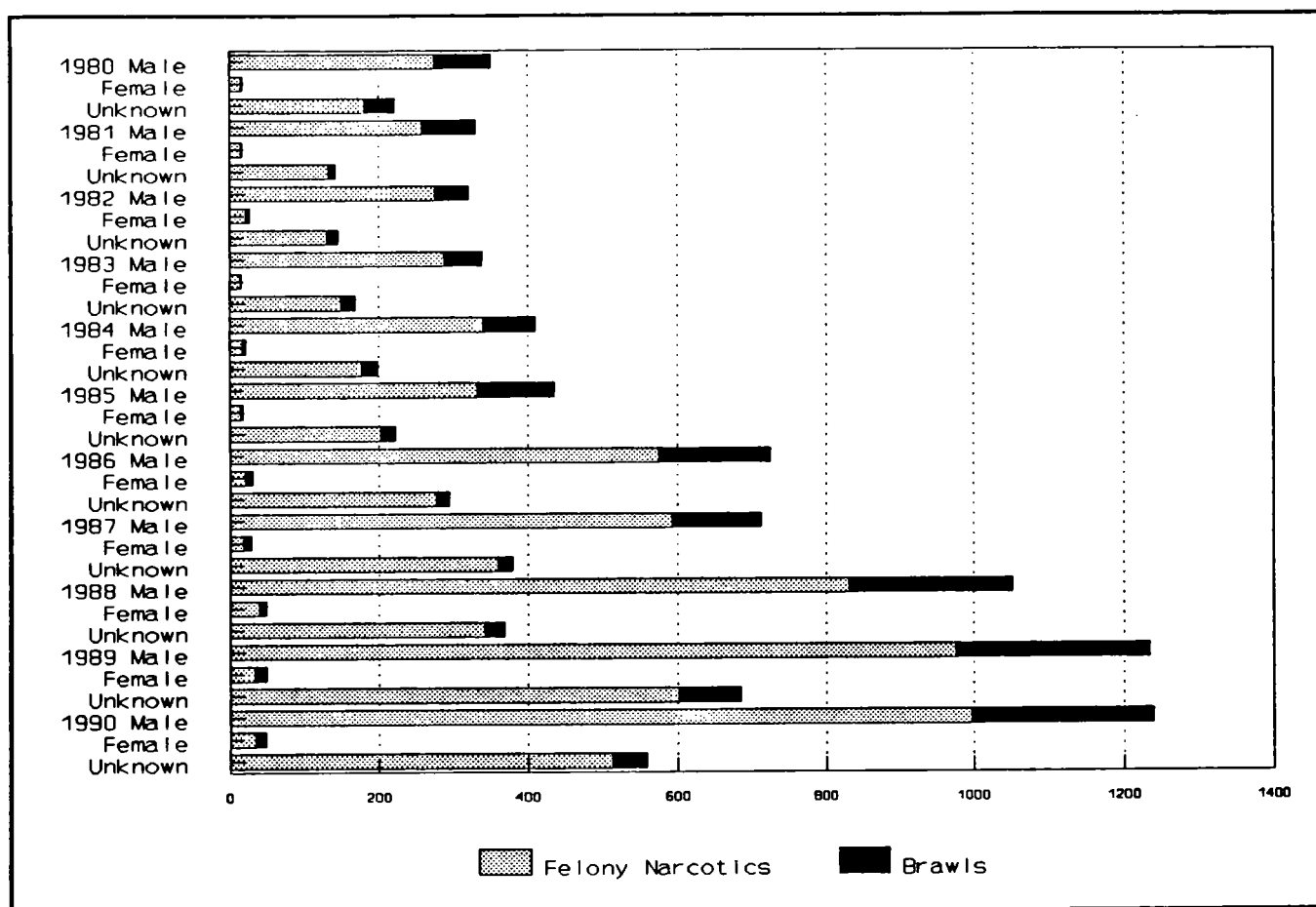
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CHART 5: DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: VICTIMS BY SEX<sup>6</sup>

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

<sup>6</sup>A breakdown is provided for felony narcotics murders and murders committed during brawls where the offender was under the influence of narcotics. The sex was unknown in the case of one victim for each of the following years: 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1990.

CHART 6: DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: OFFENDERS BY SEX<sup>6</sup>

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

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**CHART 7: DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: VICTIMS BY AGE AND RACE**

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1980/GRAND TOTAL: 491

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 2     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 27    | 15    | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 126   | 133   | 1     | 0      | 4       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 59    | 59    | 0     | 0      | 5       |
| 40 and over | 32    | 21    | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Unknown age | 3     | 2     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Total       | 247   | 232   | 1     | 0      | 11      |

1981/GRAND TOTAL: 435

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 3     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 15    | 18    | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 100   | 118   | 0     | 3      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 74    | 57    | 0     | 2      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 21    | 17    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 3     | 2     | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Total       | 216   | 212   | 0     | 6      | 1       |

1982/GRAND TOTAL: 413

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 4     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 25    | 15    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 107   | 87    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 60    | 59    | 2     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 20    | 27    | 2     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 2     | 3     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Total       | 218   | 191   | 4     | 0      | 0       |

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## DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: VICTIMS BY AGE AND RACE

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1983/GRAND TOTAL: 445

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 2     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 13    | 24    | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 92    | 116   | 4     | 1      | 1       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 70    | 58    | 0     | 2      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 38    | 20    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 1     | 1     | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Total       | 214   | 221   | 5     | 3      | 2       |

1984/GRAND TOTAL: 547

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 1     | 1     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 15    | 27    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 136   | 144   | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 73    | 80    | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 32    | 30    | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 2     | 2     | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Total       | 259   | 284   | 1     | 1      | 2       |

1985/GRAND TOTAL: 610

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 3     | 2     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 22    | 37    | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 121   | 174   | 2     | 4      | 1       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 81    | 87    | 1     | 1      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 37    | 28    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 5     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 3       |
| Total       | 269   | 328   | 3     | 6      | 4       |

## CRS-10

**DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: VICTIMS BY AGE AND RACE**

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1986/GRAND TOTAL: 913

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 2     | 4     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 27    | 48    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 192   | 265   | 4     | 3      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 126   | 131   | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 53    | 45    | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 3     | 7     | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Total       | 403   | 500   | 5     | 4      | 1       |

1987/GRAND TOTAL: 999

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 3     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 31    | 69    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 198   | 291   | 6     | 1      | 1       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 138   | 146   | 1     | 0      | 4       |
| 40 and over | 52    | 49    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 4     | 4     | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Total       | 423   | 562   | 7     | 1      | 6       |

1988/GRAND TOTAL: 1200

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 8     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 27    | 124   | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 171   | 396   | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 127   | 208   | 2     | 1      | 2       |
| 40 and over | 48    | 68    | 1     | 0      | 1       |
| Unknown age | 5     | 8     | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Total       | 378   | 812   | 4     | 2      | 4       |

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**DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: VICTIMS BY AGE AND RACE**

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1989/GRAND TOTAL: 1708

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 7     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 48    | 215   | 0     | 1      | 1       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 214   | 618   | 10    | 0      | 3       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 135   | 295   | 1     | 0      | 2       |
| 40 and over | 52    | 88    | 0     | 1      | 1       |
| Unknown age | 6     | 10    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Total       | 455   | 1233  | 11    | 2      | 7       |

1990/GRAND TOTAL: 1535

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 2     | 3     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 35    | 184   | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 206   | 524   | 2     | 0      | 7       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 131   | 266   | 1     | 0      | 1       |
| 40 and over | 63    | 91    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 3     | 13    | 0     | 0      | 2       |
| Total       | 440   | 1081  | 3     | 1      | 10      |

**CHART 8: DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: OFFENDERS BY AGE AND RACE**

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1980/GRAND TOTAL: 590

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 41    | 24    | 4     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 84    | 103   | 1     | 1      | 6       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 43    | 32    | 1     | 1      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 7     | 9     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 1     | 14    | 0     | 0      | 218     |
| Total       | 176   | 182   | 6     | 2      | 224     |

1981/GRAND TOTAL: 488

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 22    | 24    | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 89    | 92    | 4     | 0      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 50    | 29    | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 12    | 8     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 4     | 9     | 1     | 0      | 142     |
| Total       | 177   | 162   | 6     | 1      | 142     |

1982/GRAND TOTAL: 493

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 33    | 20    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 106   | 80    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 37    | 27    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 16    | 6     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 10    | 12    | 0     | 0      | 146     |
| Total       | 202   | 145   | 0     | 0      | 146     |

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DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: OFFENDERS BY AGE AND RACE

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1983/GRAND TOTAL: 522

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 20    | 20    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 96    | 85    | 3     | 0      | 0       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 50    | 38    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 15    | 9     | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 3     | 13    | 0     | 0      | 169     |
| Total       | 184   | 165   | 3     | 1      | 169     |

1984/GRAND TOTAL: 629

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 22    | 35    | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 99    | 117   | 0     | 1      | 1       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 42    | 62    | 0     | 1      | 1       |
| 40 and over | 11    | 10    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 4     | 24    | 0     | 0      | 198     |
| Total       | 178   | 248   | 1     | 2      | 200     |

1985/GRAND TOTAL: 675

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 26    | 31    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 83    | 148   | 1     | 0      | 1       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 43    | 40    | 2     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 31    | 13    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 12    | 18    | 0     | 0      | 226     |
| Total       | 195   | 250   | 3     | 0      | 227     |

**DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: OFFENDERS BY AGE AND RACE**

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1986/GRAND TOTAL: 1050

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 35    | 76    | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 172   | 205   | 5     | 0      | 4       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 86    | 74    | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| 40 and over | 26    | 15    | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 16    | 38    | 0     | 0      | 296     |
| Total       | 335   | 408   | 6     | 0      | 301     |

1987/GRAND TOTAL: 1119

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 40    | 96    | 3     | 0      | 1       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 150   | 188   | 4     | 0      | 2       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 69    | 77    | 0     | 1      | 2       |
| 40 and over | 31    | 23    | 0     | 0      | 1       |
| Unknown age | 17    | 34    | 0     | 0      | 380     |
| Total       | 307   | 418   | 7     | 1      | 386     |

1988/GRAND TOTAL: 1468

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 53    | 177   | 1     | 0      | 1       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 146   | 347   | 1     | 3      | 5       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 79    | 117   | 0     | 0      | 2       |
| 40 and over | 29    | 41    | 0     | 1      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 32    | 64    | 0     | 0      | 369     |
| Total       | 339   | 746   | 2     | 4      | 377     |

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**DRUG-RELATED HOMICIDES: OFFENDERS BY AGE AND RACE**

Source of basic data: FBI Uniform Crime Reports

1989/GRAND TOTAL: 1966

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 42    | 307   | 1     | 1      | 0       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 157   | 390   | 4     | 0      | 6       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 76    | 128   | 4     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 25    | 29    | 1     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 33    | 73    | 0     | 0      | 689     |
| Total       | 333   | 927   | 10    | 1      | 695     |

1990/GRAND TOTAL: 1844

| Age         | White | Black | Asian | Indian | Unknown |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| 0-9 yrs.    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      | 0       |
| 10-19 yrs.  | 60    | 257   | 0     | 1      | 1       |
| 20-29 yrs.  | 140   | 401   | 5     | 0      | 4       |
| 30-39 yrs.  | 78    | 125   | 3     | 0      | 0       |
| 40 and over | 27    | 33    | 2     | 0      | 0       |
| Unknown age | 38    | 98    | 2     | 0      | 569     |
| Total       | 343   | 914   | 12    | 1      | 574     |

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