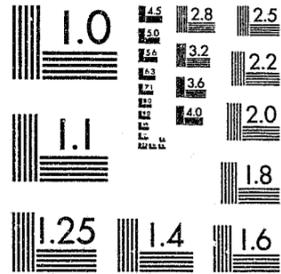


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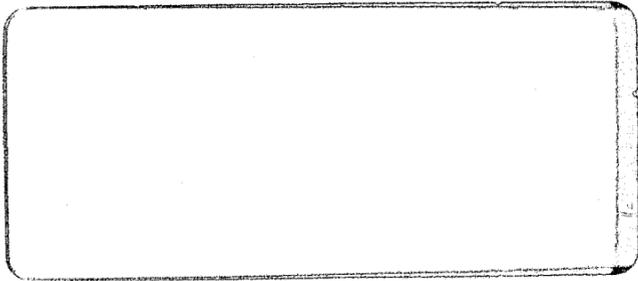
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Introduction

This codebook was the basis for the collection of data on every homicide in Chicago Police Department (CPD) murder analysis report files from 1965 through 1981, a total of more than 12,000 incidents. The codebook will be helpful for those who want to use this data set for their own analysis, and for those interpreting the details of analysis conducted by others. In addition, the codebook will be useful to anyone designing a similar study of homicide.

Data collection for 1965-1970 began in 1968. Additional data collection continued periodically through 1982. It has been possible only with the close cooperation, over the years, of the Chicago Police Department, in particular, former Superintendent James Rochford, former Deputy Superintendent Michael Spiotto, former Homicide Division Commander Joseph DiLeonardi, Homicide/Sex Division Commander Rudolf E. Nimocks (now Commander of Area 4 Detective Division), former Superintendent Richard Brzezczek, Deputy Superintendent Thomas J. Lyons, Chief William Hanhardt, Lieutenant Michael Caccitola, Sergeant Timothy Tidmarsh and Detective Patrick Conway.

Homicide data from 1965 through 1976 were collected under the supervision of Franklin E. Zimring of the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice of the University of Chicago Law School, and Richard L. Block of Loyola University of Chicago. Data collection was supported, in part, by PHS Grant No. 1R01M27575, NIMH, to the Center for Studies of Crime and Delinquency.

Homicide data from 1977 and 1978 were collected under the supervision of Richard Block; collection of 1979 through 1981 data was under the supervision of Richard Block and Carolyn Rebecca Block, and was supported by Bureau of Justice Statistics Grant No. 3960D to the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, now the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Those who participated in data collection and coding over the years included Ruth O'Brien-Perrin, John Piegore, Ronald Gilbert, Nancy Haverfield, Ted Nagengast, Barbara Gilloley and Keith Coopridier.

Because the data were collected in many stages by many people over a long period of time, the codes used have undergone repeated revision. However, these revisions added to the coding categories. They did not change the existing codes. For example, the coders of 1965 homicides began with a list of categories of weapon. When a coder came across a weapon not on the list, after consultation with the coding supervisors, the weapon would be added to the list. In this way, the number of categories for weapon, relationship and place expanded until each has close to 100. Some of these categories, as it turned out, occurred only once or twice. In actual analysis, it is easy to combine all of the codes into broader categories.

In addition, in later years some variables were added to the study. This is especially true of variables attempting to capture sentence information, which was very seldom present in the CPD analysis report. The best outcome information is "Outcome of Grand Jury or Preliminary Hearing" (column 69), which began to be collected in 1971, and had additional categories added in 1977. The "Codes" and the "Notes" sections of this codebook include details of available information by year.

Geographical location was collected differently in different years. From 1971 through 1976, a north-south and east-west grid code was used. After 1976, actual address was written on the codesheet. This address was later converted to a "pin map" location using the Census DIME file, producing a new geographical data file. This codebook does not apply to the new geographical file.

For most years, data reflect information available in mid-1982, even though the data were originally collected earlier. For the years 1971 through 1978, Authority staff updated the coding by searching police department files for cases that had not been cleared at the time of the original coding, but were cleared by 1982. (Because of the ID used, this would have been very difficult to do for the years 1965 to 1970.) For these cases, additional information was collected if available. Information about case outcome, in particular, was updated.

The major section of this report is the codebook itself, consisting of detailed coding instructions and categories for each piece of information gathered over the years. Since the coding was done by many people over a long period of time, categories were added to some variables and new variables were also added. Therefore, the codebook details specific categories or variables that apply to only some of the 1965 to 1981 years. These and other problems with data interpretation are detailed in the "Notes" section.

Following the "Codes" and the "Notes" sections, the report includes a section of "Recodes," in which a variable such as "Type of Weapon" (columns 23-24), with almost 100 categories, is condensed into a more manageable six-category variable. For those who want to create a computer file containing these recodes, and for those who use the SPSS system file at the Authority, the program that created the system file is also included. In addition, the report includes a bibliography of publications that have used the Chicago homicide data.

Codes

Column	Title	Description
1-3	ID	Unique identification number assigned to each incident by the Chicago Police Department (CPD). The number is in the upper right hand corner of the analysis report. <i>For 1965-1970, see "Notes."</i>
4	Book Year	The year in which the CPD "booked" the crime. <i>See Column 79-80 for "Year of Occurrence."</i>
5	Multiple Homicide	The number of persons murdered in the same incident. 1-9.....Enter actual number 0.....No information <i>This field was not used before 1977.</i>
6	Area	1-6.....Enter actual police area 0.....No information
7-8	District	01-24.....Enter actual police district 00.....No information

Note: Geographic boundaries of Chicago police districts changed over time. There were also slight changes in police areas. For details and maps, see Authority homicide study files.

Column	Title	Description
9	Sex of Victim	1.....Male 2.....Female 0.....Sex unknown
10	Race/Ethnicity of Victim	<i>Race codes changed over the years. For correspondence, see "Recodes Summary."</i> <u>1965-1970</u> <u>1971-1980</u> 1-White 1-White 2-Negro 2-Negro 3-Puerto Rican 3-Puerto Rican 4-Mexican 4-Mexican 5-Other 5-Other 6-(Not used) 6-Other Latin 7-(Not used) 7-Oriental 8-(Not used) 8-American Indian 0-Unknown 0-Unknown <u>1981</u> 1-White 2-Black 3-Black Hispanic 4-White Hispanic 5-(Not used) 6-(Not used) 7-Asian or Pacific Islander 8-American Indian or Alaskan Native 0-Unknown
11-12	Age of Victim	00.....Birth to 11 months 01-97.....Age as indicated 98.....98 or older 99.....Age unknown

Column	Title	Description
<i>Note: For columns 13 through 20, code the time and day that the incident occurred, <u>not</u> the time and day the death occurred.</i>		
13	Day of Week Incident Occurred	1.....Sunday 2.....Monday 3.....Tuesday 4.....Wednesday 5.....Thursday 6.....Friday 7.....Saturday 0.....Day unknown
14	Year Incident Occurred	<i>Do not use this variable. See Columns 79-80 for "Year of Occurrence." See "Notes."</i>
15-16	Month Incident Occurred	01.....January 02.....February 03.....March 04.....April 05.....May 06.....June 07.....July 08.....August 09.....September 10.....October 11.....November 12.....December 00.....Month unknown
17-18	Date of Month Incident Occurred	01-31.....Date of incident 00.....Date unknown

Column	Title	Description	
19-20	Hour Incident Occurred	12-hour Clock	24-hour Clock
		00.....12-1	0000-0059 am
		01.....1-2	0100-0159
		02.....2-3	0200-0259
		03.....3-4	0300-0359
		04.....4-5	0400-0459
		05.....5-6	0500-0559
		06.....6-7	0600-0659
		07.....7-8	0700-0759
		08.....8-9	0800-0859
		09.....9-10	0900-0959
		10.....10-11	1000-1059
		11.....11-12	1100-1159
		12.....12-1	1200-1259 pm
		13.....1-2	1300-1359
		14.....2-3	1400-1459
		15.....3-4	1500-1559
		16.....4-5	1600-1659
		17.....5-6	1700-1759
		18.....6-7	1800-1859
		19.....7-8	1900-1959
		20.....8-9	2000-2059
		21.....9-10	2100-2159
		22.....10-11	2200-2259
		23.....11-12	2300-2359
		99....	Hour unknown

Column	Title	Description
21-22	Place or Location Where Body Found	
	01...	Apartment (e.g., "CHA," basement apartment)
	02...	Tavern
	03...	House (e.g., home, private residence)
	04...	Hallway, stairwell, gallery, lobby, roof, vestibule, elevator
	05...	Hotel, motel, rooming house
	06...	Restaurant
	07...	Pool room
	08...	Basement
	09...	Other: commercial
	10...	Other: noncommercial

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Column	Title	Description
21-22 (cont)	Place or Location Where Body Found	
	11...	Garage
	12...	Grocery
	13...	Police station, jail
	14...	State mental hospital
	15...	Gas station
	16...	Ice house
	17...	Blood bank
	18...	El platform
	19...	Auto showroom
	20...	Street, sidewalk, parkway, driveway
	21...	Alley
	22...	Auto
	23...	Gangway, courtyard
	24...	Porch
	25...	Park, playground, golf course, school yard, forest preserve
	27...	Yard (e.g., CHA grounds)
	28...	Parking lot
	29...	Vacant lot
	30...	Laundry mat, cleaning store
	31...	Factory, industrial plant
	32...	TV repair shop
	33...	Fish store
	34...	Body of water
	35...	Bowling alley
	36...	Social club, recreation center, ballroom
	37...	Cigar store
	38...	Theater
	39...	Taxicab
	40...	Realty office
	41...	Bank, currency exchange
	42...	El train
	43...	Hospital
	44...	Liquor store
	45...	Abandoned building
	46...	Men's clothing store
	47...	Jewelry store
	48...	CTA bus, Greyhound bus
	49...	Drug store
	50...	School
	51...	Truck, van
	52...	Subway
	53...	Temple, church
	54...	Railroad tracks, railroad property
	55...	Under bridge

Note: See "PLACE" in "Recodes Summary."

Column	Title	Description
23-24	Type of Weapon	Code from "Weapon Type" in the CPD analysis report. Also use information in the narrative, and in the upper right corner of CPD analysis report: S=shot; ST=stabbed; A=assault; O=other.
		<i>See "WEAPON" in "Recodes Summary."</i>
		01....Unknown caliber revolver 02....22 caliber revolver 03....32 caliber revolver 04....38 caliber revolver 05....44 caliber revolver 06....45 caliber revolver 07....357 caliber revolver 08....455 caliber revolver 09....Other revolver
		10....Unknown type automatic 11....22 automatic 12....25 automatic 13....32 automatic 14....45 automatic 15....380 automatic 16....9 mm automatic 17....Other automatic 18....635 mm automatic 19....765 mm automatic
		20....22 caliber rifle 21....30/30 caliber rifle 22....Other rifle 23....32 caliber rifle 30....Unknown gauge rifle 31....12 gauge shotgun 32....16 gauge shotgun 33....20 gauge shotgun 34....410 gauge shotgun 35....Other shotgun
		40....Unknown type of gun
		41....22 caliber unknown 42....32 caliber unknown 43....38 caliber unknown 44....22 caliber derringer 45....Other derringer 46....38 caliber derringer

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Column	Title	Description
23-24 (cont)	Type of Weapon	50....Unknown type knife or cutting instrument 51....Kitchen knife 52....Pocket knife 53....Hunting knife 54....Boning knife 55....Ice pick 56....Blade only 57....Other type knife 58....Dagger
		60...Hands and feet 70...Arson 71...Baseball bat 72...Hammer 73...Rubber hose 74...Plastic bag 75...Steel bar 76...Other club (log, stick, table leg, wooden club, etc.)
		77...Rope 78...Pipe 79...Bottle 80...Hot water 81...Miscellaneous club or blunt object (e.g., pool cue)
		82...Vehicle 83...Brick, concrete block 84...Leather belt 85...Carving fork 86...Razor blade, straight razor 87...Poison spray 88...Electric telephone cord 89...Scissors 90...Other clothing (e.g., nylon stocking, towel, etc.)
		92...Other weapon
		93...Suffocation 94...Screwdriver 95...Cane 96...Sailmaker's needle 97...Thrown out window 98...Ax 99...Poison, alcohol
		91...Weapon unknown

Column	Title	Description
<i>Note: For columns 25 through 40, code as follows (also see "Notes").</i>		
25	Sex: First Offender	1...Male 2...Female 0...Blank, unknown, offender not identified
26	Race/Ethnicity: First Offender	<i>Race codes changed over the years. For correspondence, see "Recodes Summary."</i> <u>1965-1976</u> <u>1971-1980</u> 1-White 1-White 2-Negro 2-Negro 3-Puerto Rican 3-Puerto Rican 4-Mexican 4-Mexican 5-Other 5-Other 6-(Not used) 6-Other Latin 7-(Not used) 7-Oriental 8-(Not used) 8-American Indian 0-Unknown 0-Unknown <u>1981</u> 1-White 2-Black 3-Black Hispanic 4-White Hispanic 5-(Not used) 6-(Not used) 7-Asian or Pacific Islander 8-American Indian or Alaskan Native 0-Blank, unknown, offender not identified
27-28	Age: First Offender	Age in years. If a range of ages is given, enter the mean. 00...Blank, unknown, offender not identified.
29	Sex: Second Offender	<i>Code as in column 25.</i> 9-No second offender 0-Sex of second offender unknown
30	Race/Ethnicity: Second Offender	<i>Code as in column 26.</i> 9-No second offender (1977-1981) 0-Race of second offender unknown

Column	Title	Description
31-32	Age: Second Offender	<i>Code as in columns 27-28.</i> 99-No second offender (1977-1981) 00-Age of second offender unknown
33	Sex: Third Offender	<i>Code as in column 25.</i> 9-No third offender (1977-1981) 0-Sex of third offender unknown
34	Race/Ethnicity: Third Offender	<i>Code as in column 26.</i> 9-No third offender (1977-1981) 0-Race of third offender unknown
35-36	Age: Third Offender	<i>Code as in columns 27-28.</i> 99-No third offender (1977-1981) 00-Age of third offender unknown
37	Sex: Fourth Offender	<i>Code as in column 25.</i> 9-No fourth offender (1977-1981) 0-Sex of fourth offender unknown
38	Race/Ethnicity: Fourth Offender	<i>Code as in column 26.</i> 9-No fourth offender (1977-1981) 0-Race of fourth offender unknown
39-40	Age: Fourth Offender	<i>Code as in columns 27-28.</i> 99-No fourth offender (1977-1981) 00-Age of fourth offender unknown
41	Intoxicant Involved?	1...Yes-victim 2...No-neither 3...Can't tell-no offender information (1971-1977) 4...Yes-offender (1975-1981) 5...Yes-both (1975-1981) 6...Yes-undetermined who (1977-1981) <i>Coding changed in 1975; see "Notes." In 1965, 1966 and 1967, "missing" was coded 2. In 1969 and 1970, "missing" was coded 0 or blank.</i>

Column	Title	Description
42-43	Relationship (Offender to Victim)	<p>With multiple offenders, code relationship of <u>first</u> offender and victim only.</p> <p>If "other" on police analysis report, use all available information to distinguish between "some acquaintance" and "undetermined."</p> <p><i>See "RELATE10" and "RELATE4" in "Recodes Summary."</i></p> <p>00...Undetermined by police, or unknown</p> <p>01...Friends</p> <p>02...Neighbors</p> <p>03...Some acquaintance</p> <p>04...No relationship, stranger</p> <p>05...Mother/son-in-law</p> <p>06...Daughter/father-in-law</p> <p>10...Husband/wife-legal</p> <p>11...Husband/wife-common</p> <p>12...Wife/husband-legal</p> <p>13...Wife/husband-common</p> <p>18...Nephew/uncle</p> <p>19...Sister/brother-in-law</p> <p>20...Father/daughter</p> <p>21...Father/son</p> <p>22...Mother/son</p> <p>23...Son/father</p> <p>24...Son/mother</p> <p>25...Daughter/mother</p> <p>26...Daughter/father</p> <p>27...Stepfather/son</p> <p>28...Stepson/father</p> <p>29...Brother/brother</p> <p>30...Sister/brother</p> <p>31...Half brother/half brother</p> <p>32...Half brother/half sister</p> <p>33...Great aunt/nephew</p> <p>34...Uncle/nephew</p> <p>35...Aunt/nephew</p> <p>36...Niece/uncle</p> <p>37...Father/son-in-law</p> <p>38...Brother-in-law/brother-in-law</p> <p>39...Sister-in-law/sister-in-law</p>

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Column	Title	Description
42-43 (cont)	Relationship (Offender to Victim)	<p>40...Ex-husband/ex-wife</p> <p>41...Ex-wife/ex-husband</p> <p>42...Girlfriend/boyfriend</p> <p>43...Boyfriend/girlfriend</p> <p>44...Ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend</p> <p>45...Ex-girlfriend/ex-boyfriend</p> <p>46...Mother/daughter</p> <p>47...Cousin/cousin</p> <p>49...Grandson/grandfather</p> <p>50...Employer/employee</p> <p>51...Tenant/landlord</p> <p>52...Landlady/tenant</p> <p>53...Landlord/tenant</p> <p>54...Hotel clerk/tenant</p> <p>55...Co-workers or business partners</p> <p>56...Baby-sitter/baby</p> <p>57...Customer/proprietor</p> <p>58...Proprietor/customer</p> <p>59...Son-in-law/father-in-law</p> <p>60...Employee/employer</p> <p>61...Great uncle/nephew</p> <p>62...Brother/sister</p> <p>63...Police/suspect</p> <p>64...Patient/doctor</p> <p>65...Sister-in-law/brother-in-law</p> <p>66...Mother-in-law/son-in-law</p> <p>67...Fare/cab driver</p> <p>68...Suspect/police</p> <p>69...Legal guardian/child</p> <p>70...Uncle/niece</p> <p>71...Son-in-law/mother-in-law</p> <p>72...Daughter-in-law/mother-in-law</p> <p>73...Both parents/child</p> <p>74...Brother-in-law/sister-in-law</p> <p>75...Suspect/security guard</p> <p>76...Nephew/aunt</p> <p>77...Stepfather/stepdaughter</p> <p>78...Stepbrother/stepbrother</p>

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Column	Title	Description
42-43 (cont)	Relationship (Offender to Victim)	79...Student/teacher 80...Security guard/suspect 81...Granddaughter/grandmother 82...Niece/aunt 83...Grandson/grandmother 85...Homosexual relationship (domestic) 86...Homosexual acquaintances 87...Aunt/niece 88...Stepmother/stepson 89...Sister/sister 90...Foster child/foster parent
44	Altercation Motive	To code, use category checked in the CPD analysis report, plus narrative about circumstances, where available. If homicide began as a robbery, burglary or rape, code 0. If homicide began as a fight, brawl or other altercation, code the specific motive for altercation, where given. If no specific motive is given, code "Other altercation motive." 1...Money, gambling, debts 2...Liquor, drugs 3...Sex 4...Teen/youth gang (see "Notes") 5...Triangle relationship 6...Racial 7...Children 8...General domestic 9...Other altercation motive (e.g., "prior," "physical," "traffic," "property," or "verbal" altercation) 0...Not an altercation--robbery, burglary, rape (see columns 45-47) <i>Coding changed in 1974; see "Notes."</i>

Column	Title	Description
45	Motive: Robbery	1...Strong-armed (enter 0 in column 44) 2...Armed (enter 0 in column 44) 0...Not involved
46	Motive: Burglary	1...Involved (enter 0 in column 44) 0...Not involved
47	Motive: Sex	1...Homosexual rape, "perversion" (enter 0 in column 44) 2...Rape, assault of women (enter 0 in column 44) 3...Involving homosexuality 4...Involving prostitution 0...Not involved <i>Codes 3 and 4 were not used prior to 1971; see "Notes."</i>
48	Wanton (Unlawful) Use of a Weapon	1...Involved (code <u>only</u> if checked in CPD analysis report) 0...Not involved
49	Number of Offenders	1-8..Enter number involved 9...9 or more involved 0...Unknown <i>See "Notes."</i>
50	Previous Offense: Victim	1...No record of previous offense 2...Record, not connected to this murder 3...Record, connected to this murder 0...Not indicated, or juvenile and not applicable <i>"Previous Offense: Victim" was not coded in 1965.</i>

Column	Title	Description
For columns 51 through 54, code all 0's if the number of offenders is unknown, information is missing, there is no second offender, or code is otherwise not applicable. (In 1977 and 1978, 9 was coded in these instances.)		
51	Previous Offense: Offender 1	Code as in column 50. 0-Number of offenders unknown, information is missing, there is no second offender, or code is not applicable.
52	Previous Offense: Offender 2	Code as in column 50. 0-Number of offenders unknown, information is missing, there is no second offender, or code is not applicable.
53	Previous Offense: Offender 3	Code as in column 50. 0-Number of offenders unknown, information is missing, there is no second offender, or code is not applicable.
54	Previous Offense: Offender 4	Code as in column 50. 0-Number of offenders unknown, information missing, there is no second offender, or code is not applicable. <u>Note:</u> In 1965, 1966, and 1967, "Previous Offense: Offender" was not coded.
55	Clearance	1...Exceptional clearance: Police know who offender is, but could make no arrest (e.g., offender's suicide, "bar to prosecution") 2...Not cleared: Police do not know who offender is 3...Cleared by arrest "Clearance" was not coded in 1965, 1966 or 1967. From 1968 to 1974, 3 was not used; all clearances were coded 1.

Column	Title	Description
56	Victim Participation	Code if victim actively participated or precipitated, <u>not</u> if victim merely resisted. Code <u>only</u> where participation was immediate, not where offender killed victim to settle an old score. Child abuse and robbery usually would be coded "No." 1...Yes (argument, fight) 2...No 0...Undetermined "Victim Participation" was not coded in 1965 or 1966.
57	Blank	*****
58	Child Abuse	0...Not indicated (child, but can't tell if abused) 1...Involved: Battered child 2...Not involved: Child, but not battered, (e.g., robbery murder), or not a child (1977-1981) "Child Abuse" was not coded 1965-1970.
59	Victim Intervention in Crime	Third person who intervenes in a crime and is killed. 1...Victim is a police officer 2...Victim is not a police officer, but was active in crime (e.g., good samaritan) 3...Victim passive, bystander, or witness to other crime 0...Not indicated or involved "Victim Intervention in Crime" was not coded from 1965 through 1970.

Column	Title	Description
60-65	Blank	<i>In 1971-1976, geographical location was coded here. See "Introduction."</i>
66	Investigation	1...Offender at the scene 2...Offender immediately identified, but not at the scene 3...Offender identified through investigation 4...Offender never identified 5...Offender at scene, but arrested later (1979-1981) 9...No information <i>Not coded from 1965 to 1970. For 1977 and 1978, see "Notes."</i>
67	Death of Offender	0...No, death of offender not involved. 1...Killed subsequent to, and as a result of, this incident, but police not involved 2...Killed subsequent to, but not as a result of, this incident 3...Killed by police at scene 4...Suicide (1977-1981) 9...Not cleared, offender not identified (enter 2 in column 55) <i>Not coded from 1965 to 1970. From 1971 through 1978, "Not cleared" was coded 0.</i>
68	Blank	<i>In 1971-1974, "Inquest Verdict" was coded here.</i>

Column	Title	Description
69	Outcome of Grand Jury or Preliminary Hearing	For multiple offenders, code the most serious outcome for any offender. Also write disposition, if any, on back of code sheet. 0...No bill, no probable cause (NPC), not guilty 1...True bill-murder 2...True bill-voluntary manslaughter 3...Not yet indicted, or no information hearing held 4...True bill-involuntary manslaughter 5...True bill-other or unspecified charge (1977-1980) 6...Referred to juvenile (family) court (1977-1980) 7...Other (e.g., nolle proesse) 8...Defendant not identified or not arrested. No suspect, not cleared (enter 2 in column 55) (1977-1980) 9...No information or not applicable (exceptional clearance) <i>Not coded from 1965 to 1970. Also, not coded in 1981 because cases were still in progress. 1971-1978 coding was updated with new information available in 1982.</i>
70-74	Indictment Number	Enter the specific number. Also write it on the back of the code sheet. If the number is too long, drop the first digit. 00000...None, not available <i>Not coded before 1977. For 1971 to 1976 see "Notes."</i>

Column	Title	Description
75	Drugs Involved in Crime?	<p>Also see "Intoxicant" (column 41) and "Drugs Used?" (column 77).</p> <p>1...Selling 2...Argument over possession (enter 2 in column 44) 3...Getting money for drugs 4...Other drug involvement and unknown drug involvement</p> <p>9...Report states "not involved"</p> <p><i>Not coded from 1965 through 1976.</i></p>
76	Victim Committing a Crime?	<p>Do not count a fight or altercation as a crime in this instance. Only count such predatory crimes as a robbery or rape.</p> <p>1...Victim killed while committing, or fleeing the scene of, a predatory crime 2...Victim not committing a crime 3...Vengeance (motive was revenge for a past crime committed by the victim) 4...Victim committing a victimless crime (e.g., dice game)</p> <p>0...No information</p> <p><i>Not coded from 1965 through 1976.</i></p>
77	Drugs Used During Crime?	<p>Also see "Drugs Involved?" (column 75).</p> <p>1...Yes, victim 2...No, neither 3...Can't tell (if no offender known) 4...Yes, offender 5...Yes, both</p> <p><i>Not coded from 1965 through 1974.</i></p>
78	Indictment Number Digit	<p>Enter the last digit of the indictment number.</p> <p>0...None</p> <p><i>Coded only in 1979 and 1980.</i></p>
79-80	Year of Occurrence	<p>Year in which <u>incident</u>, not death, occurred. Enter last two digits of year.</p> <p><i>See "Notes."</i></p>

Additional Information to be Recorded

Note: *This information is not contained in the Authority computer file.*

Record the following in ink on back of the codesheet:

	Title	Description
1)	Exact Address Where Body Found	<p>Example: <u>721 North Clark Street</u> (include all underlined information).</p> <p><i>In 1971-1976, geographical location was coded in columns 60 to 65.</i></p>
2)	Indictment Number (if any)	Include the letter, if the indictment number has one.
3)	Final Disposition	Record the case disposition here, if there is one.

Notes

Column	Title	Comments
1-3	ID	For 1965 through 1970, the ID number in the CPD analysis report was not recorded here. Instead, an arbitrary number was assigned sequentially to each case.
4	Book Year	The year in which the homicide was reported to the police, or became known to the police. It is not necessarily the year in which the homicide occurred. <u>Do not use this variable.</u> Use "Year of Occurrence" instead. 1965-1973...Last digit of the year 1974.....A 1975-1981...Last digit of the year
14	Year Incident Occurred	This was not used at all in 1974. In other years, the final digit of the year was entered. <u>Do not use this variable.</u> Use "Year of Occurrence" instead.
25-40	Offender's Race, Sex and Age	In 1965-1970, these columns were left blank for "no information." To use these variables, assign a missing value to "blank."
41	Intoxicant Involved?	In 1975, CPD criterion for victim intoxication changed. Before 1975, it was the investigating officer's opinion. Beginning in 1975, it was based on blood tests conducted by the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.
44	Altercation Motive	The use of codes 9 and 0 differed from the definitions given here in 1965, 1966, 1967, 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974. It is impossible to reconstruct this variable for these years. Also, sometimes in the early years, "Altercation over money" was coded for robbery murders, and "Altercation over sex" was coded for rape murders. For further information, see Authority files. The CPD definition of "Teen Youth Gang" homicide specifies that <u>both</u> victim and offender must be youth gang members. This definition has been used since at least 1967.

Column	Title	Comments
47	Motive: Sex	Police coding of "Perversion" is not reliable before 1971. It is impossible to distinguish between homosexual rape and murder of homosexual friends.
49	Number of Offenders	This information requires some cleaning because "Number of Offenders" was coded 1 in about 10 percent of the cases in which the age, sex and race of a <u>second</u> offender were known.
66	Investigation	In 1977-1978, "Investigation" was coded 9 (no information) when an arrest had been made, but there was no information regarding the type of investigation. To analyze 1977-1978, cross-tabulate "Investigation" with "Clearance" (column 55).
70-76	Indictment Number Drugs Involved? Victim Committing a Crime?	In 1965-1970, these columns were not used. In 1971-1976, they were used to code several sentence variables. However, it was later decided that sentencing information was unreliable. The Authority file, CHOM6581, does <u>not</u> contain these variables.

Column	Title	Comments
79-80	Year of Occurrence	Year in which the <u>incident</u> , not the death, occurred.

For 1965 to 1981, "Year of Occurrence" was constructed and verified by a case-by-case analysis of the data, especially ID (columns 1-3), Book Year (column 4), and Year Incident Occurred (column 14). In questionable cases, we returned to the original police files.

<u>Year of Occurrence</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
1964	3
1965	395
1966	510
1967	552
1968	636
1969	760
1970	828
1971	828
1972	709
1973	861
1974	963
1975	819
1976	818
1977	825
1978	790
1979	854
1980	853
1981	871

Recodes Summary

For quick reference, use the following list for variable recodes contained in the Chicago Homicide system file at the Authority. For exact definitions, see the "Recodes--SPSS System File" section below.

Victim and Offender Age

Variable labels: VICAGE, OFF1AGE, OFF2AGE, OFF3AGE, OFF4AGE

Recoded variables: AGEV, AGE0

1	01 THRU 14, 25 THRU 98
2	15 THRU 19
3	20 THRU 24
10	00,99

For other age categorizations, and for correction of some mis-codes, see Authority files.

Victim and Offender Race/Ethnicity

Variable labels: RACEVIC, OFF1RACE, OFF2RACE, OFF3RACE, OFF4RACE

Recoded variables: RACEV, RACE10, RACE20, RACE30, RACE40

- 1....White
- 2....Black
- 3....Latin
- 4....Other
- 5....Oriental

This coding scheme attempts to provide consistent definitions over the entire 1965-1981 period. However, see the "Codes" section above. Note that in 1965 through 1970, Orientals were included in "Other."

Relationship of Offender to Victim

Variable label: RELATION

Recoded variables: RELATE10, RELATE4

RELATE10

- 1....Husband/wife (including common law)
- 2....Girlfriend/boyfriend, ex-girlfriend/
ex-boyfriend, ex-husband/ex-wife
- 3....Parent/child
- 4....Other family
- 5....Friend, neighbor, acquaintance
(including homosexual couple)
- 6....Work relationship
- 7....Police or guard by suspect
- 8....Suspect by police or guard
- 9....Stranger
- 10...Unsolved case

RELATE4

- 1....Family
- 2....Acquaintance
- 3....Stranger
- 4....Unsolved case

Correspondence between RELATE10 and RELATE4:

<u>RELATE4 Category</u>	<u>RELATE10 Category</u>
Family	1,3,4
Acquaintance	2,5,6
Stranger	7,8,9
Unsolved	10

Location Where Body Found

Variable label: PLACE

Recoded variable: PLACE3

- 1....Indoors, but not a residence (includes "other commercial")
- 2....Indoors, in a residence (includes "other noncommercial")
- 3....Out-of-doors, or in a vehicle

Weapon

Variable label: WEAPON

Recoded variable: WEAPON6

- 1....Handgun
- 2....Long gun
- 3....Gun, type unknown
- 4....Knife
- 5....Hands, feet or blunt instrument
- 6....Other

Recodes--SPSS System File

The following program created the Chicago Homicide SPSS system file (CHOMISYS.UCR) at the Authority. Use this listing for exact detailed information about recoded variables, missing values, and labels. For example, use this listing to see how each of the many possible codes for "Type of Weapon" (columns 23-24) is recoded into a six-category summary, WEAPON6. Users who wish to categorize a variable differently may do so, but we have found the categories indicated below to be appropriate for most purposes.

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FILE NAME      CHOMSYS  CHICAGO HOMICIDE SYSTEM FILE
VARIABLE LIST  CASENUM,CASEYEAR,
                MULTHOMI,AREA,DISTRICT,SEXVIC,RACEVIC,AGEVIC,
                DAYWEEK,YEAR,MONTH,DAYMONTH,TIME,PLACE,WEAPON,OFF1SEX,
                OFF1RACE,OFF1AGE,OFF2SEX,OFF2RACE,OFF2AGE,OFF3SEX,
                OFF3RACE,OFF3AGE,OFF4SEX,OFF4RACE,OFF4AGE,LIQUOR,
                RELATION,ALTERCAT,ROBBERY,BURGLARY,SEX,WANWEAP,NUMOFF,
                RECVIC,RECOFF1,RECOFF2,RECOFF3,RECOFF4,CLEARED,VICPAR,
                KIDABUSE,VICINTER,INVESTIG,DEATHOFF,GRANJURY,INDICTN,
                DRUGSINV,VICCOMCR,DRUGUSED,LDINDICT,YEAROCC

INPUT MEDIUM   DISC(CHOM6581)
N OF CASES     12875
INPUT FORMAT   FIXED(F3.0,3F1.0,F2.0,2F1.0,F2.0,2F1.0,5F2.0,2F1.0,
                F2.0,2F1.0,F2.0,2F1.0,F2.0,2F1.0,F2.0,F1.0,F2.0,13F1.0,
                1X,2F1.0,6X,2F1.0,1X,F1.0,F5.0,4F1.0,F2.0)

ALLOCATE       TRANSPACE=5000
RECODE         OFF1AGE (99=0)
COMPUTE        RELATE10=RELATION
RECODE         RELATE10(10 THRU 13=1)(40 THRU 45=2)(20 THRU 26,29,30,
                46,62,69,73,89=3)(05,06,18,19,27,28,31 THRU 39,47,49,
                59,61,65,66,70 THRU 72,74,76,77,78,81,82,83,87,88,90=4)
                (01,02,03,85,86=5)(50 THRU 58,60,64,67,79,84=6)(63,80=7)
                (68,75=8)(04=9)(00=10)

COMPUTE        PLACE3=PLACE
RECODE         PLACE3(02,04,06,07,08,09,11 THRU 17,19,30 THRU 33,
                35 THRU 38,40,41,43 THRU 47,49,50,53=1)(01,03,05,10=2)
                (18,20 THRU 29,34,39,42,48,51,52,54,55=3)

COMPUTE        AGEV=AGEVIC
COMPUTE        AGE0=OFF1AGE
ASSIGN MISSING AGEV,AGE0(99)
RECODE         AGEV,AGE0 (01 THRU 14,25 THRU 98=1)
                (15 THRU 19=2)(20 THRU 24=3)(00,99=10)

COMPUTE        RELATE4=RELATE10
RECODE         RELATE4(1,3,4,=1)(2,5,6=2)(7,8,9=3)(10=4)

COMPUTE        ROBBERY1=ROBBERY
RECODE         ROBBERY1(1,2=1)
IF              ((ROBBERY1 NE 1) AND (BURGLARY NE 1) AND (SEX NE 2))
                NONFELON=1
IF              (RELATE4 EQ 1 OR 2)RELKNOW=1

COMPUTE        RACEV=RACEVIC
COMPUTE        RACE10=OFF1RACE
COMPUTE        RACE20=OFF2RACE

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COMPUTE RACE30=OFF3RACE
 COMPUTE RACE40=OFF4RACE
 RECODE RACEV, RACE10, RACE20, RACE30, RACE40(3,4,6=3)(5,8=4)(7=5)
 COMPUTE WEAPON6=WEAPON
 RECODE WEAPON6(01 THRU 09,11 THRU 19,44,45,46=1)(20 THRU 23,
 30 THRU 35=2)(10,40 THRU 43=3)(50 THRU 58,79,85,86,89,
 94,96,98=4)(60,71,72,75,76,78,81,95=5)(70,73,74,77,80,
 82,83,84,87,88,90,91,92,93,97,99=6)
 MISSING VALUES MULTHOMI, AREA, SEXVIC, RACEVIC, DAYWEEK, OFF1SEX, OFF2SEX,
 OFF3SEX, OFF4SEX, OFF1RACE, OFF2RACE, OFF3RACE, OFF4RACE,
 NUMOFF, RECOFF1 TO RECOFF4, INDICTN TO VICCOMCR,
 LDINDICT (0)/DISTRICT, MONTH, DAYMONTH, OFF1AGE, OFF2AGE,
 OFF3AGE, OFF4AGE, RELATION (00)/AGEVIC, TIME, OFF2AGE,
 OFF3AGE, OFF4AGE(99)/INVESTIG, OFF2SEX, OFF3SEX, OFF4SEX,
 OFF2RACE, OFF3RACE, OFF4RACE, GRANJURY (9)/WEAPON (91)/
 VAR LABELS CASENUM, POLICE CASE NUMBER 1965-78/
 MULTHOMI, MULTIPLE HOMICIDE/AREA, POLICE DIVISION/DISTRICT,
 POLICE DISTRICT/SEXVIC, SEX OF VICTIM/RACEVIC,
 RACE OF VICTIM/AGEVIC, AGE OF VICTIM/DAYWEEK, DAY OF WEEK/
 YEAR, YEAR INCIDENT OCCURRED/MONTH,
 MONTH INCIDENT OCCURRED/DAYMONTH, DAY OF MONTH/TIME,
 HOUR INCIDENT OCCURRED/PLACE, TYPE OF LOCATION/WEAPON,
 TYPE OF WEAPON/OFF1SEX, SEX-FIRST OFFENDER/OFF1RACE,
 RACE-FIRST OFFENDER/OFF1AGE, AGE-FIRST OFFENDER/OFF2SEX,
 SEX-SECOND OFFENDER/OFF2RACE, RACE-SECOND OFFENDER/
 OFF2AGE, AGE-SECOND OFFENDER/OFF3SEX, SEX-THIRD OFFENDER/
 OFF3RACE, RACE-THIRD OFFENDER/OFF3AGE, AGE-THIRD OFFENDER/
 OFF4SEX, SEX-FOURTH OFFENDER/OFF4RACE,
 RACE-FOURTH OFFENDER/OFF4AGE, AGE-FOURTH OFFENDER/LIQUOR,
 INTOXICANT INVOLVED/RELATION, RELATIONSHIP-FIRST OFFENDER/
 ALTERCAT, ALTERCATION/ROBBERY, MOTIVE ROBBERY/BURGLARY,
 MOTIVE BURGLARY/SEX, MOTIVE SEX/WANWEAP,
 WANTON USE OF WEAPON/NUMOFF, NUMBER OF OFFENDERS/
 RECVIC, VICTIM'S PREVIOUS OFFENSE/
 RECOFF1, OFFENDER1-PREVIOUS OFFENSE/RECOFF2,
 OFFENDER2-PREVIOUS OFFENSE/RECOFF3,
 OFFENDER3-PREVIOUS OFFENSE/RECOFF4,
 OFFENDER4-PREVIOUS OFFENSE/CLEARED, CASE CLEARED/
 VICPAR, VICTIM PARTICIPATION/KIDABUSE, CHILD ABUSE/
 VICINTER, VICTIM INTERVENTION/INVESTIG, INVESTIGATION/
 DEATHOFF, DEATH OF OFFENDER/GRANJURY, GRAND JURY/INDICTN,
 INDICTMENT NUMBER/DRUGSINV, DRUGS INVOLVED/VICCOMCR,
 VICTIM COMMITTING A CRIME/DRUGUSED, DRUGS USED/
 LDINDICT, LAST DIGIT OF INDICT NUMBER/
 VAR LABELS YEAROCC, YEAR OF OCCURRENCE/
 RELATE10, RELATION RECODED INTO 10 CATEGORIES/PLACE3,
 LOCATION RECODED INTO 3 CATEGORIES/AGEV, VICTIM'S AGE/
 AGEV, FIRST OFFENDER'S AGE/RELATE4,
 RELATION RECODED INTO 4 CATEGORIES/
 ROBBERY1, STRONGARM AND ARMED ROBBERY COMBINED/
 NONFELON, HOMICIDE WITHOUT BURG, ROB, RAPE/RELKNOW,
 RELATIONSHIP KNOWN-FAM OR ACQ/ASSAULT,
 ALTERCATION-NONFELON-VICKNEWOFF/RACEV, VICTIM'S RACE/
 RACE10, FIRST OFFENDER'S RACE/RACE20,
 SECOND OFFENDER'S RACE/RACE30, THIRD OFFENDER'S RACE/
 RACE40, FOURTH OFFENDER'S RACE/WEAPON6,

VALUE LABELS

WEAPON RECODED INTO 6 CATEGORIES/
 SEXVIC, OFF1SEX, OFF2SEX, OFF3SEX, OFF4SEX (1)MALE (2)FEMALE
 (0)UNKNOWN/DAYWEEK (1)SUNDAY (2)MONDAY (3)TUESDAY
 (4)WEDNESDAY (5)THURSDAY (6)FRIDAY (7)SATURDAY
 (0)UNKNOWN/
 MONTH (00)UNKNOWN MONTH
 (01)JANUARY (02)FEBRUARY (03)MARCH (04)APRIL (05)
 MAY (06)JUNE (07)JULY (08)AUGUST (09)SEPTEMBER (10)
 OCTOBER (11)NOVEMBER (12)DECEMBER/
 DAYMONTH (00)UNKNOWN/
 LIQUOR (1)YESVIC (2)NO (3)CAN'T TELL
 (4)YESOFF (5)YESBOTH (6)YES, UNDETERMINE/
 ALTERCAT (1)MONEY (2)LIQUOR, DRUGS (3)SEX (4)TEEN GANG (5)
 TRIANGLE (6)RACIAL (7)CHILDREN (8)DOMESTIC (9)OTHER (0)
 NO ALTERCATION/ROBBERY (0)NOTINVOL (1)STRONGARM (2)ARMED/
 BURGLARY (0)NOTINVOL (1)INVOLVED/SEX (0)NOT INVOL (1)
 PERVERS (2)RAPE (3)HOMOSEXUALS (4)PROSTITUTE/WANWEAP (0)
 NOTINVOL (1)INVOLVED/RECVIC (0)NOT INDICATED (1)NO RECORD
 (2)NO RECORD CONNECT (3)RECORD CONNECT/RECOFF1 TO RECOFF4
 (0)NOT INDICATED (1)NO RECORD (2)NO RECORD CONNECT (3)
 RECORD CONNECT/CLEARED (1)POLICEKNOW-NOARREST
 (2)NOT CLEARED (3)POLICEKNOW-ARREST/
 VICPAR (0)UNDETERMINE (1)YES (2)NO/
 KIDABUSE (0)NOT INDICATED (1)INVOLVED (2)NOT INVOL/
 VICINTER (0)NOTINVOL (1)VICTIM-POLICE (2)VICTIM-NOTPOLICE
 (3)VICTIM-PASSIVE/INVESTIG (1)OFFENDER AT SCENE
 (2)OFFEN IMMEDIAT IDEN
 (3)OFFEN ID INVESTIG (4)OFFEN NEVER ID (5)
 OFFATSCENE-ARRESTLAT (9)NO INFO/DEATHOFF (0)NOTINVOL (1)
 DEATH DUE TO INCIDT (2)DEATH NOT INCIDT
 (3)KILLED BY POLICE
 (4)SUICIDE (9)NOT CLEARED/y (0)NO BILL (1)
 TRUEBILL-MURDER (2)TRUEBILL-VOLMANS (3)NO INDICT (4)
 TRUEBILL-INVOLMANS (5)TRUEBILL-UNSPEC (6)JUVENILE CT (7)
 OTHER (8)NO SUSPECTS-UNCLEAR (9)NO INFO-CLEARED EXC/
 DRUGSINV (0)NO INFO (1)SELLING (2)POSSESSION
 (3)MONEY FOR DRUGS
 (4)OTHER DRUG INVOL (9)NOT INVOLVED/VICCOMCR
 (1)VICCOMPREDCRIME (2)y NOT COMMIT CRIME (3)VENGEANCE
 (4)VICTIMLESS CRIME (0)NO INFO/DRUGUSED (1)YES, VICTIM (2)
 NO (3)CAN'T TELL (4)YES, OFFENDER (5)YES, BOTH/
 VALUE LABELS RELATE10 (1)SPOUSE (2)EXSPOUSE, BGFRIEND (3)IMMED FAMILY
 (4)RELATIVES, INLAWS (5)FRIEND, NEIGH, ACQ (6)FUNCTIONAL
 RELATION (7)POLICE, SG-SUSPECT (8)SUSPECT-POLICE, SG
 (9)NO RELATION (10)UNDETERMINED, UNKNOWN/PLACE3
 (1)INSIDE NONRESIDENCE (2)INSIDE RESIDENCE
 (3)OUTSIDE, VEHICLE/
 AGEV, AGEV (1)01-14, 25-98 (2)15-19 (3)20-24 (10)00, 99/
 RELATE4 (1)FAMILY (2)ACQUAINTANCE (3)STRANGER (4)MYSTERY/
 ROBBERY1 (0)ROBBERY1-NO (1)ROBBERY1-YES/
 NONFELON (0)FELONY (1)NONFELONY/RELKNOW (0)
 UNKNOWN RELATION (1)KNOWN RELATION/ ASSAULT (0)ASSAULT-NO
 (1)ASSAULT-YES/RACEV, RACE10, RACE20, RACE30, RACE40 (1)WHITE
 (2)BLACK (3)HISPANIC (4)OTHER (5)ASIAN (0)UNKNOWN/WEAPON6
 (1)HANDGUN (2)LONGGUN (3)UNKNOWN GUN
 (4)KNIFE, CUTTING INSTR (5)HANDS, FEET, CLUBS (6)OTHER/

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