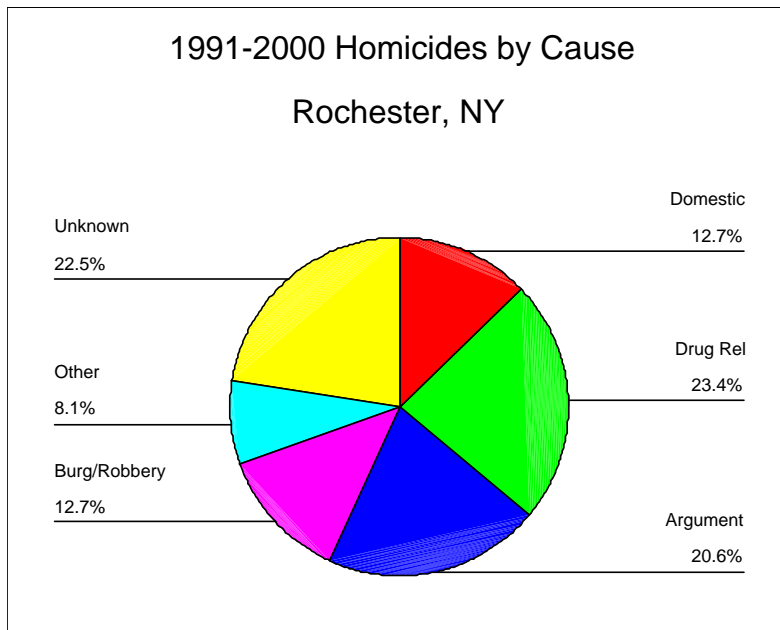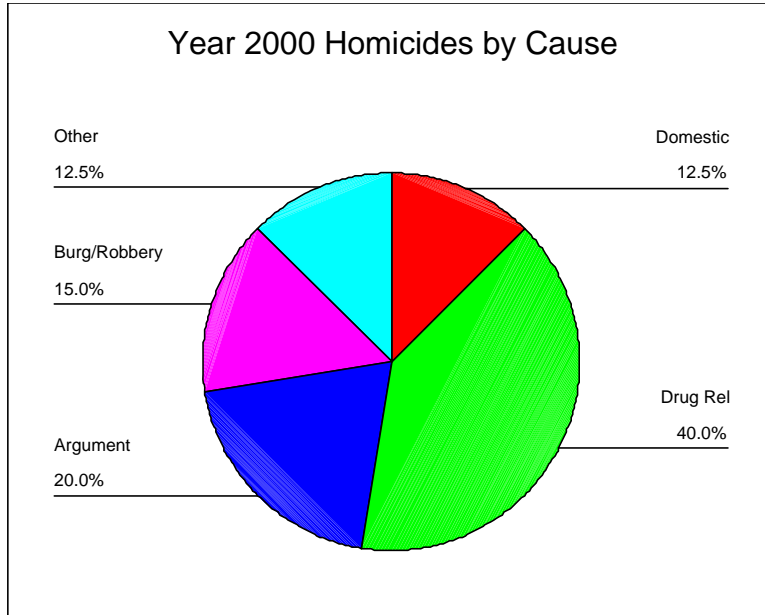**Rochester SACSI Research**
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Drugs and Homicide 1992-2000

The chart below shows that drugs were classified as the leading cause of homicides in Rochester in the year 2000. This classification is based ion the best information available to the police and probably underestimates the drug connection to homicides.

Year 2000 Homicides by Cause

Cause	Percent
Other	12.5%
Domestic	12.5%
Burg/Robbery	15.0%
Argument	20.0%
Drug Rel	40.0%

1991-2000 Homicides by Cause
Rochester, NY

Cause	Percent
Unknown	22.5%
Domestic	12.7%
Other	8.1%
Drug Rel	23.4%
Burg/Robbery	12.7%
Argument	20.6%

When examined together 1992-2000 homicides show that drugs have also been reported as the leading cause of homicides although their overall percentage is lower than the year 2000.

When the data are reviewed for each year we see that drugs accounted for a low of 9.1% of homicides in 1998 and a high of 40% in 2000. The pattern, however, does show considerable variation over the years. Argument also ranks high among common causes of homicide in this time period.

Homicides 1992-2000 by Cause

CAUSE# * YEAR Crosstabulation

		YEAR 1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Domestic	Count	7	16	7	4	7	5	1	8	5	60
	% within YEAR	14.0%	23.5%	10.6%	6.7%	13.0%	8.3%	2.3%	27.6%	12.5%	12.7%
Drug Rel	Count	6	25	13	19	10	7	4	10	16	110
	% within YEAR	12.0%	36.8%	19.7%	31.7%	18.5%	11.7%	9.1%	34.5%	40.0%	23.4%
Argument	Count	14	9	14	12	8	12	15	5	8	97
	% within YEAR	28.0%	13.2%	21.2%	20.0%	14.8%	20.0%	34.1%	17.2%	20.0%	20.6%
Burg/Robbery	Count	11	5	11	9	8	6	3	1	6	60
	% within YEAR	22.0%	7.4%	16.7%	15.0%	14.8%	10.0%	6.8%	3.4%	15.0%	12.7%
Other	Count	2	2	5	7	6	6	3	2	5	38
	% within YEAR	4.0%	2.9%	7.6%	11.7%	11.1%	10.0%	6.8%	6.9%	12.5%	8.1%
Unknown	Count	10	11	16	9	15	24	18	3		106
	% within YEAR	20.0%	16.2%	24.2%	15.0%	27.8%	40.0%	40.9%	10.3%		22.5%
	Count	50	68	66	60	54	60	44	29	40	471
	% within YEAR	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%