

Homicide is defined as the intentional killing of a person, including murder, manslaughter, euthanasia and infanticide. It excludes death by dangerous driving, abortion and help with suicide. Attempted (uncompleted) homicide is also excluded. In contrast with other offences, the counting unit for homicide is normally the victim rather than the case.

Homicide is fairly universally reported because of its seriousness, and definitions vary less between countries than for some other types of crime, so that homicide figures may be regarded as more comparable between countries than for other types of crime.

Further information

- [Statistics on crime and the criminal justice system: Offence definitions and explanatory notes for countries unable to meet the standard definition](#)

Related concepts

- [Total crime](#)
- [Violent crime](#)

Statistical data

- [Crime statistics](#)

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