Six Facts on Murder



Odds of winning the lottery: 1 in 135,145,920 (multi-state, mega-millions jackpot)
Lifetime odds of being murdered in the us: 1 in 133 (Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics)

1. In Canada there were more than two million violent incidents committed against people ages 15 and older in 2004.
2. In 2004, Canadians ages 15-24 represented 14 percent of the population, yet accounted for 32 percent of those accused of committing property crimes and 42 percent of those accused of committing violent crimes.
3. A violent crime occurs somewhere in the US every 18 seconds.
4. A murder is committed every 24 minutes in the US.
5. In 2005 African Americans were 26 percent more likely than white Americans to be victims of violent crimes.
6. Arrests were made in 62 percent of US murder cases in 2004.