

Table A: Number of homicides in Hertfordshire by method of killing where a weapon was involved, 2007/08 to 2011/12

Method of killing	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Sharp instrument	3	3	3	6	4
Blunt instrument	0	1	1	0	1
Shooting	4	0	0	1	0
Total	7	4	4	7	5

Table B: Number of homicides in Hertfordshire by method of killing where a weapon was involved, victims aged 13 to 24, 2007/08 to 2011/12

Method of killing	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Sharp instrument	0	2	0	0	2
Blunt instrument	0	0	0	0	0
Shooting	1	0	0	0	0
Total	1	2	0	0	2

The data in Tables A and B are based on the method of killing. Data from the Homicide Index shows that there was a homicide in 2008/09 in Hertfordshire where the principal method of killing was by poison or drugs but a sharp instrument was also involved.

Table A: Offences recorded by the police in which firearms (excluding air weapons) were reported to have been fired, 2009/10 to 2011/12

Police force	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Greater Manchester	176	156	116
Merseyside	118	83	102
Metropolitan and City of London	826	753	612
Northumbria	22	34	16
Nottinghamshire	30	31	31
South Wales	40	32	7
West Midlands	271	318	251
West Yorkshire	81	70	118
England and Wales	2,656	2,619	2,230

Table B: Offences recorded by the police per 1,000 population in which firearms (excluding air weapons) were reported to have been fired, 2009/10 to 2011/12

Police force	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
Greater Manchester	0.07	0.06	0.04
Merseyside	0.09	0.06	0.08
Metropolitan and City of London	0.11	0.10	0.08
Northumbria	0.02	0.02	0.01
Nottinghamshire	0.03	0.03	0.03
South Wales	0.03	0.03	0.01
West Midlands	0.10	0.12	0.09
West Yorkshire	0.04	0.03	0.05
England and Wales	0.05	0.05	0.04