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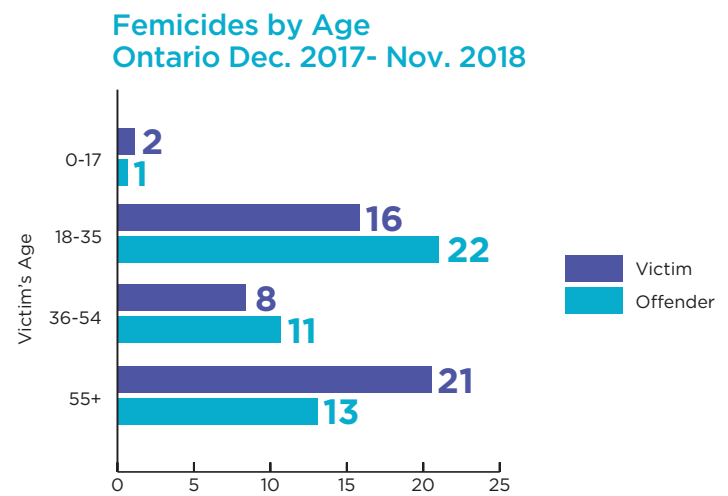
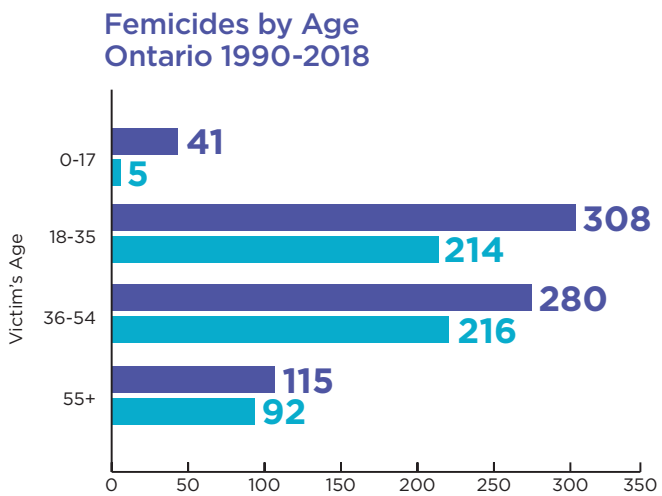
## Women over age 55 are losing their lives to gender-based violence

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### Are femicide rates of older women increasing?

Media reports of Femicide against older women in Ontario are increasing. 45% (21/47) of femicide victims from December 2017-November 2018 have been women aged 55 or older; this rate has nearly doubled compared to femicide rates between November 2016- December 2017 (29%). (OAITH and University of Guelph Ontario Femicide Data, 2018).



### Who are the perpetrators of violence against older women?

Femicide victims over 55 years old are most **likely to be killed by their partner** (including husband and boyfriend), son, ex-partner, or neighbour.

Between December 2017- November 2018, 38% of femicides of older women were committed by their partners, 33% by a family member such as a son, son-in-law or grandson, 19% by a neighbour or acquaintance, and in 10% of cases the victim-offender relationship is unknown.

