FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO

AUGUST 1ST 2021 - AUGUST 31ST 2021

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Background

The following report provides an overview of femicide in Ontario from August 1st - August 31st 2021. It is important to note that the information pertaining to these femicide cases may be incomplete due to ongoing police investigations. As investigations continue there will likely be further details released, allowing for a more thorough analysis of femicide trends in Ontario. It is also important to note the total number of confirmed femicides may not be accurate. The OAITH femicide list relies on media reporting to track femicide cases and as a result these totals may not capture all of the femicide victims who may have been omitted from media coverage.

For the purpose of the following report, the suspects will be referred to as perpetrators, however, it is important to note that while charges may have been laid against a suspect, these charges have often not yet been proven in a court of law. While information may have been provided about the suspect through police and media reports, it is important to note that the accused has not been found guilty in many cases and there is the potential for this information to change depending on further police investigations and court verdicts.

If you are aware of a media report between August 1st and August 31st that isn't captured in this report you can send your inquiry to Lauren Hancock via email: lauren@oaith.ca.

Femicide Rates Comparison

There have been no reported femicide cases occurring between August 1st and August 31st, 2021. Unconfirmed femicides and other suspicious deaths continue to be monitored for police announcements relating to suspects, criminal charges and additional information relating to victim/perpetrator relationships.

The table below provides a monthly comparison of current femicide rates to the previous year. As can be seen below, a decrease in the number of femicides was reported in December 2020 when compared to the previous year’s data. An increase has been reported in each subsequent month with the exception of July 2021 where no change has been reported. Additionally, a decrease in femicide cases has been reported for the month of August 2021, as there have been 0 confirmed femicides. The current total number of femicide cases has surpassed the total number of femicides included in the 2019-2020 OAITH Femicide List.
# OAITH Femicide Data - December 2020 - August 2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2019-2020 # of Femicides</th>
<th>2020-2021 # of Femicides</th>
<th>Change</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dec 2019</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>( - ) Decrease</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jan 2020</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>7*</td>
<td>( + ) Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>Feb 2020</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>( + ) Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mar 2020</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>( + ) Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>Apr 2020</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>May 2020</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>( + ) Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>June 2020</td>
<td>1**</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>(+) Increase</td>
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<tr>
<td>July 2020</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4*</td>
<td>( = ) No Change</td>
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<tr>
<td>August 2020</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>( - ) Decrease</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td><strong>28</strong></td>
<td><strong>Total:</strong> <strong>41</strong></td>
<td>( + ) Increase</td>
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*2 Newly confirmed femicides confirmed from January, 1 newly confirmed femicide from July
** Please note this correction of 1 confirmed femicide in June 2020

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## Victim-Perpetrator Relationship

**OAITH Femicide Data - Victim-Perpetrator Relationships**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Intimate Partner</th>
<th>Family</th>
<th>Known</th>
<th>Unknown</th>
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<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
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Newly Confirmed Femicides from Previous Months

**North Region:**
Christine White - Kenora  
National Media:  
Local Media:  
Television Media: 

**West Region:**  
Juliana Pannunzio - Fort Erie  
National Media:  
Local Media:  
Television Media:  
Christine Crooks - Fort Erie  
National Media:  
Local Media:  
Television Media:  