



Femicides in Ontario
January 2023

WE COUNT FEMICIDE BECAUSE...

JANUARY 1ST - JANUARY 31ST, 2023

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



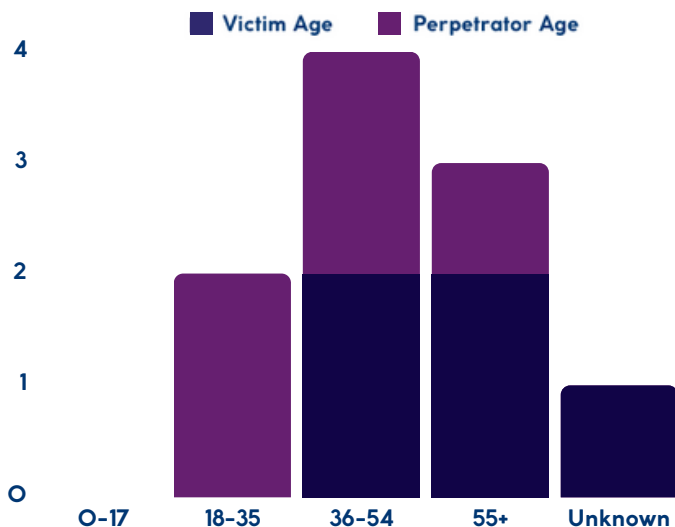
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(since Nov. 26 2022)

Quick Facts

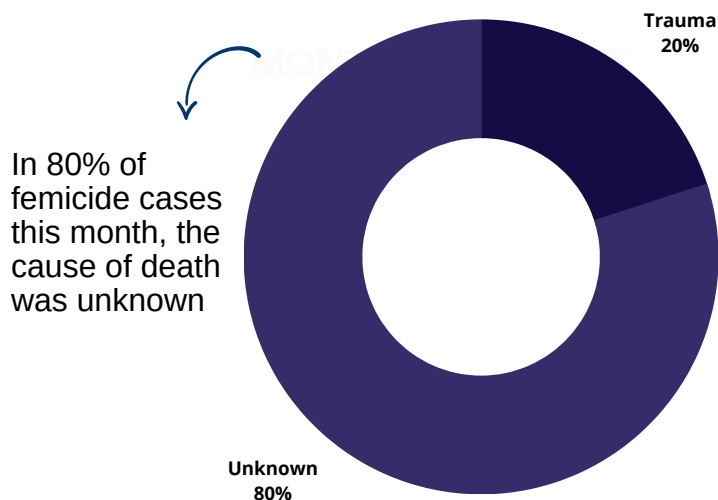
- In January, a total of **5 femicides** have been reported in Ontario
- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)					Femicide Type
Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
3	3	2	4	2	14

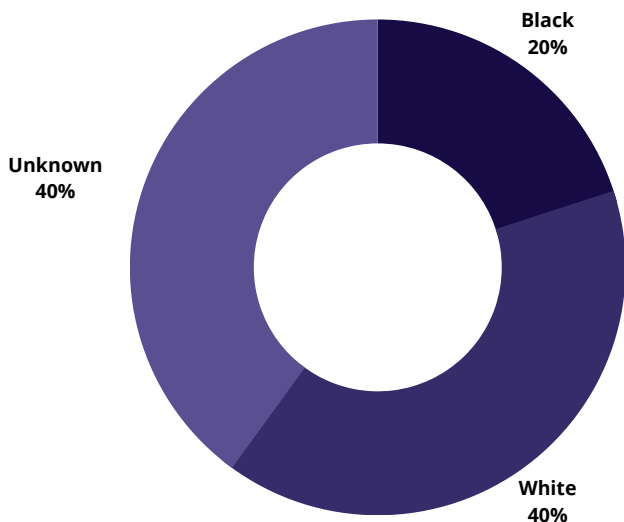
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparison



Cause of Death

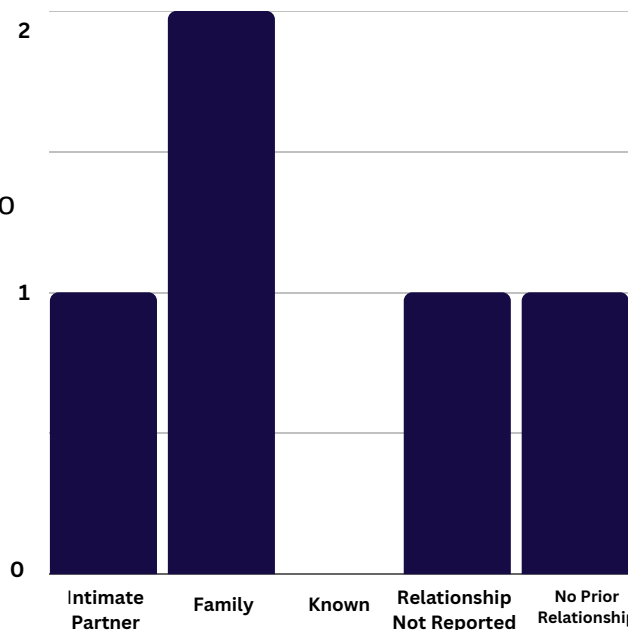


Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison

The unknown femicide category has been revised to include two separate categories: **Relationship Not Reported** and **No Prior Relationship**





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 5



Toronto Region

Joy Barnwell - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JoyBarnwellTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JoyBarnwellTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JoyBarnwellCTVNews>



Jane Doe (Toronto) - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeTorontoGlobeandMail>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeTorontoSun>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeTorontoGlobalNews>



East Region

Lisa Sharpe - Eganville, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/LisaSharpeNationalPost>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/LisaSharpeOttawaCitizen>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/LisaSharpeCTVNews>



Central Region

Jane Doe (Burlington) - Burlington, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeBurlingtonTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeBurlingtonInsideHalton>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeBurlingtonGlobalNews>



Ashley Schwalm - The Blue Mountains, ON

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/AshleySchwalmCollingwoodToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/AshleySchwalmCBCNews>

Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 1



Jane Doe - Markham, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeMarkhamTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeMarkhamYorkRegionNews>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeMarkhamGlobalNews>



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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



As highlighted in the January Monthly Femicide Report, half of all confirmed femicides this month were perpetrated by a family member, more specifically by the victim's adult son. While femicides in Ontario are most commonly perpetrated by intimate partners OAITH has continued to monitor increasing rates of family perpetrated femicides, which have been most commonly perpetrated by the victim's son. In order to ensure all types of femicide are addressed within violence intervention and prevention initiatives it will be imperative that these initiatives consider the multiple sources of gender-based violence (GBV), including not only current and former intimate partners but also family members such as a father, brother, son or nephew, as well as other known relationships such as a landlord or co-worker. For example, many existing GBV risk assessments and screening tools currently focus on intimate partner violence but ensuring all types or sources of violence are evaluated within risk assessments could ensure that an individual's risk level is not unintentionally mitigated. Furthermore, it will be important to ensure that a wide range of services and systems, such as the healthcare and mental health, child welfare and criminal justice systems, have the capacity to assess the risk of all types of violence and lethality. This will ensure that survivors who may be experiencing violence not perpetrated by an intimate partner, and who may not already be connected with traditional GBV services, can be connected with local services and supports that can collaboratively work to mitigate risk and increase safety.

Media Tips:

bit.ly/FemicideMediaTips

Annual Lists:

bit.ly/MonthlyFemicideReports

Learn More:

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Monthly Snapshots:

bit.ly/AnnualFemicideLists

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ASSAULTED WOMEN'S HELPLINE



1-888-388-2915 (24/7 crisis line)



**awhl.org/online-chat (Live Chat
11am-8pm Mon-Fri EST)**



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Coordinating Committees

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