



Femicides in Ontario  
July 2023

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**FEMICIDE**  
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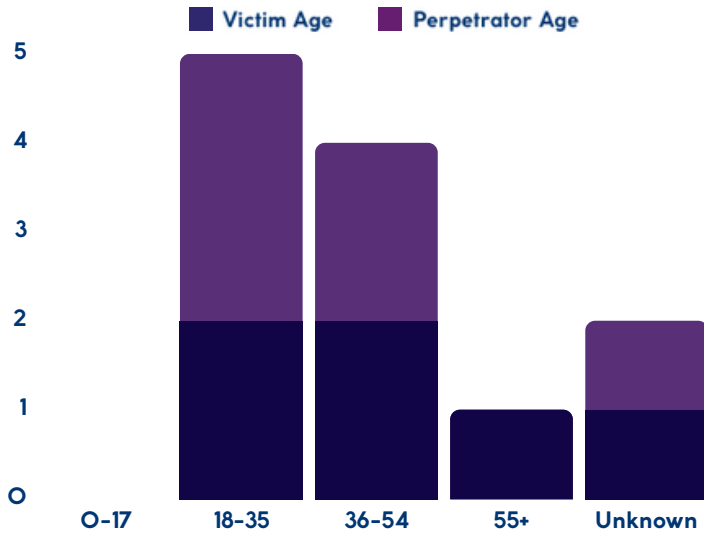
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**Quick Facts**

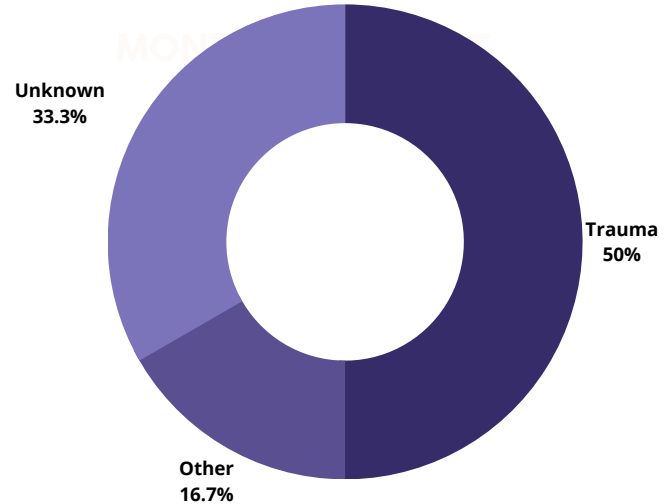
- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-based killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)					
Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
11	9	8	8	2	38

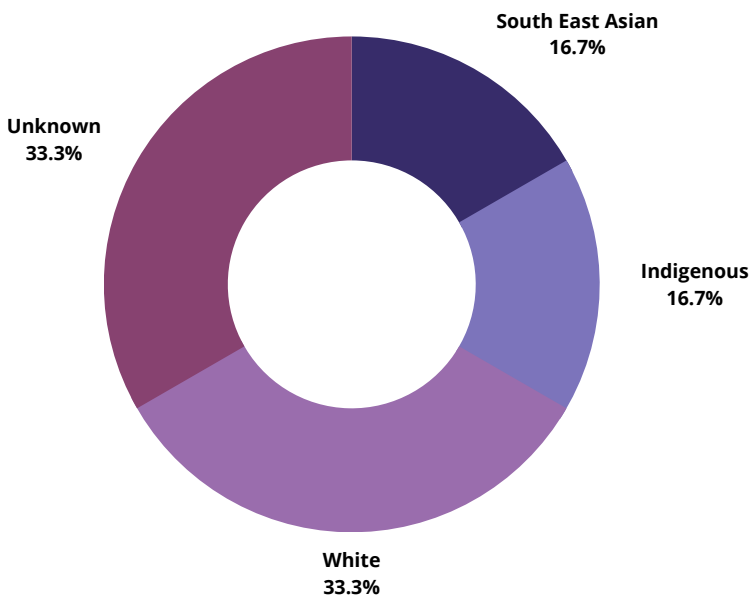
**Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparison**



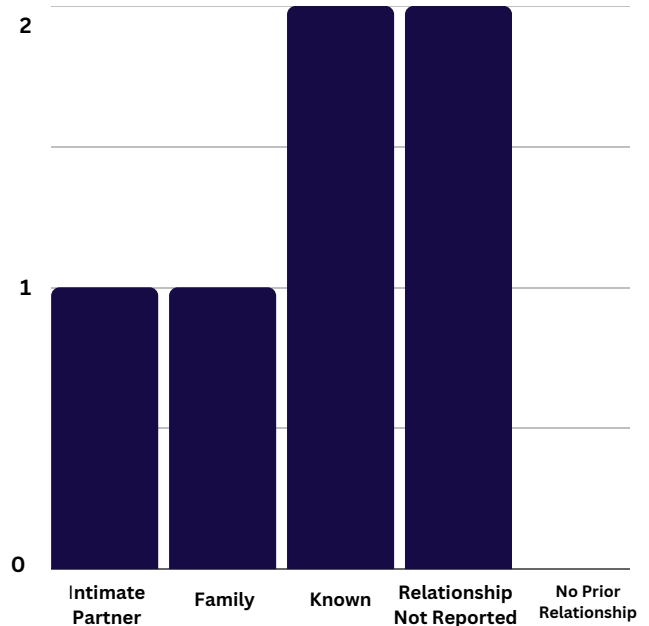
**Cause of Death**



**Victim Race**



**Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison**





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## Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 6



### Central Region

**Jane Doe (Brampton), Unknown Age - Brampton, ON**

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

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

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



**Pitch "Polly" Phaunpa, 21 - Mississauga, ON**

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

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

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



**Argentina Fuentes, 54 - Mississauga, ON**

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

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

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

### East Region



**Linda Carter, 72 - Oshawa, ON**

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

### North Region



**Charity Bittern-Moses, 39 - Marathon, ON**

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

### West Region



**Caitlin Jennings, 22 - London, ON**

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

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## Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 2



### Darlene Giba, 67 - Thunder Bay, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

Television Media: No report available at time of publication



### Tracy Iannuccilli, 44 - Toronto, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

## Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 2



### Jane Doe (Burlington), 24 - Burlington, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



### Amanda Lachapelle, 37 - Kirkland Lake, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

[mulberryfinder.ca](http://mulberryfinder.ca)

To locate phone/chat/text support  
through gender-based violence  
services in Ontario

[training.oaith.ca](http://training.oaith.ca)

To locate competency-based training  
to effectively respond and support  
those experiencing and impacted by  
gender-based violence

Media Tips:

[bit.ly/FemicideMediaTips](http://bit.ly/FemicideMediaTips)

Monthly Snapshots:

[bit.ly/MonthlyFemicideReports](http://bit.ly/MonthlyFemicideReports)

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## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



**Most women are being killed in their homes - access to safe, affordable housing is critical as policy makers look to preventing femicides in Ontario**

Media reporting has confirmed six additional femicides have occurred in Ontario throughout the month of July, while an additional two cases are unconfirmed and are being monitored for further police disclosure. Two femicide cases that occurred in June have been confirmed this month to bring the total to 38 femicides occurring in Ontario in the last 35 weeks. We are truly devastated and saddened by this reality that every week in Ontario there is another woman's life lost due to men's violence leaving families, friends, communities and service providers impacted by these preventable tragedies.

Among the six victims killed in femicide this month, 100% of victims were killed inside of a residence. Last year, 67.3% of all femicide victims were killed inside a residence, and 9.6% were killed outside on the property of the residence (OAITH, 2023). The lack of safe and affordable housing in the province continues to be a barrier for survivors looking to live free from violence. Media reports across the province have highlighted a trend of increasingly long waits for rent-gear to income housing, with some regional wait times exceeding ten years (Caudle 2021, Gibson 2022, Hamilton-McCharles 2023, Ruby 2023).

Without adequate, sustainable investments to increase the stock of affordable housing in the province survivors will continue to face barriers to escaping violence. As the provincial and federal governments work to finalize bilateral agreements for the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, housing investments will be a key component to address the existing wait times for affordable housing and ensure survivors' right to safe housing is recognized throughout Ontario and Canada.

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