



Femicides in Ontario
June 2025

WE COUNT FEMICIDE BECAUSE...

JUNE 1ST - JUNE 30TH 2025

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



Ontario Femicides
(since Nov. 26 2024)

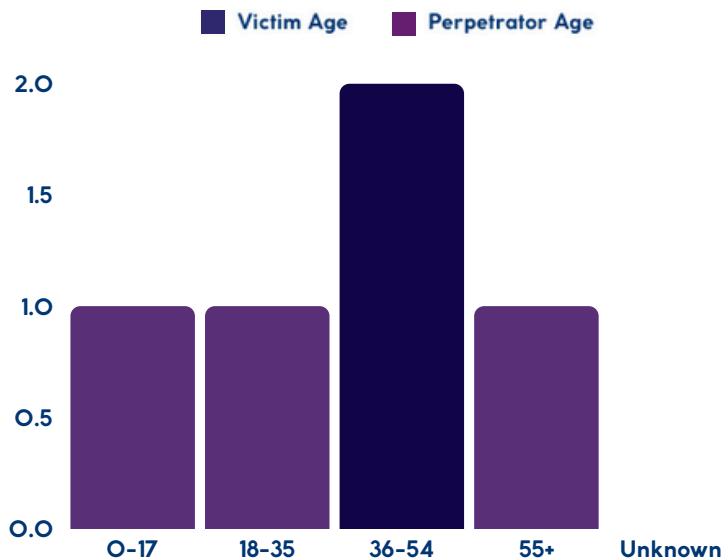
Quick Facts

- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-related 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

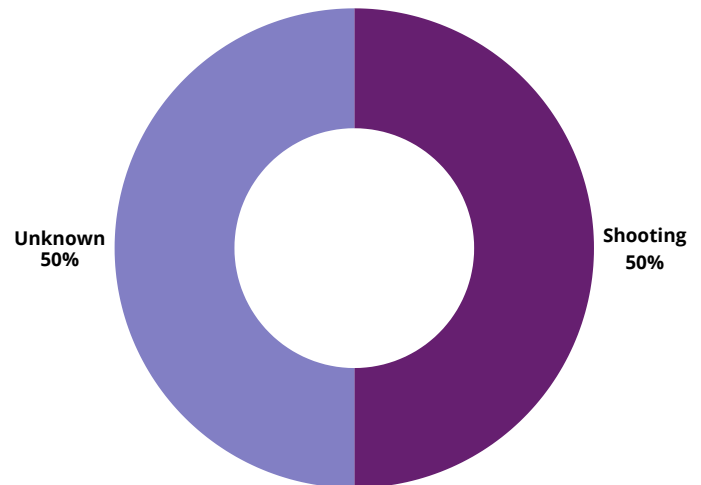
OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
8	5	2	3	2	20

Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparision



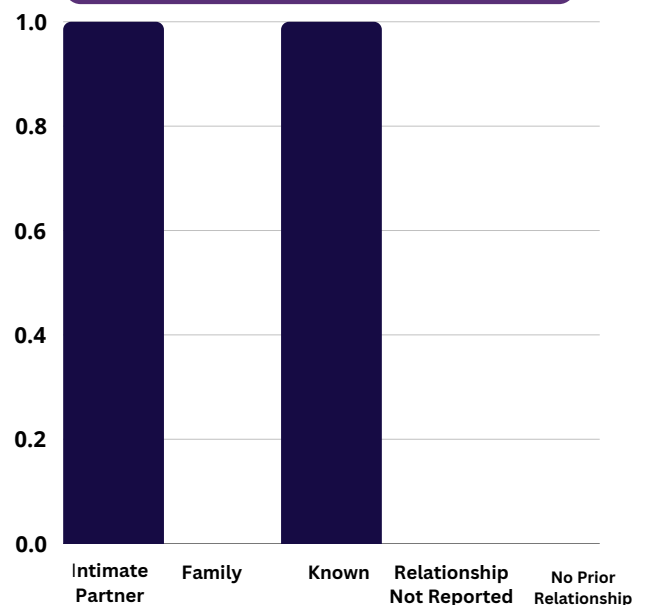
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 2

East Region

Tracey Duncan, 54 - Ottawa, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

North Region

Robin Emiline Kanasawe, 40 - Sudbury, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

Television Media: No report available at time of publication

Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 2

Jane Doe, Unknown Age - Sault Ste Marie, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

Jane Doe, 69 - Pickering, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 2

Shalini Singh, 40, - Hamilton, ON

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

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

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

Jolene Arreak, 46 - Ottawa, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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





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Prioritizing Prevention over Carceral Responses to Femicide

Two femicides have been confirmed in Ontario throughout June, while two additional cases remain unconfirmed pending further police investigation and charges. Two additional femicides that occurred in previous months have also been confirmed. Since November 26, 2024 a total of 20 femicides have been confirmed throughout Ontario. The killings continue to be most commonly reported to be perpetrated by intimate partners (8 or 40%) or family members such as a son (5 or 25%). Other men known to the victim (2 or 10%) and men with no prior relationship to the victim (2 or 10%) have also been charged and/or deemed responsible in relation to the victim's death. In three cases (15%) the relationship between the victim and the accused has not been disclosed, however, evidence suggests that the killings were targeted.

Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Sean Fraser indicated the following about femicide in the criminal code by stating, *"I'm not going to close the door on any of the solutions that may be presented to me over the next couple of months as we seek to finalize the draft. But we've not made a decision one way or another as to the language that will be included in either the name of the offence, or the specific language included in the new provisions we'll be looking to add"* (Taylor, 2025). While a criminal definition may help to inform data collection efforts, a narrow legal definition, such as one that focuses only on intimate-partner perpetrated femicides, could limit data collection efforts. Those cases that do not meet the criminal definition of femicide may be omitted from data collection efforts, obscuring the true rates and scope of femicides and GBV in the country. The Ottawa Police Services' decision to utilize a broad femicide definition within their reporting and data collection has allowed different femicide types to be categorized as a form of gendered violence in the absence of a formal criminal definition (Ottawa Police Service, 2024). This definition seeks to consider the gendered differences in the killings of men and women and encaptures multiple forms of gendered killings. This shift in police reporting has demonstrated how criminal justice systems can support local data collection efforts and public awareness about femicide without further criminalization.

Shifts towards enhanced data collection also reinforce the importance of understanding femicide risk factors and trends to better inform prevention efforts. *"The more we know about these killings and the more we can contextualize them within that understanding of femicide, the more awareness that we can ultimately build and continue to have these discussions about prevention," Ham said, noting a history of threats, violence and coercive control is present in many cases"* (McMackon, 2025). As the federal and provincial governments continue to explore ways to address GBV and prevent femicide, prioritizing current unintended consequences and systemic harms within the criminal justice system should be explored and addressed before exploring further criminalization. Solutions should also seek to address the root causes of GBV, prioritizing gender equality and prevention and ensuring women and girls can live free from violence. Should a legal definition of femicide be sought in a Canadian context this must be done in collaboration with survivors, surviving family members, community advocates, those working in systems and services, researchers and lawyers. It is through inclusive, open and transparent community-building efforts that leverage lived experience, knowledge and expertise where we will reach better outcomes for public safety.

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Ottawa Police Service. 2024. Statement on Violence Against Women and Gender-based Violence – November 2024.
Taylor, S. Nationalpost. (2025). Canada's justice minister says he is "open" to adding "femicide" to the Criminal Code.

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