



Femicides in Ontario
July 2025

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JULY 1ST - JULY 31ST 2025

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



Ontario Femicides
(since Nov. 26 2024)

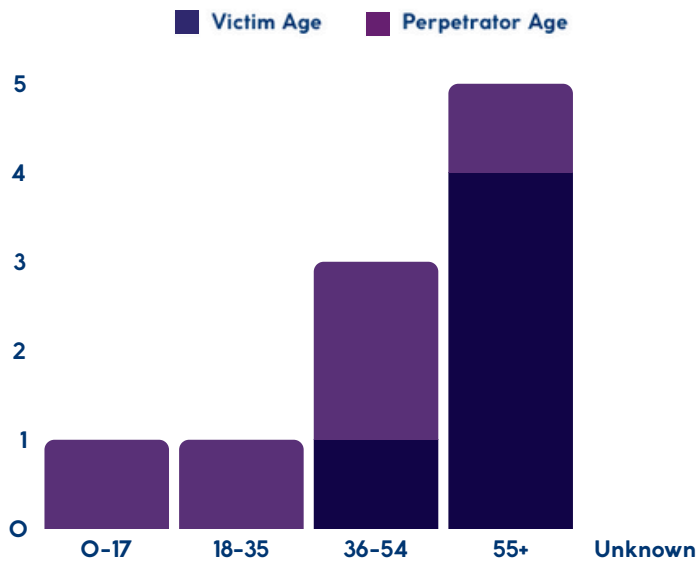
Quick Facts

- 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

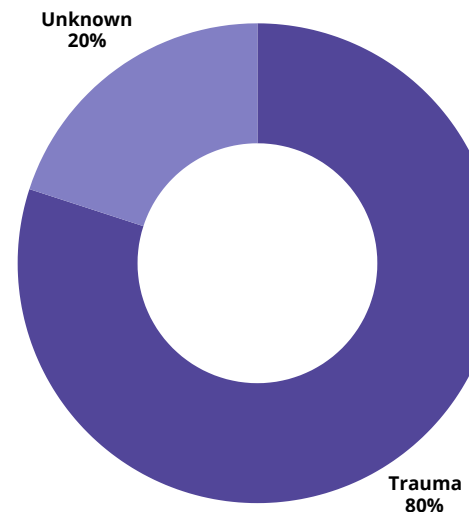
OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
9	8	2	4	3	26

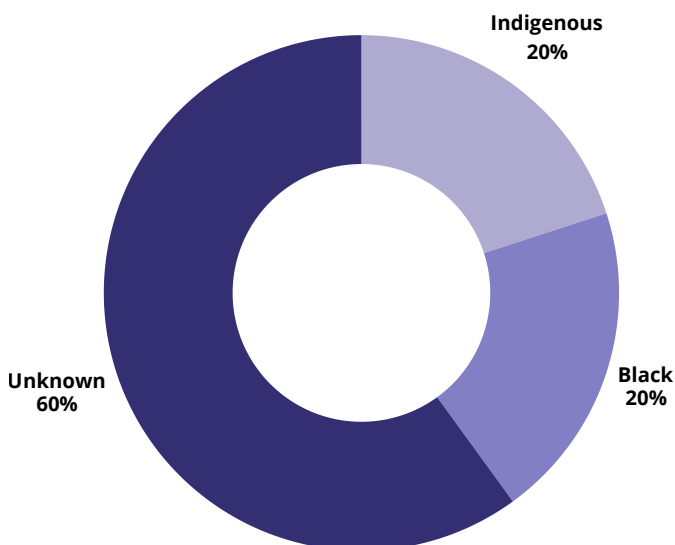
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparision



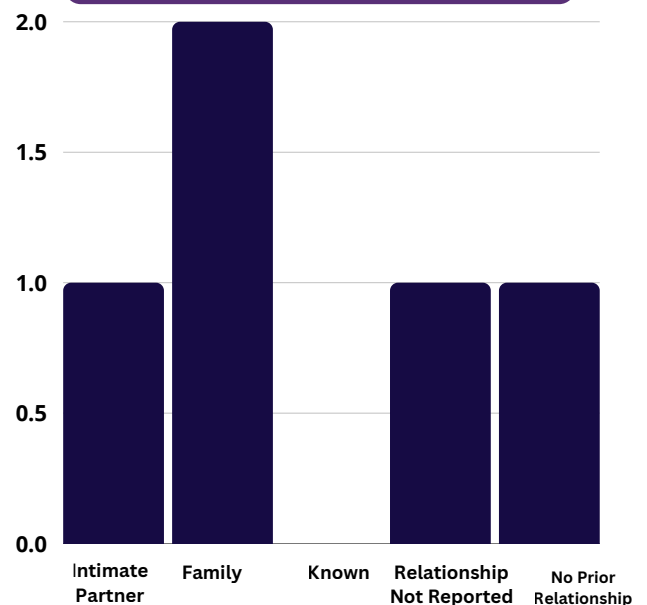
Cause of Death



Victim Race



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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 5



East Region

Yuk Kwan Chu, 67 - Pickering, ON

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

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

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



Barbara O'Donnell, 72 - Belleville, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



North Region

Jane Doe (Sudbury), 63 - Sudbury, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



Shelley Marconi, 54 - Shuniah, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



Toronto Region

Shahnaz Pestonji, 71 - North York, ON

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

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

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



Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 1



Unknown Victim, Unknown Age - Bradford, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 1



Jane Doe (Pickering), 69 - Pickering, ON

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

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

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



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The Urgent Need for Sustainable GBV Investments

According to media reported data, five femicides were confirmed in the province in July. One additional case continues to be monitored pending further police investigations. One unconfirmed case reported in June has since been confirmed following media reports indicating that criminal charges had been laid. In total 26 femicides have been confirmed in the province since November 26, 2024, while eight cases continue to be monitored for further police updates and disclosure. As indicated by OAITH's femicide data, femicide continues to impact many communities, occurring across a number of relationship types. In over 60% of femicide cases confirmed since November 26, 2024, a current or former intimate partner or a family member has been charged or deemed responsible in the killing. More specifically, in 35% of cases the victim's intimate partner has been charged and/or deemed responsible and in 30.7% of femicides a family member has been charged or named as responsible. A man known to the victim was charged or deemed responsible in 7% and in 11.5% of cases media reports have indicated the victim and perpetrator had no prior relationship. The relationship between the victim and suspected perpetrator was not disclosed in 15.3% of cases, however, these cases have been reported to be targeted killings. This year, older women, ages 55 and over, continue to experience high rates of femicide. Four of the five femicide victims reported this month were reported to be over 55 years old, and one victim was 54 years old. Femicides against older women account for over half of the femicide cases (54%) reported to date. Victims within this age group are also experiencing violence from a number of sources, spanning all femicide relationship types, including intimate partners, family members, other known men, as well as cases in which the relationship details have not been shared or there was no prior relationship with the victim.

The persistent and alarming trends in femicide within the province reflect the deeply entrenched and far-reaching impacts of gender-based violence (GBV) in our communities. Beyond the tragic loss of life, GBV reverberates through families, communities, and generations, undermining public health, economic stability and safety. These harms are not isolated but rather are systemic and cumulative, disproportionately affecting women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals. Addressing GBV requires more than temporary measures. Solutions require sustainable, long-term funding that supports prevention, crisis response, survivor and aggressor based services, education, and systemic change. As the provincial and federal governments work to support the recommendations and work being done under the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence they must continue to ensure long-term and sustainable funding is accessible to existing GBV organizations. This funding must be flexible, supporting both immediate crisis response and long-term prevention efforts and initiatives that seek to improve gender equality and create a safe country where women, girls and gender-diverse individuals can live free from violence. As we see in the continued rates of femicide, both in the province and throughout Canada, there continues to be a need for meaningful investments that address the root causes of violence and support services that are working towards creating communities that are safe for all individuals.

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