



Femicides in Ontario
August 2025

WE COUNT FEMICIDE BECAUSE...

AUGUST 1ST - AUGUST 31ST 2025

#WeCountFemicideBecause

MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



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(since Nov. 26 2024)

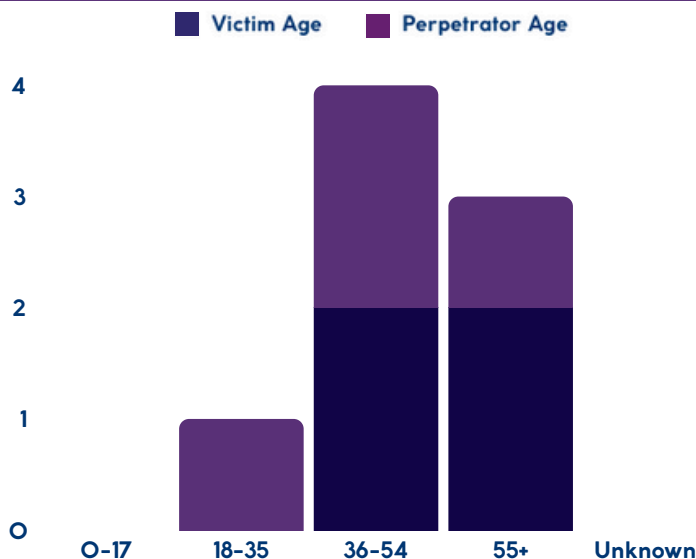
Quick Facts

- 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

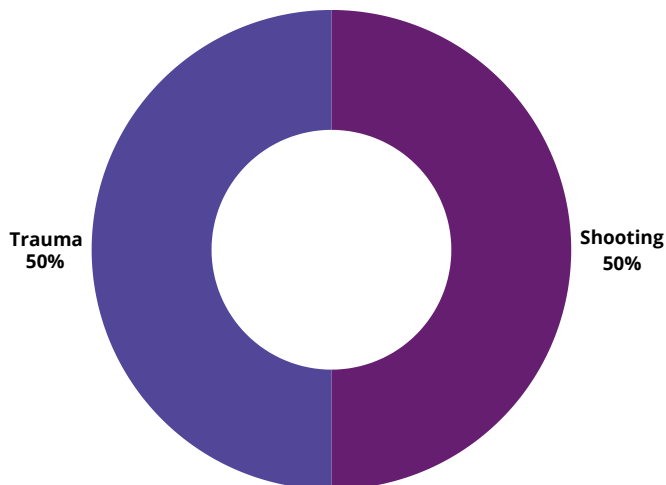
OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
9	10	4	5	3	31

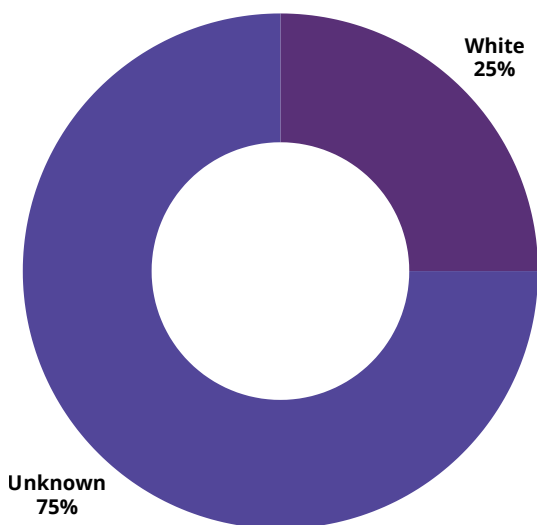
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparision



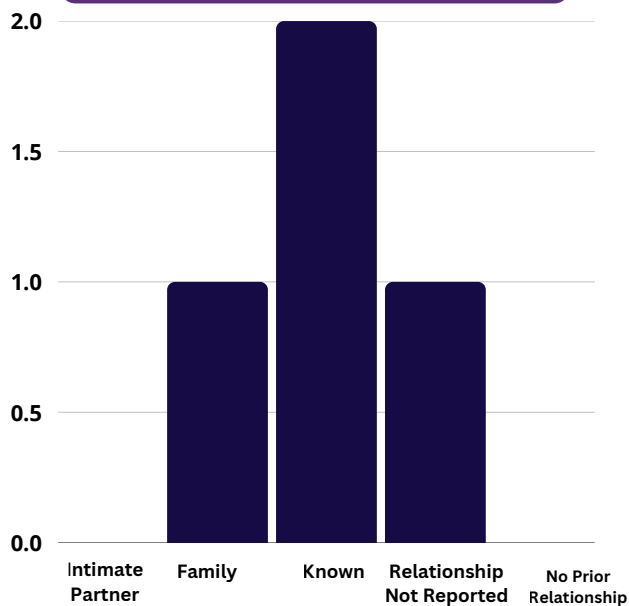
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 4

Central Region

Jane Doe, 78 - Brampton, ON

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

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

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

Anita Gray, 59 - Bracebridge, ON

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

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

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

North Region

Jane Doe, 41 - Sudbury, ON

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

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

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

East Region

Jane Doe, 33 - Peterborough, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 1

Susan Berrezueta, 60 - Bradford, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



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Media's Role in Femicide Prevention

In August, four femicides were confirmed in the province. One previously unconfirmed case has been newly confirmed following the publication of additional police disclosure pertaining to the victim's identity. Since November 26, 2024, 31 femicides have been confirmed in the province. In these femicide cases, family members (32.2%) and intimate partners (29.1%) are most commonly charged and/or deemed responsible for the victim's death. In 12.9% of cases, the victim and accused were reported to have known each other. In five cases (16.1%), the relationship between the victim and suspected perpetrator has not been disclosed and in three cases (9.7%), media reports have indicated that there was no prior relationship between the accused and victim.

Media plays an important role in femicide awareness and prevention, as the framing of these incidents can inform and shape public discourse, either perpetuating individualizing and sensationalized narratives or situating femicide within broader patterns of gender-based violence. As a part of OAITH's research on femicide, an annual media analysis is conducted tracking key frames and assessing media reporting on femicide in the province. Over the last few years, a notable shift in media reporting has been seen in which these killings are labelled as femicide or less explicitly as gender-related killings. By labelling these deaths as femicides, the general public can better contextualize these deaths as connected and a part of larger gendered social issues. As such, it is easier to see the magnitude of the issue, as opposed to viewing these deaths as isolated or random killings. Despite this shift, there is more that the media can do to enhance public awareness and understanding of femicide. For example, the inclusion of voices of community based advocates with GBV expertise and providing help information for survivors can help to strengthen media reporting on femicide and improve community safety. Given the far reach of media and its ability to frame and contextualize social issues like femicide, journalists have a role to play in femicide prevention.

To learn more about how journalists and reporters can enhance their reporting on femicide and GBV check out:

[Femicide Reporting Recommendations](#)

[Gender-Based Violence in the Media](#)

OAITH's 2023-2024 media analysis can be accessed [here](#).

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