



Femicides in Ontario
December 2025

WE COUNT FEMICIDE BECAUSE...

DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 31ST 2025

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



Ontario Femicides
(since Nov. 26 2025)

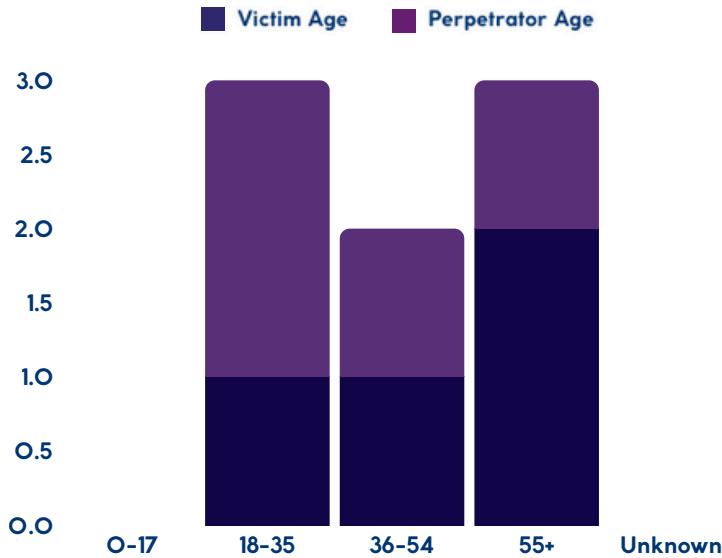
Quick Facts

- 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

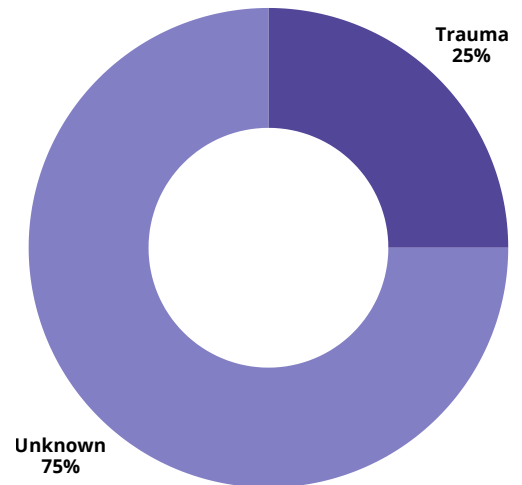
OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

| Intimate Partner | Family | Known | Relationship Not Reported | No Prior Relationship | Total |
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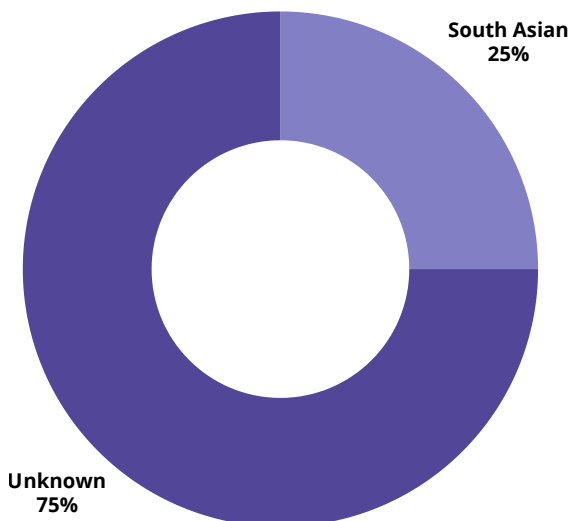
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparision



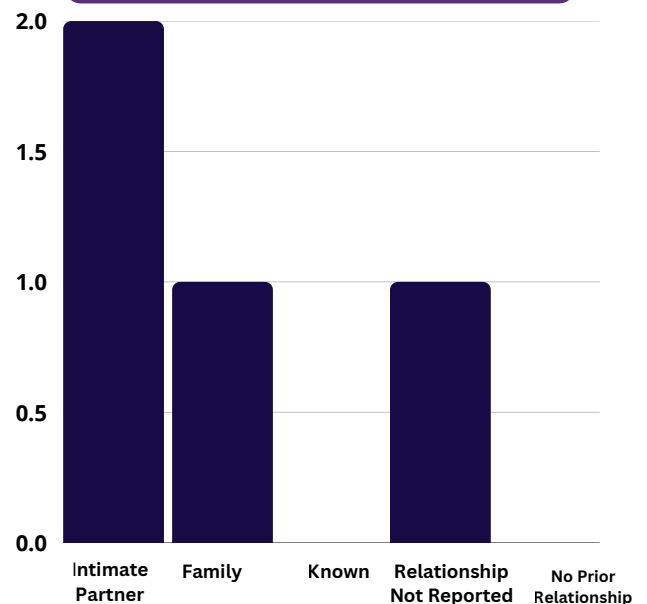
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 4

North Region

Jane Doe (Sudbury), 67 - Sudbury, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeSudburyTorontoStar2025>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/JaneDoeSudburyStar2025>

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



Toronto Region

Tatiana Shamalov, 71 - Toronto, ON

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

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

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

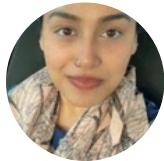


Himanshi Khurana, 30 - Toronto, ON

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

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

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



West Region

Jane Doe (London), 47 - London, ON

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

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

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



Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Kimberley Hack, 57 - Lambton Shores, ON

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

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

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



Total: 1

Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 1

Jolan Kun, 79 - Toronto, ON

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

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

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





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Preventing Gender-Based Violence, Not Just Punishing Femicide

Since the new reporting period began following the release of last year's 2024-2025 Annual Femicide List, five femicides have been confirmed in the province. Four femicides were confirmed in December, and one femicide was confirmed from November. One case reported this month remains unconfirmed pending further police investigation and disclosure. According to media reports, the victim's intimate partner (50% or 2/4) or family member (25% or 1/4) have been charged in relation to the victim's death. In one case (25%) the relationship between the victim and accused has not been released.

This month, new legislation was introduced by the federal government that seeks to increase punishment against gender-based violence. This legislation includes amendments to the criminal code that would require killings to be first degree murder when committed in the context of intimate-partner violence and patterns of coercive/controlling behaviour. (Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to criminal and correctional matters (child protection, gender-based violence, delays and other measures), 2025). It would also require killings to be first degree murder when committed in the context of sexual assault and/or exploitation and when motivated by hate, including on the basis of gender and gender-expression (Bill C-16, 2025). The introduction of this legislation is a notable shift, providing a formal recognition of femicide and the government's commitment to addressing and ending gender-based violence. It also has the potential to enhance data collection efforts, informing provincial and national responses to emerging trends.

Although this is a positive step towards addressing GBV, Ontario based femicide trends have highlighted the far reaching impact of GBV outside of intimate-partner relationships and identified an increase in the number of women and children killed by family members, often mothers killed by their sons. In just over thirty days, there have been two femicides in which a family member was charged in relation to the victim's death. Although other types of non-intimate partner femicides may be captured within other sections of the proposed criteria, it may be more difficult to categorize family perpetrated femicides in the absence of an intimate or sexual relationship between the victim and accused. Ensuring femicide definitions are gendered and broad enough to include the many forms and sources of GBV will prevent certain femicide types by being unintentionally rendered invisible, providing protection for all women, children and gender-diverse individuals. It will also be important that investments into prevention and early-intervention continue to be prioritized alongside criminal responses that punish only after harm, violence or death has occurred. Only by addressing the root causes of GBV and intervening prior to the escalation of violence or lethality can we prevent more lives from being lost in preventable femicide deaths and work towards the eradication of gendered violence.

Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to criminal and correctional matters (child protection, gender-based violence, delays and other measures)). First Reading, December 9, 2025. 45th Parliament, 1st Session. <https://www.parl.ca/DocumentViewer/en/45-1/bill/C-16/first-reading>

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