



Femicides in Ontario
August 2026

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AUGUST 1ST - AUGUST 31ST 2026

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



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(since Nov. 26 2025)

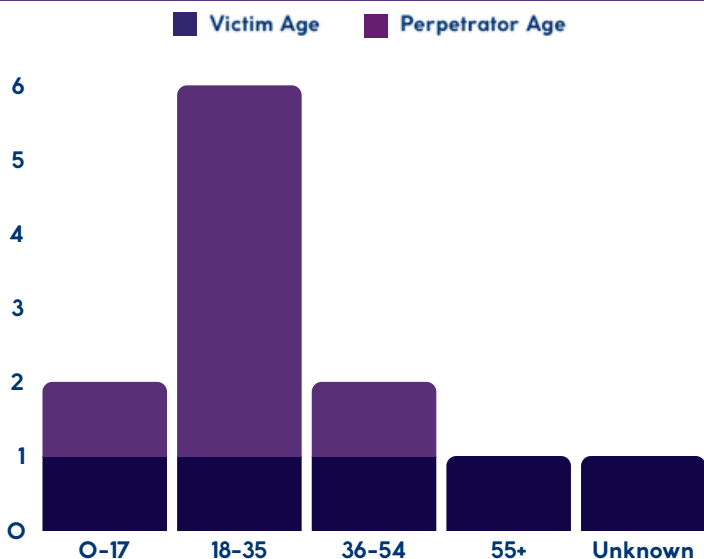
Quick Facts

- 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

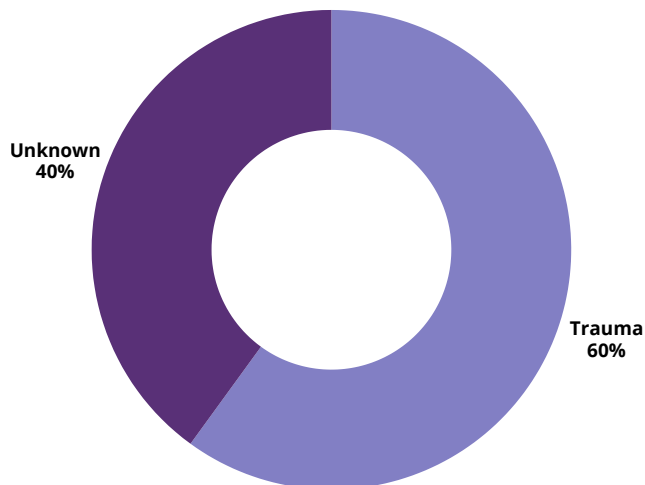
OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
7	6	4	11	2	30

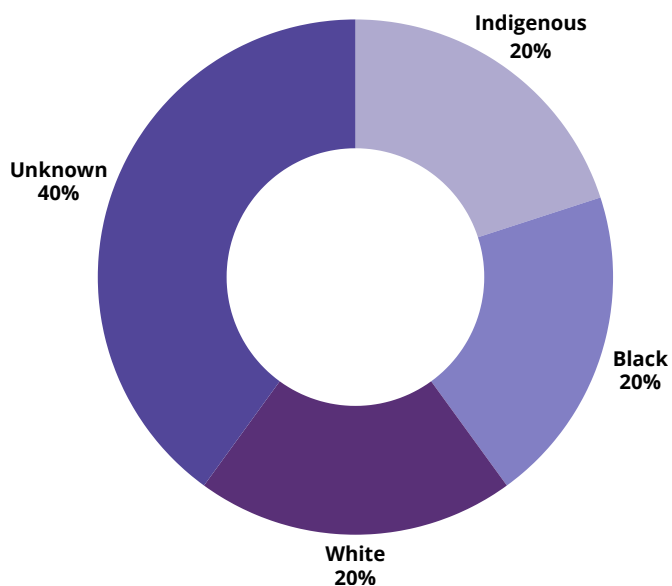
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparison



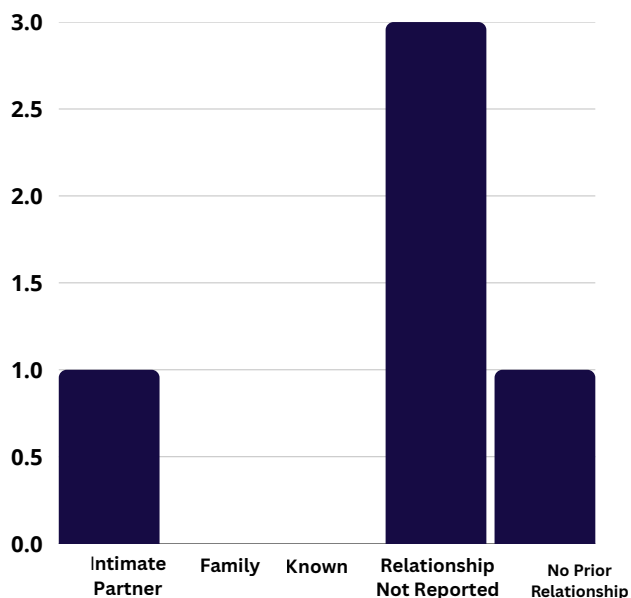
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 5

East Region



Kesi Fevrier, 27 - Ottawa, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



Chelsea Swinwood, 37 - Spencerville, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



North Region



Bethany Shinos, 17 - Manitoulin Island, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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



Jane Doe (Thunder Bay), Unknown Age - Thunder Bay, ON

National Media: No report available at time of publication

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

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

West Region



Lillian Leonard, 73 - London, ON

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

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

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

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From Plan to Action: Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Ontario

This month, five femicides have been confirmed in the province. Since November 26, 2026, 30 femicides have been confirmed. In nearly one quarter of femicide cases (7/30) reported to date, the victim's current or former intimate partner has been charged or deemed responsible for the victim's death. Family members, including sons and fathers, have been charged or deemed responsible in 20% (6/30) of femicides reported to date. Men who are otherwise known to the victim have been charged in 13% of femicide cases (4/30), and there was no prior relationship between the victim and accused in 7% of cases (2/30). The nature of the relationship between the accused and victim has not been disclosed by police in 37% of cases (11/30), however reports indicate that these were targeted killings. Most femicides reported this year to date (80%) have occurred either inside or outdoors within a residential property.

Gender-based violence and femicide remain pressing issues throughout the country. While femicide rates have begun to decrease compared to the high-rates reported during the pandemic, Ontario continues to report on average, three femicides per month. Rates of intimate-partner violence and other non-lethal forms of gender-based violence also continue to increase throughout the province with documented increases in crisis calls and police reported IPV cases ([Ireton, 2025](#); [Cheese, 2026](#); [Cole, 2026](#)). With these alarming increases, some legislative shifts have occurred to try and support survivors including enhanced legal protections within the criminal code ([Department of Justice Canada, 2026](#)). These legislative changes have been backed by renewed federal investments through the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. This investment will provide \$607.4 million in funding over the next four years to help the provinces and territories address the high-rates of violence that continue to be seen ([Women and Gender Equality, 2026](#)).

As Ontario continues to implement their provincial GBV strategy, OAITH has called for dedicated investments into support stabilization for existing organizations, ensuring they can meet community needs and increasing demands ([OAITH Budget Submission, 2026](#)). In addition to responding to violence, the NAPGBV and provincial strategies must also prioritize prevention efforts that can address harm and prevent violent escalation and femicide. Ultimately, addressing GBV requires sustained, collaborative funding and coordinated action across all levels of government. This means ensuring survivors can access responsive, trauma-informed and adequately resourced services, while also investing in prevention and the systemic changes needed to stop violence from occurring in the first place. A strengthened and resourced National Action Plan can provide an important framework for aligning these efforts, strengthening accountability and ensuring responses to violence are matched with meaningful prevention efforts.

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