

# Ohio Domestic Violence Fatalities

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The Ohio Domestic Violence Network compiled the numbers from media reports of intimate-partner relationship fatalities identified by staff and member programs. The count included targeted victims, perpetrators, and others who were present when the fatalities occurred.

## 131 FATALITIES IN 90 CASES

85 DECEASED VICTIMS AND  
46 DECEASED PERPETRATORS

(63 FEMALE FATALITIES; 68 MALE FATALITIES)



**15 YOUNG VICTIMS WERE KILLED,**

THE MOST SINCE THE COALITION BEGAN REPORTING SIX YEARS AGO

IN AT LEAST **86% OF FATALITIES**, THE DECEASED WERE **KILLED BY GUNS**, EXCLUDING SHOOTINGS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

**34% OF CASES INVOLVED PERPETRATOR SUICIDE**



THERE WERE **82 MALE PERPETRATORS** AND **9 FEMALE PERPETRATORS**; IN ONE CASE THERE WERE 2 PERPETRATORS

**AT LEAST 20 PERPETRATORS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CHARGED WITH OR CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRIOR TO THE FATAL INCIDENT**



IN **22 CASES**, THERE WAS BOTH A HOMICIDE AND A SUICIDE

**7 CASES** REQUIRED SWAT OR A STRATEGIC RESPONSE TEAM ACTION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

THE YOUNGEST VICTIM WAS A **1-YEAR-OLD CHILD**; THE OLDEST VICTIM WAS AN **80-YEAR-OLD WOMAN**

IN AT LEAST **27%** OF FATALITY CASES, THE VICTIM OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE HAD **ENDED THE RELATIONSHIP** OR WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ENDING THE RELATIONSHIP

**121 PEOPLE** WERE KILLED OR INJURED WITH GUNS

**18% OF CASES INVOLVED CHILDREN AT THE SCENE**



FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME SINCE 2015, **NO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS** WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY A BATTERER

# 90 CASES REVIEWED

**MULTIPLE FATALITIES**

**30** CASES

1 case had 5 fatalities, and 3 cases involved 4 fatalities each

**3RD PARTY FATALITIES**

**17** CASES

27 secondary victims died in IPV-related fatalities

**PERPETRATOR KILLED BY 3RD PARTY**

**11** CASES

6 perpetrators were killed by law enforcement

**PREVIOUS REPORTS TO LAW**

In several of the fatal cases, a violent DV episode immediately or recently preceded the event, was reported, and offered an opportunity for a stronger and more timely criminal justice response.

**PETS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Pets are not immune to domestic violence. Along with the human victims in two incidents, two dogs were killed by perpetrators.

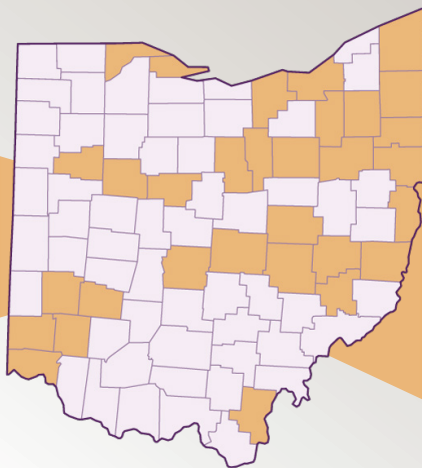
In three separate cases, a father shot and killed his wife and all of their children in their family home.

Parks and campgrounds were the setting for five fatalities. Other fatalities occurred in hotels and workplaces and on highways, posing serious risk to the public.


**FAMILICIDE**

**LOCATIONS OF CRIMES**

**31 counties** had fatal incidents of domestic violence



**“If you don’t hear from me, call the police.”**  
the final text from Melinda, 33, Richland County



**Remember these losses, strive to understand the issue, and support advances toward long-term solutions.**  
ODVN is working with legislators, domestic violence programs, public officials, and others to prevent these tragedies.