

CONNECTICUT FAMILY VIOLENCE 2019 HOMICIDE REPORT



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Family Violence Homicide Summary 2019

- There were 24 family violence homicide incidents in 2019 resulting in 29 deaths; 26 victims and three offender suicides.
- Two of the three offenders in the murder-suicide incidents were male; all three of the offenders were in an intimate relationship with the victim. Two of the three murder-suicides incidents involved a firearm.
- The 2019 family violence victim count was the third consecutive year-over-year increase.
- There were on average two family violence homicide incidents per month in 2019.
- There were more male (14) than female (12) victims of family violence homicides.
- Victims ranged in age from two years old (stepson) to 79 years old (grandmother). The highest numbers of victims were in the 30 to 39 and 40 to 49 year old age groups (six in each). The average age of all victims was 46 years old.
- In 2019, males were more often the offender in the family violence homicides, 22 of 24 (92%).
- The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide was 18 years of age (grandson); the oldest was 75 years of age (former husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 30 to 39 year old age group (nine). The average age of all offenders was 41 years old.
- The majority of the family violence homicide victims were in an intimate relationship with the offender, 17 of 26 (65%).
- Knives were the most commonly used weapon to commit the murder, utilized in eight incidents (33%).
- The month of November saw the most family violence homicide incidents (four). Other months with multiple family violence homicides were May, December (three), and February, March, April, July, August (two).
- Fourteen of the family violence homicides occurred in the residence shared by the victim and offender (54%).
- During 2019, a family violence homicide occurred in 22 Connecticut municipalities. Four municipalities had multiple family violence homicides. Bethel, Montville, Waterbury and Watertown each had two.
- A child under 18 years of age was involved in three family violence homicide incidents (12%); two incidents as the homicide victim, and in one incident as the victim of another offense.
- In all 24 incidents there were no court orders of protection either active or expired.
- Nineteen (73%) of the homicide victims and 10 (42%) of the homicide offenders had no previous family violence history in the State of Connecticut.

2019 State of Connecticut Family Violence Homicide Victims

	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Victim</u>		<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Offender</u>		
			<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>		<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Weapon</u>
	* South Windsor	8/18/17	31	M	Other relative residing in home: Brother	27	M	Hands/Fist/Feet
	* Vernon	4/29/18	28	F	Presently living together or have lived together	22	M	Hands/Fist/Feet
	* CSP - Westbrook	9/6/18	61	F	Spouse	64	M	Firearm
	* Bridgeport	12/9/18	25	F	Dating	26	M	Firearm
1.	CSP - Montville	1/28/19	76	M	Other relative residing in home: Grandfather	18	M	Knife
2.	CSP - Montville	1/28/19	77	F	Other relative residing in home: Grandmother	18	M	Knife
3.	Fairfield	2/3/19	70	F	Former Spouse	75	M	Firearm
4.	New Britain	2/4/19	27	F	Persons who have a child in common	42	M	Firearm
5.	Rocky Hill	3/18/19	37	M	Presently living together or have lived together	39	M	Knife
6.	CSP - Sherman	3/20/19	63	M	Spouse	65	M	Other Dangerous: Axe
7.	** CSP - New Fairfield	4/15/19	51	M	Spouse	47	F	Knife Other Dangerous: Sledge Hammer
8.	Waterbury	4/29/19	33	F	Dating	33	M	Firearm
9.	Bloomfield	5/12/19	60	M	Other relative residing in home: Father	36	M	Other Dangerous: Softball Bat
10.	Milford	5/19/19	49	M	Presently living together or have lived together	57	M	Hands/Fist/Feet
11.	CSP - New Canaan	5/24/19	50	F	Spouse	51	M	Other Dangerous: Unknown Object
12.	CSP - Windham	6/26/19	2	M	Presently living together or have lived together	23	M	Hands/Fist/Feet
13.	Hartford	7/17/19	36	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Brother	33	M	Knife
14.	Bridgeport	7/27/19	32	M	Spouse	34	F	Firearm
15.	Enfield	8/20/19	79	F	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Grandmother	35	M	Other Dangerous: Heavy Object
16.	Bethel	8/24/19	34	F	Dating	34	M	Knife
17.	Cheshire	9/11/19	31	F	Spouse	31	M	Knife
18.	East Windsor	10/9/19	73	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Father	40	M	Other Dangerous: Screwdriver
19.	Bethel	11/11/19	42	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Brother	40	M	Firearm
20.	CSP - Thompson	11/13/19	61	M	Other relative residing in home: Father	28	M	Knife
21.	** Waterbury	11/21/19	48	F	Spouse	54	M	Firearm
22.	Stonington	11/30/19	41	F	Dating	43	M	Knife
23.	Ansonia	12/2/19	43	F	Persons who have a child in common	43	M	Other Dangerous: Hammer
24.	** Watertown	12/3/19	16	M	Presently living together or have lived together	42	M	Firearm
25.	** Watertown	12/3/19	15	F	Presently living together or have lived together	42	M	Firearm
26.	Plainfield	12/19/19	47	M	Other relative residing in home: Brother	37	M	Hands/Fist/Feet

* Known to Police in 2019

** Murder-Suicide

CSP=Connecticut State Police

Note: The above list includes incidents submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection prior to April 1, 2020.

Included in the list are four incidents that became known to police in 2019. These incidents are not included in the 2019 statistics.

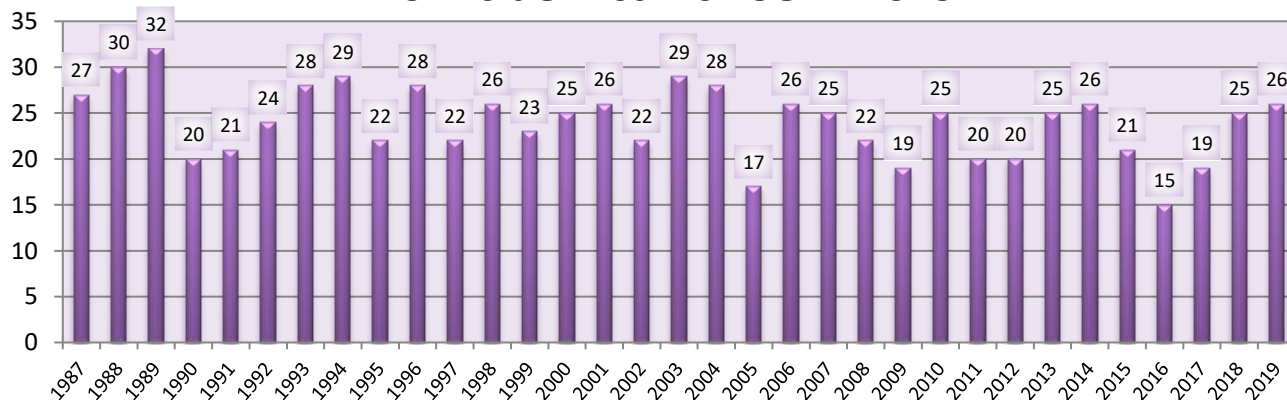
Family Violence Homicides 2019

Summaries of family violence homicides occurring in Connecticut during calendar year 2019 are presented in this report. Incidents are included in this report if a family or household member as defined in Connecticut General Statute 46b-38a (2) was arrested for the crime as of April 1, 2020. "Family or household member" means any of the following persons, regardless of the age of such person: (A) Spouses or former spouses; (B) parents or their children; (C) persons related by blood or marriage; (D) persons other than those persons described in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision presently residing together or who have resided together; (E) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time; and (F) persons in, or who have recently been in, a dating relationship. These homicides have been matched against offenses reported via Uniform Crime Reports. Any homicide circumstance information provided is derived from newspaper accounts or other publicly available sources.

OVERVIEW

In 2019 there were 24 family violence homicide incidents involving 26 victims. The total number of deaths from these incidents was 29 including three offender suicides. These numbers do not include homicides from previous years for which the offenders were arrested in 2019. During 2019, one arrest was made for a 2017 incident, and three arrests were made for incidents that occurred in 2018. The 2019 victim count was the third consecutive year-over-year increase in family violence homicide victims. The first full calendar year of collected family violence data was 1987. The number of family violence homicide victims ranged from a low of 15 in 2016 to a high of 32 in 1989. Between 1987 and 2019, there have been 793 recorded family violence homicide victims, an average of 24 per calendar year. The numbers listed below may be different from previously published reports. In some cases the offenders were arrested after publication of the data.

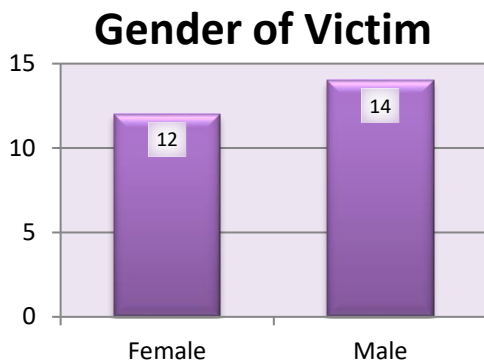
Homicide Victims 1987 - 2019



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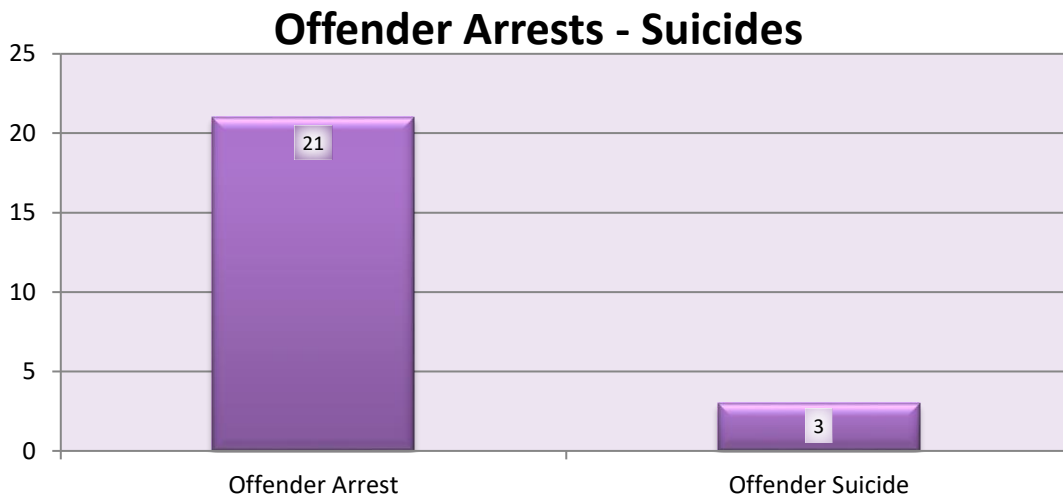
Gender

In 2019 males were more often the victim of a family murder than females. Males were also more often the offender in family violence homicides. Of the 26 victims, 14 (54%) were male and 12 (46%) were female. Of the twenty-four offenders, 22 were male (92%), two were female (8%).

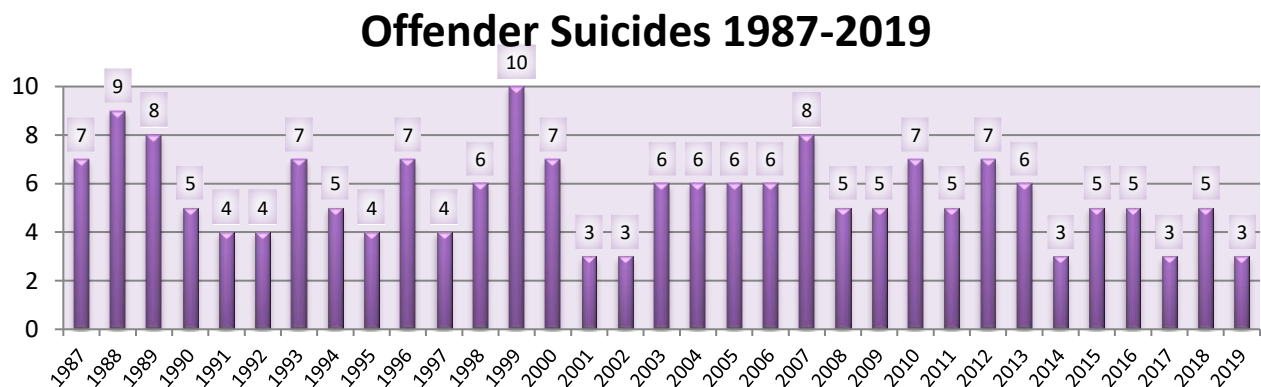


Offender Arrests-Suicides

A total of 21 offenders were arrested (88%). Three offenders committed suicide (12%). One murder-suicide incident involved two victims. All three murder-suicide incidents involved participants in an intimate relationship, two victims were female, and two were male. Two of the three of the offenders of murder-suicide incidents were male, and one was female. Two of the three murder-suicide incidents involved a firearm; the other involved a knife and another dangerous weapon, sledge hammer.



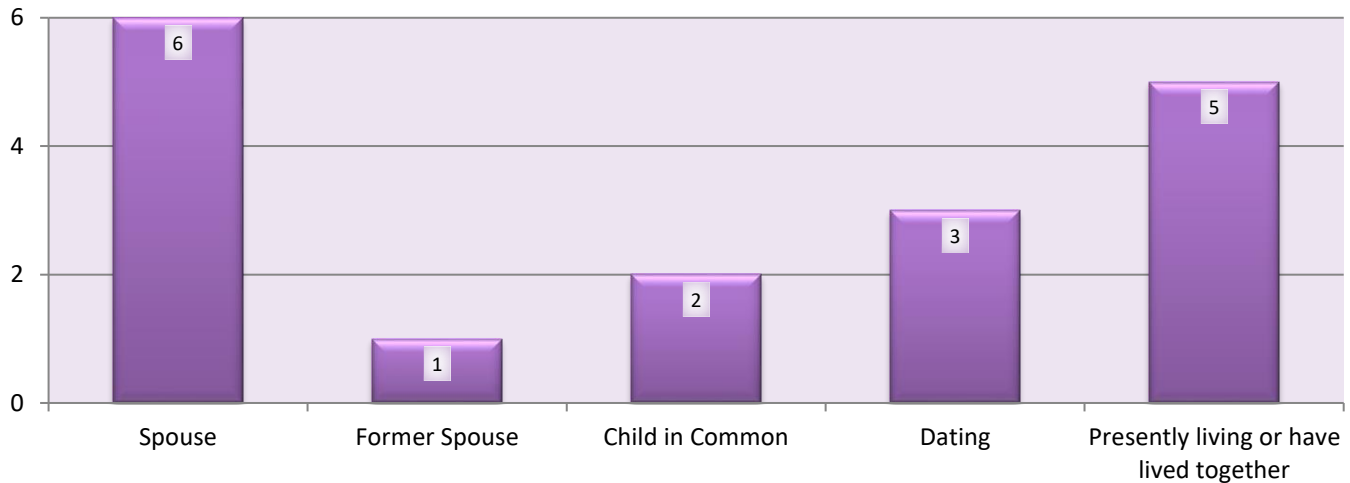
Between 1987 and 2019, 184 suspected offenders have committed suicide, an average of six per calendar year. The number of offender suicides ranged from a high of 10 in 1999 to a low of three in 2001, 2002, 2014, 2017 and 2019.



Intimate/Non-intimate Relationship

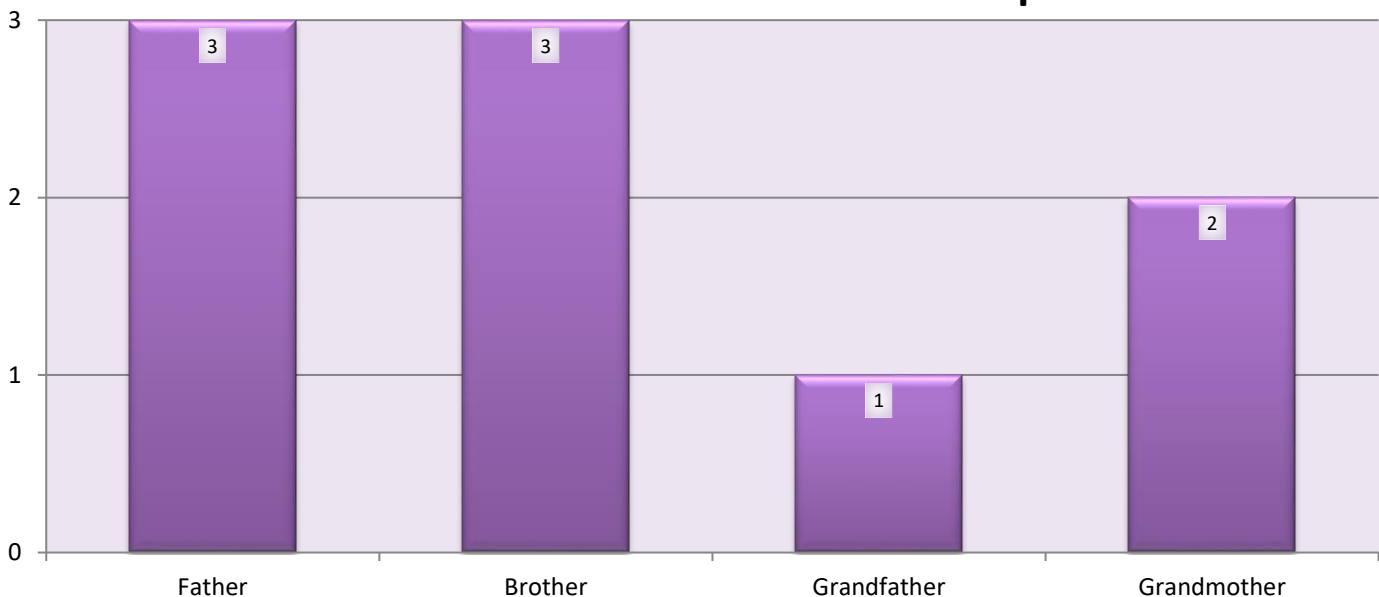
The majority of the homicide victims, a total of 17 (65%), were in an intimate relationship with the offender. The 17 intimate victims included six spouses (three wives-three husbands), five presently living together or have lived together (four male-one female), three dating (female), two that had a child in common with the offender (female), one former spouse (female). Overall, 10 intimate victims were male and seven were female. Eleven of the intimate victims resided with the offender.

Victims Intimate Relationship



Nine victims (35%) of the homicides involved people in a non-intimate relationship. Seven non-intimate victims were male; relationships included three fathers, three brothers, and one grandfather. Two non-intimate victims were female; both grandmothers. Five of the non-intimate victims lived with the offender.

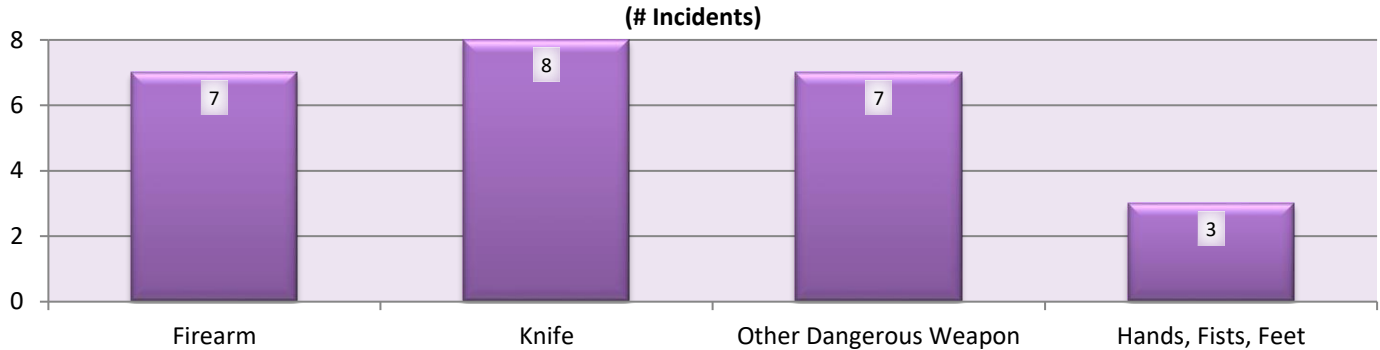
Victims Non-Intimate Relationship



Weapons

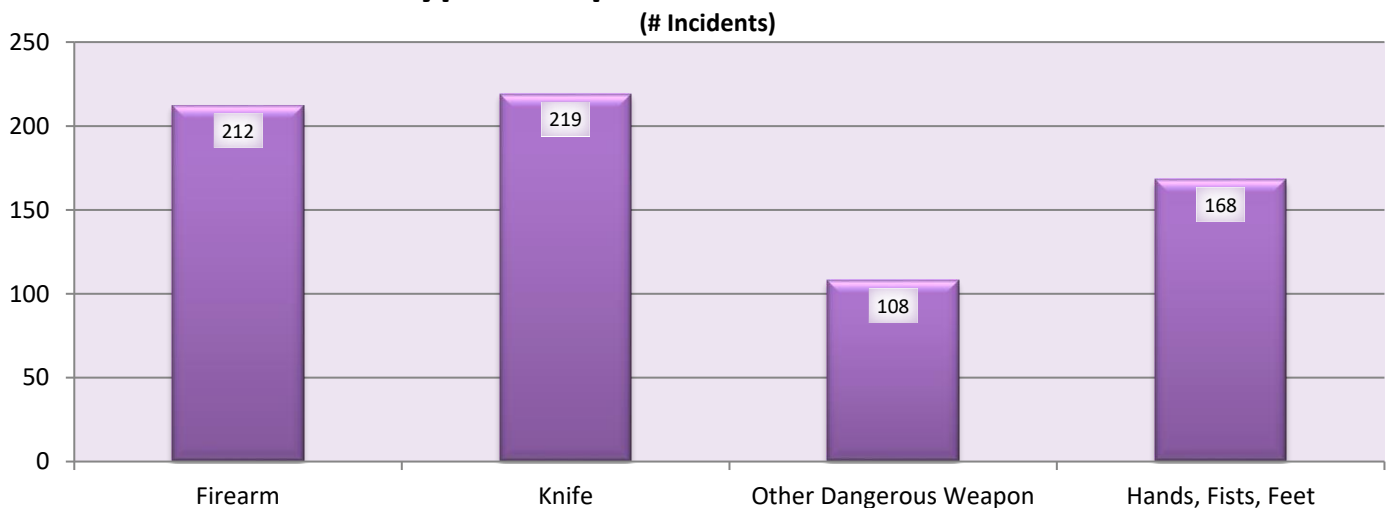
A weapon is defined as any object, instrument, device or part of the anatomy used in an attack. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the following chart. In the 24 family violence homicide incidents, knives were the most commonly used weapon, eight incidents (33%). Other weapons included firearms, seven incidents (29%); other dangerous weapons which included an axe, sledge hammer, softball bat, unknown object, heavy object, screwdriver, hammer, seven incidents (29%); hands, fists, feet, three incidents (13%).

Type of Weapon Used - 2019



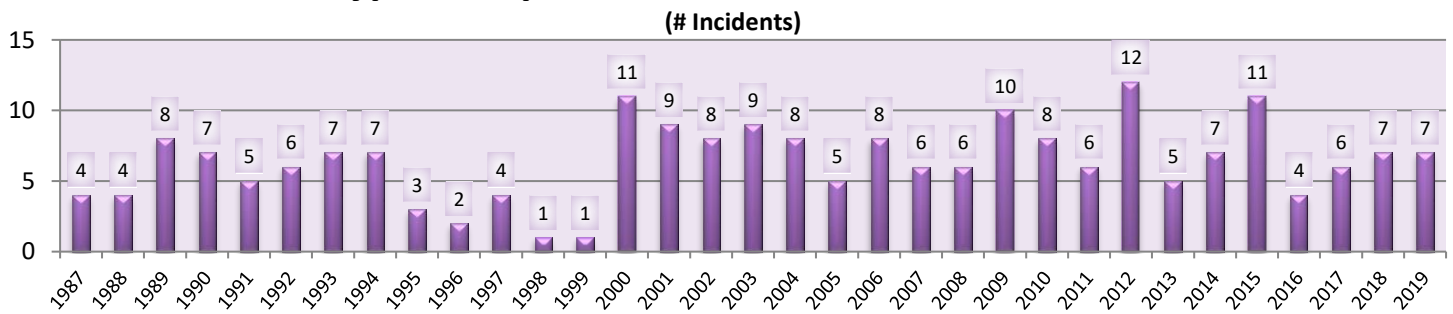
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following chart illustrates the total number of family violence incidents by weapon used where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the graph below.

Type Weapon Used 1987 - 2019

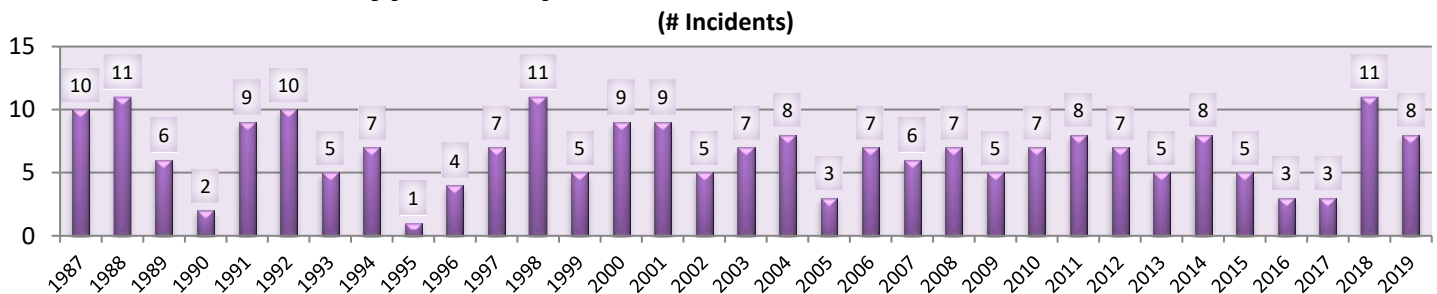


The following charts illustrate the total number of family violence incidents by weapon where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the charts below.

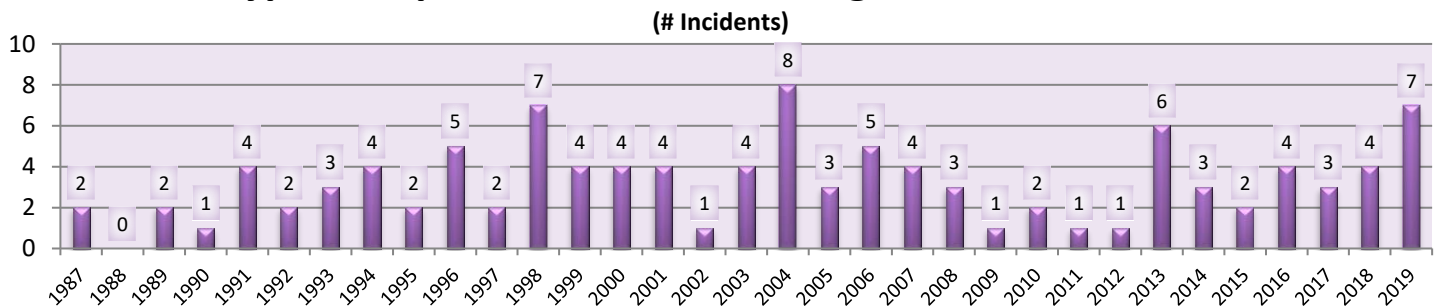
Type Weapon Used - Firearm 1987 - 2019



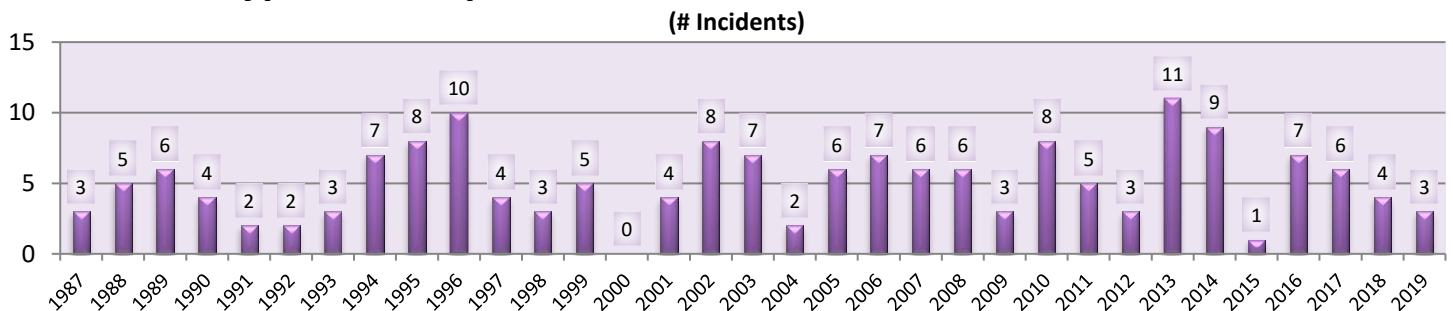
Type Weapon Used - Knife 1987 - 2019



Type Weapon Used - Other Dangerous 1987 - 2019



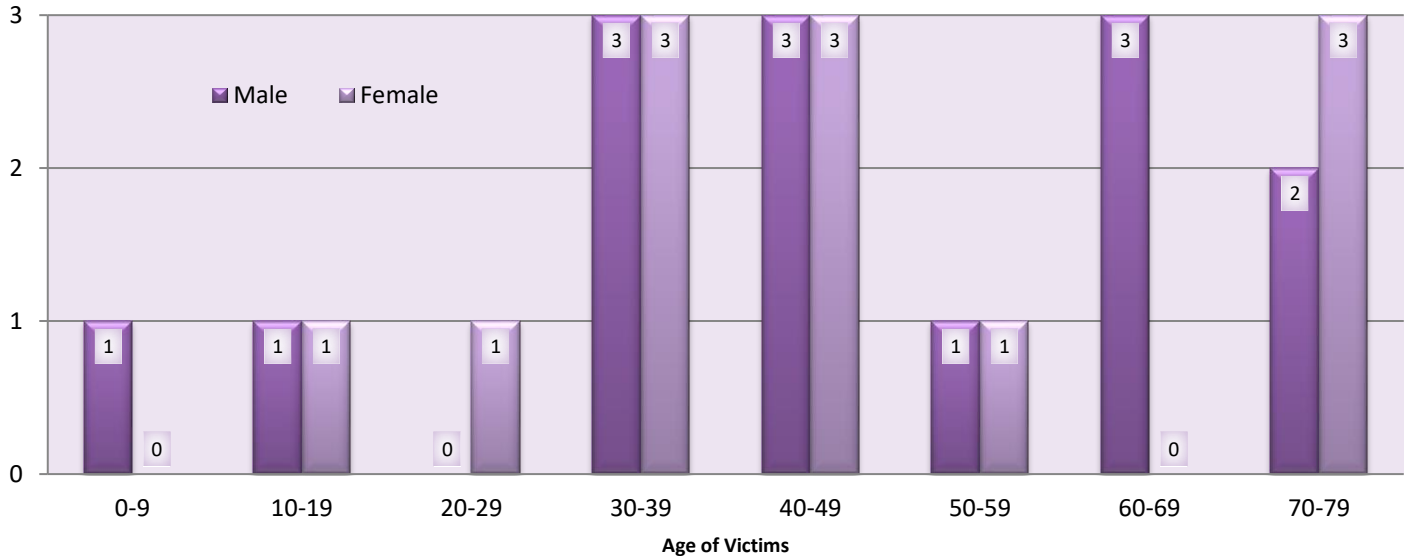
Type of Weapon Used - Hands, Fist, Feet 1987 - 2019



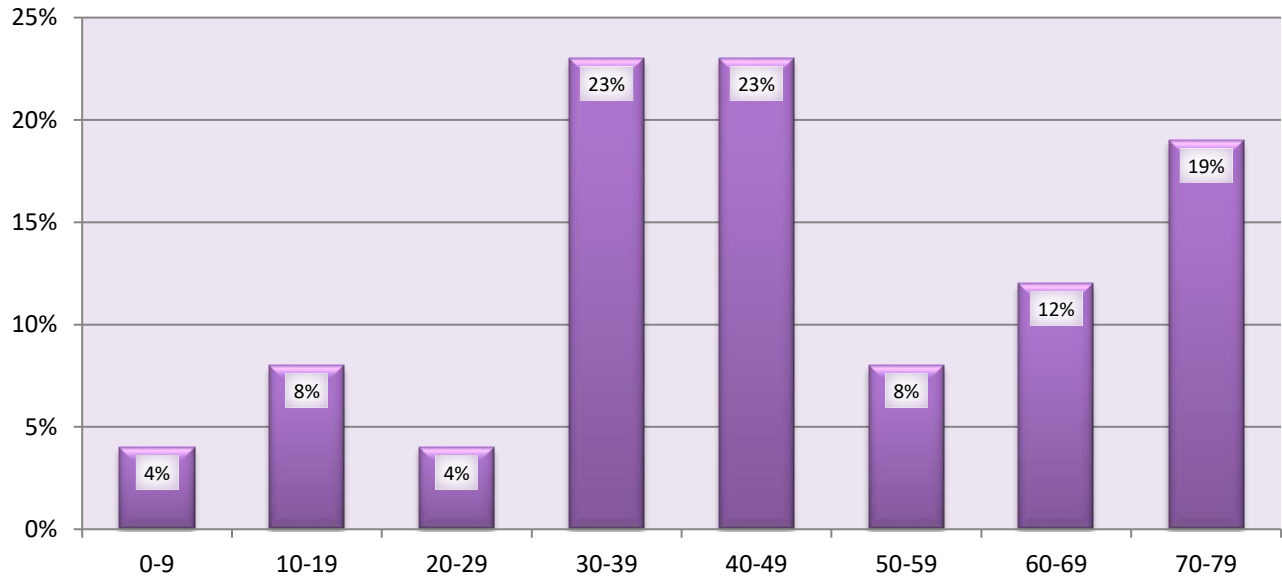
Age & Gender of Victims

In 2019 the youngest victim of a domestic homicide was a two year old male (stepson). The oldest victim was a 79 year old female (grandmother). The highest number of victims were in the 30 to 39 year old age group, six (23%) and the 40 to 49 year old age group six (23%). The average age of female victims was 46 years old; the average age of male victims was also 46 years old.

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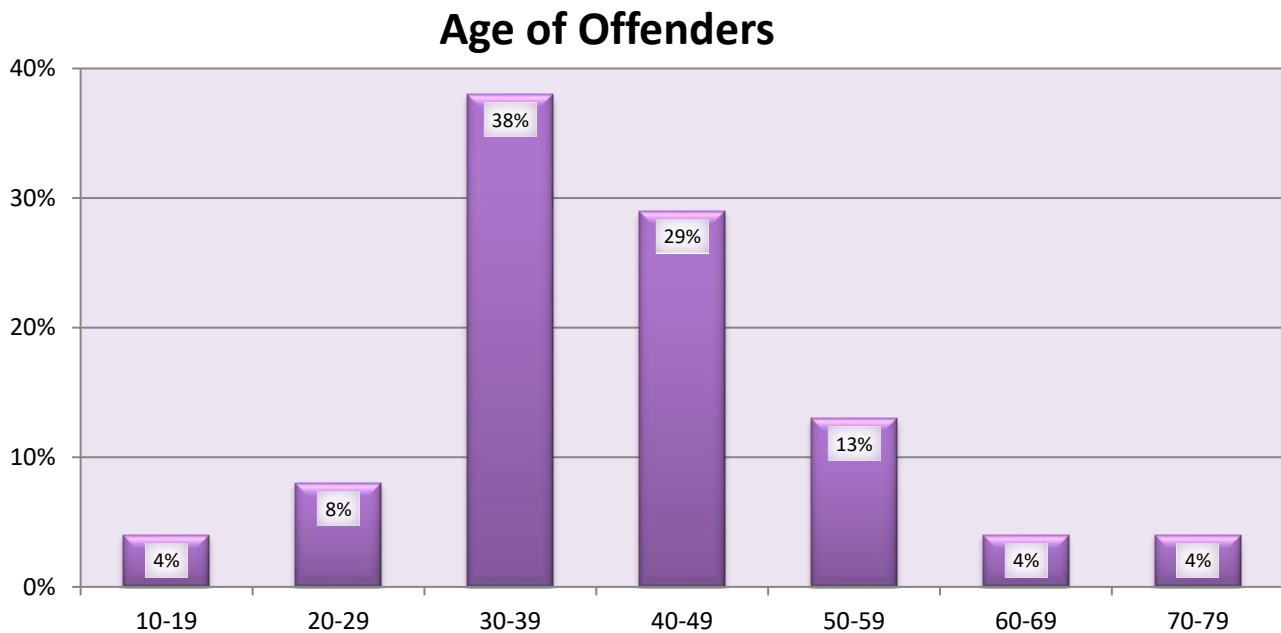
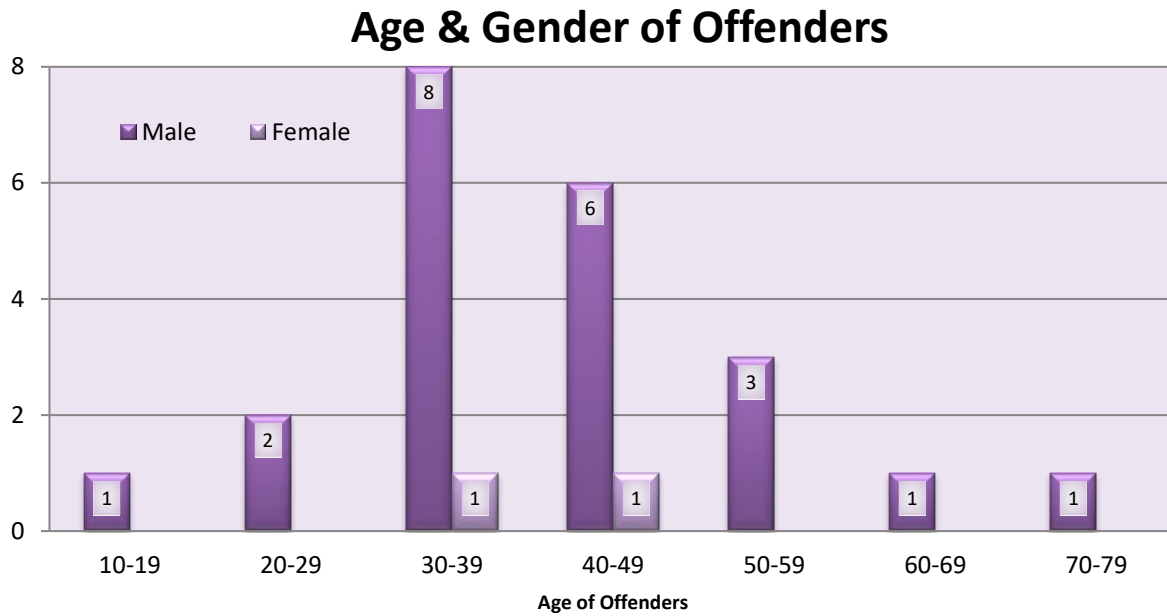


Age of Victims



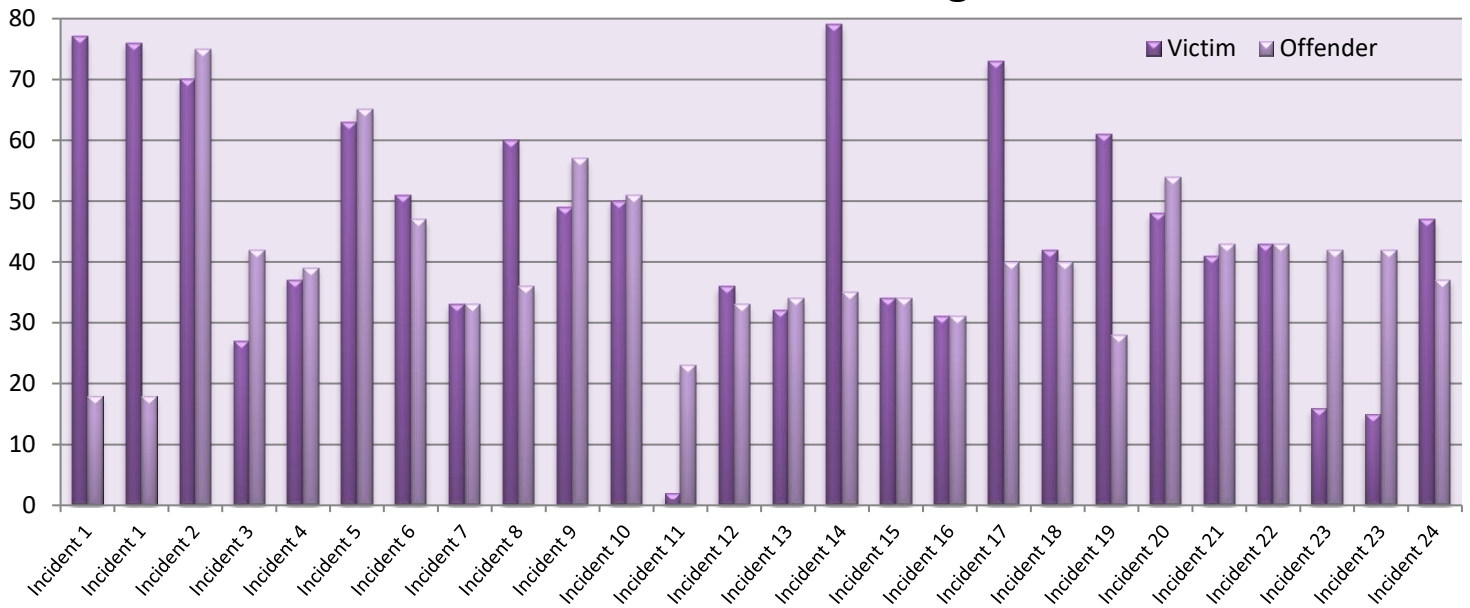
Age & Gender of Offenders

The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide during 2019 was an 18 year old male (grandson). The oldest offender was a 75 year old male (former husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 30 to 39 age group, 9 (38%). The average age of male offenders was 41 years old; the average age of female offenders was also 41 years old.



Twelve of the 26 family violence homicide victims were younger than the offender, (46%). Ten victims (39%) were older than the offender. Four victims were the same age (15%). Overall, the age difference ranged from 59 years younger to 27 years older.

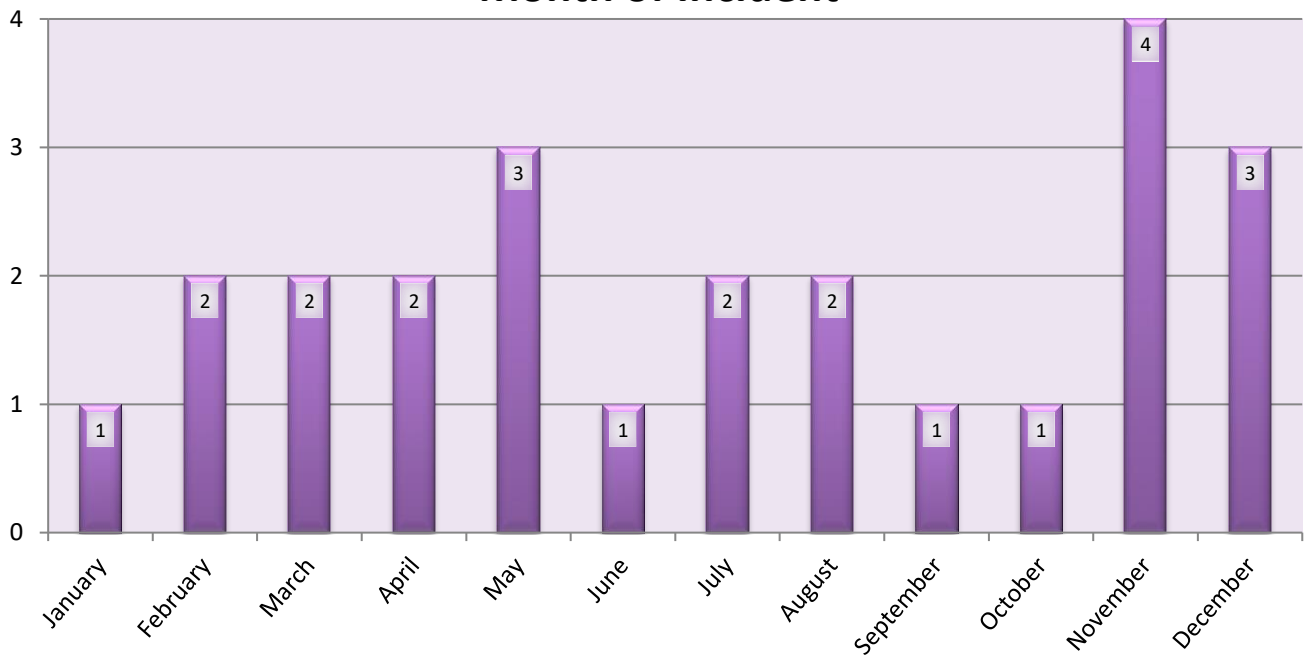
Victim - Offender Age



Month

The month of November had the highest number of family violence homicide incidents, a total of four. The months of May and December followed with three homicide incidents. During every month of 2019 a family violence homicide occurred.

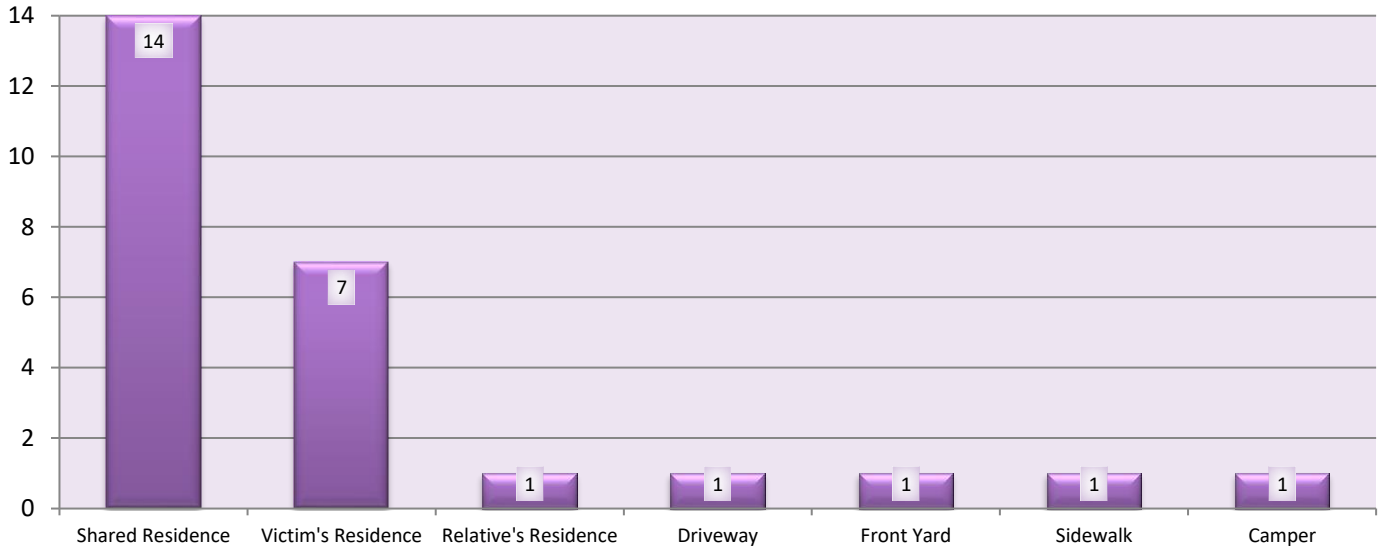
Month of Incident



Location of Homicide

Fourteen of the 26 family violence homicides committed occurred in the residence shared by the victim and the offender (54%). Other locations included: the victim’s residence, seven (27%); relative’s residence, one (4%); driveway, one (4%); front yard, one (4%); sidewalk, one (4%); camper, one (4%).

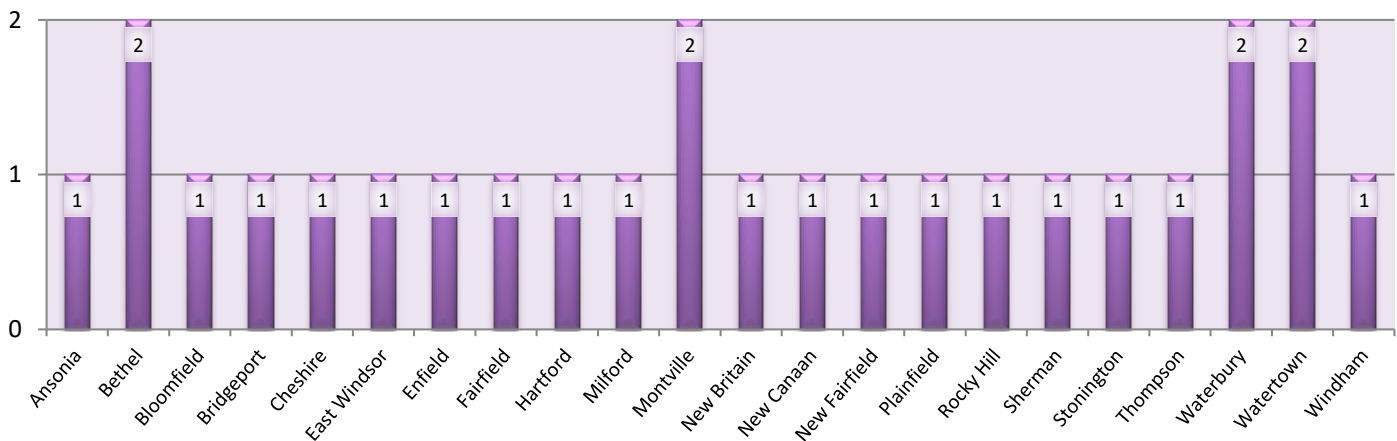
Location of Homicide



Geographic Distribution

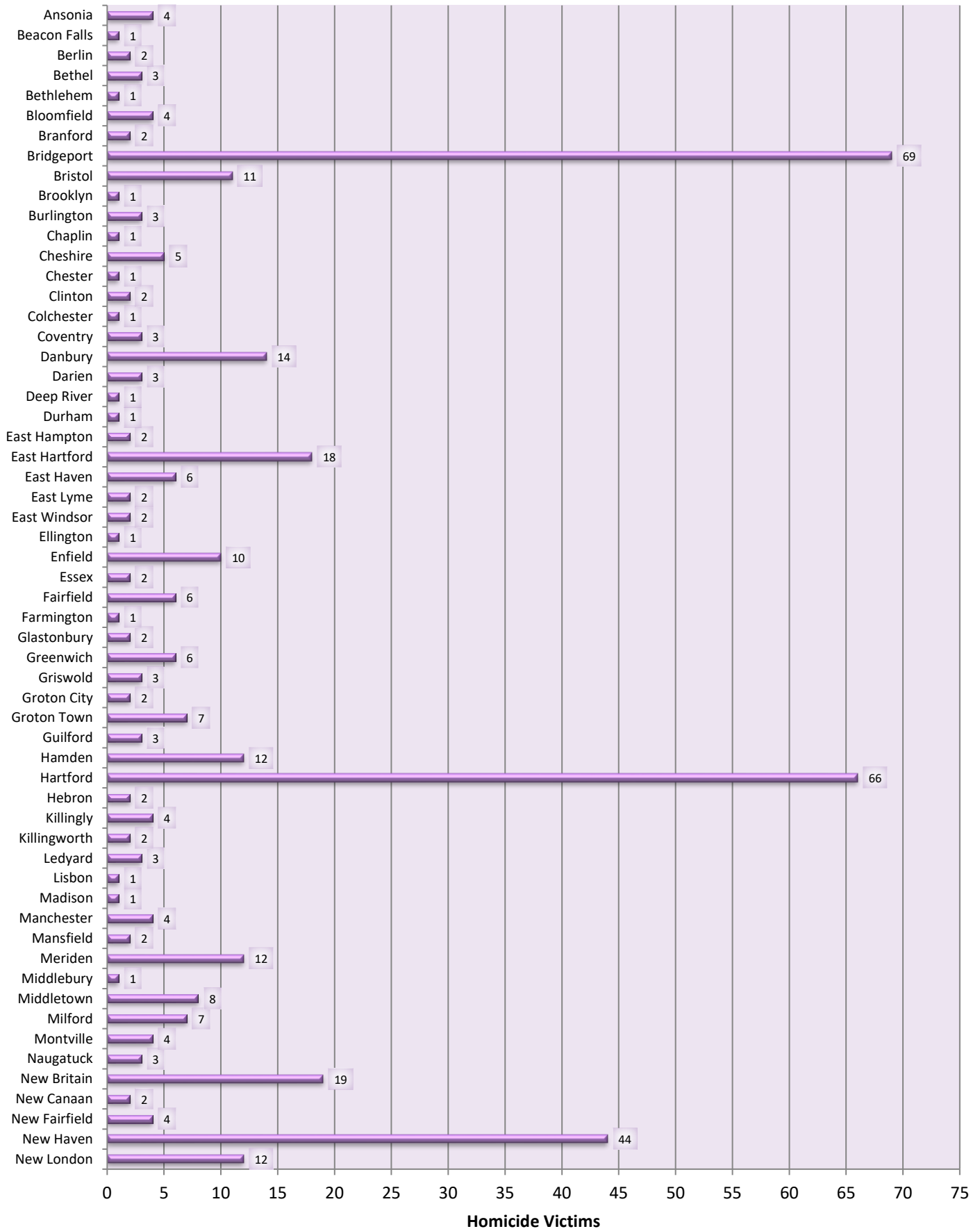
The 26 family violence homicides committed during 2019 occurred in 22 Connecticut municipalities. Four Connecticut municipalities had multiple homicides. The towns of Bethel, Montville, Waterbury, and Watertown each had two. Montville and Watertown each had a double homicide incident.

Family Violence Homicide Victims by Town 2019



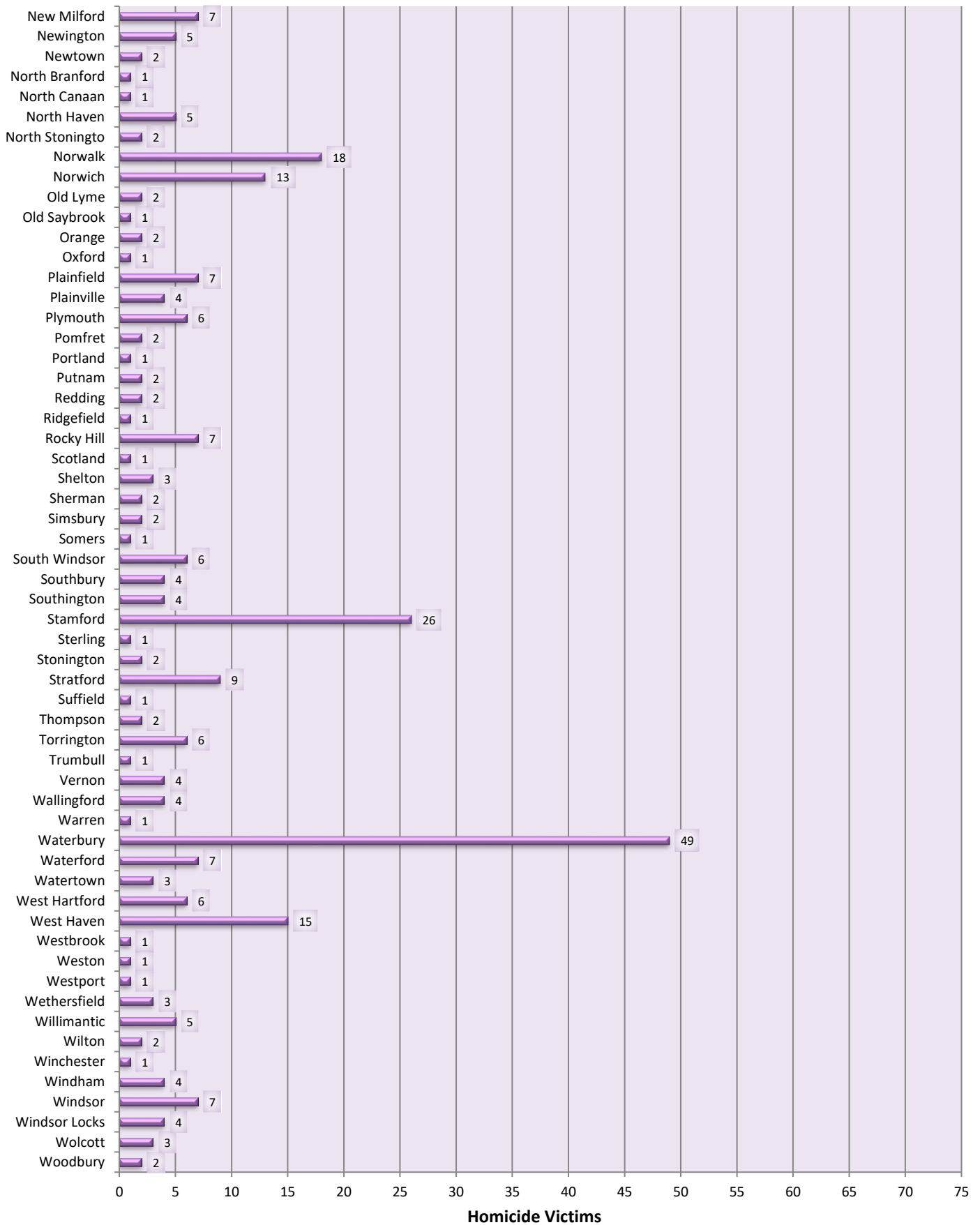
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following table illustrates the total number of family violence victims by town where incident details were captured. With 69 homicide victims, Bridgeport recorded the highest total followed by Hartford (66), Waterbury (49) and New Haven (44). Combined, these four municipalities accounted for 32 percent of Connecticut’s family violence homicide victims where incident details were captured (705). A total of 116 municipalities have witnessed a family violence homicide, 69 percent of all Connecticut municipalities.

Family Violence Homicides by Town 1987 - 2019*



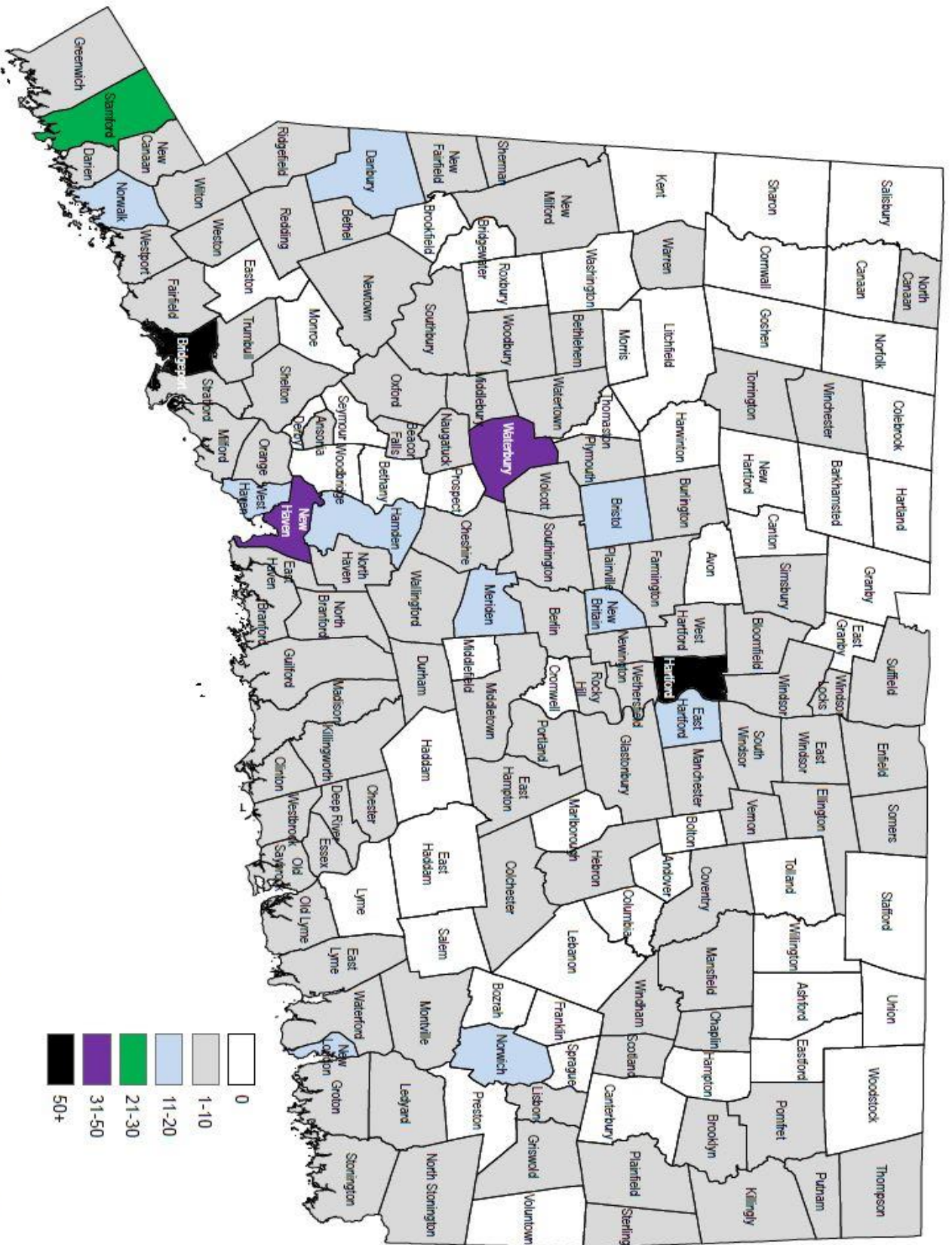
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Family Violence Homicides by Town, 1987-2019



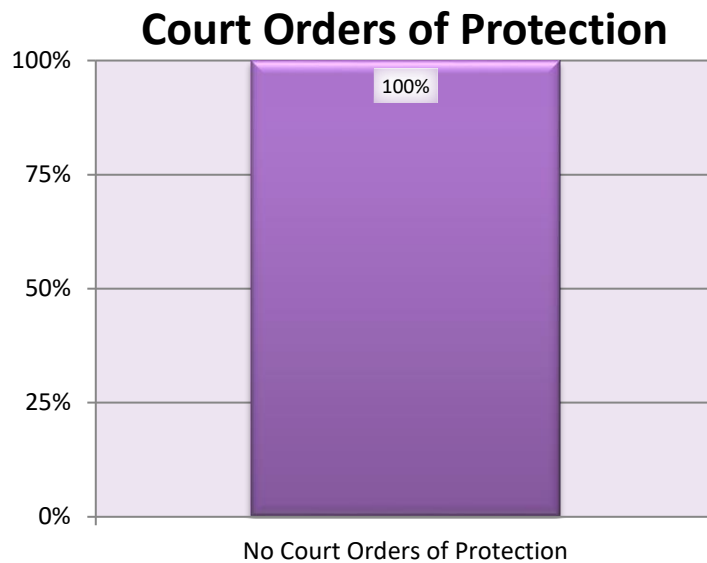
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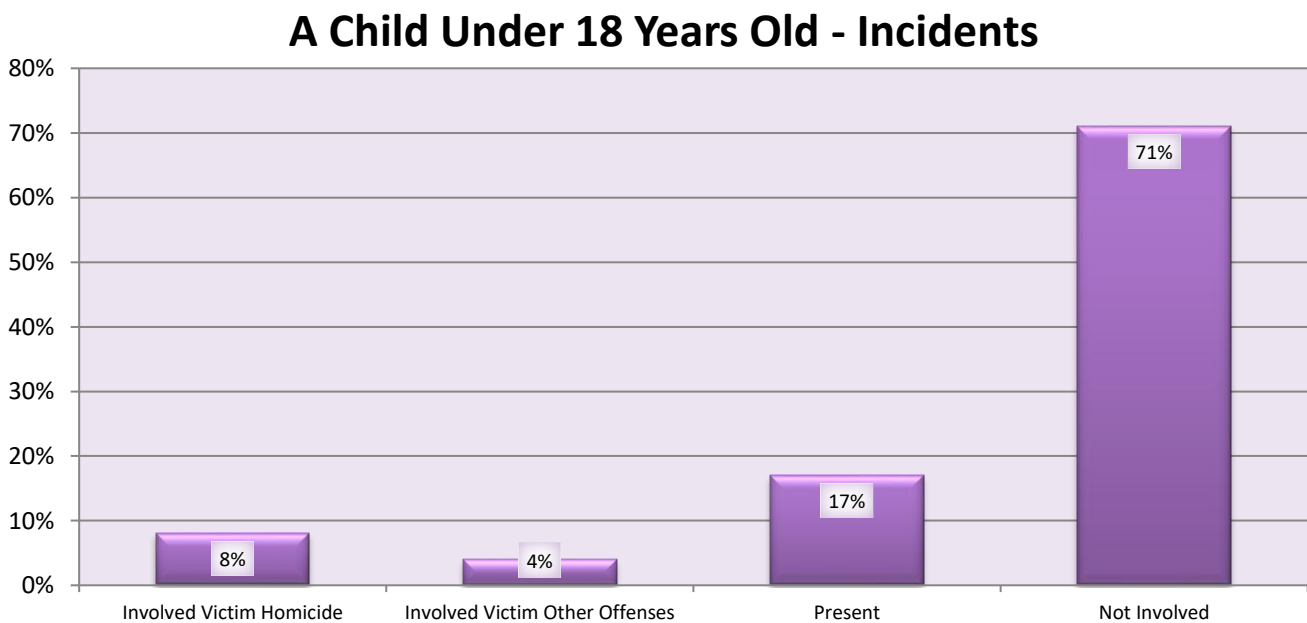
Court Orders of Protection

In all of the 24 family homicide incidents occurring during 2019 there were no court orders of protection, either active or expired.



A Child Under 18 Years Old

A child under 18 years of age was involved in three family violence homicide incidents (12%), two incidents as the homicide victim (8%), and in one incident as the victim of other offenses (threatening and risk of injury 4%). A child under 18 years of age was present in four homicide incidents (17%), and was not involved in 17 incidents (71%).



Victim's Family Violence History

Of the 26 victims in the 2019 family violence homicide incidents, 19 (73%) had no previous family violence history in the state of Connecticut as either an offender or a victim.

Of the other seven victims, five were involved in previous family violence incidents as the offender only (19%). Two of the 2019 homicide victims were involved in incidents as either the victim or offender (8%). Two homicide victims were involved in previous incidents with the offender of the 2019 homicide.

2019 Homicide Victim	No Previous Incident	Previous Incident	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2019 Homicide Offender	Incident Offense	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Victim 1	X								
Victim 2	X								
Victim 3	X								
Victim 4	X								
Victim 5		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3		X X X		No No No	Other/Violation Court Order Assault Risk of Injury	No Apparent Minor No Apparent	2008 2007 1999
Victim 6	X								
Victim 7	X								
Victim 8	X								
Victim 9		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4 Incident 5 Incident 6	X	X X X X X		Yes No No No No No	Criminal Mischief Assault Disorderly Conduct Assault Assault Criminal Mischief	No Apparent Minor No Apparent Minor Minor No Apparent	1998 1990 1989 1988 1988 1987
Victim 10		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4 Incident 5 Incident 6 Incident 7 Incident 8 Incident 9		X X X X X X X X X		No No No No No No No No No	Strangulation, Breach/Disorderly Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct Other/Violation Court Order Disorderly Conduct Disorderly Conduct Other/Violation Court Order Other/Violation Court Order Assault Disorderly Conduct	Minor No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent Minor No Apparent	2017 2015 2013 2008 2007 2001 2000 1995 1988
Victim 11	X								
Victim 12	X								
Victim 13		Incident 1		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2002
Victim 14	X								
Victim 15	X								
Victim 16		Incident 1		X		Yes	Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2018
Victim 17	X								
Victim 18		Incident 1		X		No	Assault	Minor	1988
Victim 19	X								
Victim 20		Incident 1 Incident 2		X X		No No	Assault Assault	Minor Minor	1997 1994
Victim 21	X								
Victim 22	X								
Victim 23	X								
Victim 24	X								
Victim 25	X								
Victim 26	X								

Victim's Family Violence History



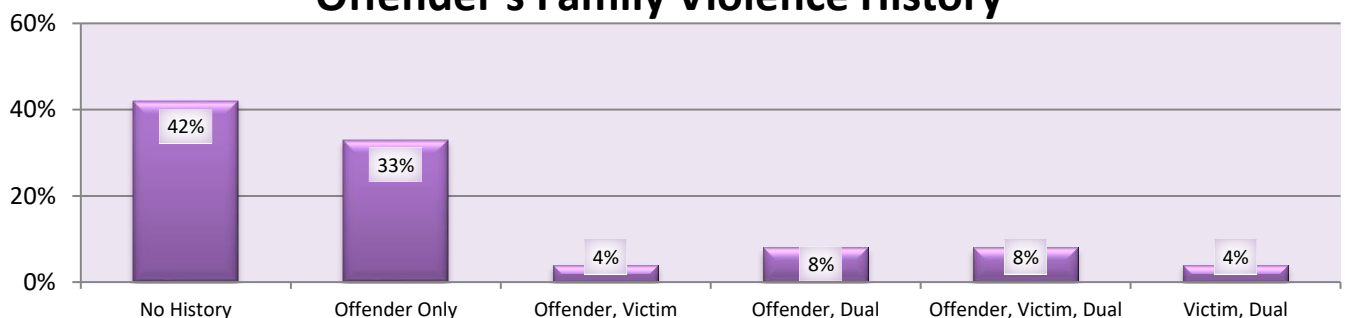
Offender's Family Violence History

Of the 24 offenders in the 2019 family violence homicides, 10 (42%) had no previous family violence history in the state of Connecticut as either an offender or a victim.

Of the other 14 offenders, eight were involved in previous family violence incidents as the offender only (33%), one was involved as the offender or the victim (4%), two were involved as the offender or in a dual arrest incident (8%), two were involved as the offender, victim, or in a dual arrest incident (8%), and one as the victim or in a dual arrest incident (4%). Two homicide offenders were involved in previous incidents with the victim of the 2019 homicide.

2019 Homicide Offender	No Previous Incidents	Previous Incidents	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2019 Homicide Victim	Incident Offense	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Offender 1	X								
Offender 2		Incident 1		X		No	Assault	Minor	2009
Offender 3		Incident 1		X		No	Other/Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2001
		Incident 2		X		No	Assault	Minor	2001
		Incident 3		X		No	Assault	Minor	1997
		Incident 4		X		No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	1997
Offender 4	X								
Offender 5	X								
Offender 6	X								
Offender 7		Incident 1		X		No	Assault, Threatening, Breach/Disorderly	Minor	2019
		Incident 2		X		No	Assault, Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2015
		Incident 3		X		No	Threatening	No Apparent	2015
		Incident 4		X		No	Threatening	No Apparent	2015
		Incident 5		X		No	Assault	No Apparent	2015
		Incident 6		X		No	Assault, Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2015
		Incident 7		X		No	Assault	Minor	2007
		Incident 8		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2007
Offender 8		Incident 1		X		Yes	Criminal Mischief	No Apparent	1998
Offender 9		Incident 1		X		No	Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2017
		Incident 2			X	No	Assault	Minor	2012
		Incident 3		X		No	Assault	Minor	2010
Offender 10	X								
Offender 11	X								
Offender 12		Incident 1		X		No	Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2016
		Incident 2		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2011
Offender 13		Incident 1	X			No	Assault	No Apparent	2011
		Incident 2			X	No	Assault	Minor	2003
Offender 14	X								
Offender 15		Incident 1	X			Yes	Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2018
		Incident 2			X	No	Assault, Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2016
		Incident 3		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2003
Offender 16	X								
Offender 17		Incident 1		X		No	Assault, Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2014
		Incident 2		X		No	Assault	Minor	2004
Offender 18		Incident 1			X	No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2010
		Incident 2		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2010
Offender 19	X								
Offender 20	X								
Offender 21		Incident 1		X		No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2001
Offender 22		Incident 1		X		No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2012
		Incident 2		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2012
		Incident 3		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2012
		Incident 4			X	No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2012
		Incident 5	X			No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2011
Offender 23		Incident 1		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	1994
Offender 24		Incident 1		X		No	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2014
		Incident 2		X		No	Assault, Breach of Peace/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2014
		Incident 3		X		No	Other/Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2013
		Incident 4		X		No	Criminal Mischief	No Apparent	2013
		Incident 5		X		No	Criminal Mischief	No Apparent	2013
		Incident 6		X		No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2009
		Incident 7		X		No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2008
		Incident 8			X	No	Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2003
		Incident 9			X	No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2000

Offender's Family Violence History



2019 Family Violence Homicide Circumstances

08/18/17 South Windsor P.D.

Victim: Male, 31

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Brother

Circumstances: According to the arrest warrant, the victim and suspect had been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and substance abuse. Both had been previously involuntarily committed because of delusions and combative behavior. Neighbors reported that they were a public menace. A visiting nurse contacted police for welfare check after she had gone to the shared residence and found suspicious conditions. Police found the victim in a bedroom deceased with head wounds, a dislocated neck, and a rib fracture. The suspect was found a short time later at a relative's home dazed and communicating only non-verbally through hand gestures. He was taken for mental health evaluation and had been confined to hospitals ever since. Upon his release, he was charged with first-degree manslaughter.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 27

04/29/18 Vernon P.D.

Victim: Female, 28

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: The suspect smothered the victim with a pillow while she was under the influence of narcotics on two separate occasions until she stopped breathing. Police were called to the residence after getting a report of a woman overdosing. Authorities believe the suspect did not seek medical assistance for several hours until the victim's 7-year old child found her dead. The suspect was found hiding in the basement and was taken into custody for violating a protective order that both prohibited him from being in the home and near the victim. Investigators later discovered that in the month before the homicide, the suspect allegedly showed the 7-year old "crude and explicit movie content" and smoked crack cocaine in the child's presence. After being arrested for the homicide, the suspect violated a protective order by trying to contact a family member 216 times.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 22

09/06/18 CSP Westbrook

Victim: Female, 61

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The suspect turned himself in to police and was arrested with second degree manslaughter for his role in the suicide of his terminally ill wife of 42 years by a gunshot wound to the head. The victim was diagnosed with cancer and was suffering a painful and lingering death. The suspect initially told police the victim committed suicide, and later said he agreed to stabilize the gun while the victim pulled the trigger. The victim had attempted suicide once before, alone.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 64

12/09/18 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Female, 25

Relationship: Dating: Girlfriend

Circumstances: The victim was found dead, face down in the sand near a boat ramp with gunshot wound in the back of the head. According to the victim's family, the victim met the suspect on an online dating application. After several dates, the victim called off the relationship, but was convinced to meet the suspect at the boat ramp. After the killing, the suspect took the victim's car, cell phone, credit cards, and withdraw \$400 from the victim's bank account. The suspect fled to Ohio where he was arrested and held in jail before his extradition to Connecticut. The suspect confessed to the homicide and also to shooting another woman in 2017.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 26

1. **01/28/19 CSP Montville**

Victim: Female, 77

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Grandmother

Circumstances: The suspect told police during a verbal argument he stabbed the victim in the chest with a kitchen knife. When his grandmother entered the room, he then stabbed her. The suspect then cleaned the knife, turned on the gas in the house, and went outside and lit a bonfire in an attempt to burn down the house. After being outside for a few hours, the suspect called the police. When police arrived the suspect admitted to the homicides.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 18

2. **01/28/19 CSP Montville**

Victim: Male, 76

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Grandfather

Circumstances: The suspect told police during a verbal argument he stabbed his grandfather in the chest with a kitchen knife. When the victim entered the room he then stabbed her. The suspect then cleaned the knife, turned on the gas in the house and went outside and lit a bonfire in an attempt to burn down the house. After being outside for a few hours the suspect called the police. When police arrived the suspect admitted to the homicides.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 18

3. **02/03/19 Fairfield P.D.**

Victim: Female, 70

Relationship: Former Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The armed suspect broke into the home of the victim's son, where she was staying and shot her. Police reported the victim was using an iPad application to track the suspect's movements and it showed the suspect walking around the home. The victim asked her son to call police. Moments later, he heard glass breaking, his mother screaming for help, a gunshot, and a body thudding on the floor. The son rushed to investigate and found the suspect holding a rifle and standing over the victim's body. The suspect then attempted to reload, but was tackled to the floor and pinned until police arrived. Two days before the homicide, the victim and her son accused the suspect of stealing their pickup trucks and contacted police. Police reported that the suspect warned the victim that "things were going to get bad" for her. While divorced for about 25 years, the victim and suspect had an on-and-off relationship.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 75

4. **02/04/19 New Britain P.D.**

Victim: Female, 27

Relationship: Persons have child in common

Circumstances: The suspect showed up at the victim's apartment and demanded to see the two children they have in common. Minutes later the suspect acted out and shot the victim multiple times. A month later the suspect was arrested in South Carolina by federal marshals. When apprehended the suspect was found hiding in a working refrigerator. Three others were arrested in connection with the homicide, charged with interfering with police and providing assistance to a fleeing criminal.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 42

5. **03/18/19 Rocky Hill P.D.**

Victim: Male, 37

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: Responding to a report of a man who had been stabbed several times, police found the victim in an apartment hallway soaked in blood. The suspect was with the victim, confessed to the stabbing, and kept repeating that he was sorry. Prior to the stabbing the suspect and victim had been drinking and had a sexual encounter. After the encounter, the victim reportedly became combative and was asked to leave. An argument ensued; the suspect felt physically threatened prompting the suspect to defend himself. The suspect used two kitchen knives to stab the victim about seven times.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 39

6. 03/20/19 Sherman CSP**Victim:** Male, 63**Relationship:** Spouse: Husband

Circumstances: Police and emergency personnel responded to a report that the victim had fallen and hit his head. Authorities found the victim naked and unresponsive at the bottom of a staircase with wounds to the top of his scalp. One gash was two-inches wide and four-inches long. The suspect initially told police that after a day of drinking the victim said something nasty. The suspect responded by pushing the victim causing the victim to fall backwards into a kitchen cabinet. The suspect stated he then tried to stop the bleeding before going upstairs to bed. He woke to find the victim at the bottom of the stairs. The suspect then called 911. The suspect admitted to killing his husband when confronted about his inconsistent statements and evidence at the scene. Police found copious blood splatters throughout the couple's home. The victim and suspect were partners in a failing Manhattan fashion retail supply business. It was reported that they struggled to pay the mortgage on their 20-acre farmhouse and had excessive drinking habits, drinking three bottles of tequila a day. Both had been previously hospitalized multiple times for alcoholic incoherence.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 65**7. 04/15/19 New Fairfield CSP****Victim:** Male, 51**Relationship:** Spouse: Husband

Circumstances: In an apparent murder-suicide, police were called by a neighbor after being told by the victim and suspect's two children that their mother had killed their father and they needed a place to stay for a few days. Police found the victim dead from blunt force trauma to the head and face and stab wounds. The suspect was found in a vehicle in the garage, dead from acute carbon monoxide intoxication. The victim had been dead for two days before authorities were notified.

Suspect Suicide: Female, 47**8. 04/29/19 Waterbury P.D.****Victim:** Female, 33**Relationship:** Dating: Girlfriend

Circumstances: The victim was hosting a gathering of family and friends when she stepped outside to talk to the suspect. The two were dating for six months. The victim was found in her driveway with gunshot wounds to the head and was run over by the suspect's vehicle. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Twelve hours later the suspect was apprehended by police after a high speed pursuit spanning several towns. The suspect was also wanted for a pistol whipping and armed robbery incident that occurred hours before the homicide. The victim was identified behind the wheel of the suspect's vehicle when the incident occurred.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 33**9. 05/12/19 Bloomfield P.D.****Victim:** Male, 60**Relationship:** Relative residing in home: Father

Circumstances: Responding to call of a man assaulting his father, police found the victim unresponsive and bleeding heavily from the head. The victim suffered a skull fracture and a broken arm. The victim died at the hospital the next day. The suspect used a softball bat to beat the victim. The suspect was apprehended three weeks after the homicide in connection with a shoplifting incident at a supermarket. The suspect refused to be fingerprinted during the booking process. Police saw there was a warrant for the suspect's arrest on an assault charge.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 36

10. 05/19/19 Milford P.D.

Victim: Male, 49

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: The suspect repeatedly beat the victim with his hands and feet after being asked by the victim's sister to remove him from her bedroom floor. The victim had passed out. The suspect told police he started "roughhousing" with the victim to wake him up, and "eventually dropped the hammer on him." It was reported the suspect kicked the victim up to 50 times, punched the victim in the chest and legs, and jumped up and landed on the victim with two legs on the victim's stomach. The victim was then dragged out of the house and left on the ground as others milled around the property. Reportedly a dozen people live at the rental property, six inside and the rest living outside in cars and tents.

Suspects Arrested: Male, 57

11. 05/24/19 New Canaan CSP

Victim: Female, 50

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The victim, a mother of five, was last seen dropping her children off at school. After failing to report to appointments, friends reported her missing after not hearing from her. The suspect denied any connection with the victim's disappearance. Authorities found the victim's vehicle several miles from the house where she lived with her children. Investigators found human blood stains on the garage floor of the victim's home. Surveillance cameras captured someone matching the suspect's description putting multiple garbage bags into various trash receptacles. Detectives recovered clothing and household goods from the trash receptacles with the victim's blood on them. The victim and suspects were in the midst of a bitter divorce and custody battle. Before her disappearance, the victim told officials she was afraid of the suspect and accused him of exhibiting "irrational, unsafe, bullying, threatening and controlling behavior". The victim's DNA was found in a vehicle the suspect was driving the day the victim disappeared. According the state's chief medical examiner, the victim likely suffered a combination of "traumatic, blunt-force injuries". The suspect was charged with murder and kidnapping. When properties used to secure the suspect's bond did not meet bond requirements, authorities went to the suspect's home and found him in "dire" condition. He was taken to a New York hospital where he died.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 51

12. 06/26/19 Windham CSP.

Victim: Male, 2

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: The suspect called 911 reporting that the victim fell off the bed and may have hit his head. At the time of the incident the victim's mother was at the hospital after giving birth to the victim's sibling. Hours before the homicide the victim refused to leave the hospital with the suspect, clinging to a female relative's leg in protest. Responders found the victim unresponsive with froth coming from his mouth. Neighbors reported they often heard the suspect shouting at the victim and treating the child roughly. The victim suffered a fractured skull and seeping on the cerebrum from blunt force trauma.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 23

13. 07/17/19 Hartford P.D.

Victim: Male, 36

Relationship: Relative *not* residing in home: Brother

Circumstances: After a verbal argument the suspect stabbed the victim several times in the chest and leg. The victim and suspect were drinking alcohol in front of the victim's residence prior to the stabbing. After being stabbed the victim ran into the house and collapsed. The victim was taken to the hospital where he died several hours later. The victim and offender's mother witnessed the incident from the front steps of the residence.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 33

14. 07/27/19 Bridgeport P.D. Victim: Male, 32 Relationship: Spouse: Husband

Circumstances: The victim convinced her cousin to kill the victim. Police reported on the evening of the homicide the suspect and a friend argued with the victim and threatened him. Witnesses told police they heard the suspect tell the victim "you are going to take your last breaths tonight." A few hours later the victim was shot five times on the sidewalk outside his home. Police reported a nearby witness tried to alert the victim but the warning was ignored. After the shooting, the perpetrators returned to their vehicle where a woman matching the suspect's description was spotted in the back seat. The suspect told police she was home at the time of the shooting, but cellphone records indicated she had actually been near the victim's home when the victim was shot. The suspect was charged with conspiracy to commit murder and criminal liability for acts of another.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 34

15. 08/20/19 Enfield P.D. Victim: Female, 79 Relationship: Relative *not* residing in home: Grandmother

Circumstances: Prompted by letters sent by the suspect to a family member expressing his intent to take his own life, a well-being check was conducted. Police found the victim face down in a pool of blood in her home. The victim had 12 wounds on her head, several of which penetrated her skull and her left middle finger was nearly severed. The victim's car was missing. The suspect was found after he was involved in a one-car crash while driving the victim's vehicle. The suspect admitted to a relative that he attacked the victim because she pushed him over the edge with verbal abuse. The relative told police the victim was able to lock the house from the inside so that visitors couldn't leave. The suspect has a history of acting violently and threatening violence towards others and is addicted to heroin, is bipolar, and suffers from anxiety and depression.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 35

16. 08/24/19 Bethel P.D. Victim: Female, 34 Relationship: Dating: Girlfriend

Circumstances: Responding to a report of a stabbing, police found the victim suffering from multiple stab wounds. The victim was transported to the hospital where she later died. Within minutes of police arriving at the scene, the suspect arrived at the police department, lay down on the floor and admitted to the slaying. The suspect was found dead "suspended from a ligature" in his jail cell several weeks later.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 34

17. 09/11/19 Cheshire P.D. Victim: Female, 31 Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The victim was stabbed as many as 30 times by the suspect while their 11-year old and 2-year old children were in the home. The 11-year old called 911 but never said anything. Police were only able to hear the young boy crying. Police rushed to the scene and found both the victim and suspect suffering from knife wounds. The victim was lying in a pool of blood with several cuts to her throat. The victim was able to tell paramedics, "he tried to kill" and "he says I cheated on him." The 11-year old told police he saw the suspect choking his mother. The suspect told police his wounds were inflicted by the victim, but police said the suspect's wounds did not appear to be consistent with someone fending off an attack. Both participants were taken to separate hospitals, the victim died days later from her injuries.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 31

18. 10/09/19 East Windsor P.D. Victim: Male, 73 Relationship: Relative *not* residing in home: Father

Circumstances: The victim was found face down and covered in blood in the kitchen of his home, stabbed with a screwdriver at least 70 times. The suspect called 911 from the victim's home to report finding him dead. About three weeks before the killing, neighbors reported hearing the victim and offender having a heated verbal argument. Police found a screwdriver in the suspect's vehicle and a pair of sneakers under a pile of tires at the suspect's residence that had the victim's blood on them. Records show the suspect used the victim's credit card to purchase several items six hours after the victim was reported dead. Previously, the suspect illegally used the victim's credit card and stole money from the victim's wallet. The victim changed the locks of his home to keep the suspect out. The suspect is reportedly addicted to heroin.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 40

19. 11/11/19 Bethel P.D. Victim: Male, 42 Relationship: Relative *not* residing in home: Brother

Circumstances: Police responded to a call from the victim's mother saying she arrived home from work and believed the victim had committed suicide. Police found the victim with four gunshot wounds to the head fired at close range. The victim had been dead for several hours. Police discovered a handgun had been taken from the residence. The suspect was apprehended after an attempt to steal a car during which the suspect brandished a gun. The caliber of the gun matched the shell casings found next to the victim's body.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 40

20. 11/13/19 Thompson CSP. Victim: Male, 61 Relationship: Relative residing in home: Father

Circumstances: Police responded to a call from a woman reporting the victim had been stabbed by his son. When police arrived they found the victim unresponsive with stab wounds to the upper torso. A bloody knife was found near the victim. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. The caller suffered a stab wound to her leg. Arriving police located the suspect exiting the house, and the suspect was detained. The suspect had a cut on his finger and bloody clothes. The suspect told police the cut and bloody clothes came about after he stabbed a rabbit the day before. The caller told police the suspect showed up at the home hours earlier, and his demeanor made her fearful. She also told police that she did not believe the suspect was "right in the head", and may have suffered some sort of psychotic break".

Suspect Arrested: Male, 28

21. 11/21/19 Waterbury P.D. Victim: Female, 48 Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: When the victim failed to show up for work, police were contacted to conduct a well-being check. A property manager let police into the residence where the victim and suspect were found lying on a bed dead. Officers found a handgun next to the bed. The victim died of a gunshot wound; the suspect also died of a gunshot wound and the manner was determined to be suicide. The suspect was a former New Haven police officer.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 54

22. 11/30/19 Stonington P.D. Victim: Female, 41 Relationship: Dating: Girlfriend

Circumstances: Police responded to a call about a domestic incident and found the victim suffering from critical stab wounds. Police officers arrived at the scene as the suspect was fleeing in his vehicle. Police tried to get the suspect to stop, but had to jump out of the way to avoid being hit the suspect's car. The suspect was taken into custody five days later. An acquaintance told investigators the suspect had been acting erratically and was described as being paranoid. The suspect had been reportedly smoking PCP. The victim died six days after being stabbed. The victim was the mother of two. The victim's 12-year old was present during the attack.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 43

23. 12/02/19 Ansonia P.D.

Victim: Female, 43

Relationship: Persons have child in common

Circumstances: When the victim failed to report to work and could not be reached by phone, police were contacted to conduct a welfare check. An officer went to the victim's residence but not hearing any answer to knocks on the door or seeing any movement inside left the premises. Seven hours later police returned for an additional welfare check, forced their way inside and found the victim's bludgeoned body dead in her bathtub. A piece of the victim's skull was missing and loose hairs that had a DNA consistent with the suspect were found in the victim's hand. The victim and suspect's 17-month old daughter was missing. Evidence from surveillance cameras supported a witnesses claim that the suspect was seen leaving the scene a half hour after the first police check. Another surveillance camera captured the suspect near a donation clothing bin. Numerous blood stained items were recovered from the bin that tested positive for blood matching the victim's DNA. The suspect admitted to police that he used PCP multiple times during the weekend of the homicide and doesn't remember much of what happened that weekend, but maintains his innocence. The child has not been found.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 43

24. 12/03/19 Watertown P.D.

Victim: Male, 16

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: An argument about the suspect smoking in the house escalated into a murder/suicide. The victim and suspect were watching TV downstairs. The victim's sister and mother were upstairs having an argument about the suspect, the mother's boyfriend, smoking cigarettes in the house. The suspect went upstairs and told the victim's sister to quiet down and not to talk to her mother that way. The suspect then went into a bedroom and came back with a Glock handgun that was kept in a safe. When the victim intervened the suspect shot the victim in the leg. The victim's mother ran downstairs to call for help, victim's sister ran out onto the deck, the suspect followed the sister and shot her in the chest. The suspect then came back inside and shot the victim in the chest. The suspect then locked himself in a bedroom and shot himself in the head. The suspect was a convicted felon who was not legally allowed to be in possession of a gun. The suspect moved into the house two weeks before the incident.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 42

25. 12/03/19 Watertown P.D.

Victim: Female, 15

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: An argument about the suspect smoking in the house escalated into a murder/suicide. The victim's brother and suspect were watching TV downstairs. The victim and her mother were upstairs having an argument about the suspect, the mother's boyfriend, smoking cigarettes in the house. The suspect went upstairs and told the victim to quiet down and not to talk to her mother that way. The suspect then went into a bedroom and came back with a Glock handgun that was kept in a safe. When the victim's brother intervened the suspect shot him in the leg. The victim's mother ran downstairs to call for help, victim ran out onto the deck, the suspect followed and shot her in the chest. The suspect then came back inside and shot the victim's brother in the chest. The suspect then locked himself in a bedroom and shot himself in the head. The suspect was a convicted felon who was not legally allowed to be in possession of a gun. The suspect moved into the house two weeks before the incident.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 42

26. 12/19/19 Plainfield P.D.

Victim: Male, 47

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Brother

Circumstances: The victim and suspect's sister told police she heard noises coming from the camper behind the family home, and that she believed her brother was fighting with her half-brother. Shortly after the suspect walked into the house, handed her the victim's cellphone, and told her to go check on him. The suspect then left on his bicycle. The victim was found unresponsive and declared dead at the scene. The victim died from compression of the neck and the manner was ruled due to strangulation. Police found the victim several hours later at a local restaurant. He told police he called 911 requesting an ambulance for a complaint of broken ribs. The suspect had been recently released from a six-month prison sentence for an incident where he banged on the windows of the family residence with the machete; and subsequently entered into the residence making threats to the occupants.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 37