

CONNECTICUT FAMILY VIOLENCE 2020 HOMICIDE REPORT



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Family Violence Homicide Summary 2020

- There were 23 family violence homicide incidents in 2020 resulting in 29 deaths; 24 victims and five offender suicides.
- Four of the five offenders in the murder-suicide incidents were male; all five of the offenders were in an intimate relationship with the victim. Two of the five murder-suicides incidents involved a firearm.
- Females accounted for 17 victims (71%), males victims totaled seven (29%).
- There were 19 white family violence homicide victims (79%) and five black victims (21%).
- White/non-Hispanic females accounted for the highest victim total, eight (33%).
- Victims ranged in age from under 7 days old (daughter) to 78 years old (wife). The highest numbers of victims were in the 50 to 59 age cohort (six). The average age of female victims was 42, the average age of male victims was 29.
- Most of the family violence homicide victims were in an intimate relationship with the offender, 14 of 24 (58%).
- In 2020, males were more often the offender in the family violence homicides, 20 of 23 (87%).
- There were 15 white family violence offenders (65%) and eight black offenders (35%).
- White/non-Hispanic males and Black/non-Hispanic males each had five offenders, each accounting for 22% of the offender total.
- The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide was 16 years of age (son); the oldest was 78 years of age (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29-year-old age group (eight). The average age of male offenders was 40, the average age of female offenders was 43.
- Knives were the most used weapon to commit the murder, utilized in ten incidents (43%).
- A family violence homicide occurred during every month of 2020. May and October each had three homicide incidents. The months of January, March, July, and August each had two homicide incidents.
- Nine of the family violence homicide incidents occurred in the residence shared by the victim and offender (39%).
- During 2020, a family violence homicide occurred in 19 Connecticut municipalities. Five municipalities had multiple family violence homicides. Bridgeport, Bristol, Norwalk, Stratford, and Windsor Locks each had two.
- A child under 18 years of age was involved in six family violence homicide incidents (26%); three incidents as the homicide victim, one incident as the offender, and two as the victim of other offenses (assault and risk of injury).

- In 21 of the 23 incidents (91%) there were no court orders of protection either active or expired.
- Fifteen (63%) of the homicide victims and 15 (65%) of the homicide offenders had no previous family violence history in the State of Connecticut.

2020 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>
	* New Milford	11/27/19	35	F	Spouse	36	M	Other Dangerous: Hammer
1.	Bristol	1/7/20	39	F	Spouse	37	M	Knife
2.	Norwich	1/18/20	33	M	Dating	22	M	Knife
3.	Hartford	2/3/20	52	M	Presently living together or have lived together	25	M	Knife
4.	Bethel	3/12/20	50	M	Other relative residing in home: Father	16	M	Other Dangerous: BB Gun
5.	** Norwalk	3/23/20	4	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Son	27	M	Other Dangerous: Rope
6.	** Norwalk	3/23/20	5	F	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Daughter	27	M	Other Dangerous: Rope
7.	CSP - Redding	4/7/20	64	F	Spouse	70	M	Firearm
8.	Wallingford	5/3/20	17	M	Other relative residing in home: Nephew	21	M	Other Dangerous: Wood
9.	Stratford	5/14/20	Under 7 Days	F	Other relative residing in home: Daughter	32	F	Other Dangerous: Drowning
10.	Stamford	5/29/20	50	F	Dating	66	M	Firearm
11.	Middletown	6/8/20	38	F	Persons who have a child in common	37	M	Knife
12.	East Haven	7/3/20	27	F	Persons who have a child in common	26	M	Hands/Fist/Feet
13.	** Seymour	7/31/20	22	M	Other relative residing in home: Son	54	F	Other Dangerous: Drowning
14.	Ansonia	8/30/20	20	F	Persons who have a child in common	22	M	Knife
15.	Windsor Locks	8/31/20	60	F	Other relative residing in home: Mother	29	M	Knife
16.	Stratford	9/18/20	54	F	Other relative residing in home: Sister	34	M	Knife
17.	** CSP - Willimantic	10/6/20	68	F	Spouse	67	M	Knife
18.	Bridgeport	10/18/20	40	F	Persons who have a child in common	30	M	Hands/Fist/Feet Other Dangerous: Razor Blade
19.	** Danbury	10/22/20	78	F	Spouse	78	M	Firearm
20.	CSP - Plymouth	11/13/20	15	F	Other relative residing in home: Daughter	44	F	Firearm
21.	Bridgeport	12/13/20	26	M	Other relative residing in home: Brother-in-law	22	M	Knife
22.	Bristol	12/13/20	58	F	Dating	54	M	Knife
23.	Hamden	12/16/20	43	F	Spouse	57	M	Firearm
24.	** Windsor Locks	12/25/20	55	F	Spouse	59	M	Firearm

* Known to Police in 2020

** 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 8, 2021. Included in the list is one incident that became known to police in 2020. This incident is not included in the 2020 statistics.

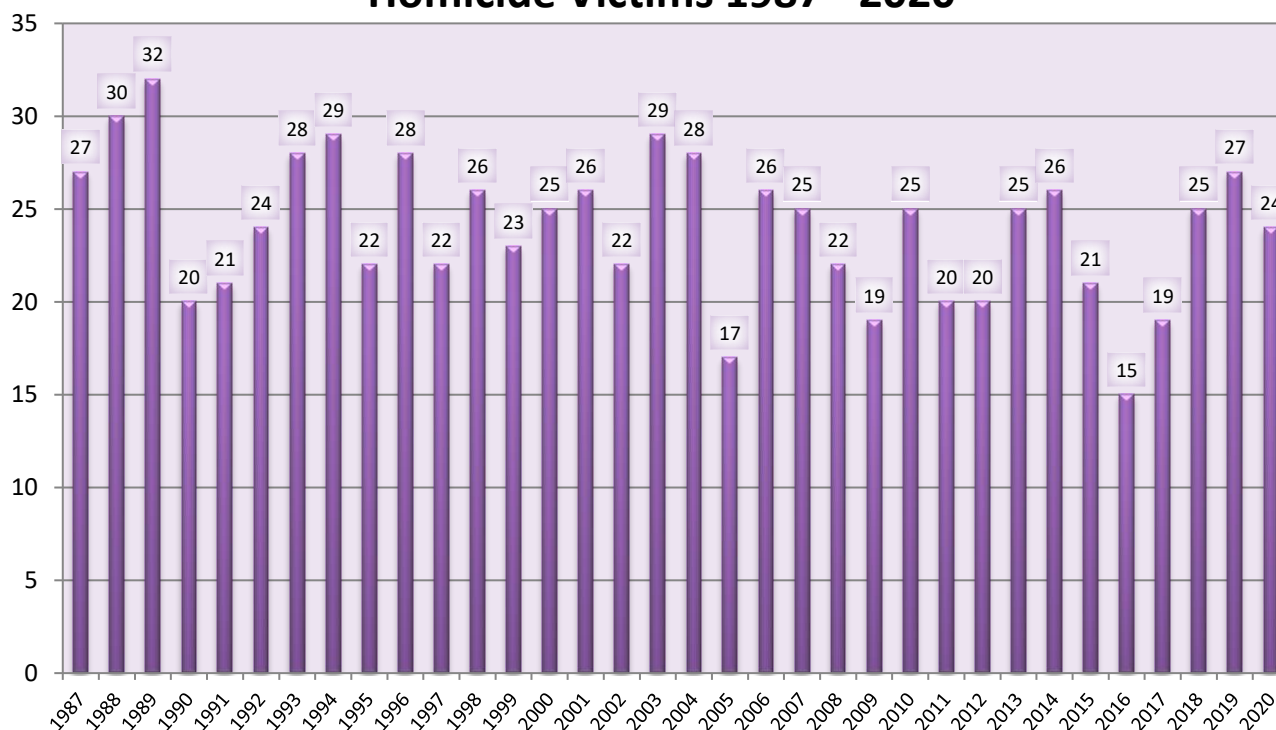
Family Violence Homicides 2020

Summaries of family violence homicides occurring in Connecticut during calendar year 2020 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 8, 2021. "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 2020 there were 23 family violence homicide incidents involving 24 victims. The total number of deaths from these incidents was 29 including five offender suicides. These numbers do not include homicides from previous years for which the offenders were arrested in 2020. During 2020, one arrest was made for a 2019 incident. 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 2020, there have been 818 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 - 2020



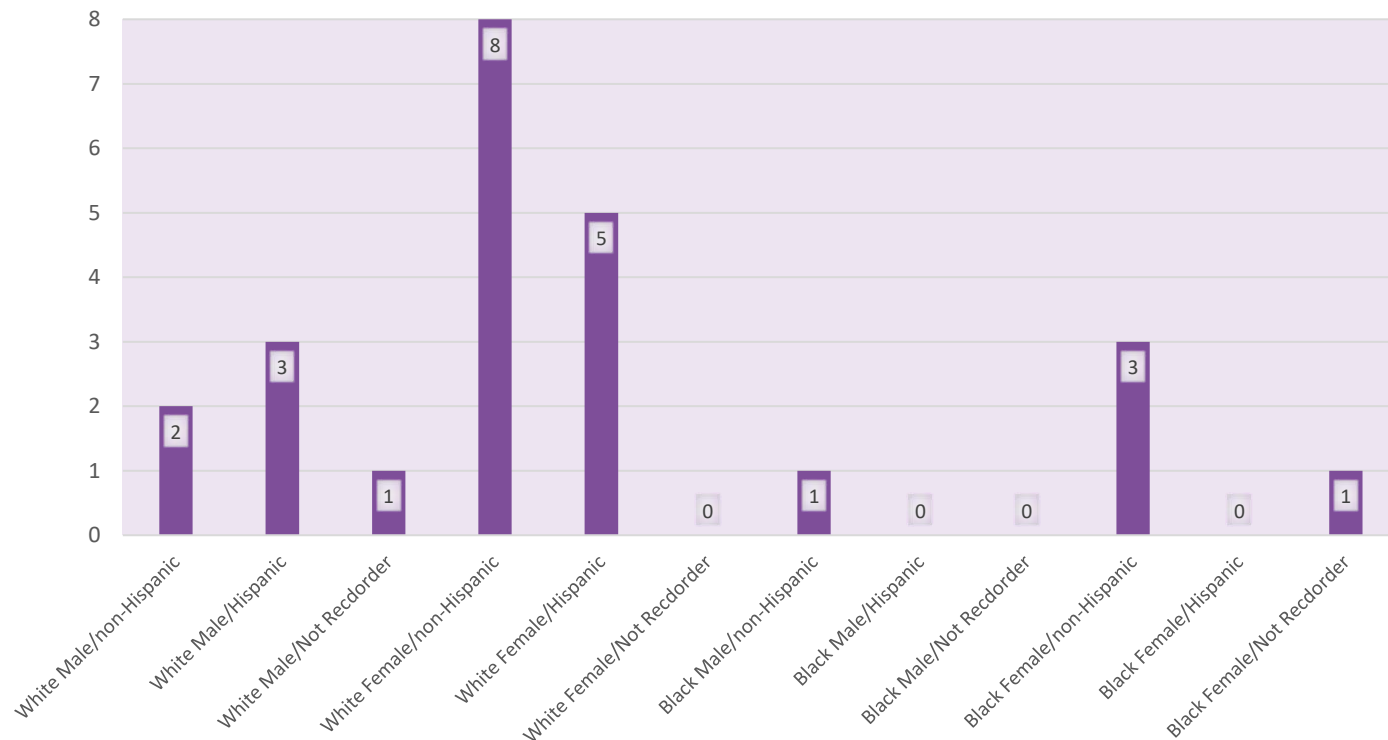
Victim Gender and Race/Ethnicity

In 2020 females were more often the victim of a family murder than males. Of the 24 victims, 17 (71%) were female and seven (29%) were male. Nineteen (79%) of the 2020 homicide victims were White, while five (21%) percent were Black. White/non-Hispanic females accounted for the highest victim total, eight victims (33%).

Victims by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Male		Female		Total	
	# Victims	% Victims	# Victims	% Victims	# Victims	% Victims
White/non-Hispanic	2	8%	8	33%	10	42%
White/Hispanic	3	13%	5	21%	8	33%
White/Not Recorded	1	4%	-	-	1	4%
Total White	6	25%	13	54%	19	79%
Black/non-Hispanic	1	4%	3	13%	4	17%
Black/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black/Not Recorded	-	-	1	4%	1	4%
Total Black	1	4%	4	17%	5	21%
Total	7	29%	17	71%	24	100%

Victims Gender and Race/Ethnicity



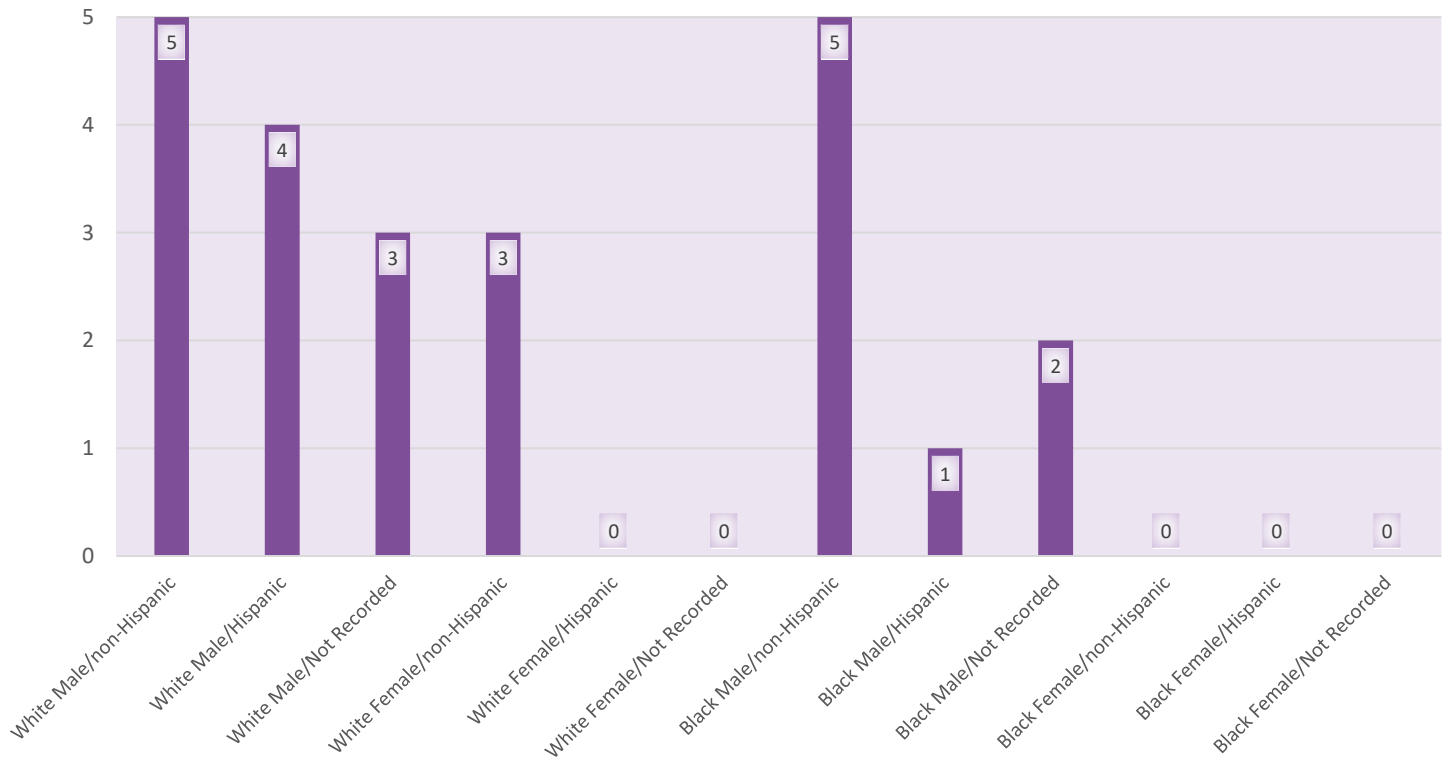
Offender Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Males were more often the offender in family violence homicide incidents. Twenty offenders were male (87%) while three were female (13%). Fifteen (65%) of the 2020 homicide offenders were White, while eight (35%) were Black. White/non-Hispanic males and Black/non-Hispanic males each had five offenders, each accounting for 22 percent total offenders.

Offenders by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Male		Female		Total	
	# Offenders	% Offenders	# Offenders	% Offenders	# Offenders	% Offenders
White/non-Hispanic	5	22%	3	13%	8	35%
White/Hispanic	4	17%	-	-	4	17%
White/Not Recorded	3	13%	-	-	3	13%
Total White	12	52%	3	13%	15	65%
Black/non-Hispanic	5	22%	-	-	5	22%
Black/Hispanic	1	4%	-	-	1	4%
Black/Not Recorded	2	9%	-	-	2	9%
Total Black	8	35%	-	-	8	35%
Total	20	87%	3	13%	23	100%

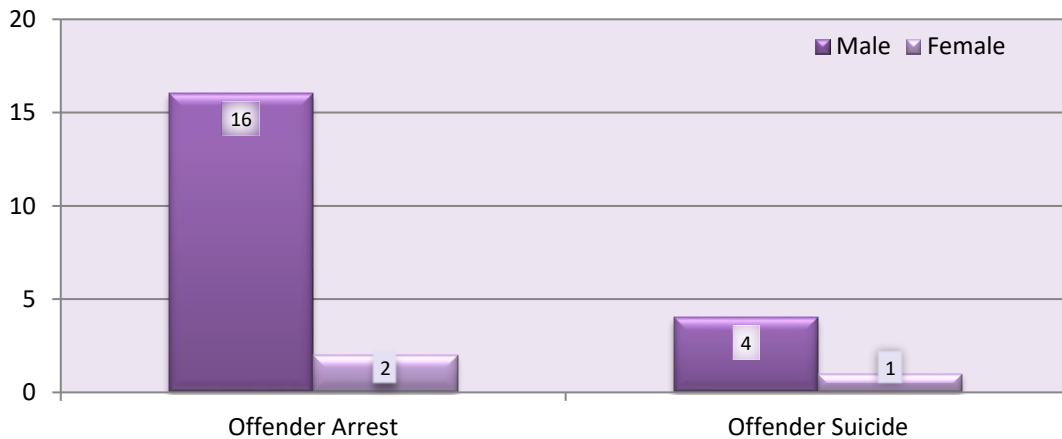
Offenders Gender Race/Ethnicity



Offender Arrests-Suicides

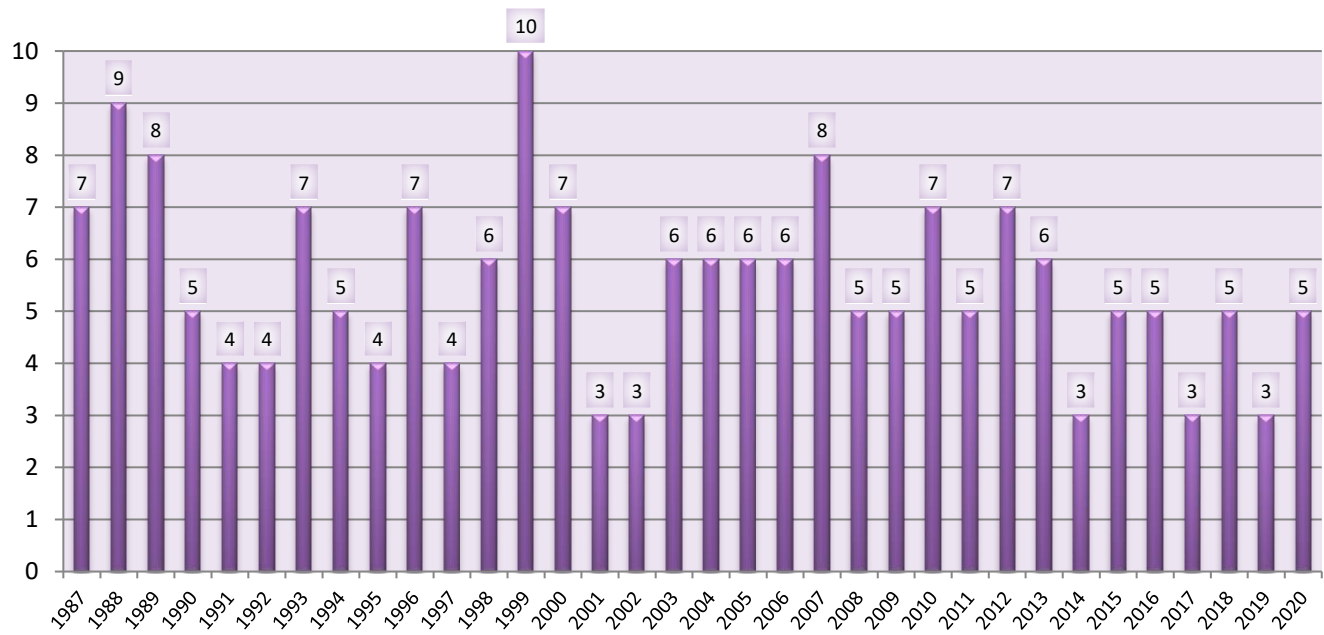
A total of 18 offenders were arrested (78%). Five offenders committed suicide (22%). One murder-suicide incident involved two victims. All five murder-suicide incidents involved participants in an intimate relationship, two victims were male, and four were female. Four of the five of the offenders of murder-suicide incidents were male, and one was female. Two of the five murder-suicide incidents involved a firearm; one incident involved a knife, one incident involved a rope, and another involved a drowning.

Offender Arrests-Suicides



Between 1987 and 2020, 189 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.

Offender Suicides 1987-2020



Intimate/non-Intimate Relationship

Most of the homicide victims, a total of 14 (58%), were in an intimate relationship with the offender. The 14 intimate victims included six spouses (all female), four that had a child in common with the offender (all female), three dating (2 female-1 male), and one presently living together or have lived together (male). Overall, 12 intimate victims were female and two were male.

Victims Intimate Relationship



Ten victims (42%) of the homicides involved people in a non-intimate relationship. Five non-intimate victims were male; relationships included two sons, one father, one nephew, one brother-in-law. Five non-intimate victims were female; three daughters, one mother, one sister.

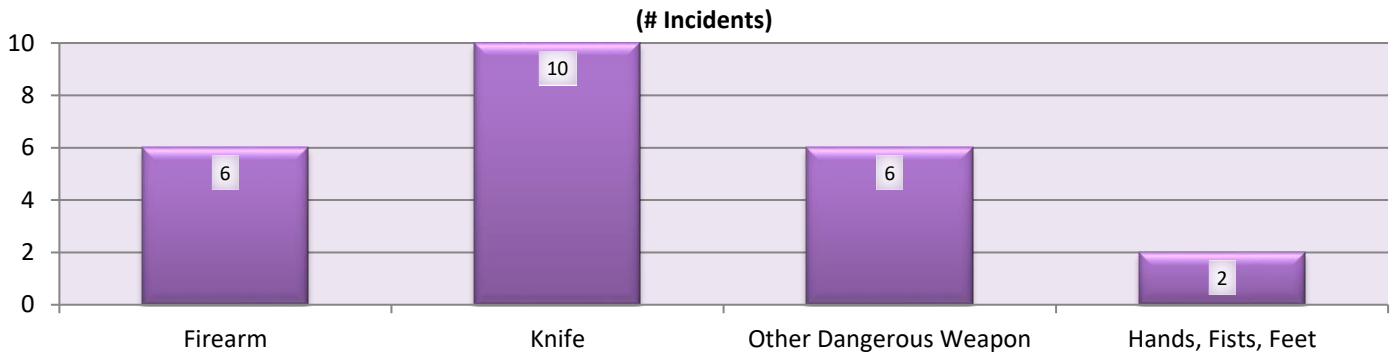
Victims non-Intimate Relationship



Weapons

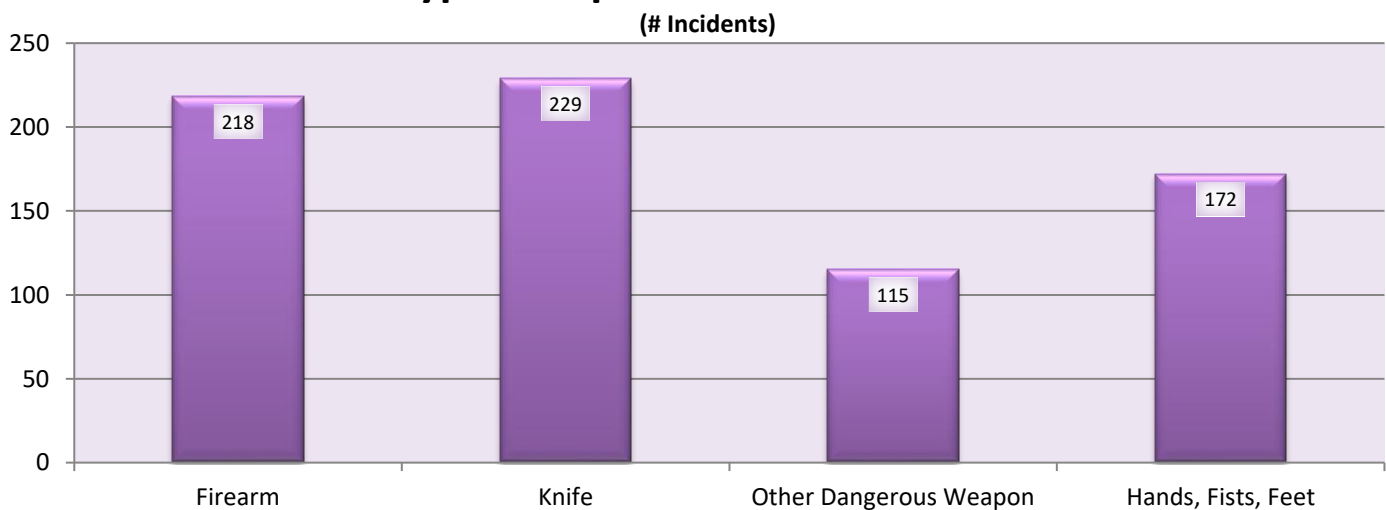
A weapon is defined as any object, instrument, device or part of the anatomy used in an attack. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the following chart. In the 23 family violence homicide incidents, knives were the most used weapon, ten incidents (43%). Other weapons included firearms, six incidents (26%); other dangerous weapons which included drowning (two incidents), rope, BB gun, wood, razor blade, six incidents (26%); hands, fists, feet, two incidents (9%).

Type of Weapon Used - 2020



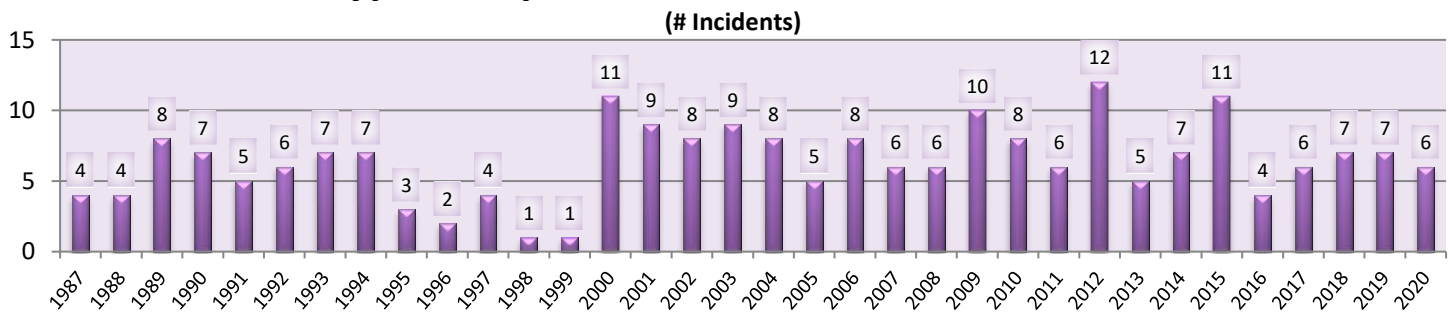
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following chart illustrates the total number of family violence incidents by weapon used where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon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

Type Weapon Used 1987 - 2020

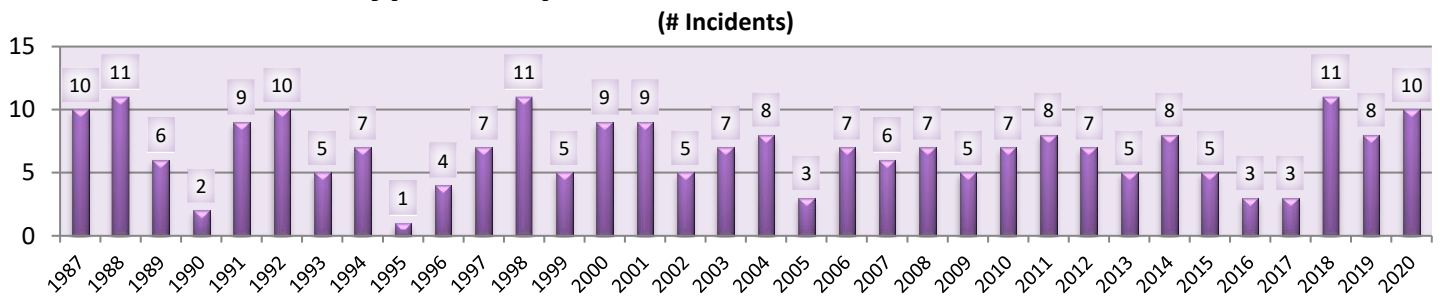


The following charts illustrate the total number of family violence incidents by weapon where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the charts below.

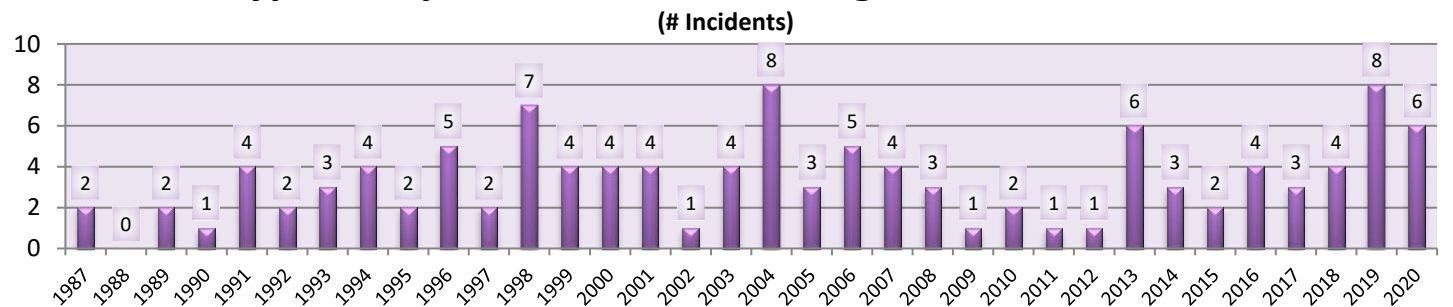
Type Weapon Used - Firearm 1987 - 2020



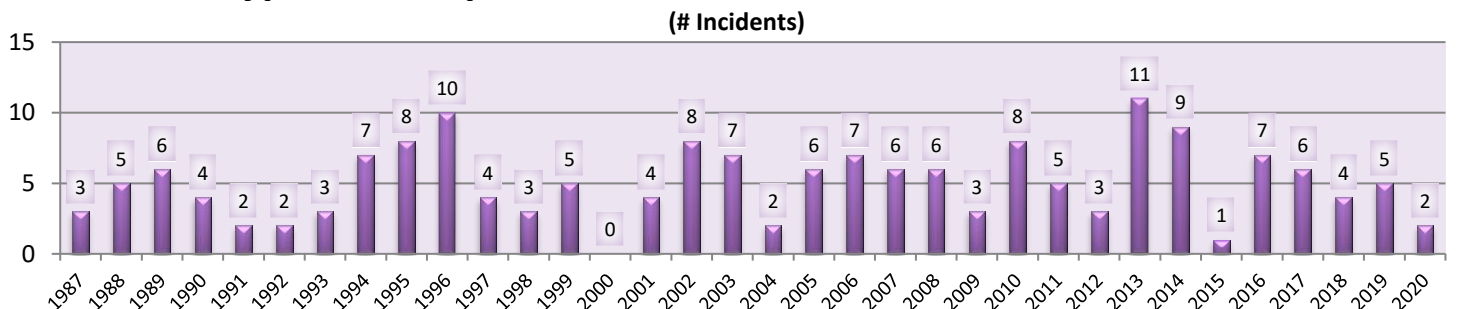
Type Weapon Used - Knife 1987 - 2020



Type Weapon Used - Other Dangerous 1987 - 2020



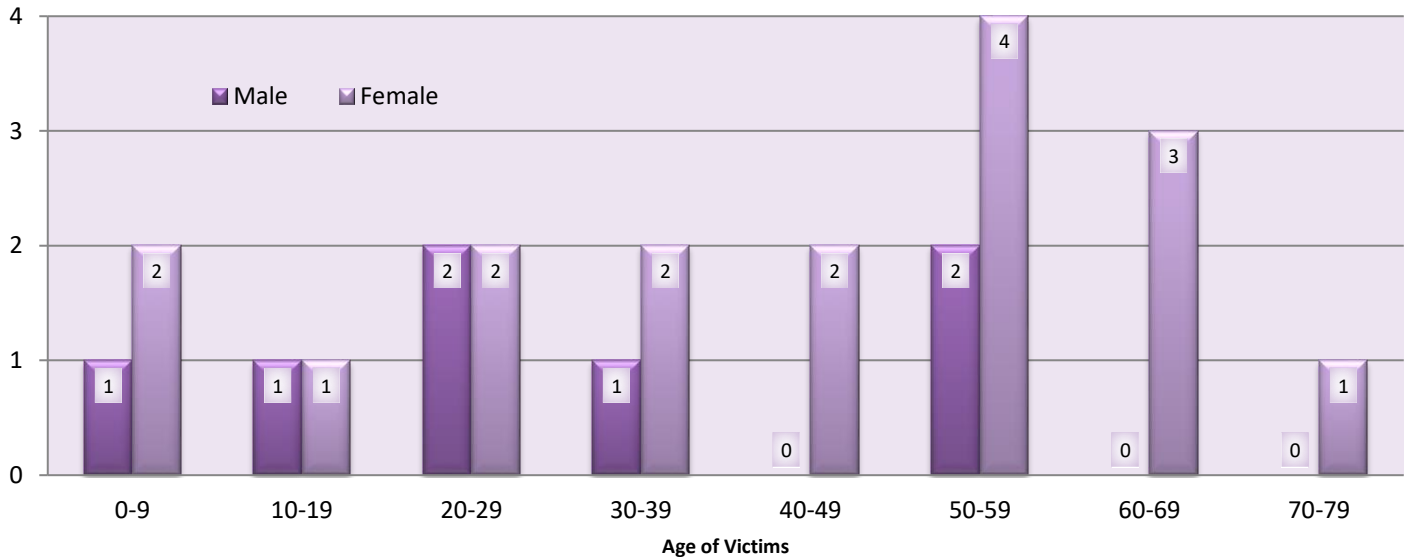
Type of Weapon Used - Hands, Fist, Feet 1987 - 2020



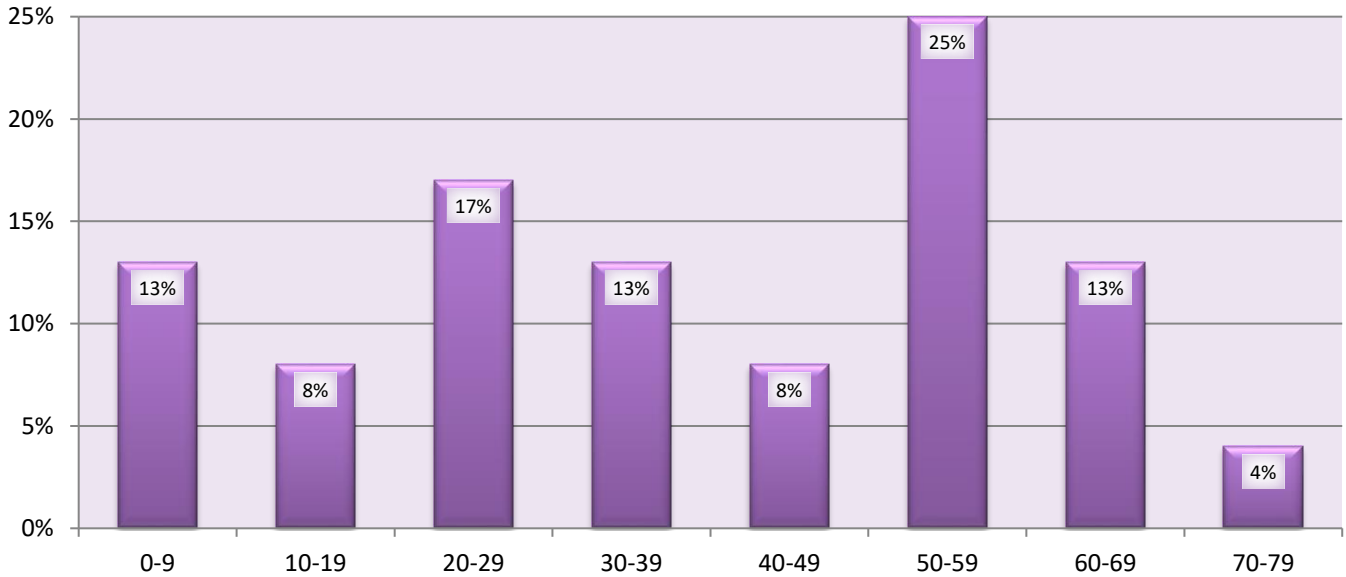
Age & Gender of Victims

In 2020 the youngest victim of a domestic homicide was a newborn female (daughter). The oldest victim was a 78-year-old female (wife). The highest number of victims were in the 50 to 59-year-old age group, six (25%). The average age of female victims was 42 years old; the average age of male victims was 29 years old.

Age & Gender of Victims

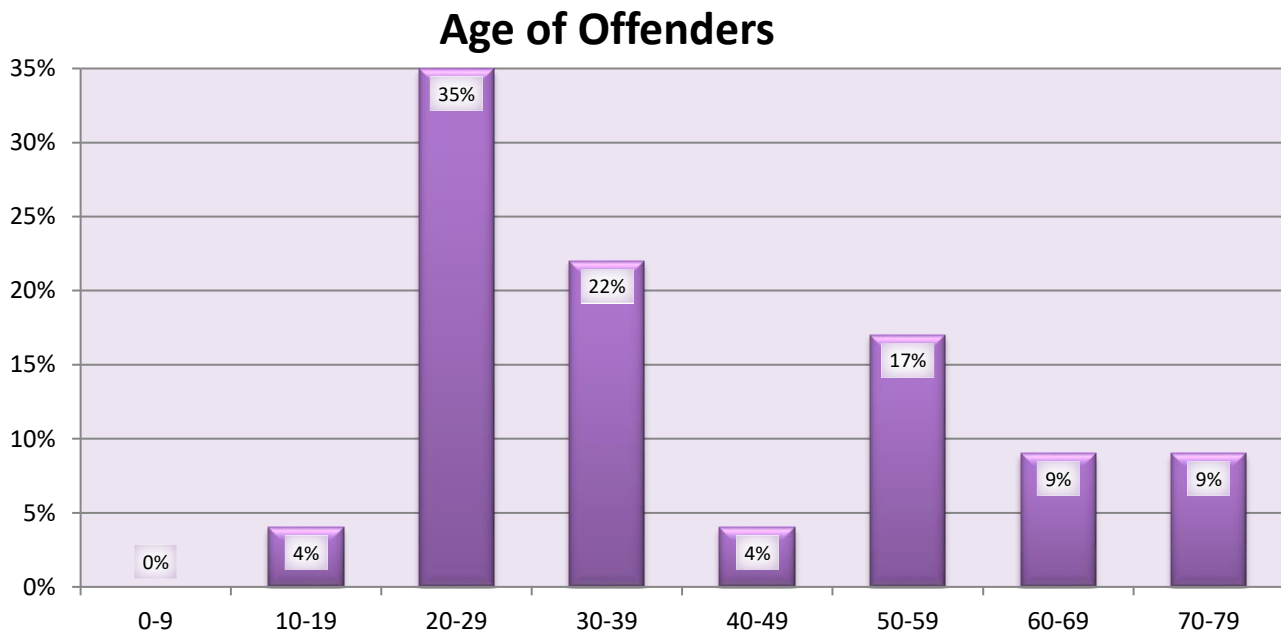
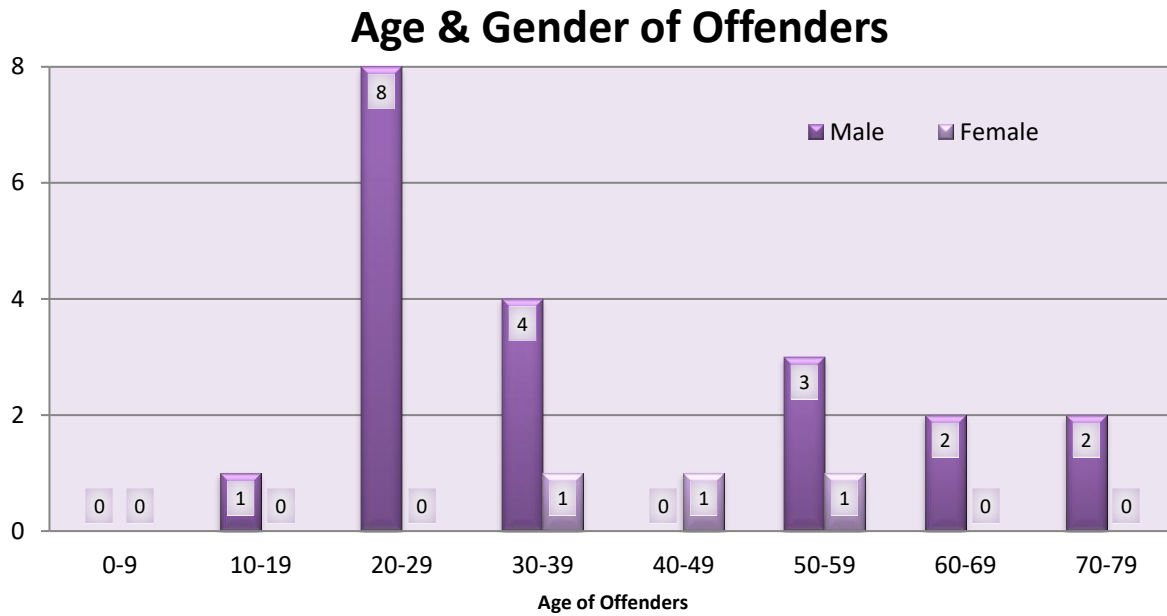


Age of Victims



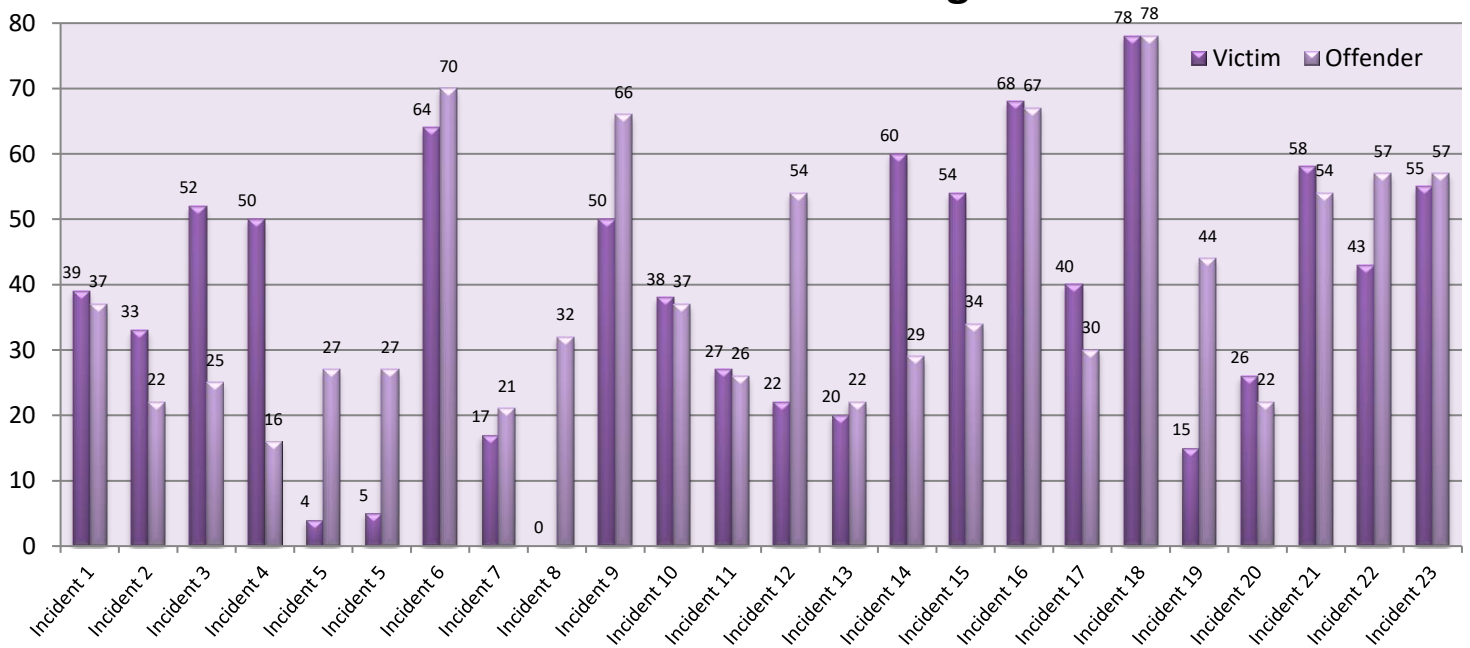
Age & Gender of Offenders

The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide during 2020 was a 16-year-old male (son). The oldest offender was a 78-year-old male (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29 age group, eight (35%). The average age of male offenders was 40 years old; the average age of female offenders was also 43 years old.



Eleven of the 24 family violence homicide victims were younger than the offender, (46%). Twelve victims (50%) were older than the offender. One victim was the same age (4%). Overall, the age difference ranged from 32 years younger to 34 years older.

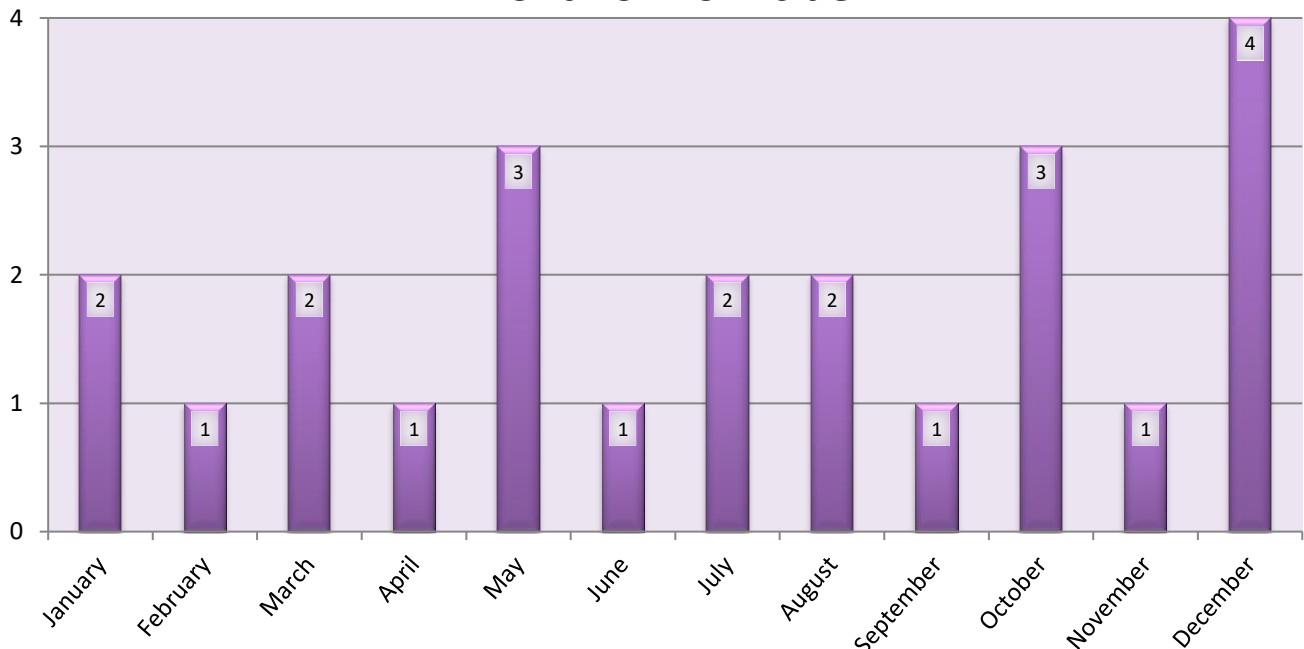
Victim - Offender Age



Month of Homicide

The month of December had the highest number of family violence homicide incidents, a total of four. The months of May and October followed with three homicide incidents. During every month of 2020 a family violence homicide occurred.

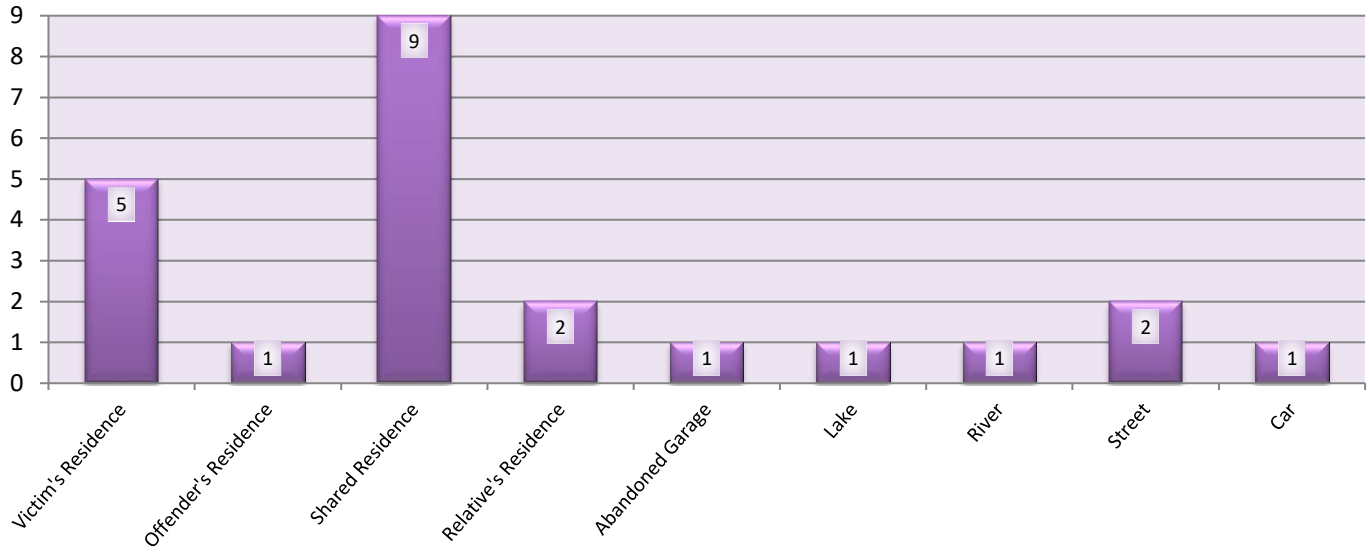
Month of Homicide



Location of Homicide

Nine of the 23 family violence homicides incidents committed occurred in the residence shared by the victim and the offender (39%). Other locations included: the victim’s residence, five (22%); relative’s residence, two (9%); street, two (9%); offender’s residence, abandoned garage, lake, river, and car each with one incident.

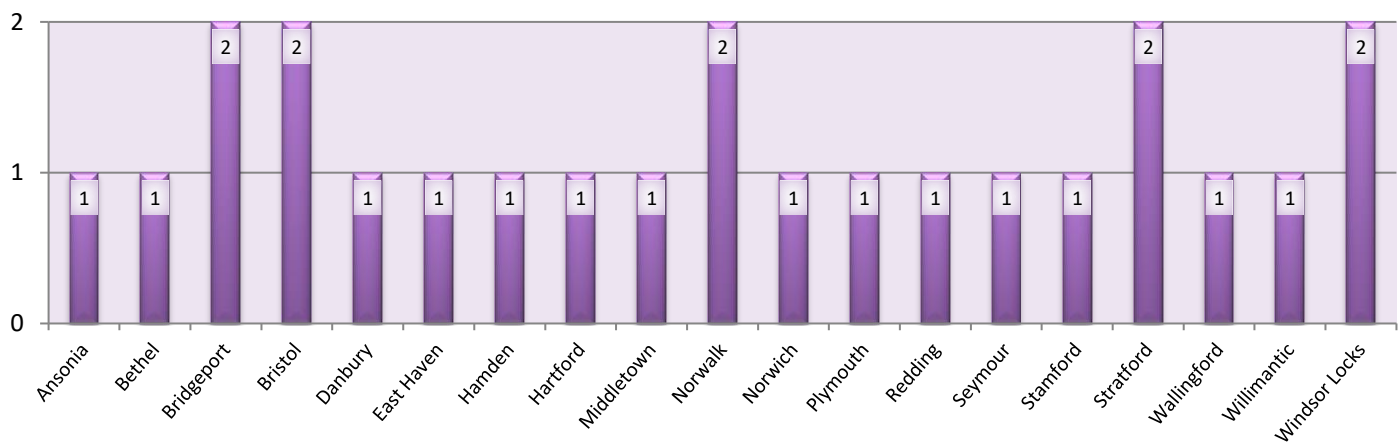
Location of Homicide



Geographic Distribution

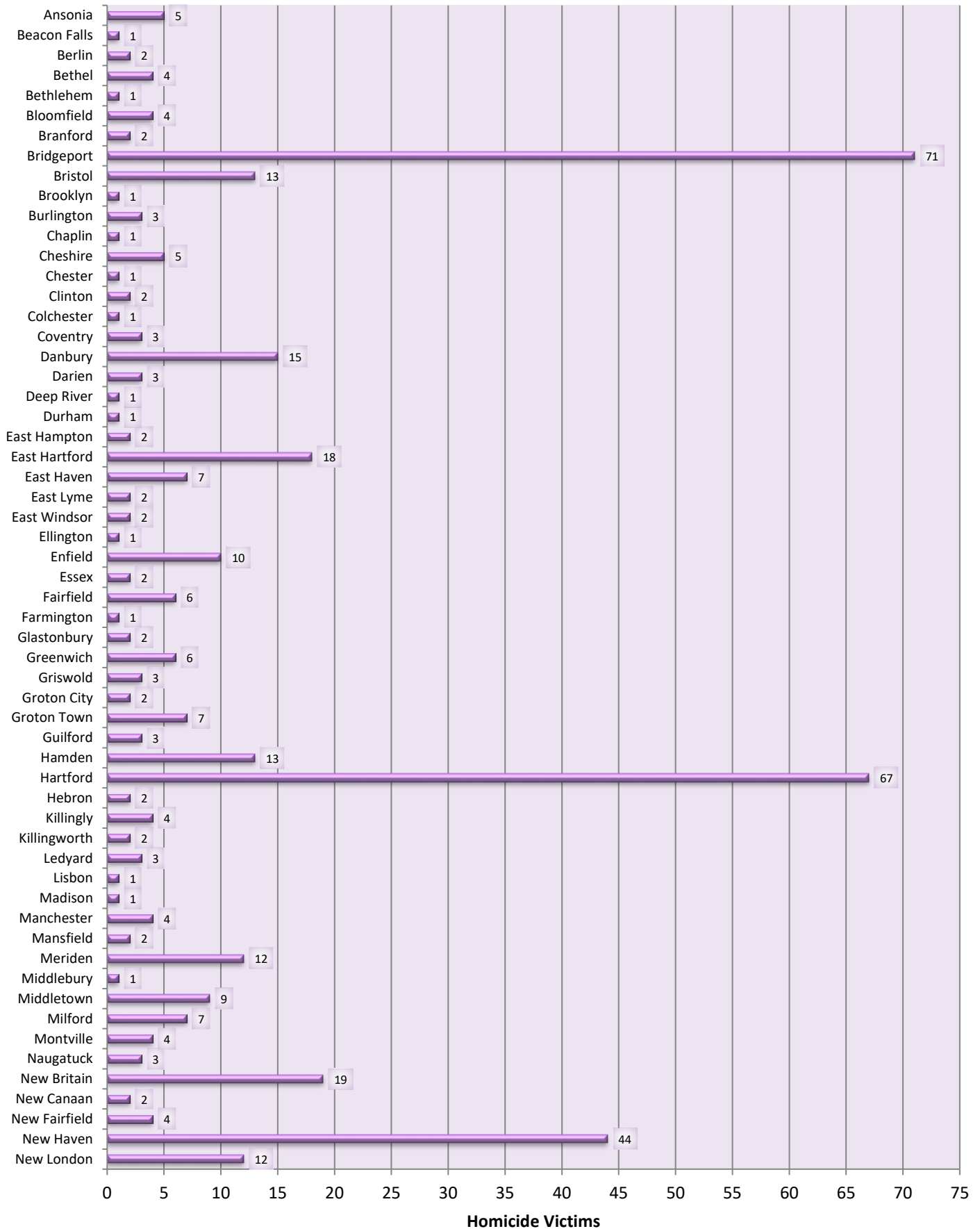
The 24 family violence homicides committed during 2020 occurred in 19 Connecticut municipalities. Five Connecticut municipalities had multiple homicides. Bridgeport, Bristol, Norwalk, Stratford, and Windsor Locks each had two. Norwalk had a double homicide incident.

Family Violence Homicide Victims by Town 2020



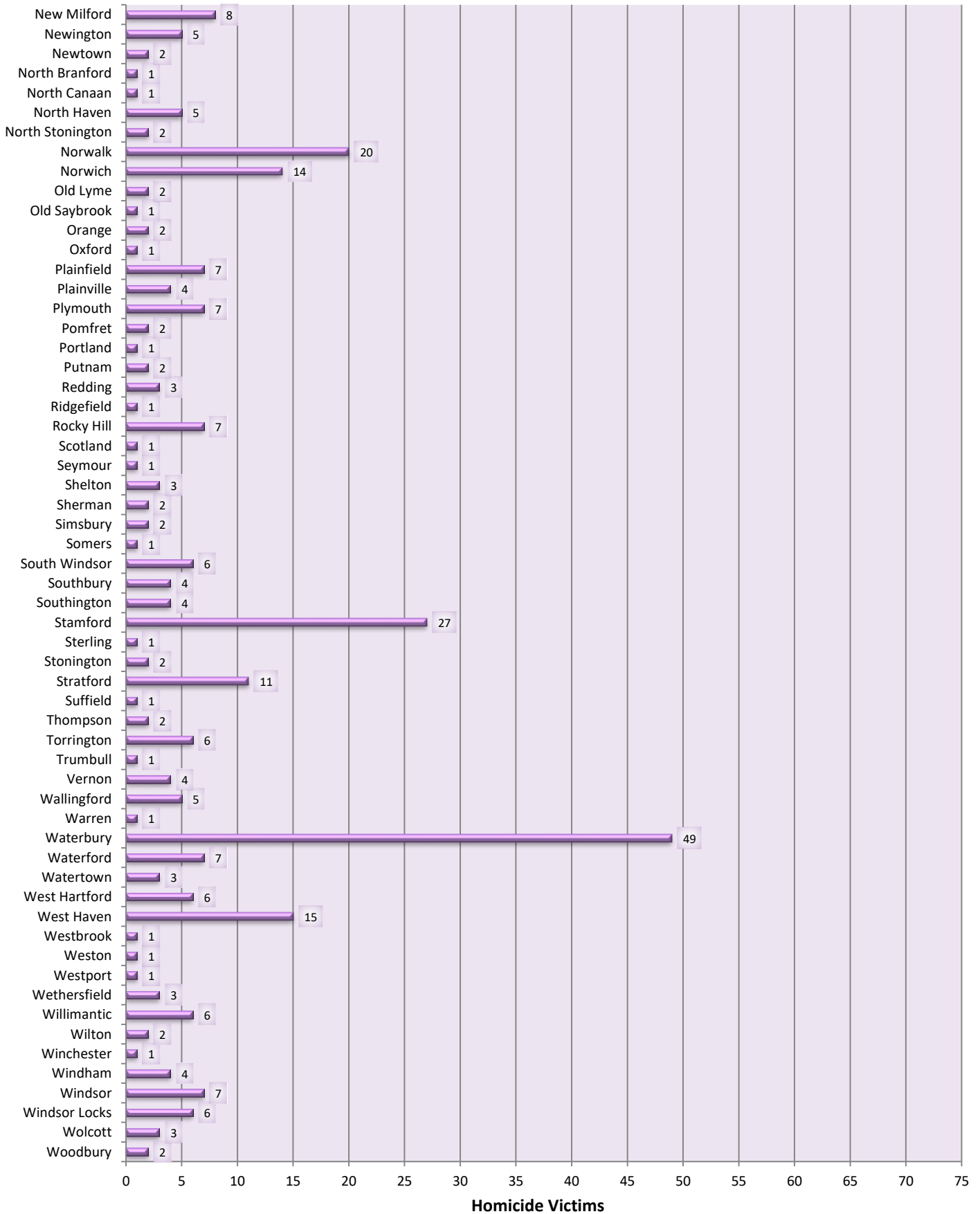
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following table illustrates the total number of family violence victims by town where incident details were captured. With 71 homicide victims, Bridgeport recorded the highest total followed by Hartford (67), 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 (730). A total of 117 municipalities have witnessed a family violence homicide, 69 percent of all Connecticut municipalities.

Family Violence Homicides by Town 1987 - 2020*



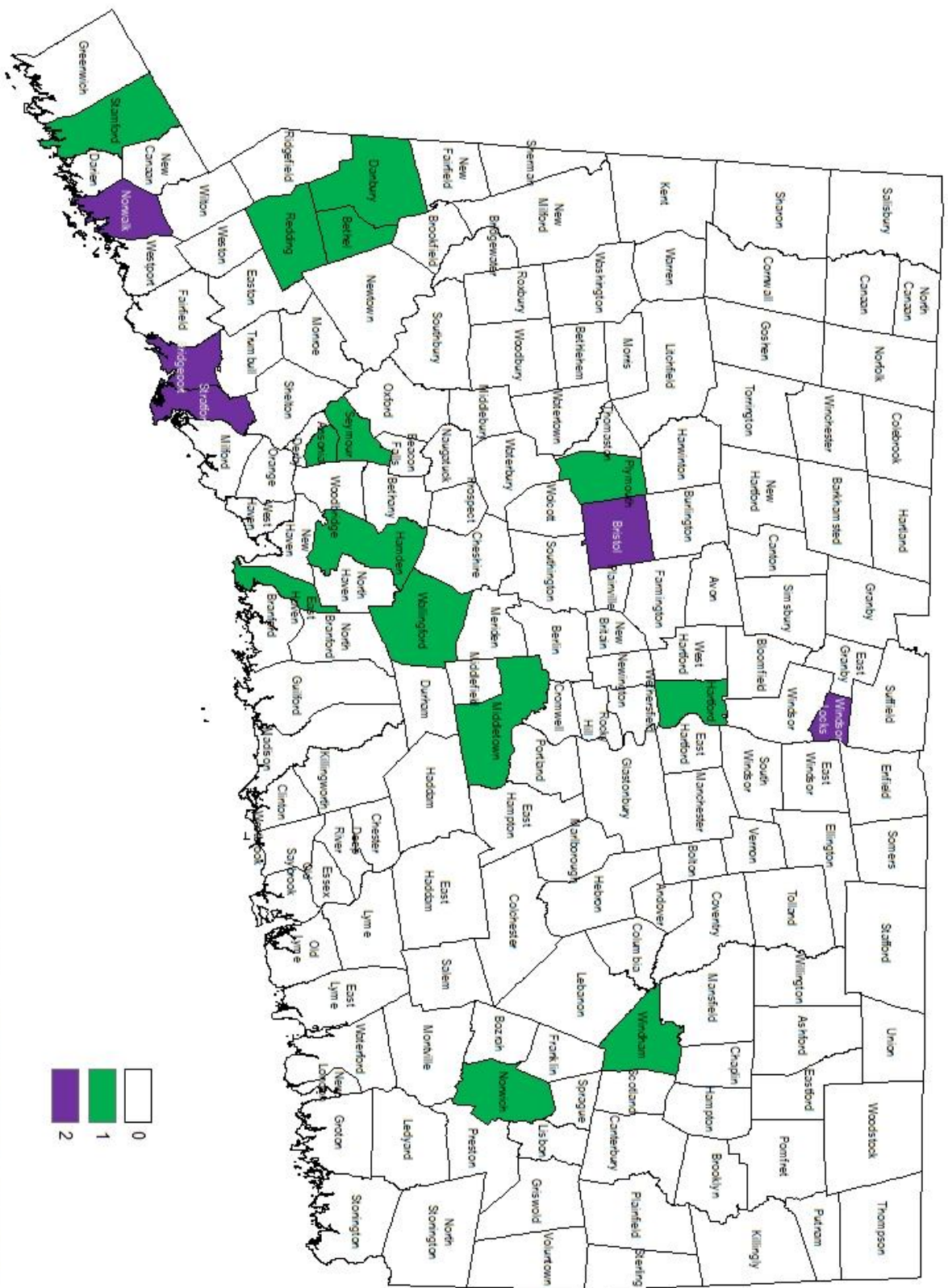
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Family Violence Homicides by Town 1987 - 2020*



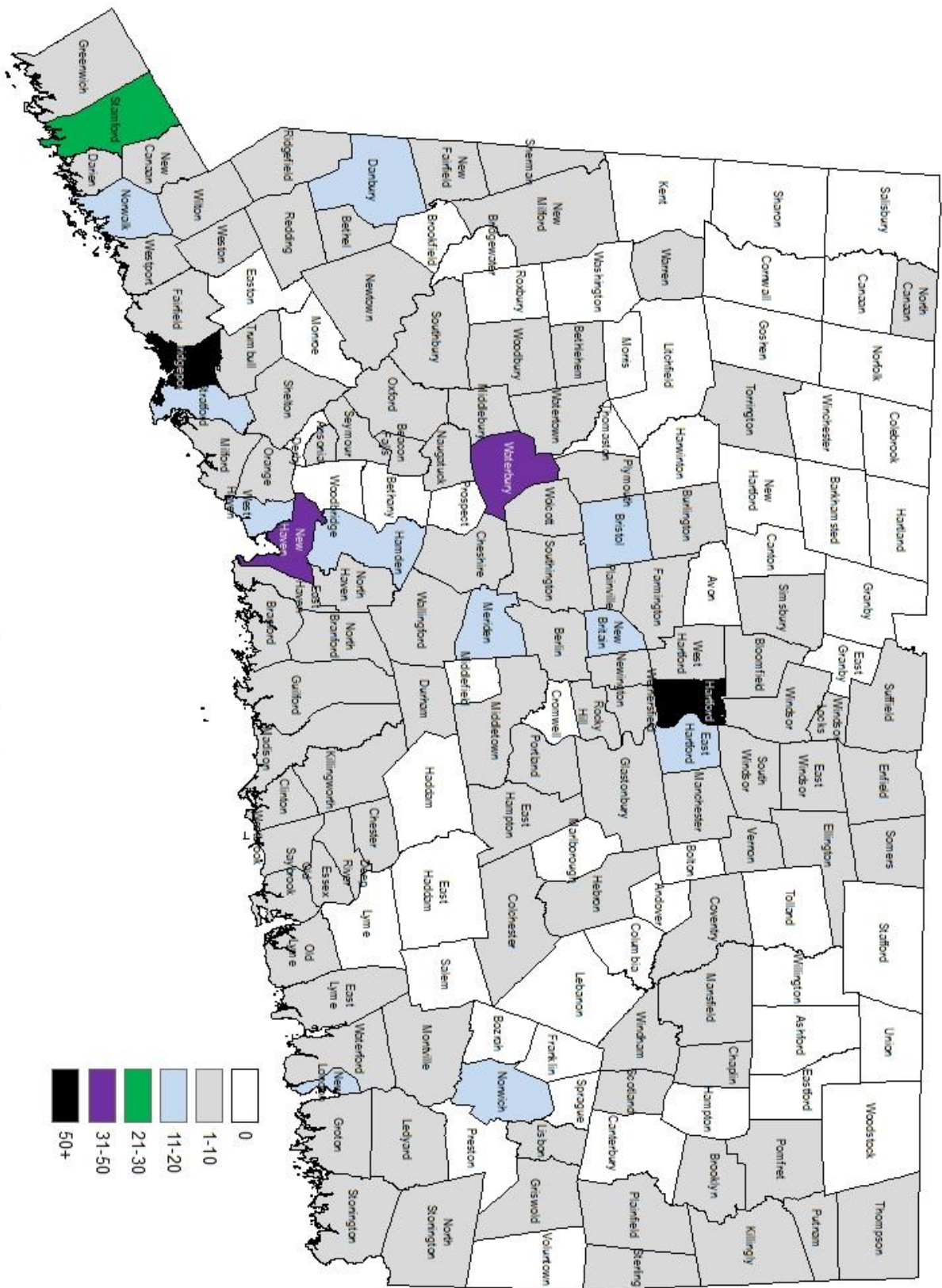
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Family Violence Homicides by Town, 2020



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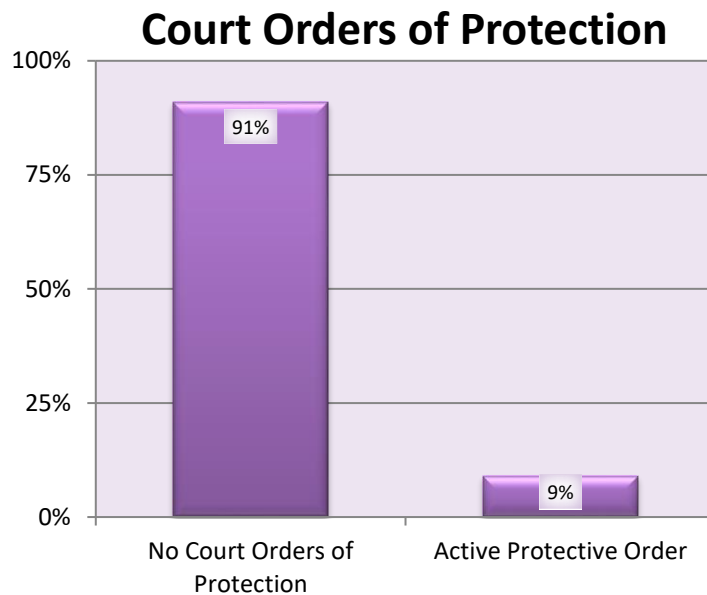
Family Violence Homicides by Town, 1987-2020



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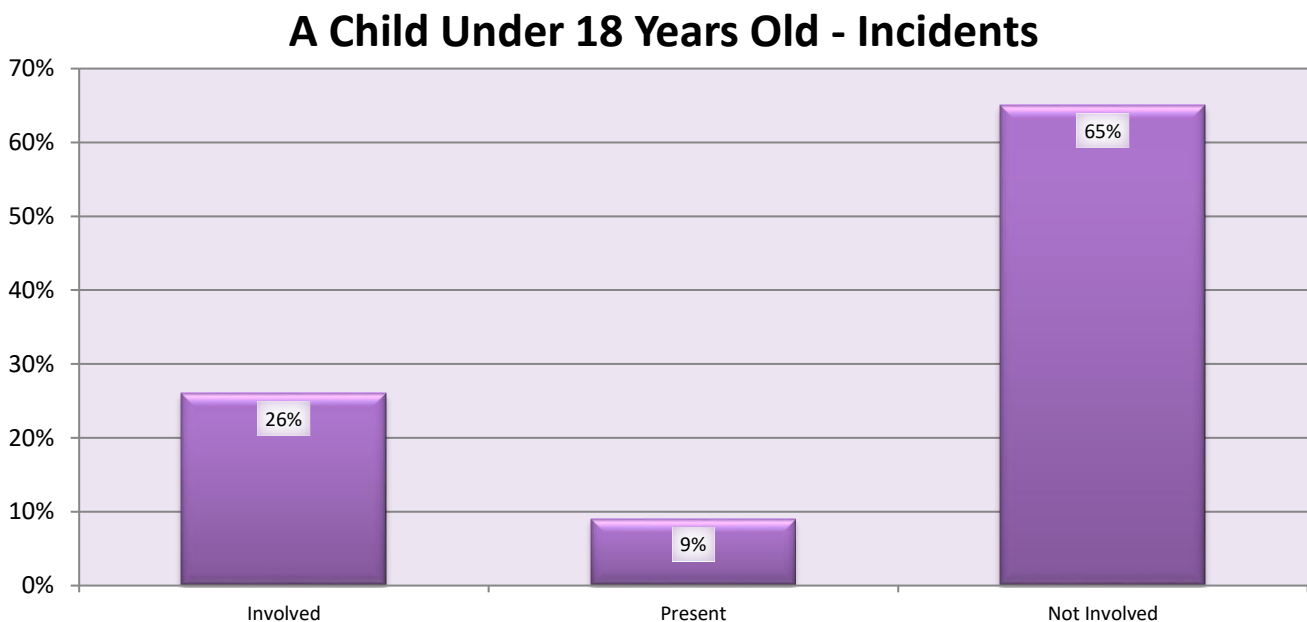
Court Orders of Protection

In 21 of the 23 family homicide incidents occurring during 2020 there were no court orders of protection, either active or expired (91%). In two incidents there were active protective orders (9%).



A Child Under 18 Years Old

A child under 18 years of age was involved in six family violence homicide incidents (26%), three incidents as the homicide victim, one incident as the homicide offender, and in two incidents as the victim of other offenses (assault and risk of injury). A child under 18 years of age was present in two homicide incidents (9%), and a child under 18 years old was not involved in 15 incidents (65%).



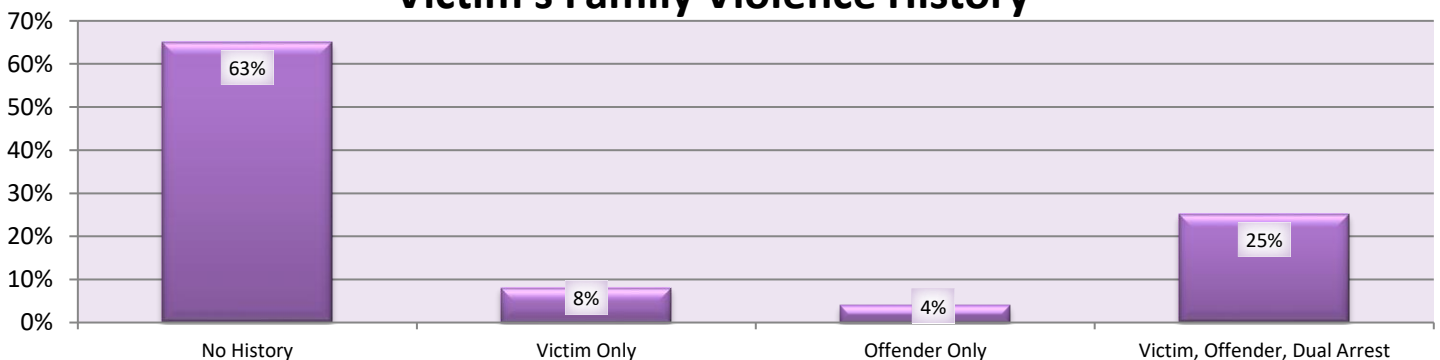
Victim Family Violence History

Of the 24 victims in the 2020 family violence homicide incidents, 15 (63%) had no previous family violence history in the state of Connecticut.

Of the other nine victims, two were involved in previous family violence incidents as the victim (8%). One victim was involved in a previous incident as an offender (4%). Six homicide victims were involved as either the victim, offender, or in a dual arrest incident (25%).

2020 Homicide Victim	No Previous Incident	Previous Incident	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2020 Homicide Offender	Incident Offense(s)	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Victim 1	X								
Victim 2		Incident 1	X			Yes	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2019
		Incident 2	X			Yes	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2018
		Incident 3			X	Yes	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2017
Victim 3		Incident 1	X			No	Assault	Minor	2002
		Incident 2		X		No	Assault	Minor	2000
Victim 4		Incident 1		X		No	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2017
		Incident 2			X	No	Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2006
		Incident 3		X		No	Breach of Peace	No Apparent	2005
Victim 5	X								
Victim 6	X								
Victim 7	X								
Victim 8	X								
Victim 9	X								
Victim 10		Incident 1			X	No	Assault	Minor	2018
		Incident 2	X			No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2018
		Incident 3			X	No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2016
		Incident 4		X		No	Risk of Injury	No Apparent	2000
Victim 11	X								
Victim 12	X								
Victim 13	X								
Victim 14		Incident 1	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2018
		Incident 2	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2017
		Incident 3	X			Yes	Assault	Minor	2016
		Incident 4	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2016
		Incident 5	X			Yes	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2016
Victim 15		Incident 1		X	No	Assault	Minor	2013	
Victim 16	X								
Victim 17	X								
Victim 18		Incident 1	X			Yes	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2020
Victim 19	X								
Victim 20	X								
Victim 21	X								
Victim 22		Incident 1			X	Yes	Assault, Violation Court Order	Minor	2020
		Incident 2			X	Yes	Assault, Violation Court Order	Minor	2019
		Incident 3	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2019
		Incident 4	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2017
		Incident 5	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2016
		Incident 6			X	Yes	Violation Court Order, Breach/Disorderly	Minor	2016
		Incident 7	X			Yes	Assault	Minor	2014
		Incident 8	X			Yes	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2013
		Incident 9	X			Yes	Other/Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2012
		Incident 10		X		Yes	Assault	Minor	2010
		Incident 11	X		X	Yes	Assault	Minor	2010
		Incident 12		X		Yes	Breach of Peace	Minor	2010
Victim 23		Incident 1	X			No	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2016
		Incident 2	X			No	Assault	Minor	2003
		Incident 3			X	No	Assault	Serious	1997
Victim 24	X								

Victim's Family Violence History



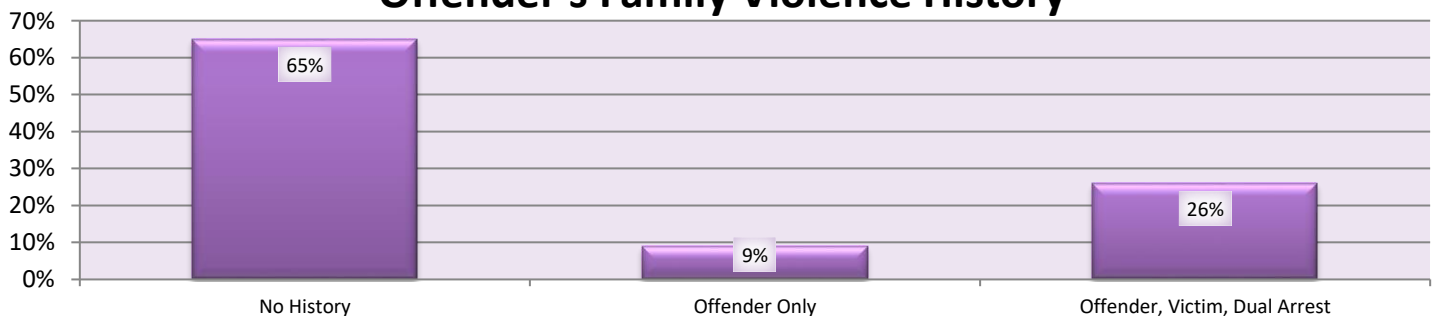
Offender Family Violence History

Of the 23 offenders in the 2020 family violence homicides, 15 (65%) had no previous family violence history in the state of Connecticut as either an offender or a victim.

Of the other eight offenders, two were involved in previous family violence incidents as the offender only (9%), and six were involved as the offender, victim, or in a dual arrest incident (26%). Four homicide offenders were involved in previous family violence incidents with the victim of the 2020 homicide.

2020 Homicide Offender	No Previous Incidents	Previous Incidents	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2019 Homicide Victim	Incident Offense(s)	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Offender 1	X								
Offender 2		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3		X X		Yes Yes Yes	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor Minor No Apparent	2019 2018 2017
Offender 3	X								
Offender 4	X								
Offender 5		Incident 1		X		No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2015
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Offender's Family Violence History



2020 Family Violence Homicide Circumstances

11/27/19 New Milford P.D.

Victim: Female, 35

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The offender beat the victim to death with a hammer during a fight over infidelity. Officers and responding medical services personnel found the victim unconscious and not breathing in a hallway near the bedroom and a hammer used against a wall outside a bathroom door. The offender called 911 about 20 minutes after video recording the victim's convulsions and final breaths. Police said one of the couple's two children later told police she had overheard an argument about infidelity. The girl told police her father took her mother's cell phone and locked himself in the bathroom to review Snapchat communications he believed she was having with other men. The girl told police she heard three loud thuds and then saw her father standing over her mother. She said her father asked her not to say anything about what she had seen. Police said the offender told them the victim had been suffering from depression and anxiety for many years, that she previously had attempted suicide and was under the care of a psychotherapist. The offender later changed his story to admit having a fight and taking the phone, police said. He said the victim came at him with a hammer when he opened the bathroom door. They struggled and she struck herself in the head with the hammer. An autopsy determined the victim suffered mortal wounds that caused bleeding under the skin between the scalp and skull.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 36

1. 01/07/20 Bristol P.D.

Victim: Female, 39

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The victim was savagely stabbed and died from stab wounds to the neck, torso and upper extremities. The victim and offender were dog sitting for a relative when the offender stabbed the victim multiple times. The offender drove to the police department after the stabbing, walked up to the front desk and told the officer there "I kill my wife." He made a stabbing motion with his hand. Because of a language barrier, police could not immediately get the offender to tell them where the stabbing happened. Around the same time, the victim sought help from someone in a neighboring apartment. She was allowed inside, where she fell to the floor, bleeding profusely. The neighbor called 911, and when police arrived, the victim was in a pool of her own blood, having suffered multiple stab wounds - three of which punctured her heart. She was rushed in an ambulance to the hospital where doctors operated on her right up until she was pronounced dead.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 37

2. 01/18/20 Norwich P.D.

Victim: Male, 33

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The stabbing victim called 911 from his apartment and spoke to a dispatcher while the offender, his longtime partner stood over him and continued to stab him. The victim begged the offender to stay away from him during the call, while telling the dispatcher that the offender had stabbed him again, this time in the leg. The offender met police at the stairwell door and led them to the victim who was lying on the kitchen floor, conscious but unable to speak. The offender admitted he had stabbed the victim and admitted to detectives that the two men had been fighting about the offender's pending domestic violence charge in Waterbury Superior Court. The victim was taken to the hospital and was pronounced dead.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 22

3. 02/03/20 Hartford P.D.

Victim: Male, 52

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: The victim was found bleeding from multiple stab wounds in a common hallway inside his apartment building and was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was pronounced dead about a half hour later. The offender who lives in the building, a convicted felon, was considered armed and dangerous before he was located by the police. The offender is a convicted felon with a record of violence. He was on parole after being convicted of first-degree assault in 2016 and sentenced to four years in prison. The victim was not able to tell police anything about the attack before he died.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 25

4. 03/12/20 Bethel P.D.

Victim: Male, 50

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Father

Circumstances: Police and emergency services were called about a disturbance at a townhome with the caller indicating that a 16-year-old “shot another family member with a BB gun.” First responders found the victim on the floor of the kitchen suffering from a small wound to the chest. The victim stopped breathing, and despite attempts to revive him, he was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 16

5. 03/23/20 Norwalk P.D.

Victim: Male, 4

Relationship: Relative not residing in home: Son

Circumstances: After spending the weekend with the offender per the parents’ custody agreement, the victim and his sister were found hanging alongside the offender who committed suicide by hanging right after killing his two children in a garage behind an abandoned home. The victims had gone missing less than 12 hours earlier, when they were supposed to have returned home from a weekend visitation with their dad. The offender had texted saying he would bring them there, but they never arrived, so their mother reported the pair missing. Police responded to the scene after receiving a hang-up 911 call from that address. The call was allegedly made by a woman — an unspecified relative — who found the three bodies.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 27

6. 03/23/20 Norwalk P.D.

Victim: Female, 5

Relationship: Relative not residing in home: Daughter

Circumstances: After spending the weekend with the offender per the parents’ custody agreement, the victim and her brother were found hanging alongside the offender who committed suicide by hanging right after killing his two children in a garage behind an abandoned home. The victims had gone missing less than 12 hours earlier, when they were supposed to have returned home from a weekend visitation with their dad. The offender had texted saying he would bring them there, but they never arrived, so their mother reported the pair missing. Police responded to the scene after receiving a hang-up 911 call from that address. The call was allegedly made by a woman — an unspecified relative — who found the three bodies.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 27

7. **04/07/20 CSP Redding**

Victim: Female, 64

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: The offender called 911 reporting that the victim, his wife, died by suicide. The incident began as an “untimely death investigation,” but was turned over to the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crimes Squad for further investigation. Investigators noted inconsistencies between what the offender told authorities and evidence found at the crime scene. A mixture of the victim’s blood and “male donor” DNA were found on the pistol. The offender shot the victim in the head, wiped the prints off the gun, and put the weapon up on the left side of the victim’s body. The victim was right-handed and had no blood on her hands. The offender tested positive for gunshot residue and had blood spatter on his coat.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 70

8. **05/03/20 Wallingford P.D.**

Victim: Male, 17

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Nephew

Circumstances: According police, the offender agreed to meet the victim upon the victim’s request at a local lake. After they met, the offender claims the victim attacked him with a piece of wood. The offender then picked up his own piece of wood and struck the victim until he was motionless. The offender stated he then left the scene and returned home. When the victim did not return home, the offender went back to the scene and using an extension cord, plastic garbage bag, and dirt he weighted the body before dragging it into the water using the victim’s own belt. The victim’s body was found partly submerged by kayakers. During interviews with the victim’s family police were told of past abnormal behaviors including the offender asking the victim how he wanted to die.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 21

9. **05/14/20 Stratford P.D.**

Victim: Female, Under 7 Days

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Daughter

Circumstances: The victim, a premature baby, was alive when born in toilet.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 32

10. **05/29/20 Stamford P.D.**

Victim: Female, 50

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: After shooting the victim at point-blank range, the offender called a roommate and confessed to the killing. Police performed a welfare check at the apartment of the offender and found victim face down in pool of blood with a single gunshot wound to her face. The offender was found laying nearby, intoxicated with revolver in reach. The offender is a convicted felon who has been found guilty of second-degree murder in New York state 1984.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 66

11. **06/08/20 Middletown P.D.**

Victim: Female, 38

Relationship: Persons have child in common

Circumstances: Police responding to a domestic violence call found the victim, a mother of two, deceased from multiple stab wounds to the trunk and head. The offender fled the scene but was apprehended in Georgia following a high-speed vehicle pursuit after a motor vehicle stop. In 2016, the offender was acquitted of an assassination-style slaying in the Bronx after spending three years on Rikers Island awaiting trial.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 37

12. 07/03/20 East Haven P.D.

Victim: Female, 27

Relationship: Persons have child in common

Circumstances: The victim was reported missing after the offender told police his daughter called him at work to tell him her mother was not home when she woke up. The offender told investigators when he got to the shared apartment his daughter was home alone and the victim was missing. He said her personal belongings were left behind. The offender made up a story that the victim had run off. He told this lie to the victim's family even after the victim's family basically forced him to report her missing. The offender kept lying to investigators and attempted to conceal where he had buried her. The body of the victim was found in a shallow grave behind a dumpster near a restaurant where the offender worked.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 26

13. 07/31/20 Seymour P.D.

Victim: Male, 22

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Son

Circumstances: In a murder-suicide, the offender intentionally drove into a river with her special-needs son, causing them both to drown. The offender plunged her SUV into the Housatonic River, sinking in about 16 to 20 feet of water. The vehicle ended up floating upside down about 75 yards from the riverbank. A massive rescue effort unfolded, involving divers and dozens of firefighters, who tried to gain access to the car, but ultimately were unable to save the mother and son. During the investigation, police discovered that a boater rushed to help and made numerous attempts to rescue the occupants of the vehicle, however, the offender refused to acknowledge or accept the boater's assistance and rescue efforts.

Suspect Suicide: Female, 54

14. 08/30/20 Ansonia P.D.

Victim: Female, 20

Relationship: Persons have child in common

Circumstances: The victim was stabbed eight times before being left to die in the street. Investigators were initially called the scene for a possible hit-and-run, however, police soon determined that her injuries were not consistent with a crash. The offender and the victim have a 3-year-old son together. The victim's family said the victim was in a "toxic relationship" with the offender since she was 14 years of age. The victim was working to "start a new life" by moving into a new home with her father and son, but her former partner did not approve and attacked her.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 22

15. 08/31/20 Windsor Locks P.D.

Victim: Female, 60

Relationship: Other relative residing in home: Mother

Circumstances: The offender called police and said that he "just murdered" his mother in their home. The offender said he used a knife. Several officers responded where they found the offender sitting on the front steps. When an officer asked him what happened, he responded that he had killed his mother because she raped him as a child and an adult. He pointed to an upstairs window and said she was in the bedroom. Police found the victim on the bedroom's floor, already deceased. She had a laceration on her jaw and puncture wounds on her back. There was a large pool of blood under her head, and significant bloodstains on the bed. Next to her body was a butcher's knife, its blade broken. The offender's father told police that his son would smoke marijuana, and regularly asked his parents to drive him to Northampton, Massachusetts, to purchase it. If they refused, he would get angry. He said that, in the past, his son has broken a television and just the day before the murder, he threw a glass of water at his mother.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 29

16. 09/18/20 Stratford P.D.

Victim: Female, 54

Relationship: Other relative residing in home: Sister

Circumstances: The offender went to the police station to report a body. Officers noted that Walker had scratches on the right side of his face and what looked like blood on his sneakers. Officers were dispatched and found the victim, his mother, sitting on the floor next to her bed with multiple stab wounds to her neck and chest. In an interview with detectives, the offender told them he had been home with his mother when the two of them got into what he called an altercation. The offender was vague on the nature of the altercation and didn't recall what happened next, police said. At the time of the fatal stabbing, the offender was on probation for assaulting a family member. In 2019, Walker had gone to a cousin's home with a large knife, allegedly forced his way into the cousin's home and stabbed the victim five times. A relative told police that the victim feared her son so much that she slept with a knife under her pillow. The offender has an extensive criminal history, which includes convictions for selling narcotics, violating probation, carrying a dangerous weapon, and, on multiple occasions, assault.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 34

17. 10/06/20 CSP Willimantic

Victim: Female, 68

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: Police responded to a report of a stabbing and found the victim fatally wounded in the home share with the offender. Witnesses at the scene told police the suspect may have still been in the residence. Police sent a robot into the house, and after numerous failed attempts to find the suspect, the robot found the man dead in the basement.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 67

18. 10/18/20 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Female, 40

Relationship: Persons have child in common

Circumstances: Police discovered the victim while they were called to conduct a well-being check at her home. The victim was found in the home she had shared with her estranged boyfriend, with her neck sliced with a razor. The offender was captured trying to illegally to flee the country and was captured at the U.S.-Canada border in Vermont by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The victim's family says they feared for her safety for years. The couple shared a three-year-old son.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 30

19. 10/22/20 Danbury P.D.

Victim: Female, 78

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: Officers were called to the residence of the victim and offender after a caregiver found the 78-year-olds dead in their home. Police found the couple lying in a bed with a gunshot wound to each of their heads. The offender had a handgun in his right hand with his finger still on the trigger. The victim's death was ruled a homicide, while the offender's death was ruled a suicide. The couple were "both were ailing" and the incident was described as "a mercy thing" with the couple being in a lot of pain and seeing no way out.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 78

20. 11/13/20 CSP Plymouth

Victim: Female, 15

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Daughter

Circumstances: The husband of the offender raced home from a basketball game after hearing his son screaming and crying on the phone. The boy wouldn't tell him what was wrong, and his daughter was yelling, too. The husband arrived minutes later to find the boy lying on the floor of a bedroom, wincing in pain and bleeding from a gunshot wound to the back. The 15-year-old daughter was also on the floor atop a pile of clothes and looked "pale and lifeless," the husband said. He saw his wife was holding a pistol. Arriving police started CPR on the boy and called for ambulances for both victims. The boy was taken to the hospital, where he was admitted in critical condition. The girl was pronounced dead at the hospital. The offender began having psychiatric crises amid the COVID-19 lockdown. The offender was hospitalized twice — for more than two weeks each time. The husband told investigators that the offender had appeared depressed since her sister died seven years ago but got markedly worse this year. She was treated in April for 10 days at the hospital, and then again in October for 14 days. She previously had also tried to kill herself with a knife.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 44

21. **12/13/20 Bridgeport P.D.**

Victim: Male, 26

Relationship: Relative residing in home: Brother-in-law

Circumstances: The offender stabbed his brother-in-law to death after allegedly breaking up a fight between the victim and his wife. Responding to a reported assault, police found the victim suffering from wounds to his lower extremities. An autopsy revealed that the victim died after being stabbed multiple times in the legs, buttocks, and groin. The offender allegedly stabbed the victim after the man threatened to leave his wife, the offender's sister, and the victim and wife began to fight and hit each other. The wife, all the time, was allegedly begging him not to leave. The loud fight drew the attention of neighbors and the offender, who was living with the couple at the time. The wife told police she saw a group of men chasing the victim away following their fight. Police later found surveillance video that shows the offender stabbing the victim. Police reported they located a large kitchen knife with a bent end, used in the attack in a nearby yard. The offender fled the area after the stabbing and was taken into custody after he was located in Staten Island, New York.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 22

22. **12/13/20 Bristol P.D.**

Victim: Female, 58

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The offender slit the victim's throat with a large filet knife before calling multiple people, including the victim's sister, to say he had killed her and was waiting for police to arrive. Responding to a requested well-being check, police found the victim stabbed to death in her bedroom. The offender was sitting on the couch at that house talking on the phone when police arrived. He cooperated with officers and was taken into custody. There were multiple protective orders prohibiting the offender and the victim from having contact with each other.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 54

23. **12/16/20 Hamden P.D.**

Victim: Female, 43

Relationship: Spouse: Wife

Circumstances: Responding to a report of a shooting, police found the victim slumped over in the driver's seat with multiple gunshot wounds. She was pronounced dead shortly thereafter. The offender was on the ground next to the passenger side of the car, receiving treatment from a passerby for a gunshot wound to the left side of his chest. A 9 mm handgun was observed on the ground within the offender's reach. After being taken to the hospital, the offender told detectives that he and the victim had been arguing ahead of the incident. The offender alleged that the victim shot him with her own gun, after which he grabbed the weapon and "just, squeezed it," and "went crazy,". A confidential witness told police they had received text messages from the offender relevant to the incident, the offender allegedly vowed to shoot his wife. In a text message exchange the day prior to the homicide the offender allegedly said he was "I'm going to shoot this (expletive) in the face" and that he no longer loved the victim. The witness argued that the offender should not commit such a deed, saying that they were close and that they would be there for him. Miller and the witness made plans to speak the next day. The day of the homicide the offender allegedly texted the witness "I'm doing it."

Suspect Arrested: Male, 57

24. **12/25/20 Windsor Locks P.D.**

Victim: Female, 55

Relationship: Spouse, Wife

Circumstances: The victim was dog-sitting at her mother's home when the offender gunned her down in her sleep. The offender then laid down beside the victim and turned the gun on himself. The offender was reportedly awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test after the victim and her mother had tested positive for the disease. Before the homicide, the offender called the victim's brother to come over and pick up the dogs. When the victim's brother arrived, he found the bodies and a gun. Both the victim and offender died from gunshot wounds to the head.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 59