

CONNECTICUT FAMILY VIOLENCE 2021 HOMICIDE REPORT



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Family Violence Homicide Summary 2021

- There were 27 family violence homicide incidents in 2021 resulting in 36 deaths; 29 victims and seven offender suicides.
- Six of the seven offenders in the murder-suicide incidents were male; five of the offenders were in an intimate relationship with the victim. Five of the seven murder-suicides incidents involved a firearm.
- Females accounted for 19 victims (66%), males victims totaled ten (34%).
- White family violence homicide victims accounted for 52% of total victims (15).
- White/non-Hispanic females accounted for the highest victim total, seven (33%).
- Victims ranged in age from 16 days old (daughter) to 75 years old (wife). The highest number of victims were in the 0 to 9, 30 to 39, and 50 to 59 age cohorts each with five victims. The average age of female victims was 42, the average age of male victims was 36.
- Most of the family violence homicide victims were in an intimate relationship with the offender, 17 of 29 (59%).
- In 2021, males were more often the offender in the family violence homicides, 19 of 27 (70%).
- There were 14 white family violence offenders (52%); 12 black offenders (44%); one unknown race (4%).
- Black/non-Hispanic males accounted for the highest offender total, seven (26%).
- The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide was 18 years of age (son); the oldest was 77 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 42, the average age of female offenders was 36.
- Firearms were the most used weapon to commit the murder, utilized in 13 incidents (48%).
- March and May had the highest number of family violence homicide incidents during 2021 with six each. February was the only month not to have a family violence homicide incident.
- Seventeen of the family violence homicide incidents occurred in the residence shared by the victim and offender (63%).
- During 2021, a family violence homicide occurred in 24 Connecticut municipalities. Bridgeport had the highest total with three. Enfield, Middletown, and New Haven had multiple family violence homicide incidents each with two.
- A child under 18 years of age was involved as the victim in five family violence homicide incidents (19%). A child under 18 years of age was present in five incidents (19%).

- In 23 of the 27 incidents (85%) there were no court orders of protection either active or expired.
- Twenty-one (72%) of the homicide victims and 18 (67%) of the homicide offenders had not been involved in a previous family violence arrest incident in the State of Connecticut.

2021 State of Connecticut Family Violence Homicides

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Victim Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Offender Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
	11/8/19	** New Haven	Hands/Fist/Feet	0	F	Presently living together or have lived together	34	M
	10/17/20	** New Haven	Firearm	44	F	Dating	51	M
1.	1/3/21	Norwich	Hands/Fist/Feet	69	F	Dating	57	M
2.	1/20/21	Bridgeport	Knife	36	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Brother	25	M
3.	3/1/221	Middletown	Firearm	48	M	Dating	44	F
4.	3/7/21	New London	Hands/Fist/Feet	4	M	Other relative residing in home: Son	33	F
5.	3/16/21	New Haven	Firearm	28	F	Dating	32	F
6.	3/17/21	Danbury	Other Dangerous: Fentanyl	1	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Grandson	60	F
7.	3/22/21	New Haven	Firearm	28	F	Dating	27	M
8.	3/27/21	Stamford	Knife	50	F	Other relative residing in home: Mother	25	M
9.	4/9/21	Bloomfield	Firearm	39	M	Dating	37	F
10.	4/10/21	Meriden	Firearm	38	M	Other relative residing in home: Brother	29	M
11.	5/6/21	New Canaan	Firearm	75	F	Spouse	77	M
12.	5/10/21	South Windsor	Hands/Fist/Feet	30	F	Spouse	22	M
13.	5/16/21	* Norwalk	Firearm	55	F	Spouse	56	M
14.	5/20/21	Middletown	Knife	53	F	Other relative residing in home: Mother	18	M
15.	5/20/21	New Britain	Hands/Fist/Feet	67	F	Dating	64	M
16.	5/28/21	* Windsor Locks	Firearm	44	F	Spouse	55	M
17.	6/17/21	* Westport	Other Dangerous: Drowning	7	F	Other relative residing in home: Daughter	46	F
18.	7/22/21	Guilford	Other Dangerous: Axe	42	F	Spouse	45	M
19.	8/8/21	Enfield	Knife	71	F	Other relative residing in home: Grandmother	22	F
20.	8/8/21	Enfield	Knife	63	M	Presently living together or have lived together	22	F
21.	8/29/21	* North Haven	Firearm	72	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Brother	67	M
22.	9/9/21	Bridgeport	Firearm	19	F	Dating	25	M
23.	9/9/21	Bridgeport	Firearm	59	M	Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Uncle	25	M
24.	10/20/21	* West Haven	Knife	41	F	Presently living together or have lived together	47	M
25.	11/9/21	Ansonia	Knife Other Dangerous: Axe	34	F	Spouse	28	M
26.	11/18/21	CSP-Griswold	Hands/Fist/Feet	1 Month	M	Other relative residing in home: Son	35	F
27.	12/3/21	West Hartford	Hands/Fist/Feet	16 Days	F	Other relative residing in home: Daughter	34	M
28.	12/12/221	* Simsbury	Firearm	57	F	Spouse	59	M
29.	12/13/21	* Hartford	Firearm	20	F	Dating	19	M

* Murder-Suicide

** Known to Police in 2021 CSP=Connecticut State Police

Note: The above list includes incidents submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection prior to May 6, 2022. Included in the list are two incidents that became known to police in 2021. These incidents are not included in the 2021 statistics.

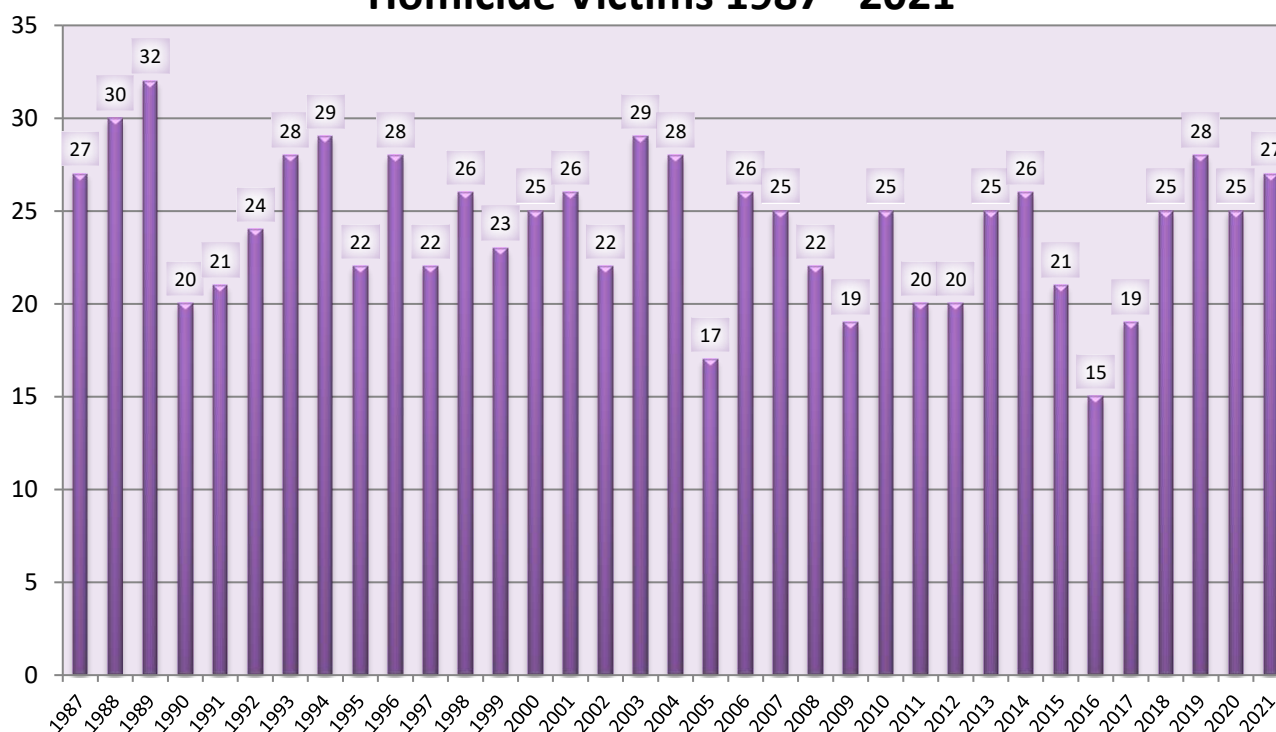
Family Violence Homicides 2021

Summaries of family violence homicides occurring in Connecticut during calendar year 2021 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 May 6, 2022. "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 2021 there were 27 family violence homicide incidents involving 29 victims. The total number of deaths from these incidents was 36 including seven offender suicides. These numbers do not include homicides from previous years for which the offenders were arrested in 2021. During 2021, one arrest was made for a 2019 incident and one arrest for a 2020 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 2021, there have been 847 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 - 2021



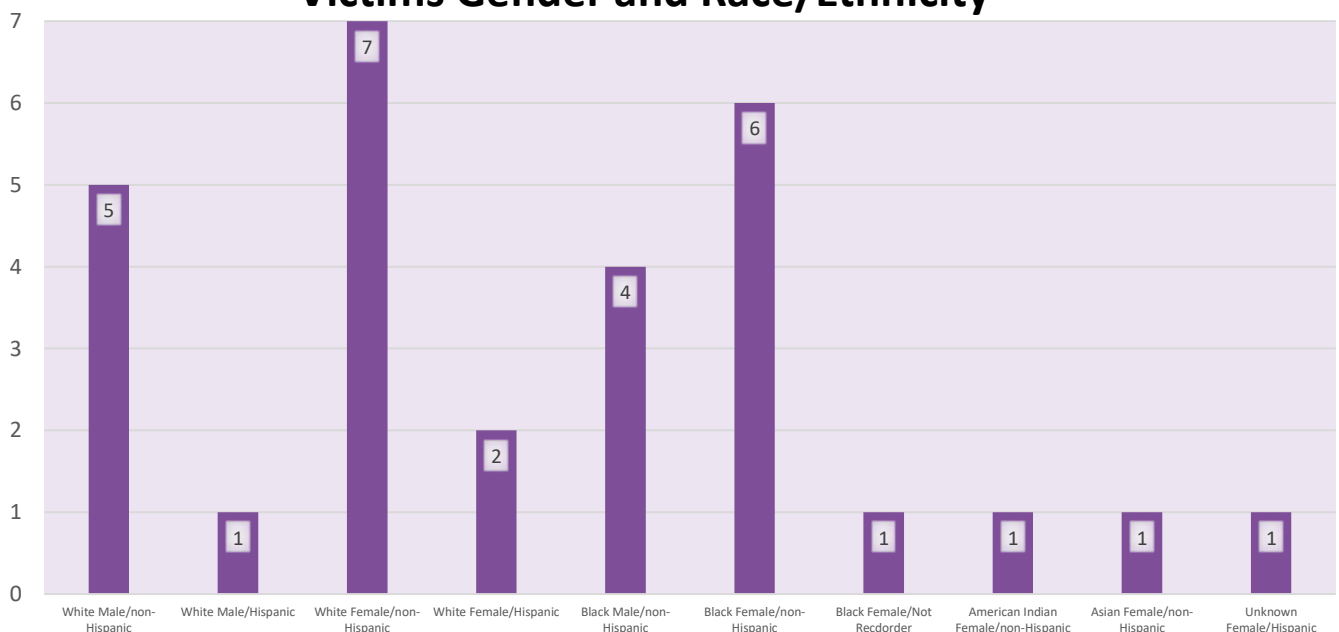
Victim Gender and Race/Ethnicity

In 2021 females were more often the victim of a family homicide than males. Of the 29 victims, 19 (66%) were female and 10 (34%) were male. Fifteen (52%) of the 2021 homicide victims were White, 11 (38%) were Black, 1 was Asian (3%), 1 was American Indian (3%), 1 was Unknown (3%). White/non-Hispanic females accounted for the highest victim total, seven victims (24%).

Victims by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Male		Female		Total	
	# Victims	% Victims	# Victims	% Victims	# Victims	% Victims
White/non-Hispanic	5	17%	7	24%	12	41%
White/Hispanic	1	3%	2	7%	3	10%
White/Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total White	6	21%	9	31%	15	52%
Black/non-Hispanic	4	14%	6	21%	10	34%
Black/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black/Not Recorded	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
Total Black	4	14%	7	24%	11	38%
American Indian/non-Hispanic	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
American Indian/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total American Indian	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
Asian/non-Hispanic	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
Asian/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asian/Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Asian	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
Unknown/non-Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown/Hispanic	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
Unknown/Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Unknown	-	-	1	3%	1	3%
Total	10	34%	19	66%	29	100%

Victims Gender and Race/Ethnicity



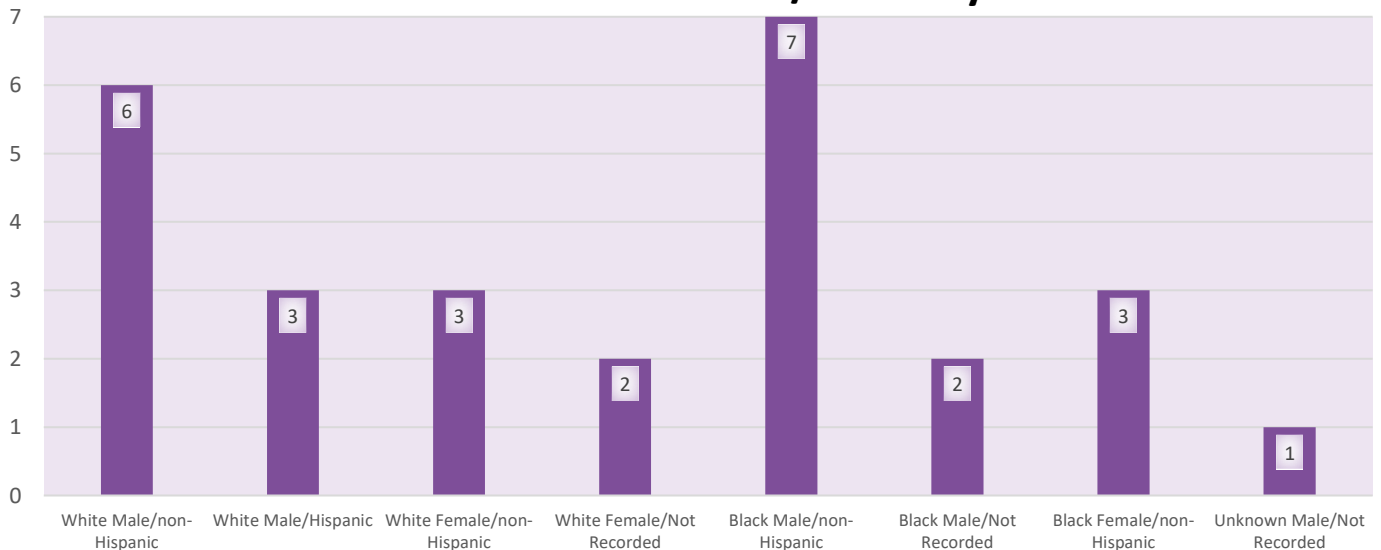
Offender Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Males were more often the offender in family violence homicide incidents. Nineteen offenders were male (70%) while eight were female (30%). Fourteen (52%) of the 2021 homicide offenders were White, while 12 (44%) were Black, and 1 (4%) was Unknown race. Black/non-Hispanic males accounted for the highest offender total, seven offenders (26%).

Offenders by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Male		Female		Total	
	# Offenders	% Offenders	# Offenders	% Offenders	# Offenders	% Offenders
White/non-Hispanic	6	22%	3	11%	9	33%
White/Hispanic	3	11%	-	-	3	11%
White/Not Recorded	-	-	2	7%	2	-
Total White	9	33%	5	19%	14	52%
Black/non-Hispanic	7	26%	3	11%	10	37%
Black/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Black/Not Recorded	2	7%	-	-	2	7%
Total Black	9	33%	3	11%	12	44%
American Indian/non-Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
American Indian/Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total American Indian	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asian/non-Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asian/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asian/Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Asian	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown/non-Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown/Hispanic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown/Not Recorded	1	4%	-	-	1	4%
Total Unknown	1	4%	-	-	1	4%
Total	19	70%	8	30%	27	100%

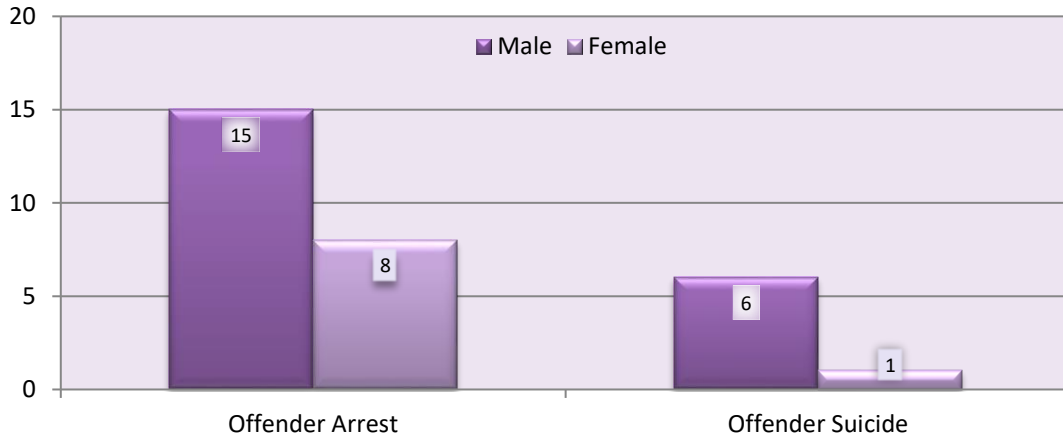
Offenders Gender Race/Ethnicity



Offender Arrests-Suicides

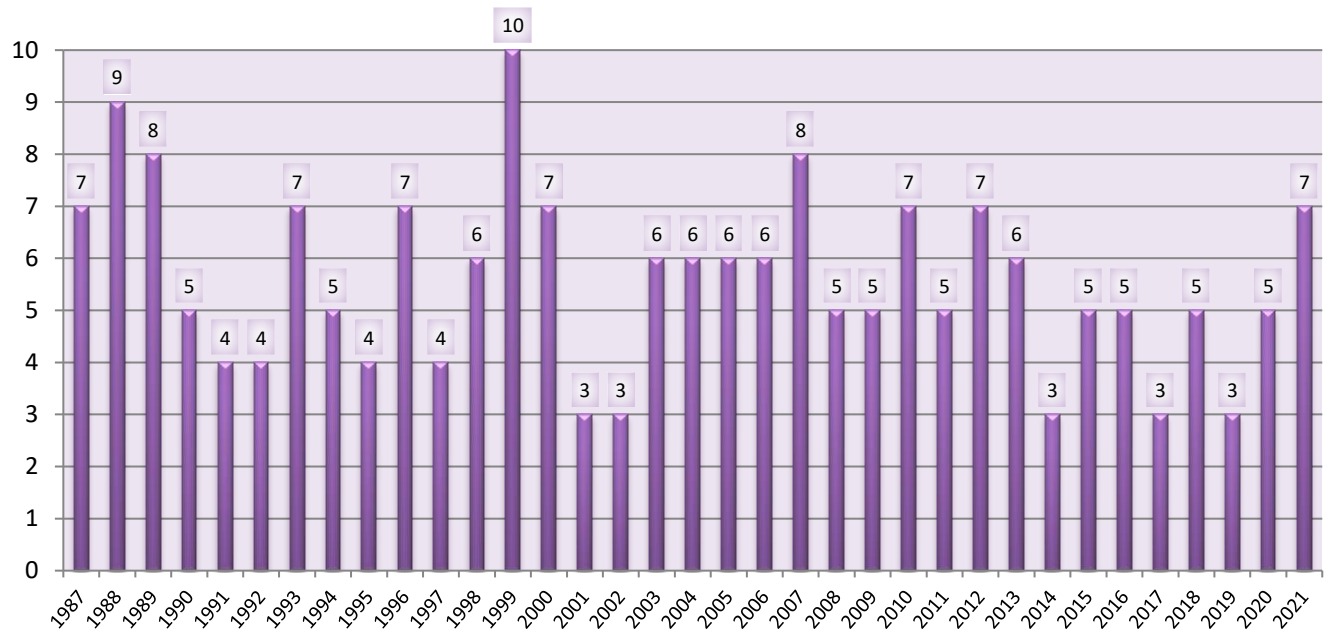
A total of 20 offenders were arrested (74%). Seven offenders committed suicide (26%). Five murder-suicide incidents involved participants in an intimate relationship, all five victims were female. Six of the seven offenders of murder-suicide incidents were male, and one was female. Five of the seven murder-suicide incidents involved a firearm; one incident involved hands/fists/feet and another involved a drowning.

Offender Arrests-Suicides



Between 1987 and 2020, 196 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 1987-2021



Intimate/non-Intimate Relationship

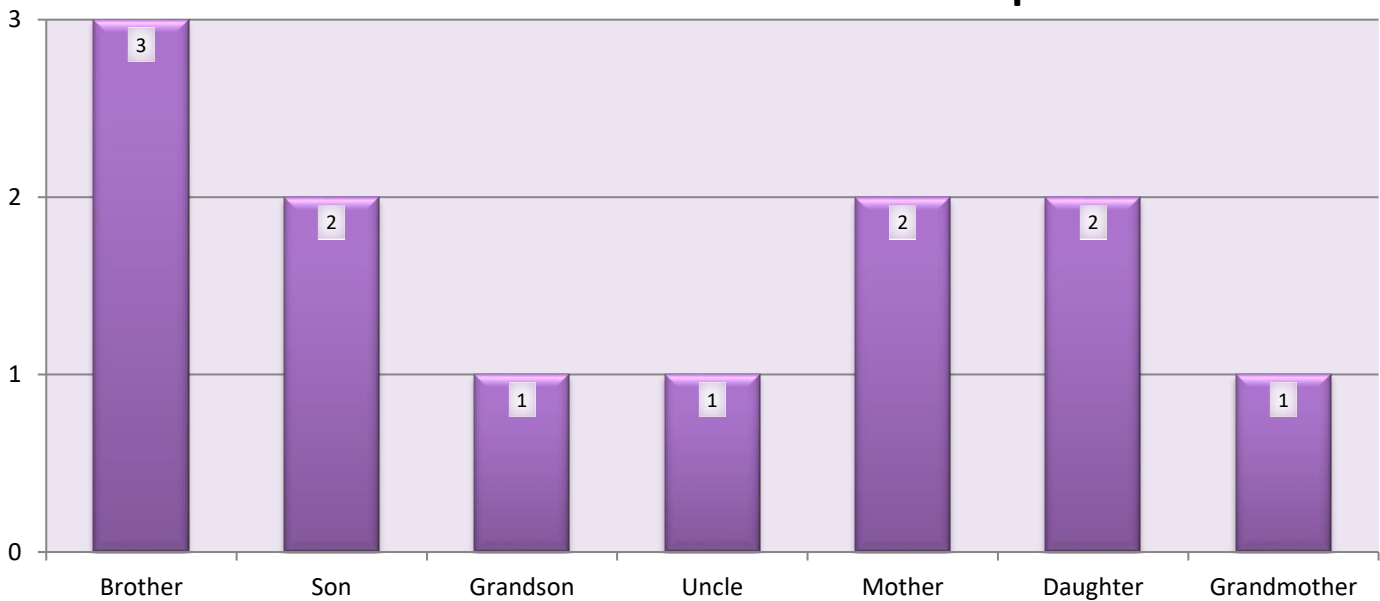
Most of the homicide victims, a total of 17 (59%), were in an intimate relationship with the offender. The 17 intimate victims included seven spouses (all female), eight dating (6 female-2 male), and two presently living together or have lived together (1 female-1 male). Overall, 14 intimate victims were female and three were male.

Victims Intimate Relationship



Twelve victims (41%) of the homicides involved people in a non-intimate relationship. Seven non-intimate victims were male; relationships included three brothers, two son, one grandson, one uncle. Five non-intimate victims were female; two mothers, two daughters, one grandmother.

Victims non-Intimate Relationship

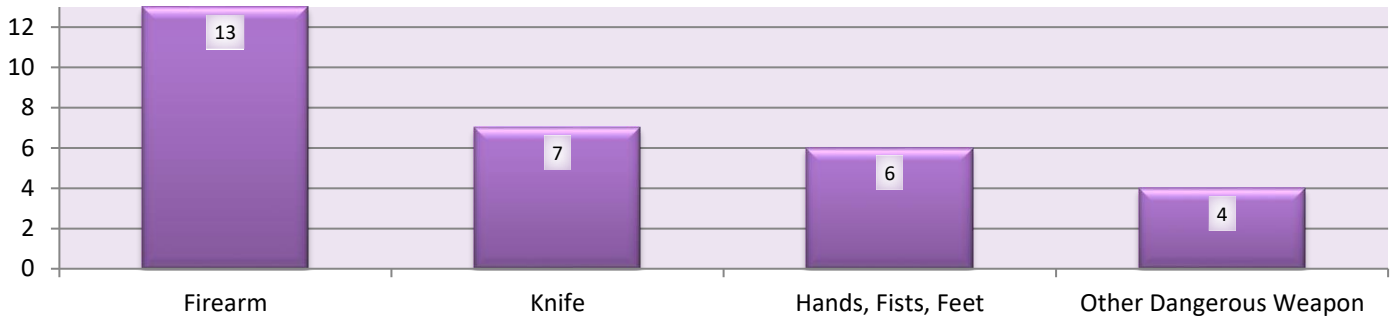


Weapons

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 27 family violence homicide incidents, firearms were the most used weapon, 13 incidents (48%). Other weapons included knives, seven incidents (26%); hands, fists, feet, six incidents (22%); other dangerous weapons four incidents (15%) which included an axe (two incidents), drowning (one incident), and fentanyl (one incident).

Type of Weapon Used - 2021

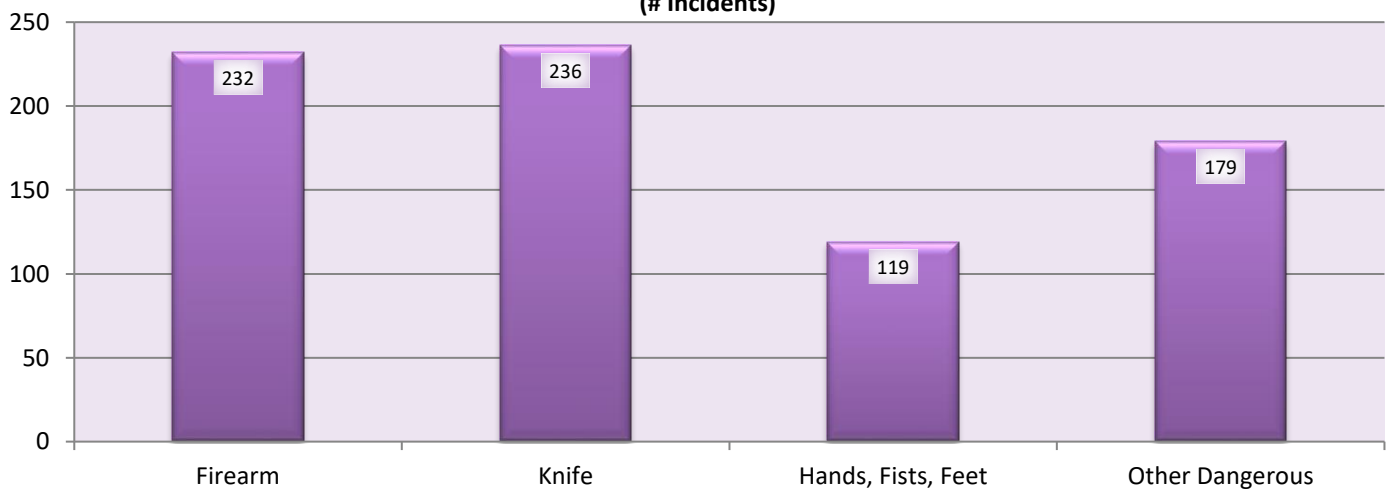
(# Incidents)



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.

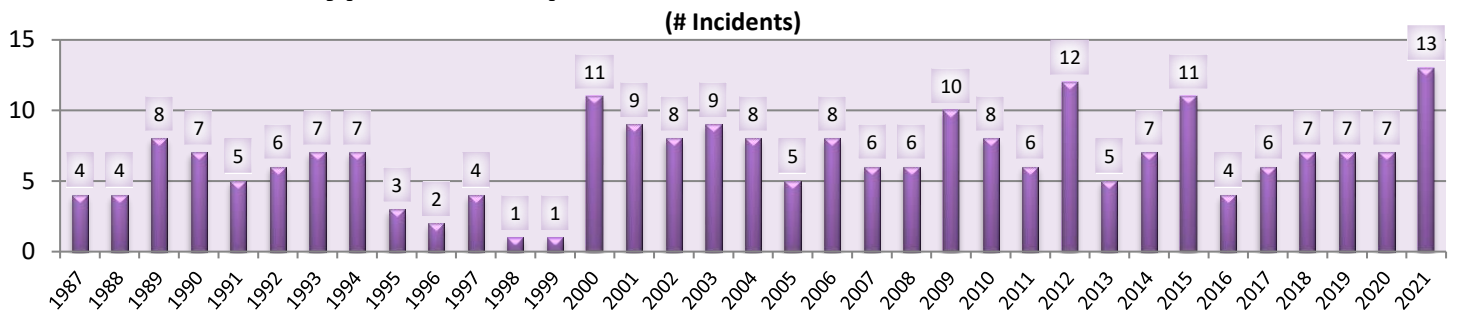
Type of Weapon Used 1987 - 2021

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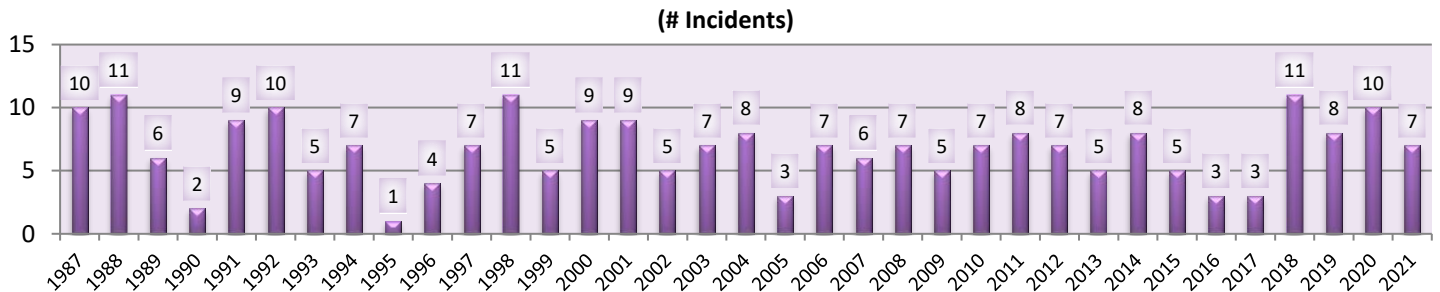


The following charts illustrate the total number of family violence incidents by weapon where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the charts below.

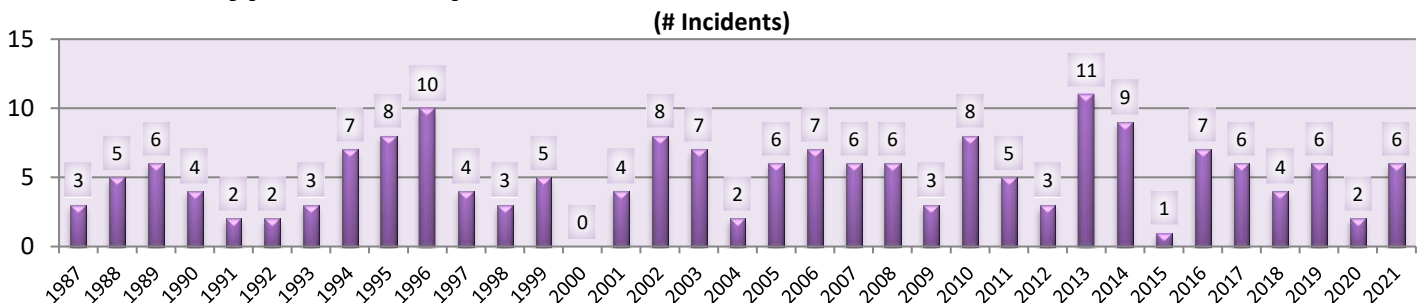
Type of Weapon Used - Firearm 1987 - 2021



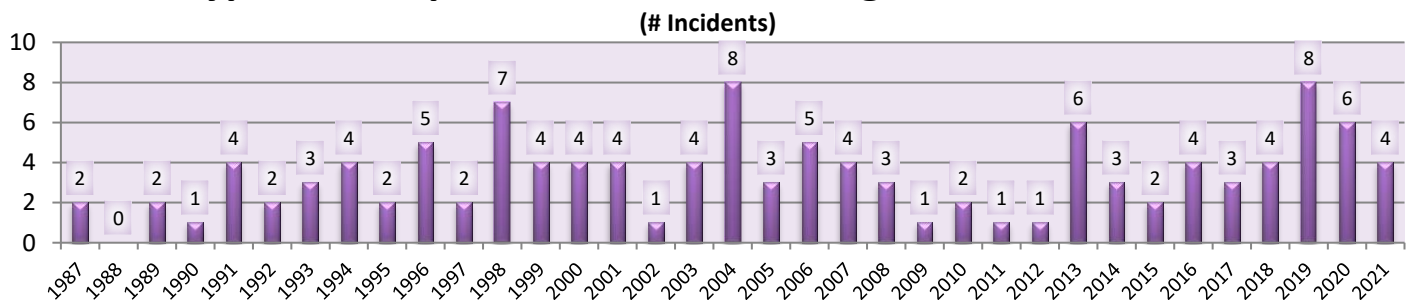
Type of Weapon Used - Knife 1987 - 2021



Type of Weapon Used - Hands, Fist, Feet 1987 - 2021



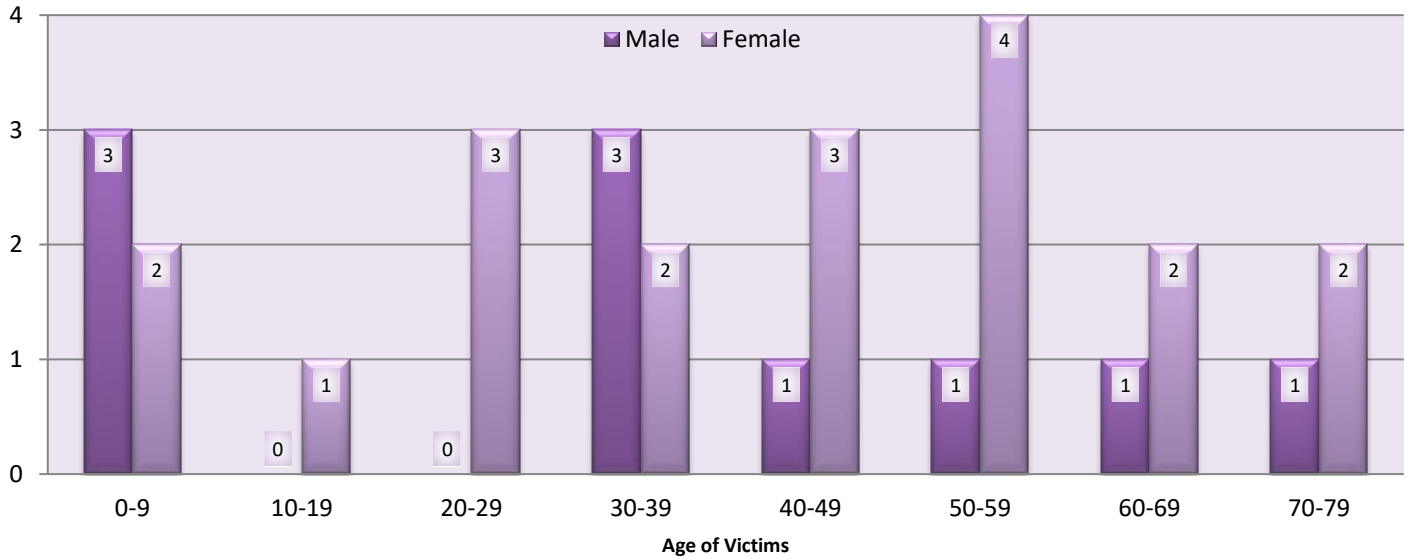
Type of Weapon Used - Other Dangerous 1987 - 2021



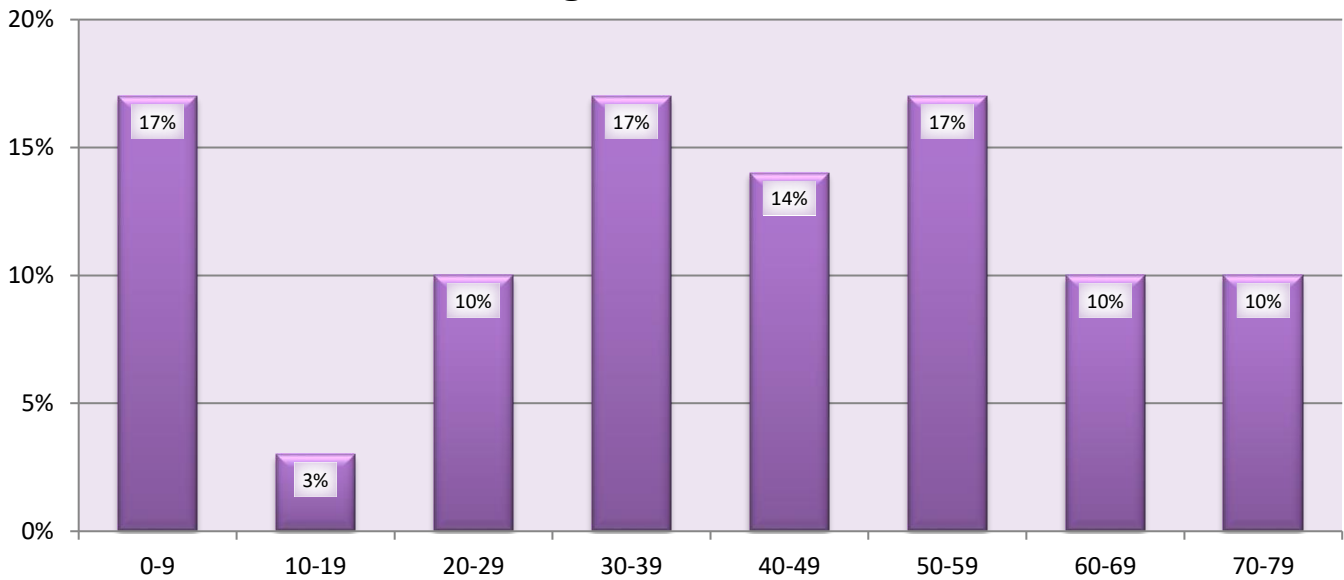
Age & Gender of Victims

In 2021 the youngest victim of a domestic homicide was a newborn female 16 days old (daughter). The oldest victim was a 75-year-old female (wife). The highest number of victims were in the 0 to 9, 30 to 39, and 50 to 59-year-old age groups, each with five. The average age of female victims was 42 years old; the average age of male victims was 36 years old.

Age & Gender of Victims

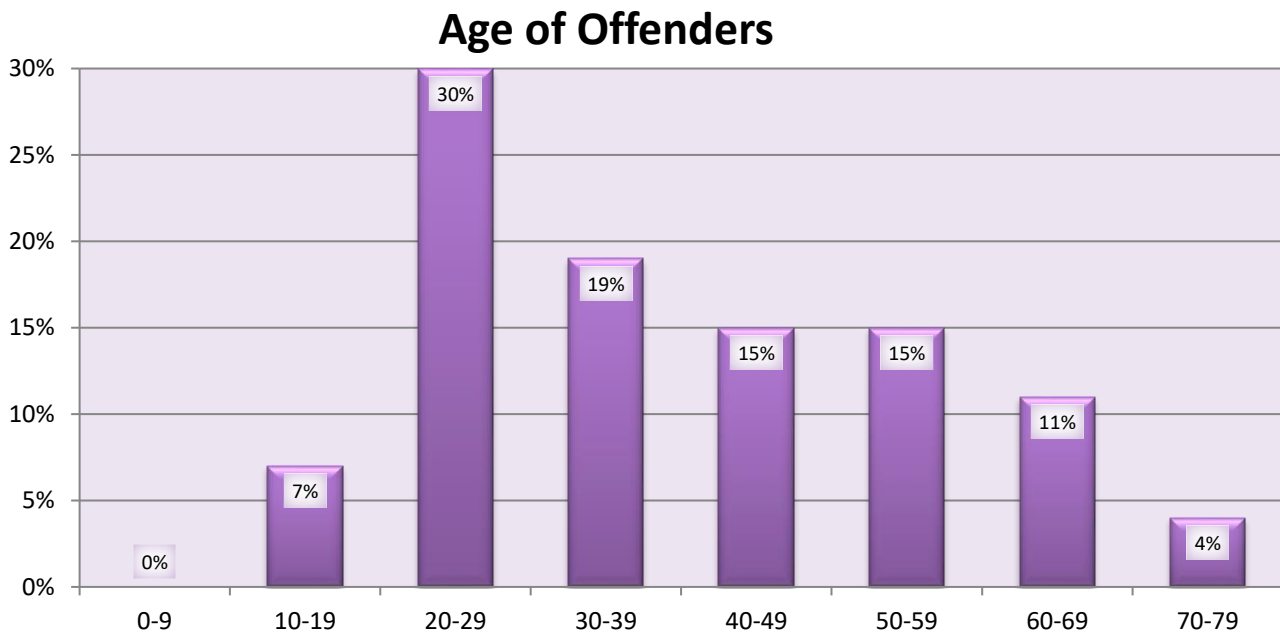
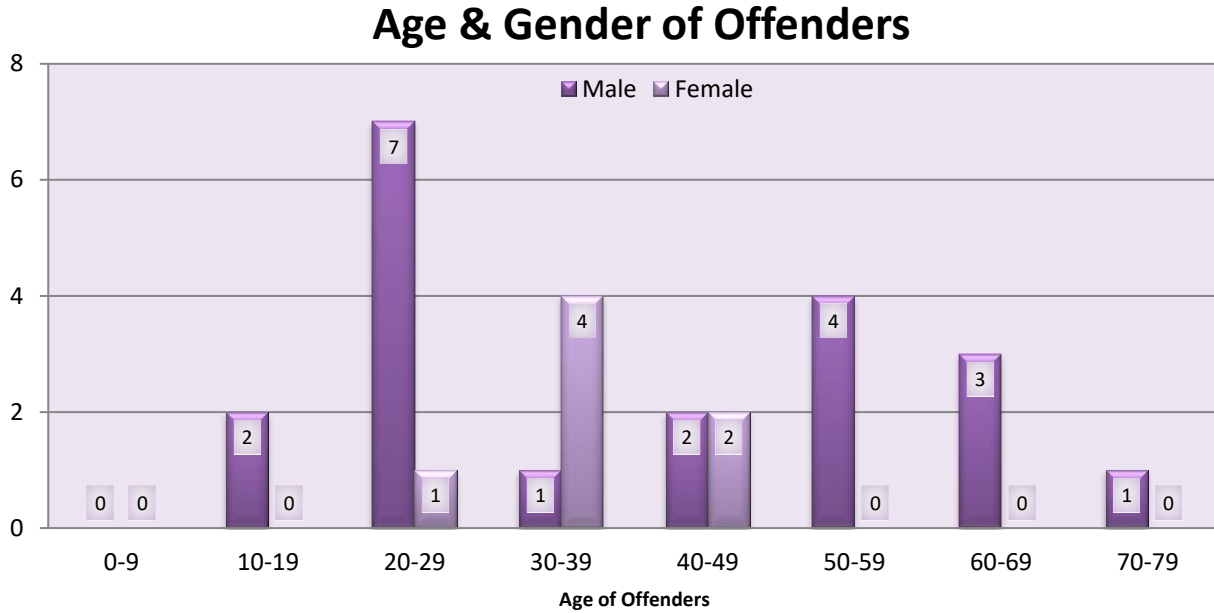


Age of Victims



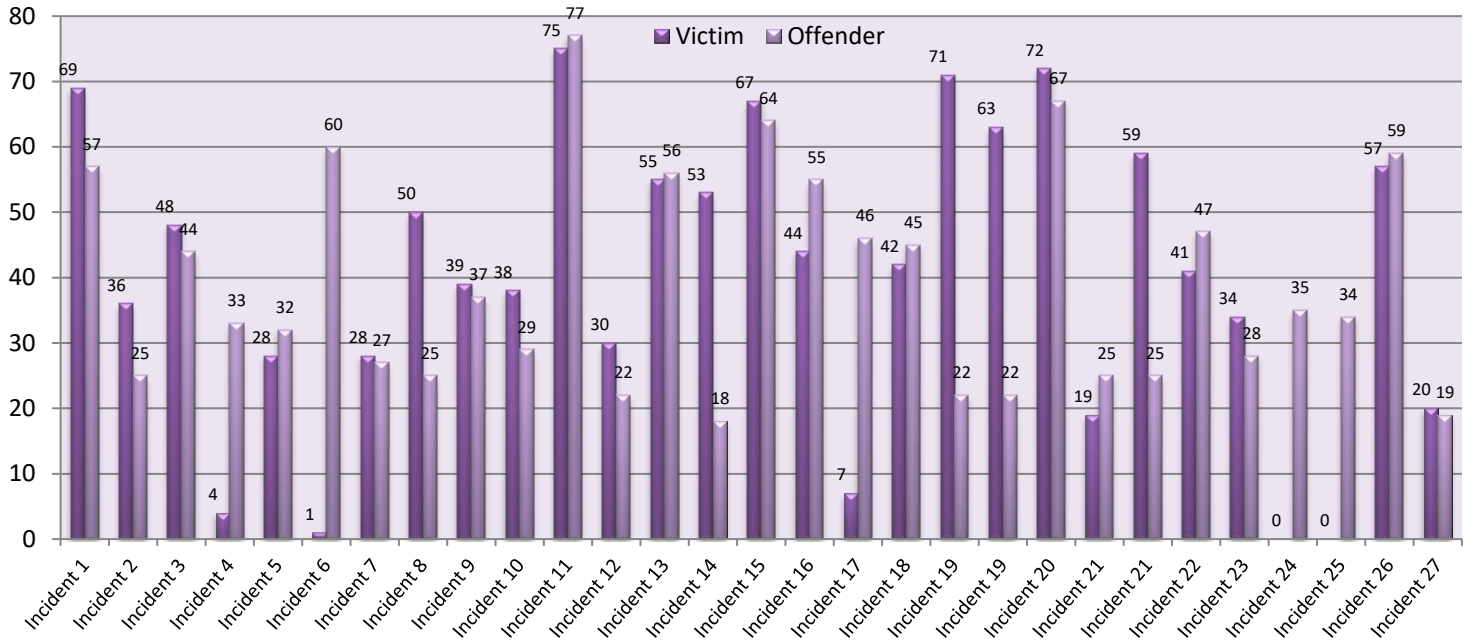
Age & Gender of Offenders

The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide during 2021 was an 18-year-old male (son). The oldest offender was a 77-year-old male (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29 age group, eight (30%). The average age of male offenders was 42 years old; the average age of female offenders was 36 years old.



Thirteen of the 29 family violence homicide victims were younger than the offender, (45%). Sixteen victims (55%) were older than the offender. Overall, the age difference ranged from 59 years younger to 49 years older.

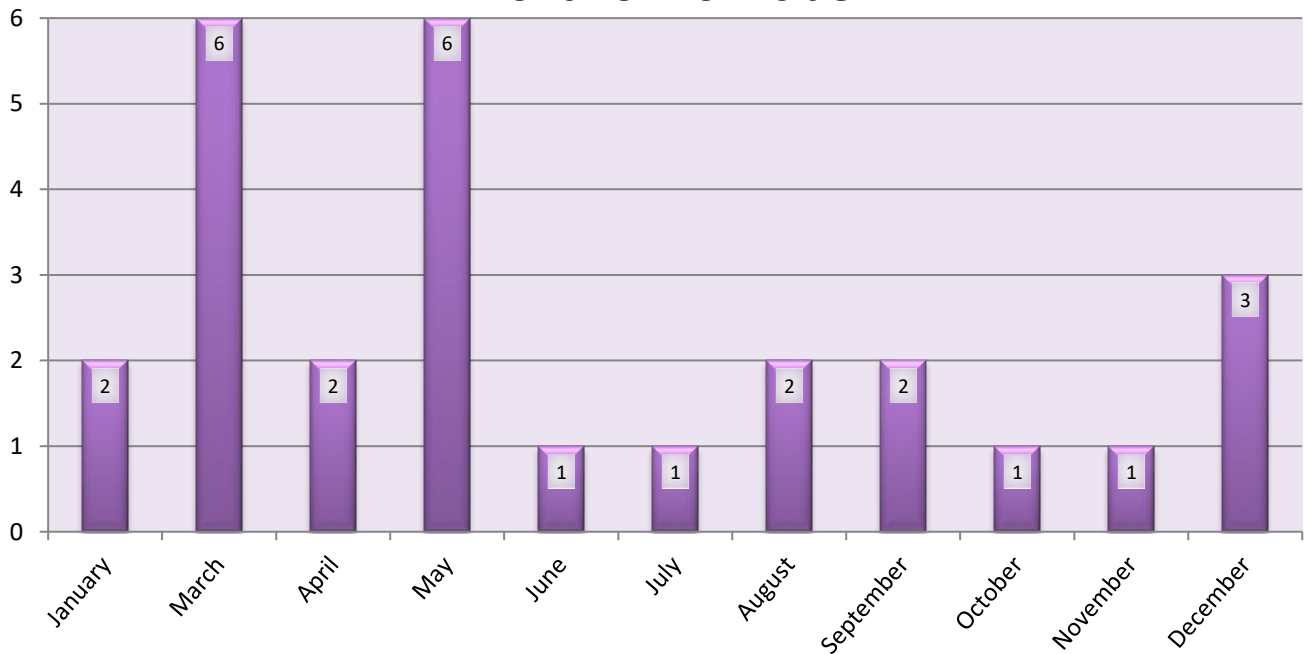
Victim - Offender Age



Month of Homicide

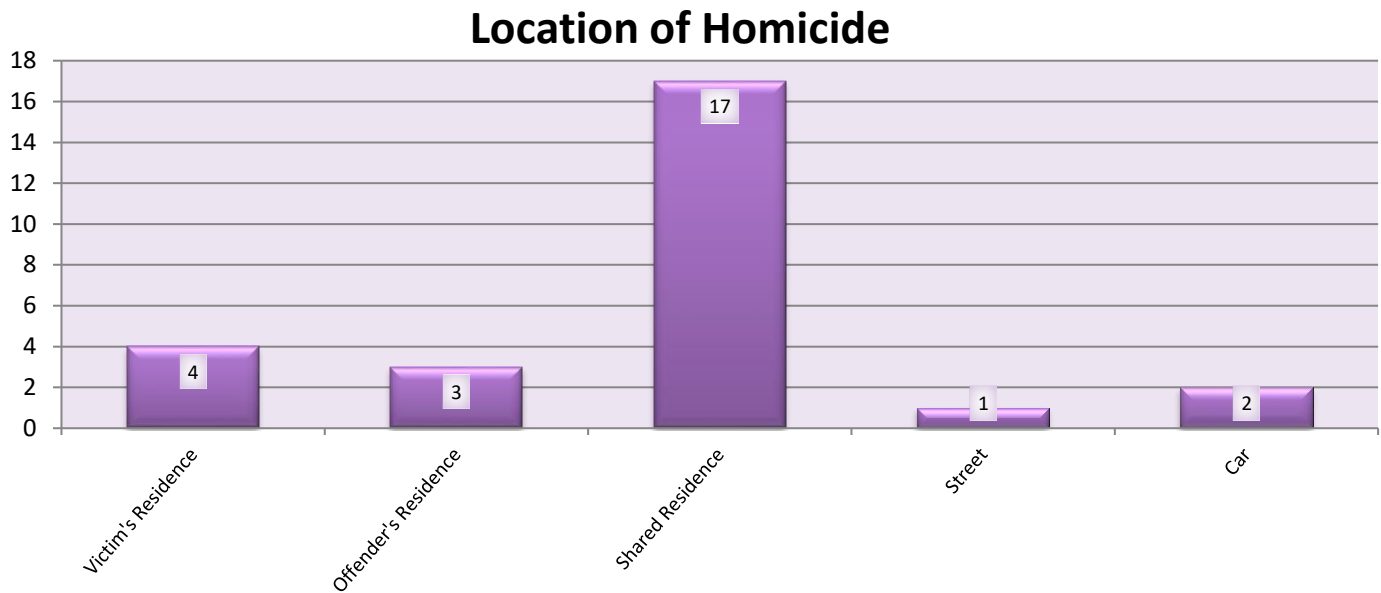
The months of March and May had the highest number of family violence homicide incidents during 2021, six each month. The month of February did not have a family violence homicide.

Month of Homicide



Location of Homicide

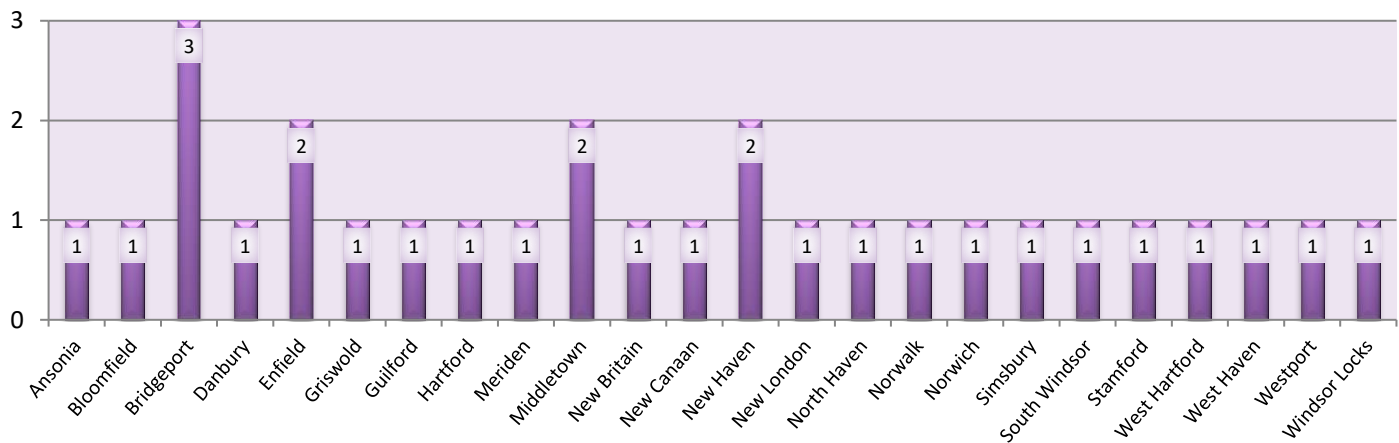
Seventeen of the 27 family violence homicides incidents committed occurred in the residence shared by the victim and the offender (63%). Other locations included: the victim’s residence, four (15%); offender’s residence, three (11%); car, two (7%); street, one (4%).



Geographic Distribution

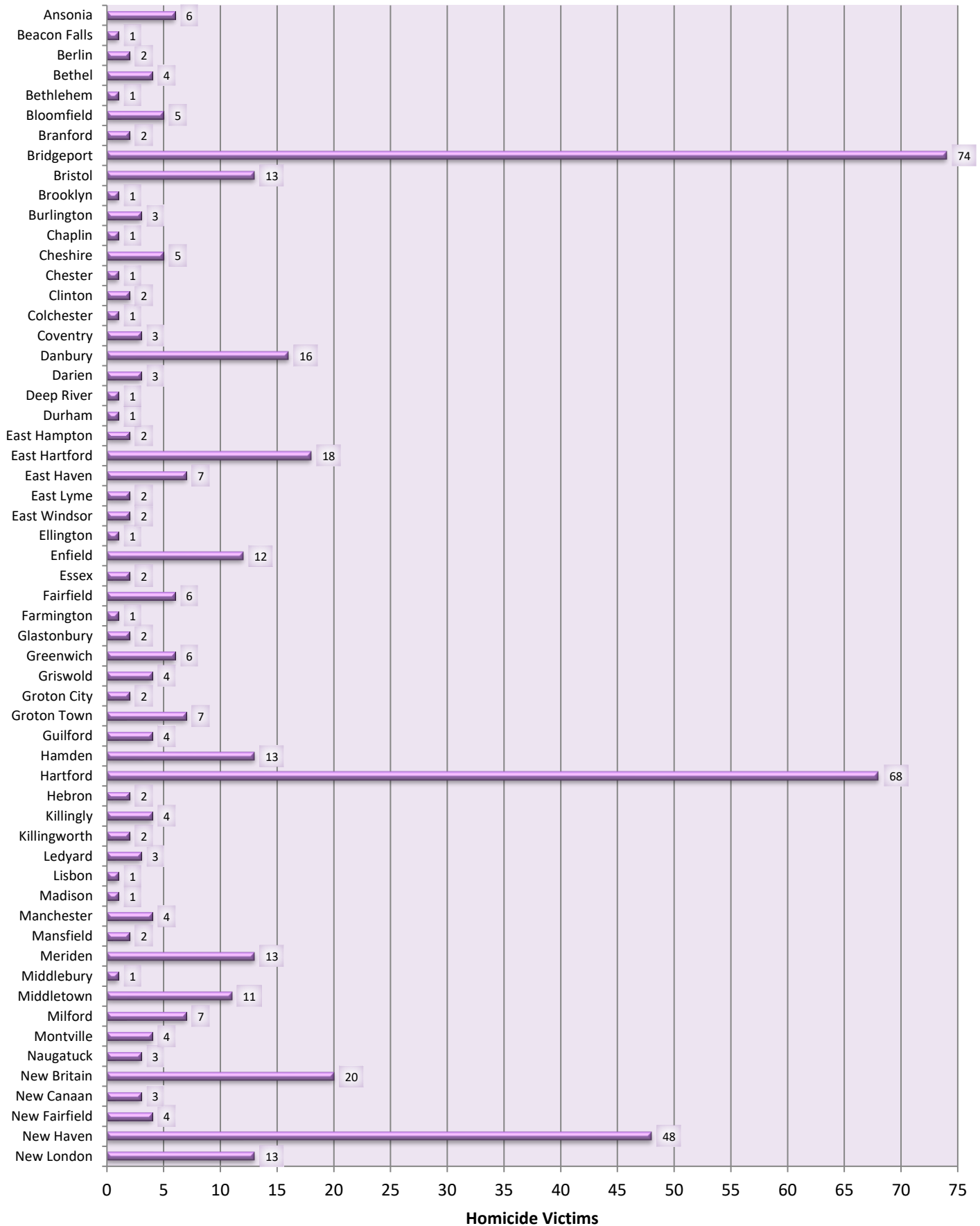
The 29 family violence homicides committed during 2021 occurred in 24 Connecticut municipalities. Four Connecticut municipalities had multiple homicides. Bridgeport, Enfield, Middletown, and New Haven each had two. Enfield and Bridgeport each had a double homicide incident.

Family Violence Homicide Victims by Town 2021



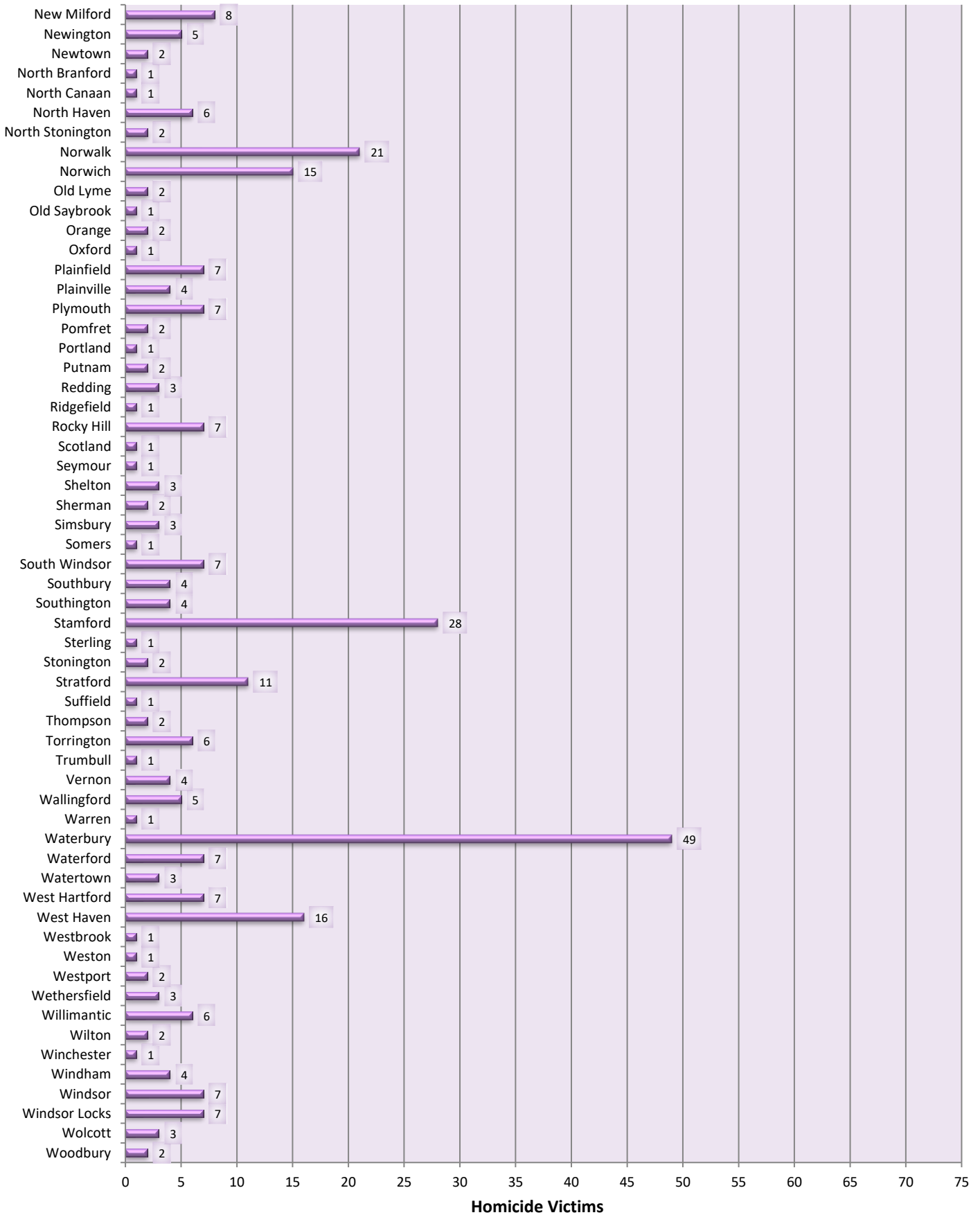
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following table illustrates the total number of family violence victims by town where incident details were captured. With 74 homicide victims, Bridgeport recorded the highest total followed by Hartford (68), Waterbury (49) and New Haven (48). Combined, these four municipalities accounted for 31 percent of Connecticut’s family violence homicide victims where incident details were captured (761). A total of 117 municipalities have witnessed a family violence homicide, 69 percent of all Connecticut municipalities.

Family Violence Homicides by Town 1987 - 2021*



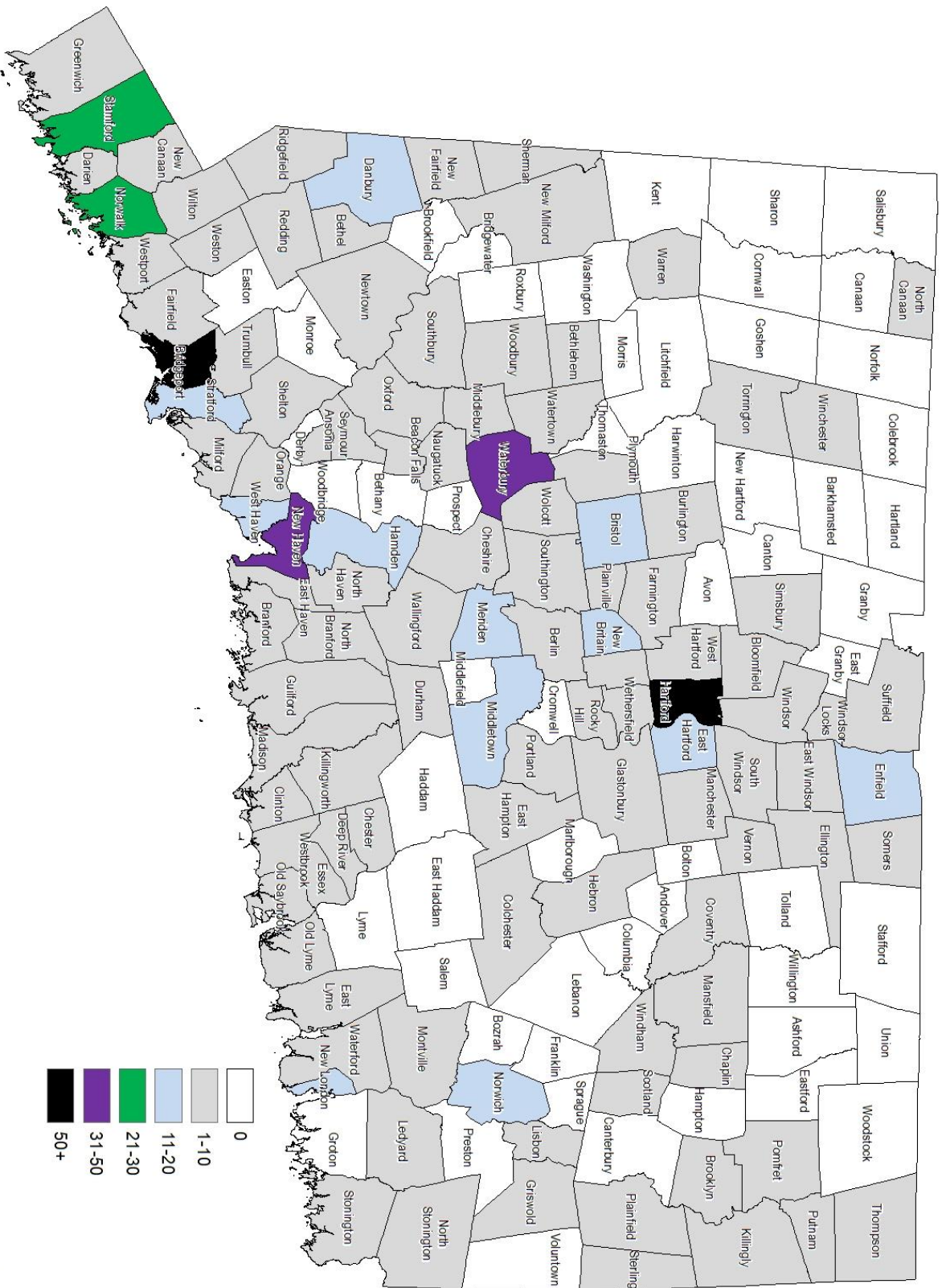
* Does not include victims where the offender committed suicide prior to 2000.

Family Violence Homicides by Town 1987 - 2021*



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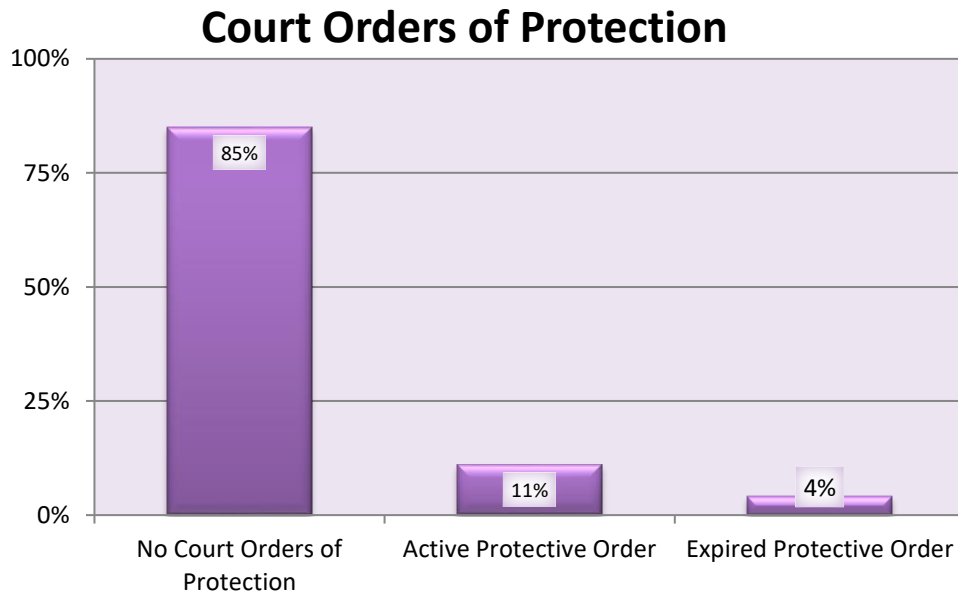
Family Violence Homicides by Town, 1987-2021



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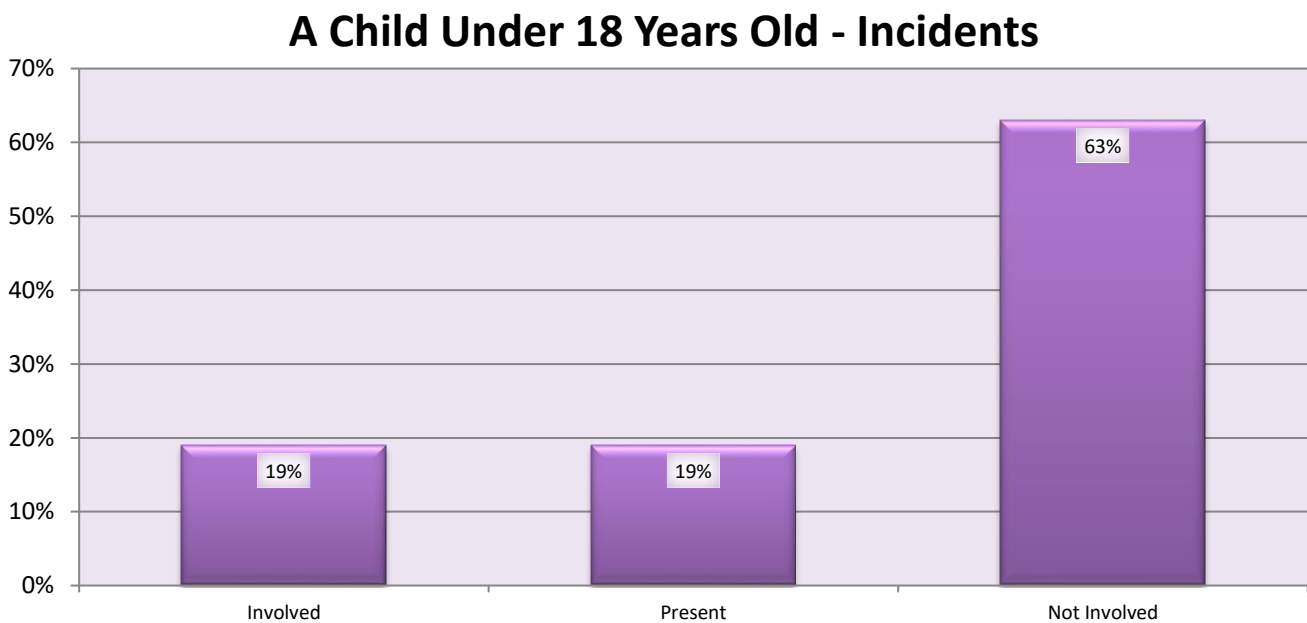
Court Orders of Protection

In 23 of the 27 family homicide incidents occurring during 2021 there were no court orders of protection, either active or expired (85%). In three incidents there were active protective orders (11%), in one incident there was an expired protective order (4%).



A Child Under 18 Years Old

A child under 18 years of age was involved in five family violence homicide incidents (19%), all as the victim. A child under 18 years of age was present in five homicide incidents (19%), and a child under 18 years old was not involved in 17 incidents (63%).



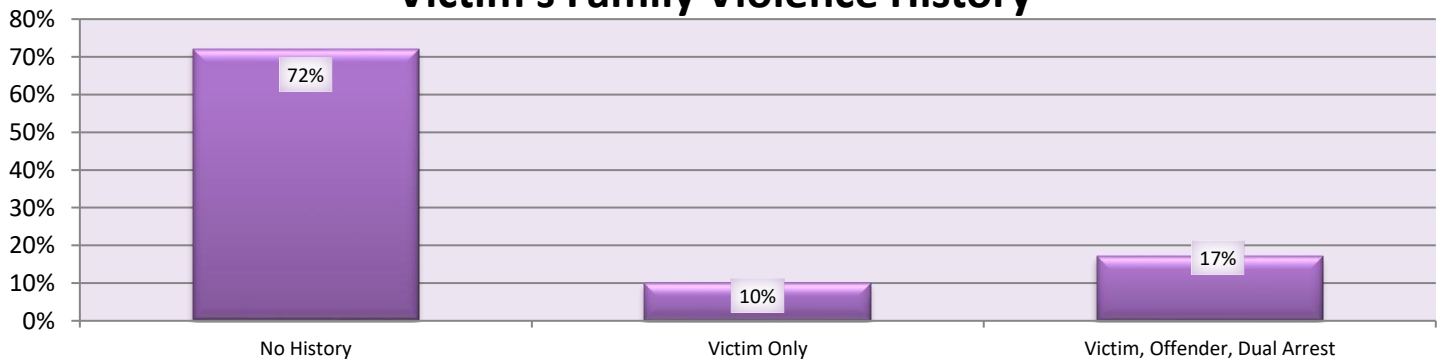
Victim Family Violence History

Of the 29 victims in the 2021 family violence homicide incidents, 21 (72%) had no previous family violence arrest history in the state of Connecticut.

Of the other eight victims, three were involved in pervious family violence arrest incidents at the victim (10%). Five homicide victims were involved as either the victim, offender, or in a dual arrest incident (17%).

2021 Homicide Victim	No Previous Incident	Previous Incident	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2021 Homicide Offender	Incident Offense(s)	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Victim 1		Incident 1 Incident 2	X			Yes No	Other Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent No Apparent	2021 1999
Victim 2	X								
Victim 3	X								
Victim 4	X								
Victim 5		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4 Incident 5 Incident 6 Incident 7	X X X X X X			No No No No No No	Violation Court Order Assault Assault Breach of Peace Breach of Peace Assault Assault	No Apparent No Apparent Minor Minor No Apparent Minor Minor	2019 2018 2014 2012 2012 2011 2004
Victim 6	X								
Victim 7	X								
Victim 8	X								
Victim 9	X								
Victim 10		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4 Incident 5 Incident 6 Incident 7 Incident 8		X X X X X X X		No No No No No No No	Breach/Disorderly, Other Breach of Peace Disorderly Conduct Assault Disorderly Conduct Breach of Peace Disorderly Conduct Assault	No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent No Apparent Minor Minor Minor	2018 2007 2007 2001 1998 1997 1996 1995
Victim 11	X								
Victim 12		Incident 1			X	No	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2018
Victim 13	X								
Victim 14	X								
Victim 15		Incident 1	X			Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2017
Victim 16	X								
Victim 17	X								
Victim 18		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4	X X X X			No No No No	Assault Disorderly Conduct Breach of Peace Disorderly Conduct	Minor No Apparent Minor No Apparent	2019 2002 2001 1994
Victim 19		X							
Victim 20		Incident 1	X			Yes	Assault	Minor	2021
Victim 21	X								
Victim 22	X								
Victim 23	X								
Victim 24		Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4	X X X X			No No No No	Other/Violation Court Order Assault Disorderly Conduct Other/Violation Court Order	No Apparent Minor No Apparent No Apparent	2012 2012 2012 2012
Victim 25	X								
Victim 26	X								
Victim 27	X								
Victim 28	X								
Victim 29	X								

Victim's Family Violence History



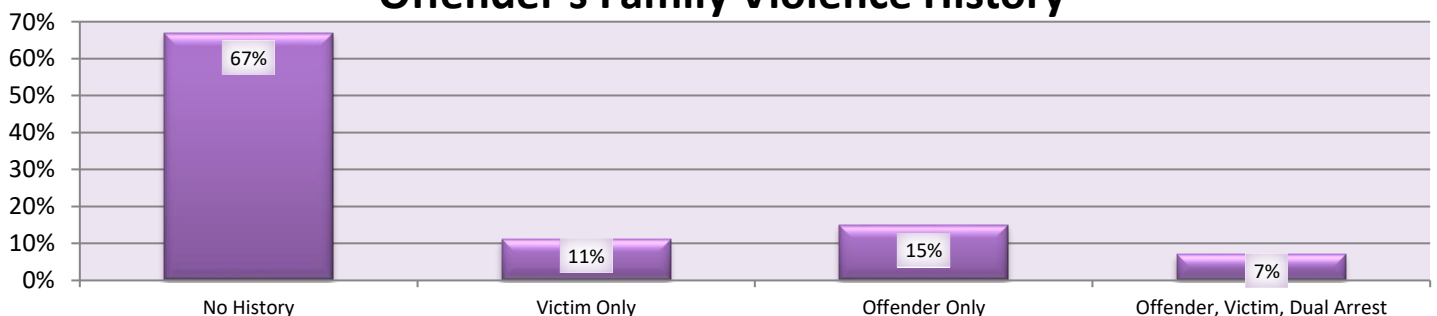
Offender Family Violence History

Of the 27 offenders in the 2021 family violence homicides, 18 (67%) were not involved in a previous family violence arrest incident in the state of Connecticut as either an offender or a victim.

Of the other nine offenders, three were involved in previous family violence arrest incidents as the victim only (11%), four were involved in previous family violence arrest incidents as the offender only (15%), and two were involved as the offender, victim, or in a dual arrest incident (7%).

2021 Homicide Offender	No Previous Incidents	Previous Incidents	Previous Incident Status			Involving 2021 Homicide Victim	Incident Offense(s)	Injury	Year of Incident
			Victim	Offender	Dual Arrest				
Offender 1		Incident 1		X		Yes	Other	No Apparent	2021
		Incident 2	X			No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2020
		Incident 3		X		No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2020
		Incident 4		X		No	Kidnapping	Minor	2010
		Incident 5		X		No	Criminal Mischief	No Apparent	1998
		Incident 6			X	No	Breach of Peace	Minor	1994
Offender 2	X								
Offender 3	X								
Offender 4		Incident 1	X			No	Strangulation	Minor	2016
		Incident 2	X			No	Breach/Disorderly Conduct, Other	Minor	2014
Offender 5	X								
Offender 6		Incident 1	X			No	Assault	Minor	1988
		Incident 2	X			No	Assault	Minor	1986
Offender 7	X								
Offender 8	X								
Offender 9	X								
Offender 10		Incident 1		X		No	Violation Court Order, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2015
		Incident 2		X		No	Violation Court Order, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2015
		Incident 3		X		No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2015
Offender 11	X								
Offender 12	X								
Offender 13	X								
Offender 14	X								
Offender 15		Incident 1		X		Yes	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2017
Offender 16	X								
Offender 17	X								
Offender 18		Incident 1		X		No	Breach/Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2019
		Incident 2		X		No	Kidnapping	Minor	2005
		Incident 3		X		No	Assault	Minor	2005
		Incident 4		X		No	Other/Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2002
		Incident 5			X	No	Disorderly Conduct	No Apparent	2002
Offender 19		Incident 1		X		Yes	Assault	Minor	2021
Offender 20	X								
Offender 21	X								
Offender 22	X								
Offender 23		Incident 1		X		Yes	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct, Risk of Injury	Minor	2021
Offender 24		Incident 1	X			No	Violation Court Order	No Apparent	2020
		Incident 2	X			No	Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct	Minor	2019
Offender 25	X								
Offender 26	X								
Offender 27	X								

Offender's Family Violence History



2021 Family Violence Homicide Circumstances

11/08/19 New Haven P.D.

Victim: Female, 4 Months

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: Officials found the baby unresponsive when they responded to a 911 call, the baby was transported to the Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, where she was placed in the pediatric intensive care unit on a ventilator. Two days later, the baby girl died. The office of the chief medical examiner determined the baby died from blunt impact injury of the head and neck and her death was ruled a homicide. Investigators learned from the child's mother that she'd fed the baby that morning before leaving her in the care of the suspect when she went to work. The suspect told investigators that the baby was moving, laughing and behaving normally in the morning, but he called 911 in the afternoon after he found the child unresponsive on her belly, face down on a bed.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 34

10/17/20 New Haven P.D.

Victim: Female, 44

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: After a months-long investigation into the fatal shooting, the victim's boyfriend was arrested and charged with first-degree manslaughter in connection with her death. The victim was shot in the head by a Navy Colt .44 caliber replica pistol. According to a police report, the suspect said it was an accident, that the "trigger slipped" and fired. The suspect called 911. The 12-year old son of the suspect was also at the scene.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 51

1. 01/03/21 Norwich P.D.

Victim: Female, 69

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Police were dispatched to the victim's residence for a domestic violence complaint, but later learned the incident occurred at the suspect's residence. The victim was transported to the hospital with head injuries and later succumbed to her injuries. The suspect told police he "belly bumped" the victim while pushing by her, and heard her fall to the ground, but did not look back to see what happened. When the victim was pushed, she fell, and the back of her head struck a doorknob on a pantry door in the hallway causing the doorknob to break off. The suspect was the one who eventually called 911, five and a half hours later. The suspect initially called the police because he said the victim had had a stroke.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 57

2. 01/20/21 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Male, 36

Relationship: Relative not residing in home

Circumstances: The victim was fatally stabbed his brother during an argument. The victim suffered multiple stab wounds and was found unresponsive. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital. A woman and three children were home at the time of the incident and were in the next bedroom from where the victim was found. Police said the woman told police that the fight started in the same room as the children before moving into the hallway and into a different room.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 25

3. 03/01/21 Middletown P.D.

Victim: Male, 48

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Middletown police responded after a caller reported gunshots. The individual said he heard a woman saying she was going to shoot someone. The suspect also called 911 and said, “she and her boyfriend were shot, and he was dead.” Police found the suspect with a gunshot wound to her chest. Both the suspect and the victim were taken to the hospital where the victim was pronounced dead. The suspect was hospitalized with a gunshot wound. The two individuals moved into the shared residence within the two weeks prior to the shooting. The suspect told police she was protecting herself after a physical altercation.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 44

4. 03/07/21 New London P.D.

Victim: Male, 4

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: The suspect fatally strangled the victim and allegedly told police she was “excited” she’d killed her 4-year-old boy. The suspect said she choked her son, then force fed him CBD gummies in order to “get back at her mother.” The victim was found unresponsive with CBD gummy bears scattered across his body. The boy’s lips and face were blue and strangulation marks were visible on his neck. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. The suspect, who allegedly smelt of marijuana, confessed to fatally choking the victim and stuffing his mouth with the cannabidiol extract candies.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 33

5. 03/16/21 New Haven P.D.

Victim: Female, 28

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The suspect called 911 after she shot the victim who was lying in the street, bleeding from the mouth, and not breathing. Police reports show how what started as fighting over phone calls and text messages turned into an in-person verbal altercation, and then escalated into a physical fight. The victim allegedly used a knife to slash the suspect’s car tire, and the arrestee allegedly responded by shooting and killing the victim in the street. The victim was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where she was pronounced deceased. Police also found a second victim at the scene of the shooting. A friend of the victim had a gunshot wound to the right hand. The victim and suspect were in a dating relationship for approximately 2.5 years.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 32

6. 03/17/21 Danbury P.D.

Victim: Male, 1

Relationship: Relative not residing in home

Circumstances: Investigators were summoned to the hospital for the untimely passing of the victim, a one-year-old child. As the child’s death circumstances were suspicious, an investigation was initiated to determine the cause or reason for his passing. The investigation findings implicated the suspect, the child’s grandmother, to be complicit in his death. The victim had ingested fentanyl.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 60

7. 03/22/21 New Haven P.D.

Victim: Female, 28

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The victim and suspect were involved in a domestic dispute in a car with their one-year-old child inside when the suspect shot the victim. Neighbors heard several gunshots, according to reports. Police said the suspect removed the victim's body from the car and put her on the road. The suspect drove off with the child and police found the vehicle, where he was arrested. A shooting-related warrant sat unserved for over a year —leaving the suspect free to allegedly shoot and kill his girlfriend. The warrant was filed in February 2020, soon after the suspect allegedly shot and injured a housemate who was trying to break up an argument between the suspect and victim.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 27

8. 03/27/21 Stamford P.D.

Victim: Female, 50

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: The victim, who had been missing for days, was discovered after friends became alarmed at her non-response to several phone calls. Police conducted a welfare check. The victim died of stab wounds to the neck and stomach was killed nearly a week before she was discovered by police. Neighbors reported there were signs that there was trouble between the suspect and his mother. Neighbors told police in a sworn statement that the victim and suspect would often have loud arguments with each other. Four days before the fatal stabbing, police responded to the victim's home after the victim called to report a disturbance. She told police at the time that the suspect was "possibly high or intoxicated" and causing a scene outside her house. Police found evidence of crack cocaine in the bedroom used by the suspect. The suspect who was missing for days, had checked himself into a New York psychiatric facility, where he was later found by the police. The suspect gave a full confession once in custody.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 25

9. 04/09/21 Bloomfield P.D.

Victim: Male, 39

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Police responded to the shared residence of the victim and suspect for a report of a shooting. Officers entered the home and found the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. The victim was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead at the emergency room. The victim and suspect were involved in a domestic dispute that escalated to an altercation culminating with the suspect shooting a handgun. The suspect explained to officers that she and her boyfriend got into a physical altercation during a fight about their relationship. She told police she asked him to leave and that he then got physical with her, at which point she took out her licensed pistol to defend herself and ultimately fired on him. The suspect was found to have bruises on her face, arm, leg and back consistent with a fight. Inside the home, officers found the victim on the floor of an upstairs hallway with a large amount of blood and an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Medical examiners concluded the victim had been shot in the back of his neck and located an exit wound on the top of his head.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 37

10. 04/10/21 Meriden P.D.

Victim: Male, 38

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: Police responded to the hospital for a report of a man with a gunshot wound. Police interviewed the victim's brother and he was identified as a suspect. Police interviewed the suspect and he admitted accidentally shooting his brother with a rifle. The suspect was held on outstanding warrants, then charged by a new warrant in connection with the homicide. Police obtained a search warrant for the suspect's home and found rifle ammunition and a pistol. Officers learned the suspect is a convicted felon and prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 29

11. 05/06/21 New Canaan P.D.

Victim: Female, 75

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: The suspect initially claimed that he was showing the victim a shotgun that “went off” by mistake. Subsequently discovered evidence showed the suspect had fired his shotgun, emptied the cartridges, reloaded and fired again in the fatal shooting. The victim had been struck by two bullets — one in the head and one in the torso — while a third bullet was recovered from a wall inside the couple’s home. Based on this evidence and additional information gathered during the investigation it was determined initial claims by the suspect of an accidental shooting were not supported. It was reported the defendant “chuckled” and said he “didn’t believe so” when 911 dispatchers asked if his wife was still breathing.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 77

12. 05/10/21 South Windsor P.D.

Victim: Female, 30

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: The suspect initially denied knowing what happened to the victim. In subsequent conversations with police days later, he told officers that the two got into a verbal argument on Mother’s Day weekend. The suspect purchased guinea pigs for his wife as a Mother’s Day gift. He said she was upset about the gift and they fought over the purchase. The suspect said an argument between the two turned physical that evening, with them wrestling on the ground for a kitchen knife. According to the suspect, he pinned the victim to the ground, eventually flipping her on her stomach and kneeling on her back and neck. The suspect said the victim stopped moving. The suspect told police he came back a little later and she was still not moving and did not respond to him. That’s when the suspect said he realized she was dead. Later that night, the suspect loaded the victim’s body in the back of his Jeep and left when the victim’s family came over. The suspect told police he drove to a “random GPS” location and dragged the victim’s body into a wooded area. The victim’s body was found nearly two weeks later.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 22

13. 05/16/21 Norwalk P.D.

Victim: Female, 55

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Police responded after receiving multiple phone calls from residents reporting the sounds of gunshots. One of the initial callers to the police was an adult son who reported the incident between his father and his mother. Many attempts were made to contact the residents inside, but no response was received. Upon entering the home, tactical units discovered the bodies of a husband and wife who died in an apparent murder-suicide.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 56

14. 05/20/21 Middletown P.D.

Victim: Female, 53

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: The suspect got into a dispute with the victim inside a car, leaving her “severely injured” as she drove to a volunteer fire department. The victim was rushed to the hospital, where she died from her injuries. The suspect was taken into custody at the firehouse with a blood-like substance on his hands and clothing and admitted to investigators that he stabbed the victim during an argument in the car. The suspect claimed the victim was slapping him while driving and tried to stab him with what he described to police as a kitchen knife. That’s when, the suspect told investigators, he used a 4-inch knife and started to stab her. The suspect told authorities that he tried to pull the victim out of the car to “finish the job”, but she got caught up in the seat belt. When detectives asked for clarification, the suspect told investigators he was “trying to kill her.”

Suspect Arrested: Male, 18

15. 05/20/21 New Britain P.D.

Victim: Female, 67

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The suspect assaulted the victim over the course of multiple days, leaving her with injuries that left her on life support for some time. The victim never regained consciousness and passed away due to injuries sustained in the assault.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 64

16. 05/28/21 Windsor Locks P.D.

Victim: Female, 44

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Police responded after witnesses reported hearing “yelling and screaming” followed by a popping sound. Upon arriving officers found three adults — one man, two women — showing “no signs of life.” They were pronounced dead at the scene by medics. Police believe that the suspect killed himself after shooting and killing his wife, and his stepdaughter’s girlfriend. His stepdaughter was treated on the scene for several gunshot wounds before ambulances rushed her to the hospital, where she was in critical but stable condition. Relatives suggested that anti-gay beliefs were the reason behind the murders. The family says that the stepdaughter’s girlfriend had been in a romantic relationship with the stepdaughter for approximately one year.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 55

17. 06/17/21 Westport P.D.

Victim: Female, 7

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: The suspect’s 13-year-old daughter came home and discovered her mother’s lifeless body in the foyer. The suspect died by suicide, as a result of sharp injuries to the torso and extremities. The suspect’s seven-year-old daughter was found in a bathtub filled with water apparently drowned by the suspect in a murder-suicide. Investigators believe the suspect drowned the victim before taking her own life amid a bitter dispute with her ex-partner over their multi-million-dollar mansion. The former couple never married. They broke up in 2018 and shared two children together. Court records showed that the suspect had been in an ongoing court battle with her former partner over the custody of their two children.

Suspect Suicide: Female, 46

18. 07/22/21 Guilford P.D.

Victim: Female, 42

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Police were called to do a well-being check and found the victim on the living room floor with trauma to her head and body. The victim had suffered a series of lacerations and had been “bludgeoned repeatedly,” causing fractures to her arm. The victim was found to have 23 blunt-force injuries, 16 of which were to the head and neck, and five sharp force injuries. An ax found behind the home was used to cause the injuries. The medical investigator concluded the victim had been dead for at least three days. DNA evidence from the ax handle indicated a mix of two contributors, one of which was 100 billion times more likely to be the suspect. The suspect attempted to use a debit card belonging to the victim 26 times after her estimated time of death but failed to enter the correct PIN. Police and a probation officer attempted to contact the suspect, calls and voicemail messages left went unanswered and unreturned. The suspect was found in a shelter in New York City.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 45

19. 08/08/21 Enfield P.D.

Victim: Female, 71

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: Responding to domestic in progress call, Officers kicked in the front door and heard a shower running. A woman, later identified as the suspect, came through a bathroom door into the kitchen. The suspect was fully clothed but soaking wet with water and blood. Police found the victim lying face down in a pool of blood. The severely injured victim has sustained "a large laceration to the collar bone/neck area" and had a faint pulse. EMS "proceeded with life-saving measures" and transported the victim to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. An autopsy determined the victim had sustained 22 sharp force injuries throughout various areas of her body, and her right jugular artery had been severed. There was an active a protective order in place from an earlier incident involving the victim's boyfriend and the suspect which led to the suspect being barred from the premises. The suspect told police she had been invited to the premises to pick up some belongings, and then "things got out of hand."

Suspect Arrested: Female, 22

20. 08/08/21 Enfield P.D.

Victim: Male, 63

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: Responding to domestic in progress call, Officers kicked in the front door and heard a shower running. A woman, later identified as the suspect, came through a bathroom door into the kitchen. The suspect was fully clothed but soaking wet with water and blood. Upon searching the apartment, police found the victim face down on his knees near the bottom corner of the bed with a large laceration to his neck and stab wounds on his arms and back. A laceration extended from one side of his neck to the other and across the area of the artery. The victim had suffered about 30 stab wounds with depth and approximately 12 more superficial wounds spread out over the body. There was an active a protective order in place from an earlier incident involving the victims and the suspect which led to the suspect being barred from the premises. The suspect told police she had been invited to the premises to pick up some belongings, and then "things got out of hand."

Suspect Arrested: Female, 22

21. 08/29/21 North Haven P.D.

Victim: Male, 72

Relationship: Relative not residing in home

Circumstances: Responding to reports of a possible shooting police found the victim and suspect dead. The victim died of gunshot wounds to the head and torso and the suspect, the victim's brother, died by suicide. Police said they believe the incident to be connected to a dispute over the brother's deceased mother's estate. The mother died several months earlier leaving half her estate to each brother but naming the victim as executor.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 67

22. 09/09/21 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Female, 19

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Police said first responders were called to the home on the report of a victims injured by gunfire. When they arrived, they were fired at from inside the home. The suspect allegedly fired at officers when they approached, holding them at bay for more than two hours before he surrendered. Once the suspect was taken into custody, the bodies of two victims were found, both obvious victims of gunshots. Bullet shell casings were found next to the bodies and a semi-automatic handgun was found in the home. According to court records, on March 5, 2020, the suspect was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a firearm and illegal transfer of a pistol. The suspect was on parole for a 2017 conviction for first-degree larceny and third-degree burglary.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 25

23. 09/09/21 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Male, 59

Relationship: Relative not residing in home

Circumstances: Police said first responders were called to the home on the report of a victims injured by gunfire. When they arrived, they were fired at from inside the home. The suspect allegedly fired at officers when they approached, holding them at bay for more than two hours before he surrendered. Once the suspect was taken into custody, the bodies of two victims were found, both obvious victims of gunshots. Bullet shell casings were found next to the bodies and a semi-automatic handgun was found in the home. According to court records, on March 5, 2020, the suspect was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a firearm and illegal transfer of a pistol. The suspect was on parole for a 2017 conviction for first-degree larceny and third-degree burglary.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 25

24. 10/20/21 West Haven P.D.

Victim: Female, 41

Relationship: Presently living or have lived together

Circumstances: A witness told responding officers loud screams were heard coming from the shared residence of the victim and suspect. When officers entered the house, they saw a man and a woman in a living room, dead from what appeared to be stab wounds. Police determined that the suspect had killed the victim, and then took his life. A protective order had been issued just a week before. The order was issued after the suspect was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. That case remained pending in court when, according to police, the suspect killed the victim. Police said the two people had just ended a long-term relationship.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 47

25. 11/09/21 Ansonia P.D.

Victim: Female, 34

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: The victim called 911 but did not directly address the dispatcher, who could allegedly hear “yelling and commotion in the background” of the open line. Officers were dispatched to the address from which the call originated. Upon arriving at the scene, first-responders found the front door of the residence partially opened and entered. When Officers entered the kitchen, the suspect was found with blood covering his hands, face, and clothing, and was allegedly standing over the victim who was “sitting on the ground covered in blood from a brutal assault.” The suspect immediately confessed to brutally killing his wife, and then pleaded for the officers to kill him. Officers found an ax and curved knife on a table near the body, both of which were covered in blood. The couple’s 3-year-old son and their infant child were inside the home during the killing. Their third child, age five, was reportedly at school.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 28

26. 11/18/21 CSP Griswold

Victim: Male, 1 Month

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: Police were called for a report of an unresponsive 6-week-old infant. The suspect told police she was stressed out about having to care for the infant and her other child, a five-year-old. She then admitted to putting a blanket and a hand over the child’s face for 20 minutes until “he was dead.” The suspect's mother had originally told police the infant was alive all day and had problems breathing after being fed. Police said when they talk to the suspect’s mother again, she said she knew the baby was not breathing all day but did not know her daughter had allegedly suffocated the infant. After suffocating the baby, she left him in a swing for the rest of the day. Eventually she brought the baby into her room, placed him in a bassinet and then called 911 to report he was "barely breathing." According to police, the suspect and her mother, devised a plan to put food on the baby's face so it looked like he was still alive.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 35

27. 12/03/21 West Hartford P.D.

Victim: Female, 16 Days Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: Police responded to a home for a medical emergency. When they arrived on the scene, the suspect said the child sustained injuries during a fall while in his care. Officers observed what appeared to be a large hematoma and significant swelling on the back-right side of the infant's head. The suspect originally told police he accidentally dropped the child while picking her up from a baby chair and then said she fell from his arms onto a hardwood floor. The child was transported to the hospital, and due to the severity of the injuries, the police began an investigation. The suspect admitted "there was more to the story" and that he wanted to "come clean." The suspect told police he grabbed the baby with "more force" than he originally told them, essentially "whipping" her around, causing the baby to fall to the floor in a "faster and more aggressive manner" than he originally told them. The suspect's wife said he appeared irritated about being woken up.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 34

28. 12/12/21 Simsbury P.D.

Victim: Female, 57

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Police received a 911 call from an 18-year-old woman, who was identified as a "family member from inside that residence," who witnessed the shooting and fled the home, running to a neighbor to call police. Responding officers found the victim who was suffering from gunshot wounds and was taken to the hospital, where she was later pronounced dead. Investigating officers found the suspect dead in the garage of the home from a self-inflicted gunshot to the head.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 59

29. 12/13/21 Hartford P.D.

Victim: Female, 20

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Responding officers found the victim and suspect dead from gunshot wounds to their heads. The victim's death was ruled a homicide, while the suspect's death was ruled a suicide. Police officers recovered multiple weapons at the scene. The suspect resided at the residence with his mother and two siblings, who were not home at the time of the incident.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 19