

CONNECTICUT FAMILY VIOLENCE 2022 HOMICIDE REPORT



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Family Violence Homicide Summary 2022

- There were 19 family violence homicide incidents in 2022 resulting in 29 deaths; 21 victims and eight offender suicides.
- Family violence homicide victims accounted for 15 percent of total homicide victims during 2022.
- Females accounted for 16 victims (76%), male victims totaled five (24%).
- There were 16 White family violence homicide victims (76%); four Black victims (19%); and one victim of unknown race (5%).
- White/Hispanic females had the highest victim total, six (29%).
- Males were more often the offender in family violence homicides, 17 of 21 (81%).
- There were 16 White family violence homicide offenders (76%) and five Black offenders (24%).
- White/non-Hispanic males accounted for the highest offender total, seven (33%).
- There were eight murder-suicide incidents. Seven of the eight offenders in the murder-suicide incidents were male; seven of the offenders were in an intimate relationship with the victim. Seven of the eight murder-suicide incidents involved a firearm.
- Fourteen homicide victims were in an intimate relationship with the offender (67%).
- Firearms were the most used weapon to commit the murder, utilized in 10 incidents (53%).
- Victims ranged in age from 11 months old (daughter) to 77 years old (wife). The highest number of victims were in the 30 to 39 age cohort with five. The average age of female victims was 29, the average age of male victims was 31.
- Offenders ranged in age from 20 years old (boyfriend) to 80 years old (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29-year-old age group (eight). The average age of male offenders was 36, the average age of female offenders was also 36.
- August and November had the highest number of family violence homicide incidents during 2022 with three each. February was the only month not to have a family violence homicide incident.
- Twelve of the family violence homicide incidents occurred in the residence shared by the victim and offender (63%).
- A family violence homicide occurred in 16 Connecticut municipalities during 2022. Danbury, New London, and Stamford had multiple family violence homicide incidents, each with two.
- In 16 family violence homicide incidents there were no court orders of protection either active or expired (84%).

- A child under 18 years of age was involved in five family violence homicide incidents (26%), four homicide victims and one risk of injury victim. A child under 18 years of age was present in four incidents (21%), and not involved in 10 incidents (53%).
- Sixteen (76%) of the homicide victims and 13 (62%) of the homicide offenders had not been involved in a previous family violence arrest incident in the State of Connecticut.

2022 State of Connecticut Family Violence Homicides

| | <u>Date</u> | <u>Department</u> | <u>Weapon</u> | <u>Victim</u> | | <u>Relationship</u> | <u>Offender</u> | |
|-----|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> | | <u>Age</u> | <u>Sex</u> |
| 1. | 1/26/22 | * New London | Firearm | 18 | F | Dating | 20 | M |
| 2. | 3/21/22 | * Meriden | Firearm | 37 | F | Dating | 36 | M |
| 3. | 3/29/22 | * Seymour | Firearm | 77 | F | Spouse | 80 | M |
| 4. | 4/26/22 | Waterbury | Other Dangerous: Machete | 24 | F | Spouse | 28 | M |
| 5. | 5/24/22 | CSP-Killingly | Knife | 72 | M | Other <i>not</i> relative residing in home: Father | 43 | M |
| 6. | 5/28/22 | * Bridgeport | Firearm | 30 | F | Dating | 28 | M |
| 7. | 6/17/22 | Bristol | Other Dangerous: Fatal Child Abuse Hands/Fist/Feet | 4 | F | Other relative residing in home: Daughter | 28 31 | F M |
| 8. | 7/20/22 | New London | Other Dangerous: Hammer | 22 | F | Spouse | 23 | M |
| 9. | 7/27/22 | * Danbury | Other Dangerous: Rope Hands/Fist/Feet | 12 | M | Other relative residing in home: Son | 36 | F |
| 10. | 7/27/22 | * Danbury | Other Dangerous: Rope Hands/Fist/Feet | 10 | F | Other relative residing in home: Daughter | 36 | F |
| 11. | 7/27/22 | * Danbury | Other Dangerous: Rope Hands/Fist/Feet | 5 | M | Other relative residing in home: Son | 36 | F |
| 12. | 8/6/22 | Hartford | Firearm | 29 | F | Dating | 31 | M |
| 13. | 8/27/22 | * Wethersfield | Firearm | 21 | F | Dating | 59 | M |
| 14. | 8/28/22 | * CSP-East Granby | Firearm | 48 | F | Spouse | 49 | M |
| 15. | 9/13/22 | Stamford | Firearm | 36 | F | Dating | 40 | M |
| 16. | 10/13/22 | CSP-Montville | Hands/Fist/Feet | 64 | M | Dating | 54 | F |
| 17. | 11/5/22 | Norwich | Firearm | 30 | F | Dating | 22 | M |
| 18. | 11/18/22 | Naugatuck | Knife | 11 Months | F | Other relative residing in home: Daughter | 31 | M |
| 19. | 11/28/22 | * Danbury | Firearm | 39 | F | Spouse | 38 | M |
| 20. | 12/6/22 | Milford | Other Dangerous: Axe | 40 | F | Dating | 42 | M |
| 21. | 12/29/22 | Stamford | Hands/Fist/Feet | 2 | M | Other relative residing in home: Son | 26 29 | M F |

* Murder-Suicide

CSP=Connecticut State Police

Note: The above list includes incidents submitted to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection prior to May 15, 2023.

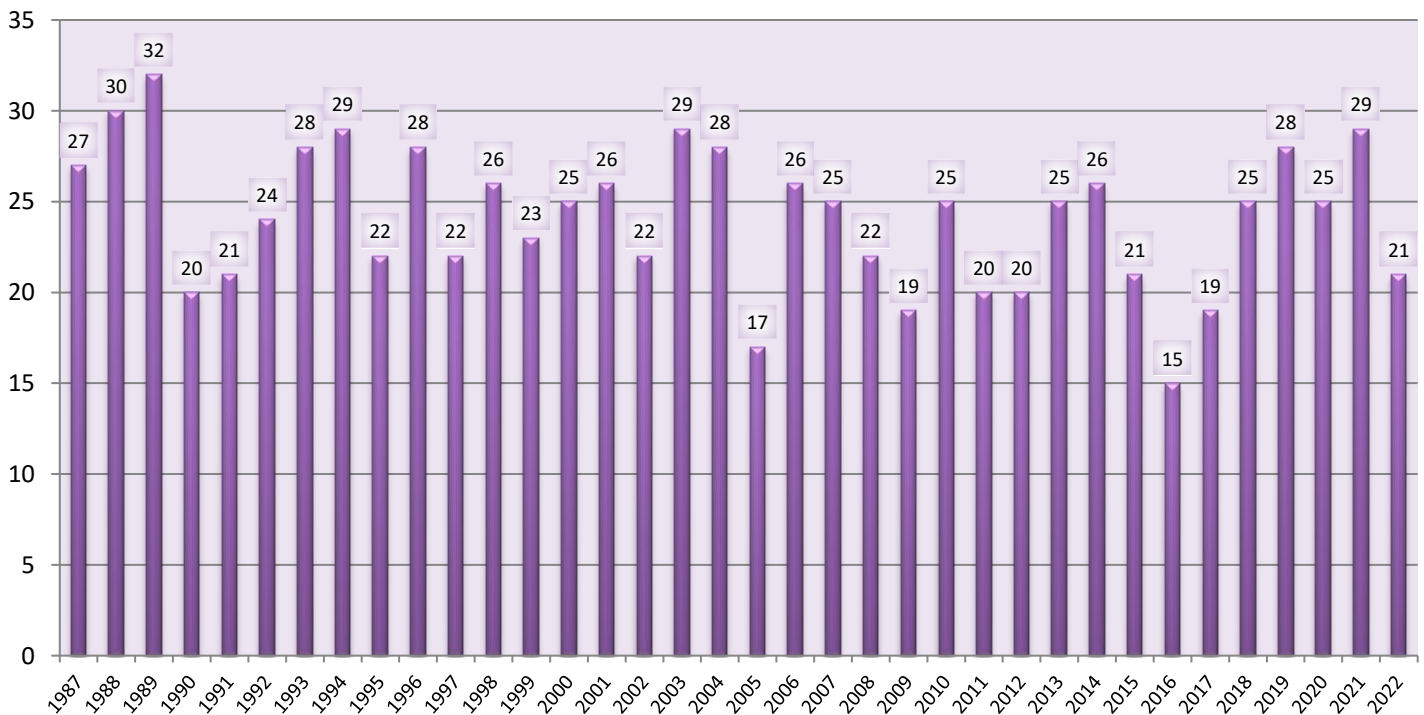
Family Violence Homicides 2022

Summaries of family violence homicides occurring in Connecticut during calendar year 2022 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 15, 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 National Incident Based Reporting System reports. Any homicide circumstance information provided is derived from newspaper accounts or other publicly available sources.

OVERVIEW

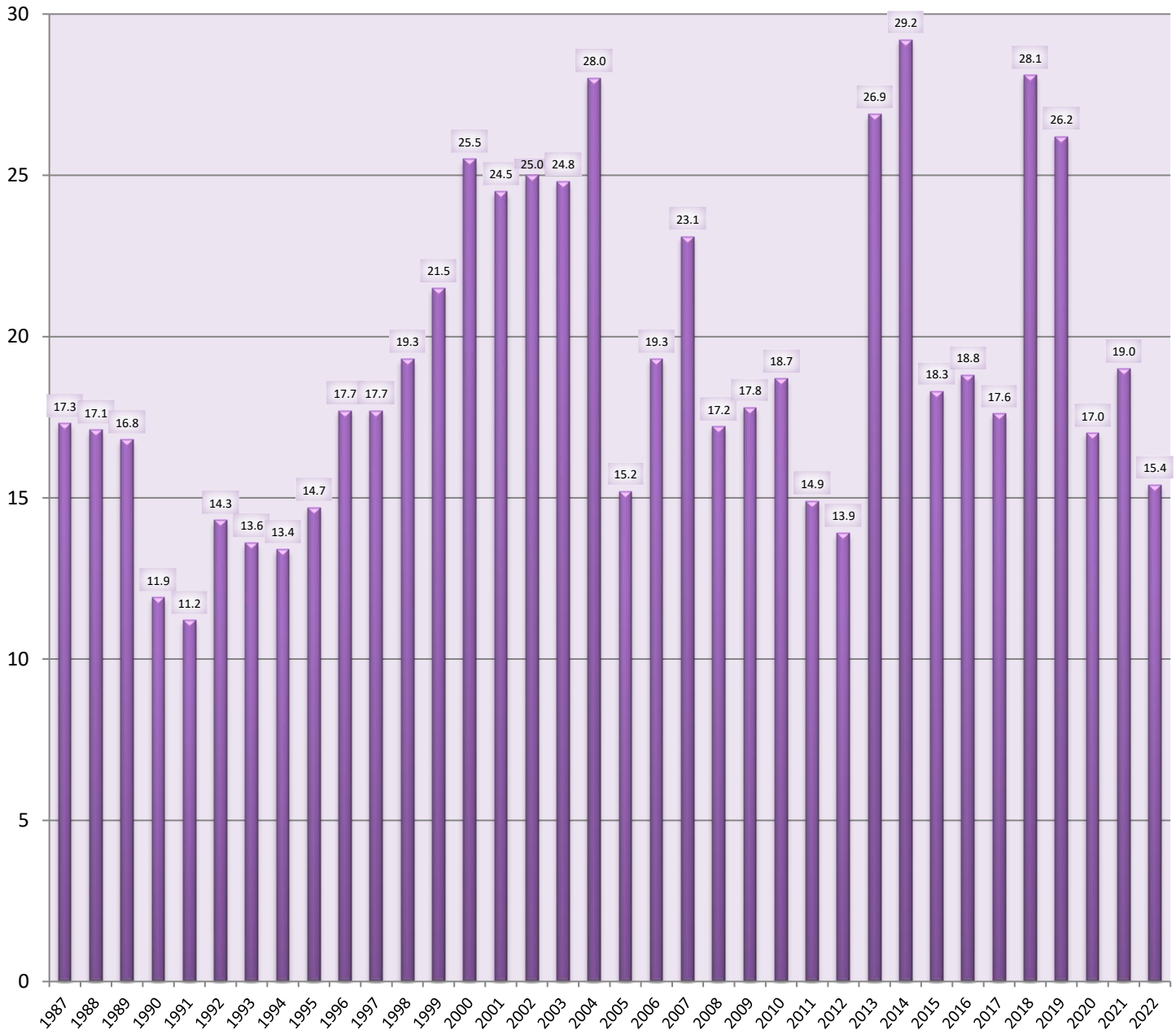
In 2022 there were 19 family violence homicide incidents involving 21 victims. The total number of deaths from these incidents was 29 including eight offender suicides. The first full calendar year of collected family violence data was 1987. The number of family violence homicide victims ranged from a low of 15 in 2016 to a high of 32 in 1989. Between 1987 and 2022, there have been 870 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.

Family Violence Homicide Victims 1987 - 2022



Family violence homicide victims accounted for 15.4 percent of total homicide victims during 2022. This percent ranged from a low of 11.2 in 1991 to a high of 29.2 percent in 2014. For the time span of 1987 to 2022 family violence homicide victims accounted for 18.2 percent of homicide victims in Connecticut.

Family Violence Homicide Victims as Percent of Total Homicide Victims 1987 - 2022



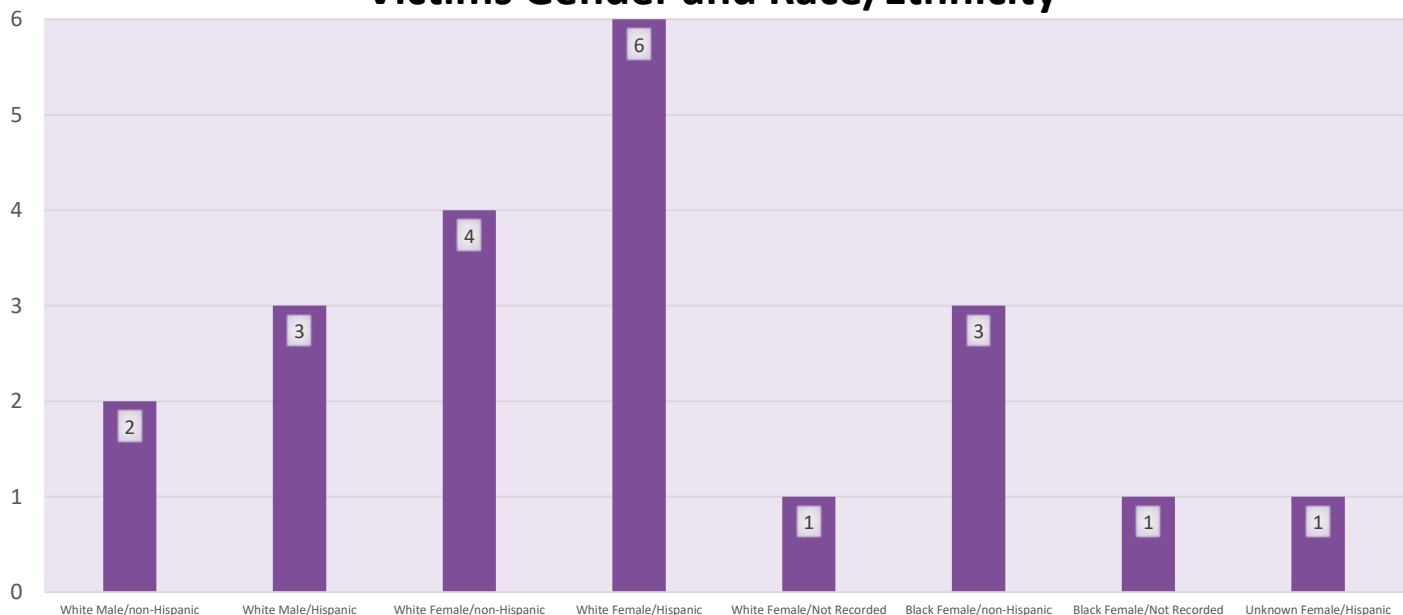
Victim Gender and Race/Ethnicity

In 2022 females were more often the victim of a family homicide than males. Of the 21 victims, 16 (76%) were female and five (24%) were male. Sixteen (76%) of the 2022 homicide victims were White, four (19%) were Black, one was Unknown race (5%). White/Hispanic females had the highest victim total, six (29%).

Victims by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity | Male | | Female | | Total | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| | # Victims | % Victims | # Victims | % Victims | # Victims | % Victims |
| White/non-Hispanic | 2 | 10% | 4 | 19% | 6 | 29% |
| White/Hispanic | 3 | 14% | 6 | 29% | 9 | 43% |
| White/Not Recorded | - | - | 1 | 5% | 1 | 5% |
| Total White | 5 | 24% | 11 | 52% | 16 | 76% |
| Black/non-Hispanic | - | - | 3 | 14% | 3 | 14% |
| Black/Hispanic | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Black/Not Recorded | - | - | 1 | 5% | 1 | 5% |
| Total Black | - | - | 4 | 19% | 4 | 19% |
| 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 | - | - | 1 | 5% | 1 | 5% |
| Unknown/Not Recorded | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Unknown | - | - | 1 | 5% | 1 | 5% |
| Total | 5 | 24% | 16 | 76% | 21 | 100% |

Victims Gender and Race/Ethnicity



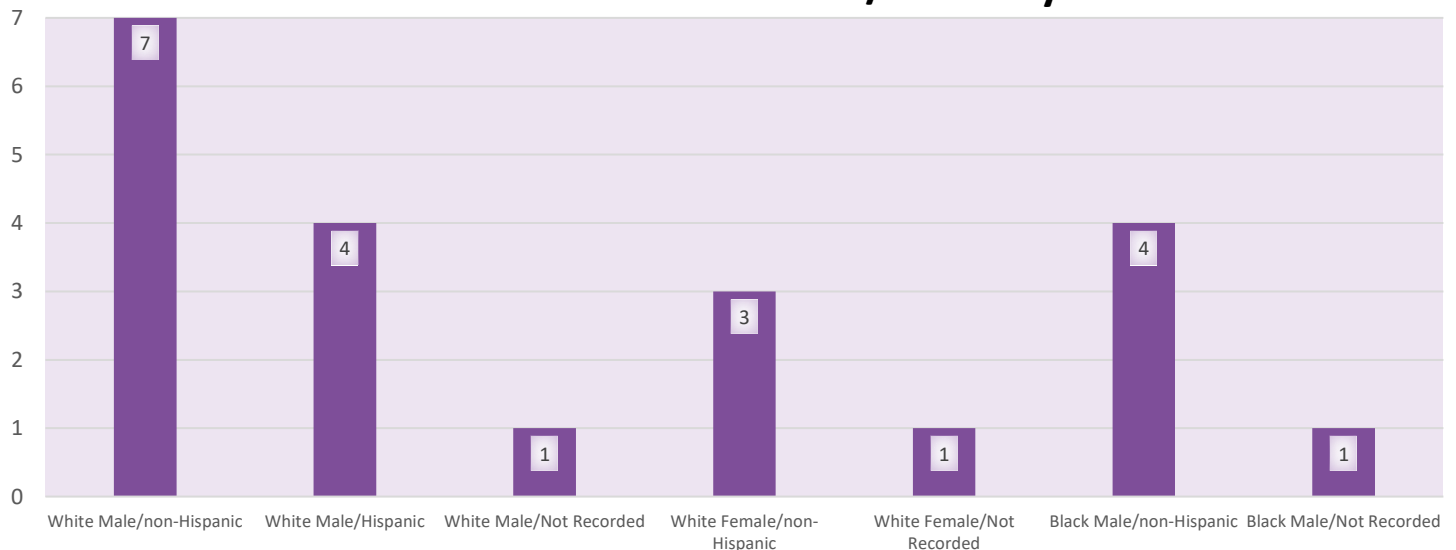
Offender Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Males were more often the offender in family violence homicide incidents. Seventeen offenders were male (81%) while four were female (19%). Sixteen (76%) of the 2022 homicide offenders were White, while five (24%) were Black. White/non-Hispanic males accounted for the highest offender total, seven offenders (33%).

Offenders by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

| Race/Ethnicity | Male | | Female | | Total | |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | # Offenders | % Offenders | # Offenders | % Offenders | # Offenders | % Offenders |
| White/non-Hispanic | 7 | 33% | 3 | 14% | 10 | 48% |
| White/Hispanic | 4 | 19% | - | - | 4 | 19% |
| White/Not Recorded | 1 | 5% | 1 | 5% | 2 | 10% |
| Total White | 12 | 57% | 4 | 19% | 16 | 76% |
| Black/non-Hispanic | 4 | 19% | - | - | 4 | 19% |
| Black/Hispanic | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Black/Not Recorded | 1 | 5% | - | - | 1 | 5% |
| Total Black | 5 | 24% | - | - | 5 | 24% |
| 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 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Unknown | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 17 | 81% | 4 | 19% | 21 | 100% |

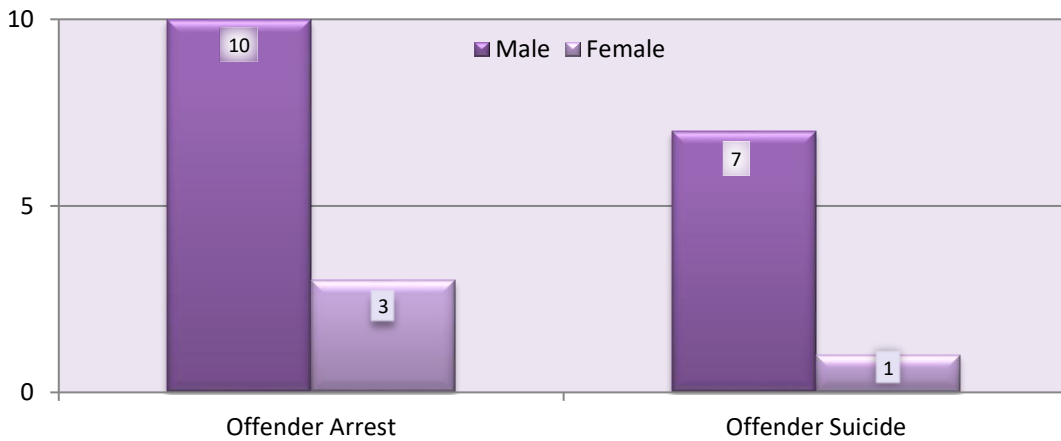
Offenders Gender Race/Ethnicity



Offender Arrests-Suicides

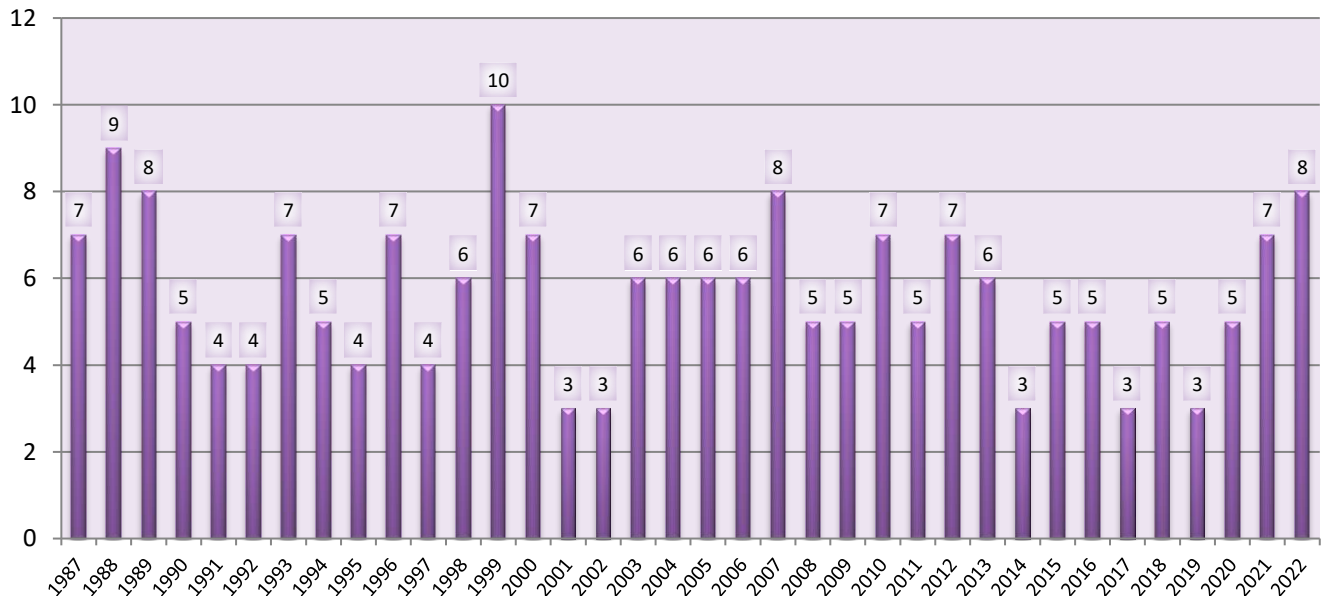
A total of 13 offenders were arrested (62%). Eight offenders committed suicide (38%). One incident was a triple homicide that involved three victims and one offender. Seven murder-suicide incidents involved participants in an intimate relationship, all seven victims were female. Seven of the eight offenders of murder-suicide incidents were male, and one was female. Seven of the eight murder-suicide incidents involved a firearm; one incident involved rope.

Offender Arrests-Suicides



Between 1987 and 2022, 204 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.

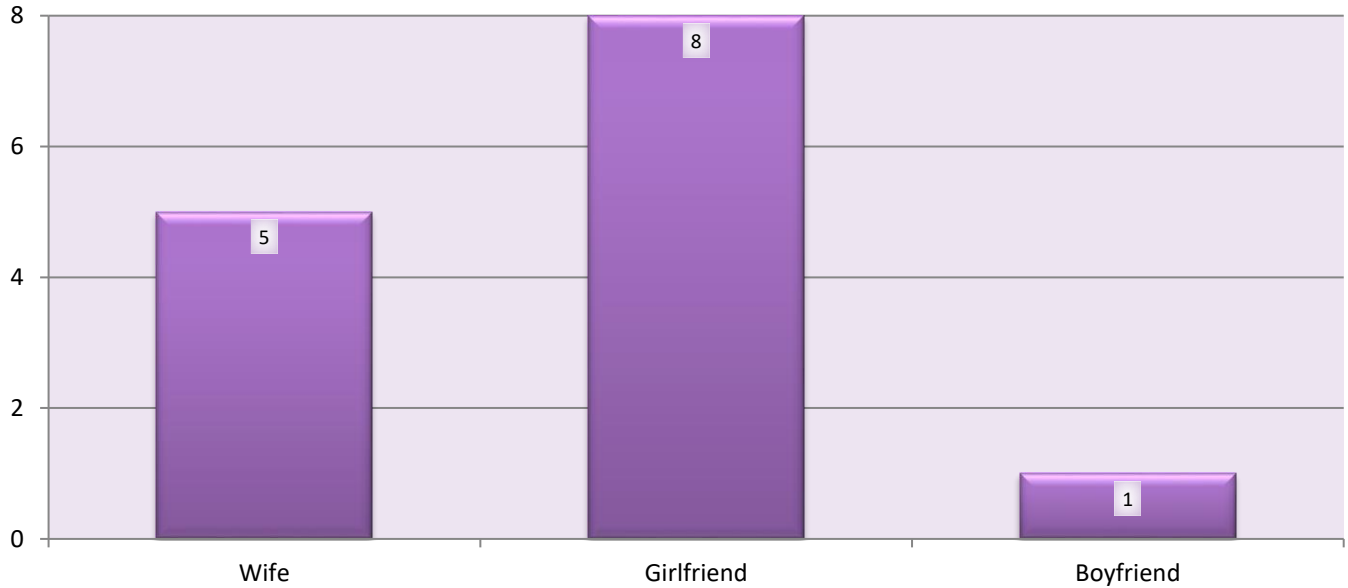
Offender Suicides 1987-2022



Intimate/non-Intimate Relationship

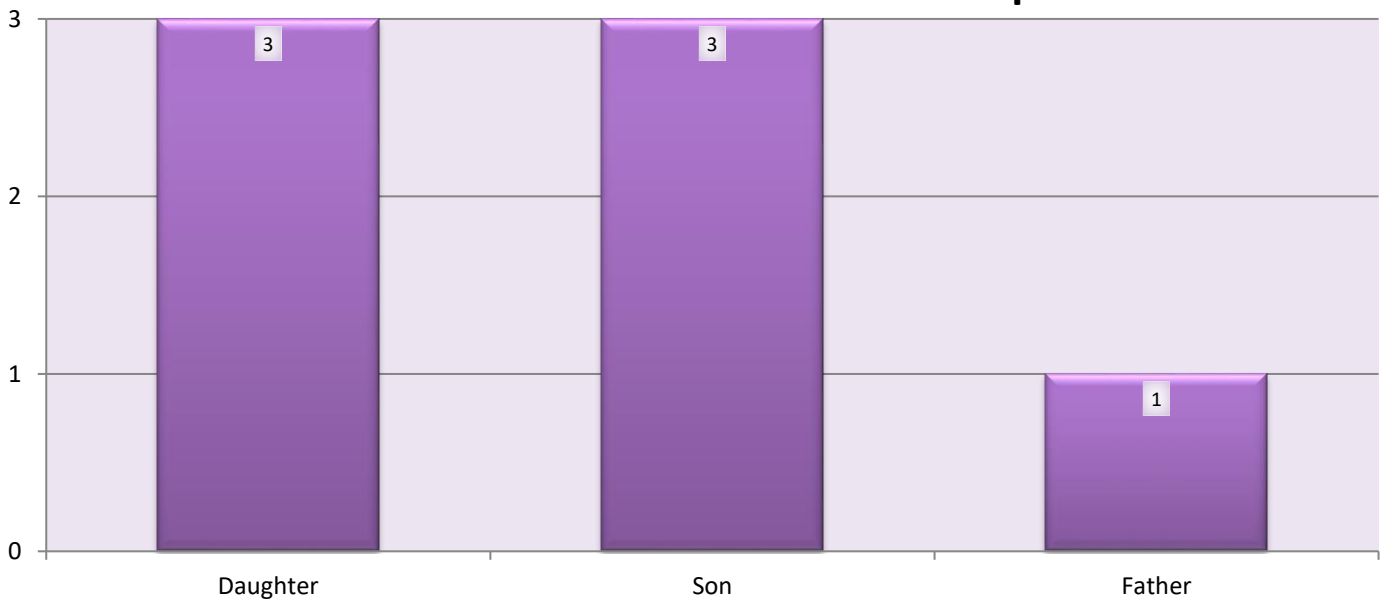
Fourteen homicide victims were in an intimate relationship with the offender (67%). The 14 intimate victims included eight girlfriends, five wives, and one boyfriend. Overall, 13 intimate victims were female, and one was male.

Victims Intimate Relationship



Seven homicide victims were in a non-intimate relationship with the offender (33%). The seven non-intimate victims included three daughters, three sons, and one father. Overall, four victims were male and three were female.

Victims non-Intimate Relationship

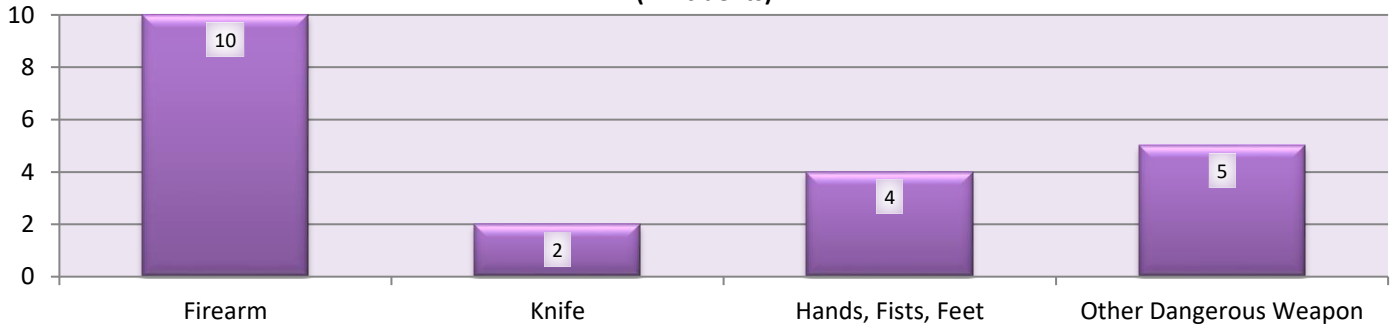


Weapons

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 19 family violence homicide incidents, firearms were the most used weapon, 10 incidents (53%). Other weapons included knives, two incidents (11%); hands, fists, feet, four incidents (21%); other dangerous weapons, five incidents (26%). Other dangerous weapons used included: machete, hammer, rope, axe, and fatal child abuse syndrome.

Type of Weapon Used - 2022

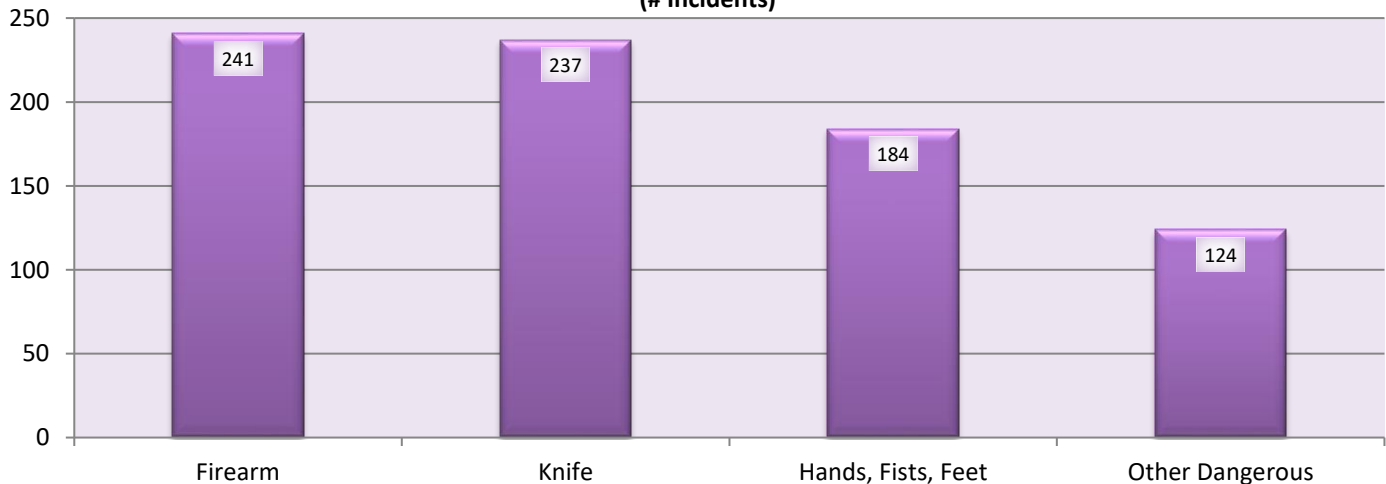
(# Incidents)



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.

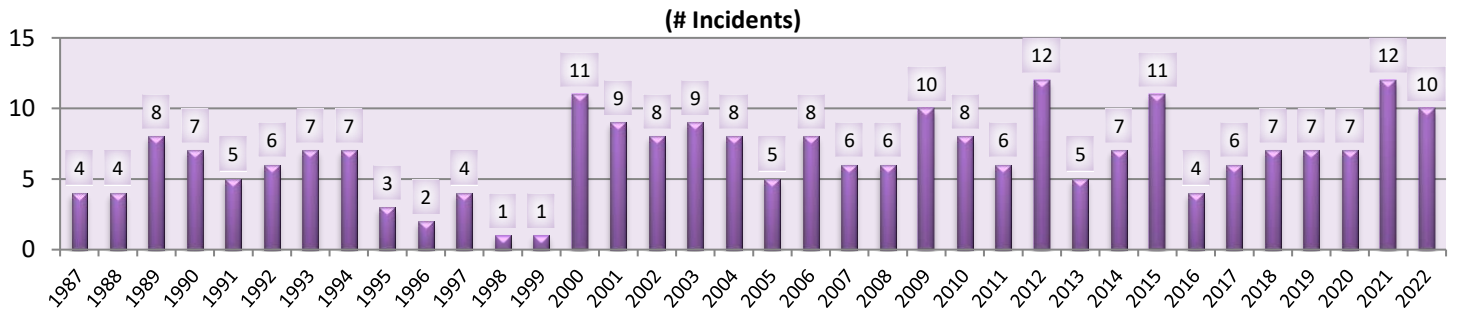
Type of Weapon Used 1987 - 2022

(# Incidents)

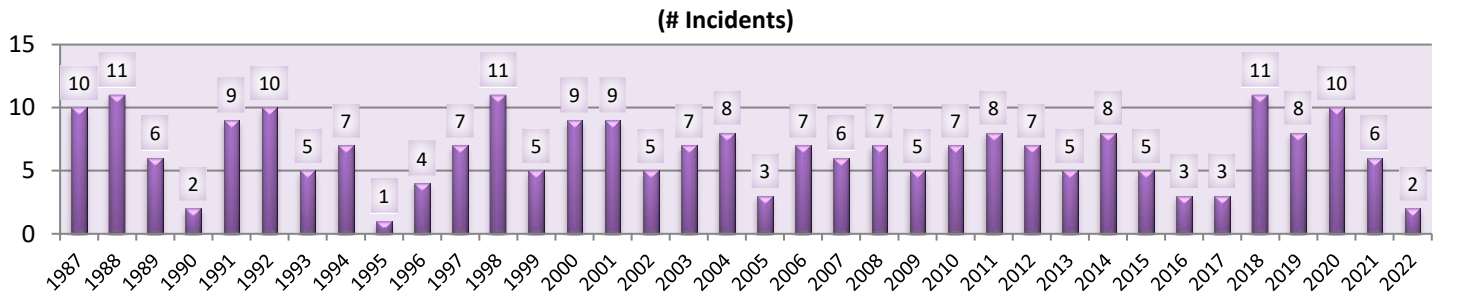


The following charts illustrate the total number of family violence incidents by weapon where incident details were captured. If more than one weapon was reported being used, all weapons are counted in the charts below.

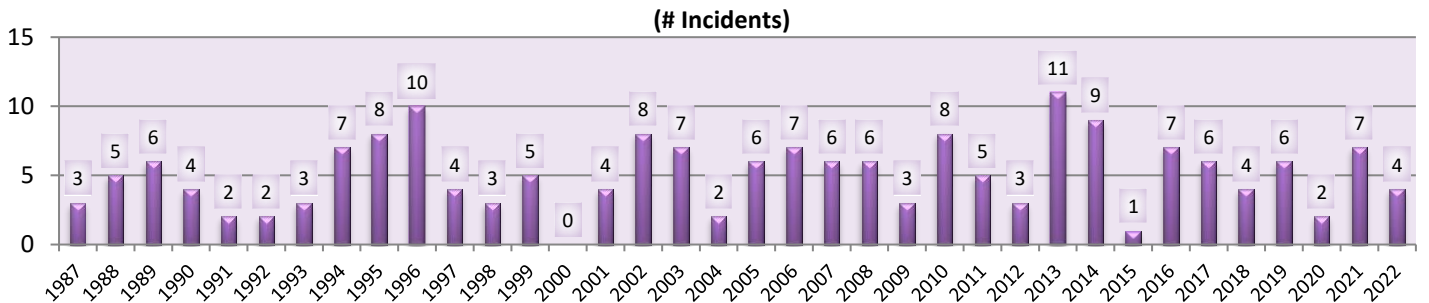
Type of Weapon Used - Firearm 1987 - 2022



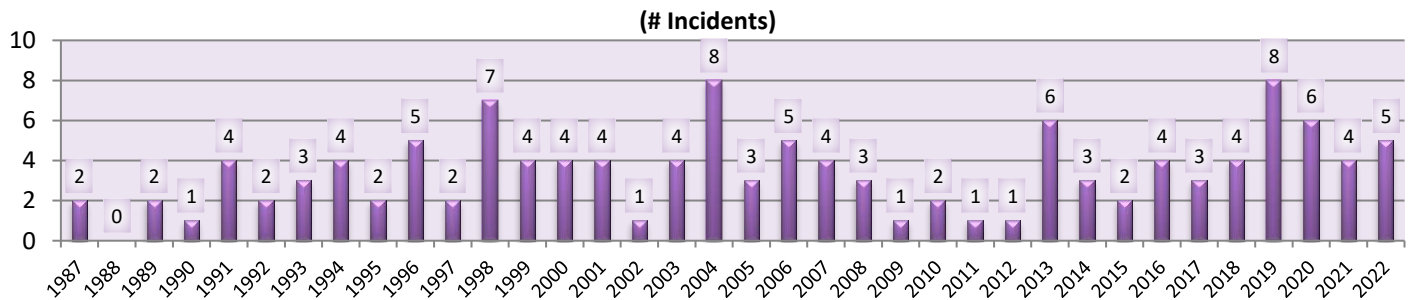
Type of Weapon Used - Knife 1987 - 2022



Type of Weapon Used - Hands, Fist, Feet 1987 - 2022



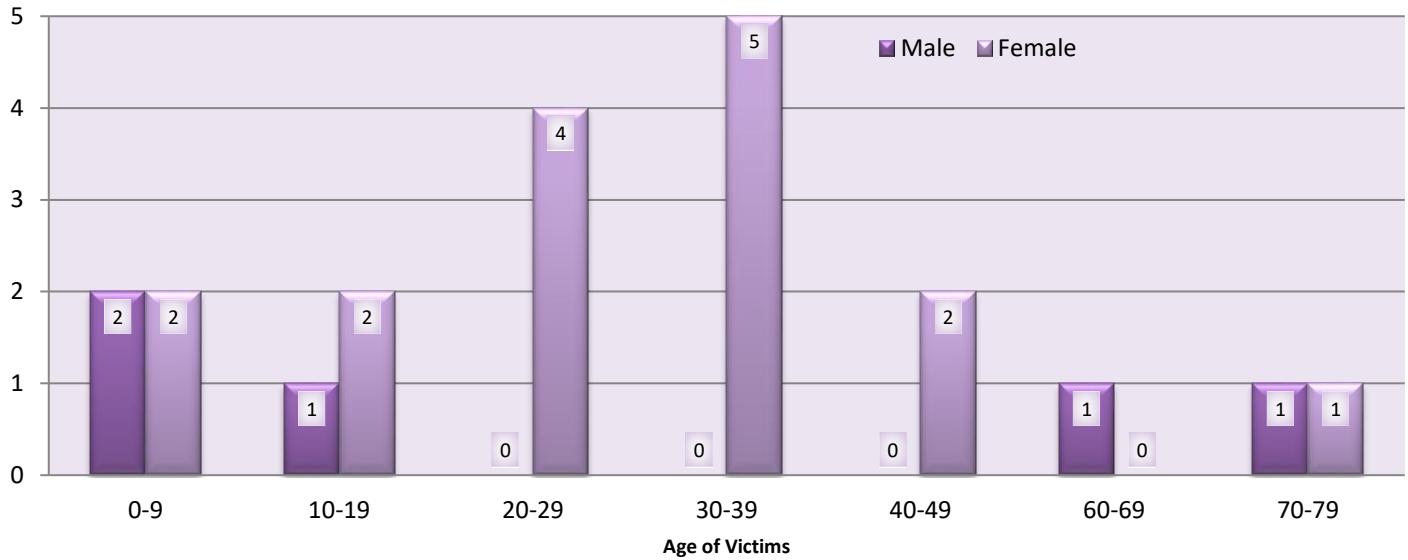
Type of Weapon Used - Other Dangerous 1987 - 2022



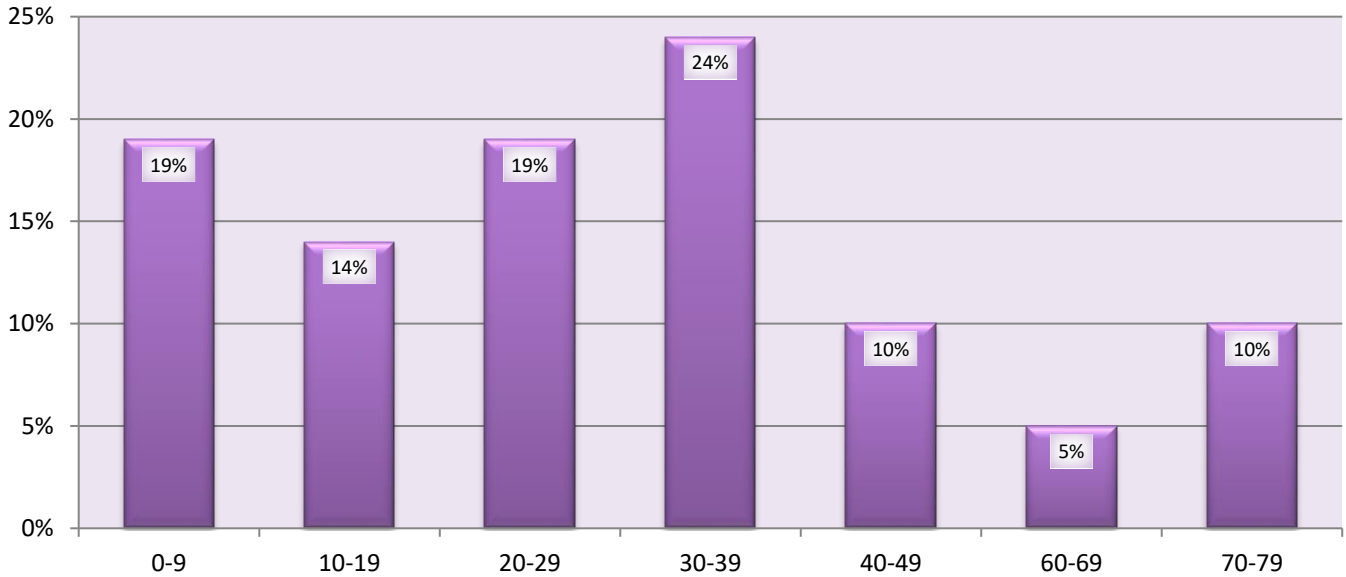
Age & Gender of Victims

In 2022 the youngest victim of a domestic homicide was a 11-month-old female (daughter). The oldest victim was a 77-year-old female (wife). The highest number of victims were in the 30 to 39 age group with five. The average age of female victims was 29 years old; the average age of male victims was 31 years old.

Age & Gender of Victims

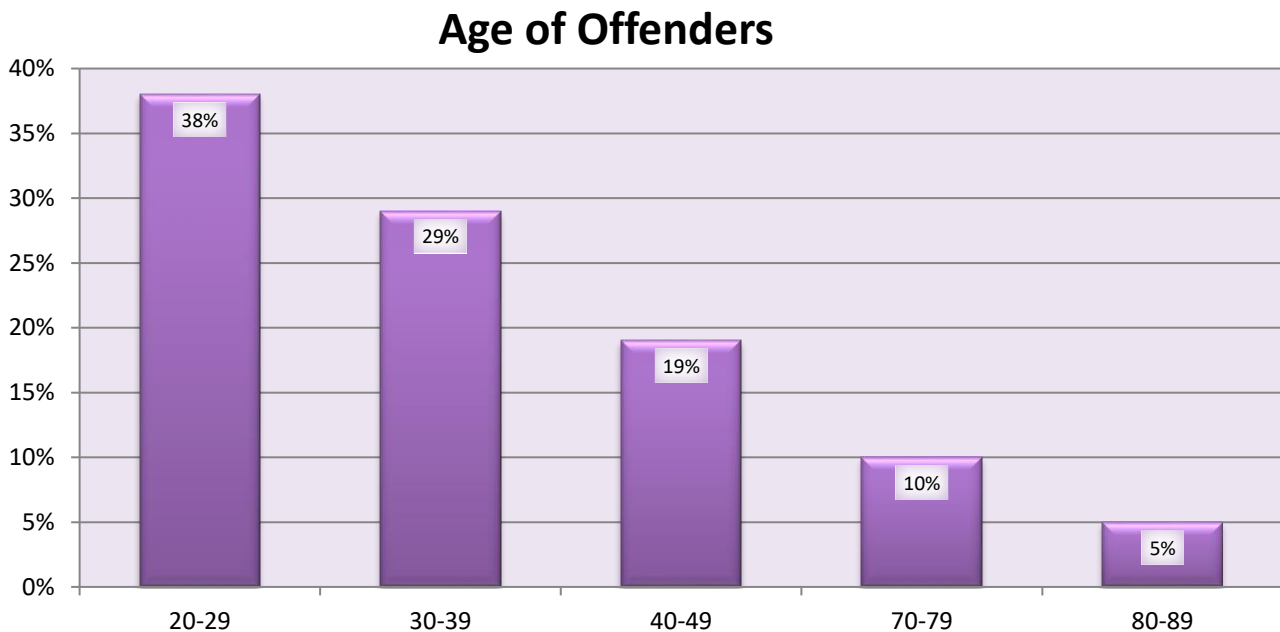
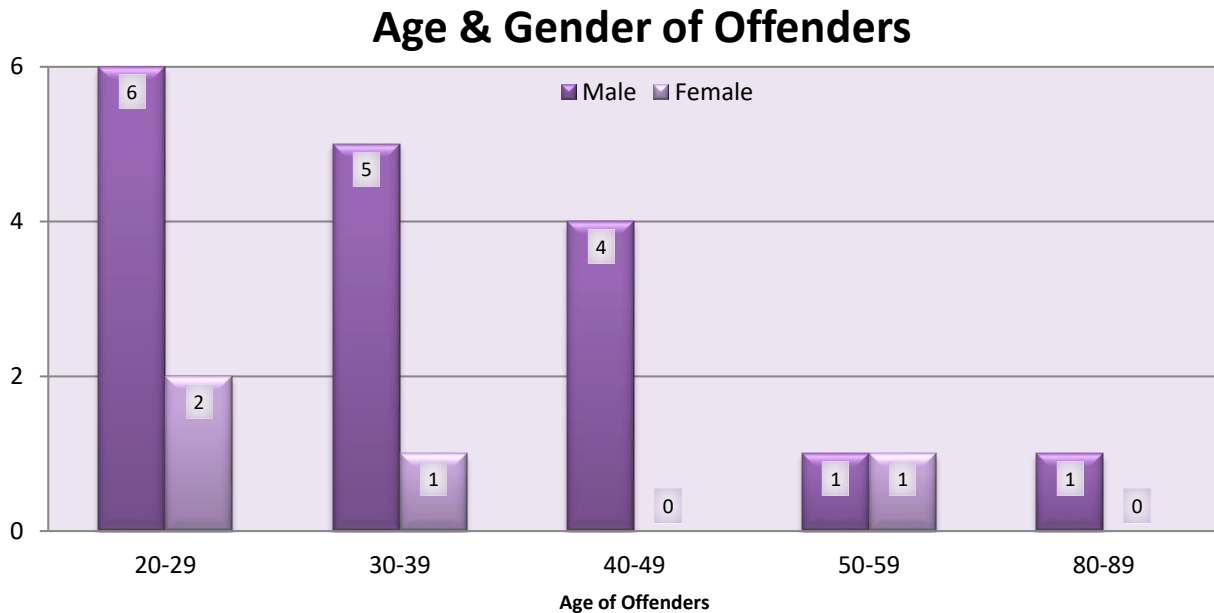


Age of Victims



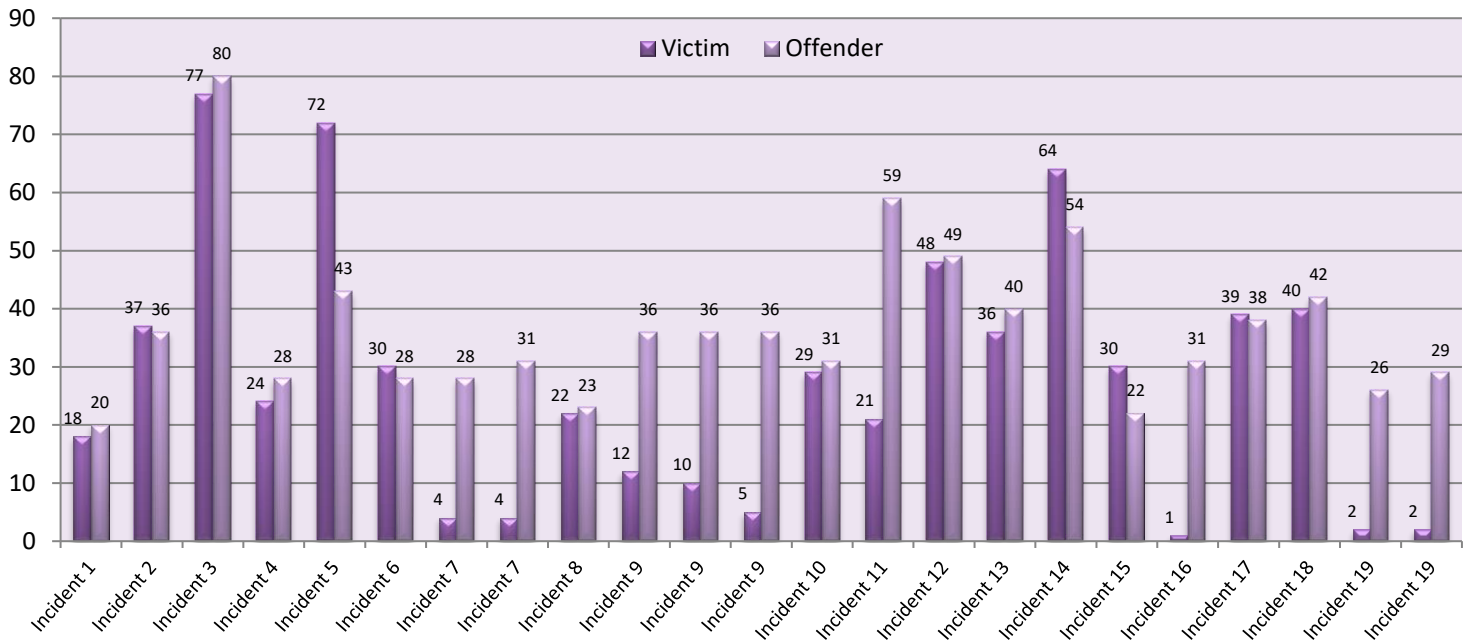
Age & Gender of Offenders

The youngest offender to commit a domestic homicide during 2022 was a 20-year-old male (boyfriend). The oldest offender was an 80-year-old male (husband). The highest number of offenders was in the 20 to 29 age group, eight (38%). The average age of male offenders was 36 years old; the average age of female offenders was also 36 years old.



Fifteen of the 21 family violence homicide victims were younger than the offender, (71%). Six victims (29%) were older than the offender. Overall, the age difference ranged from 38 years younger to 30 years older.

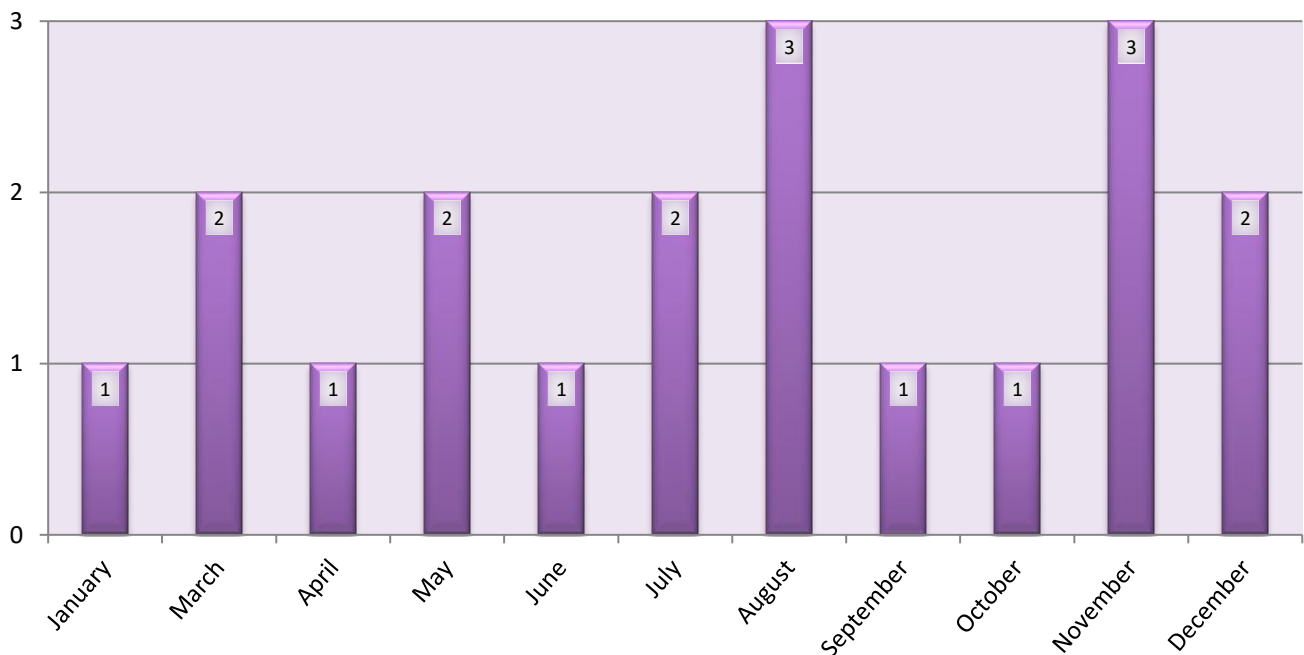
Victim - Offender Age



Month of Homicide

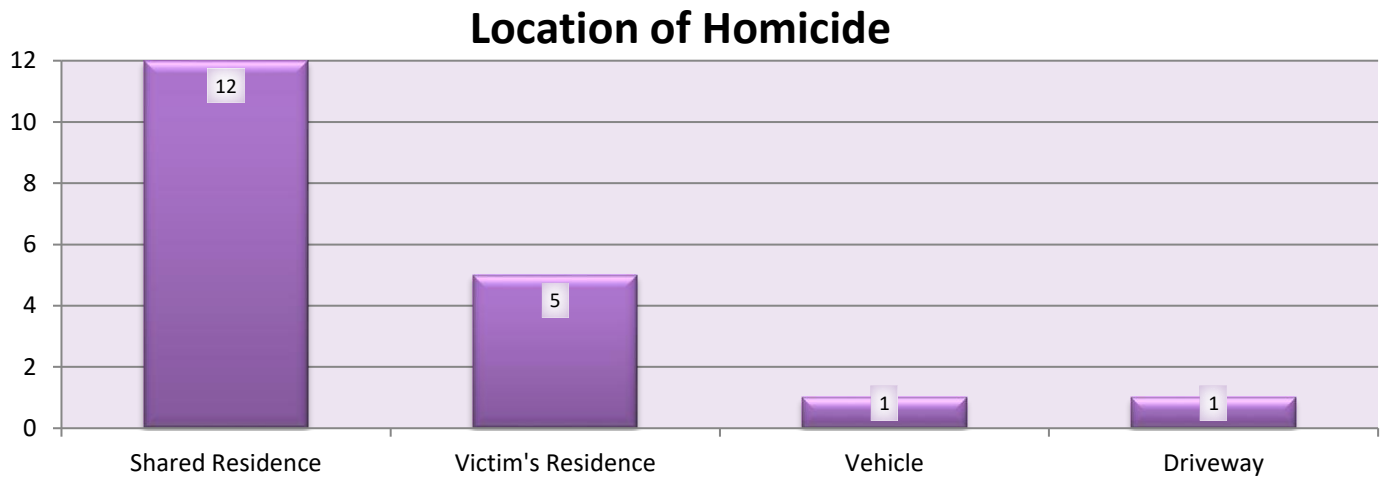
The months of August and November had the highest number of family violence homicide incidents during 2022, three each month. The month of February did not have a family violence homicide.

Month of Homicide



Location of Homicide

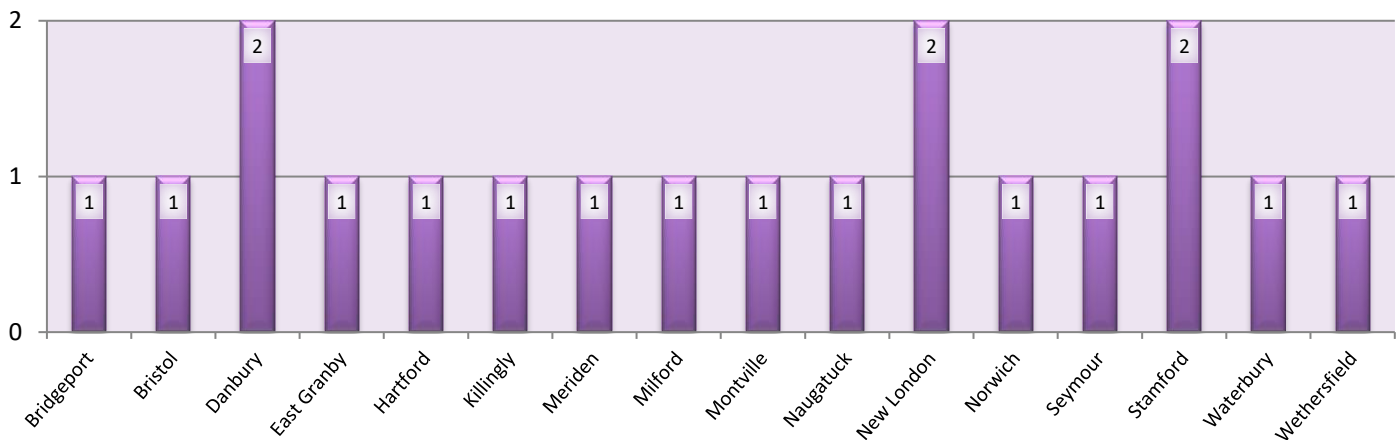
Twelve of the 19 family violence homicide incidents occurred in the residence shared by the victim and the offender (63%). Other locations included: the victim’s residence, five (26%); vehicle, one (5%); driveway, one (5%).



Geographic Distribution

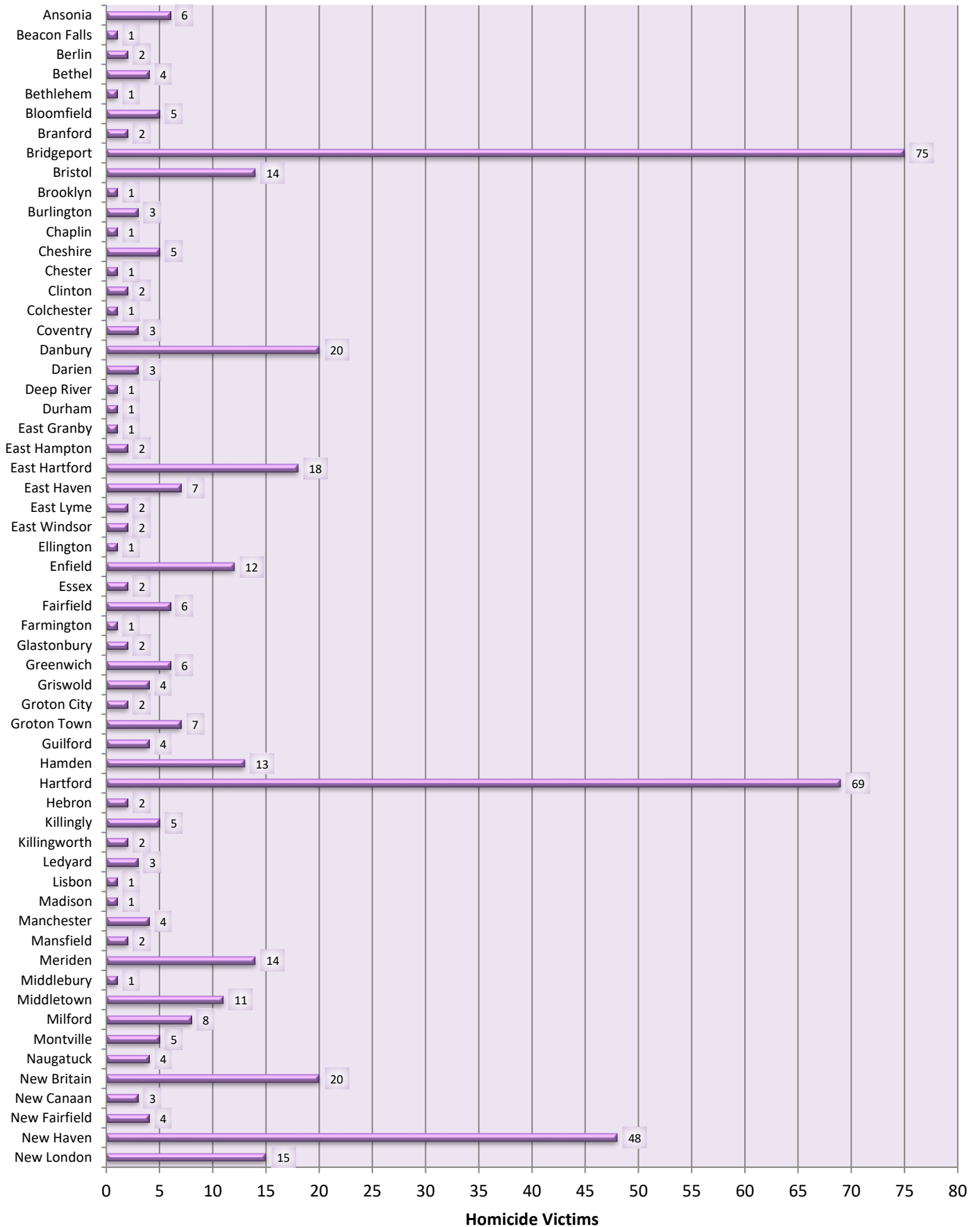
The 19 family violence homicide incidents committed during 2022 occurred in 16 Connecticut municipalities. Three Connecticut municipalities had multiple homicide incidents. Danbury, New London, and Stamford each had two.

Family Violence Homicide Incidents by Town 2022



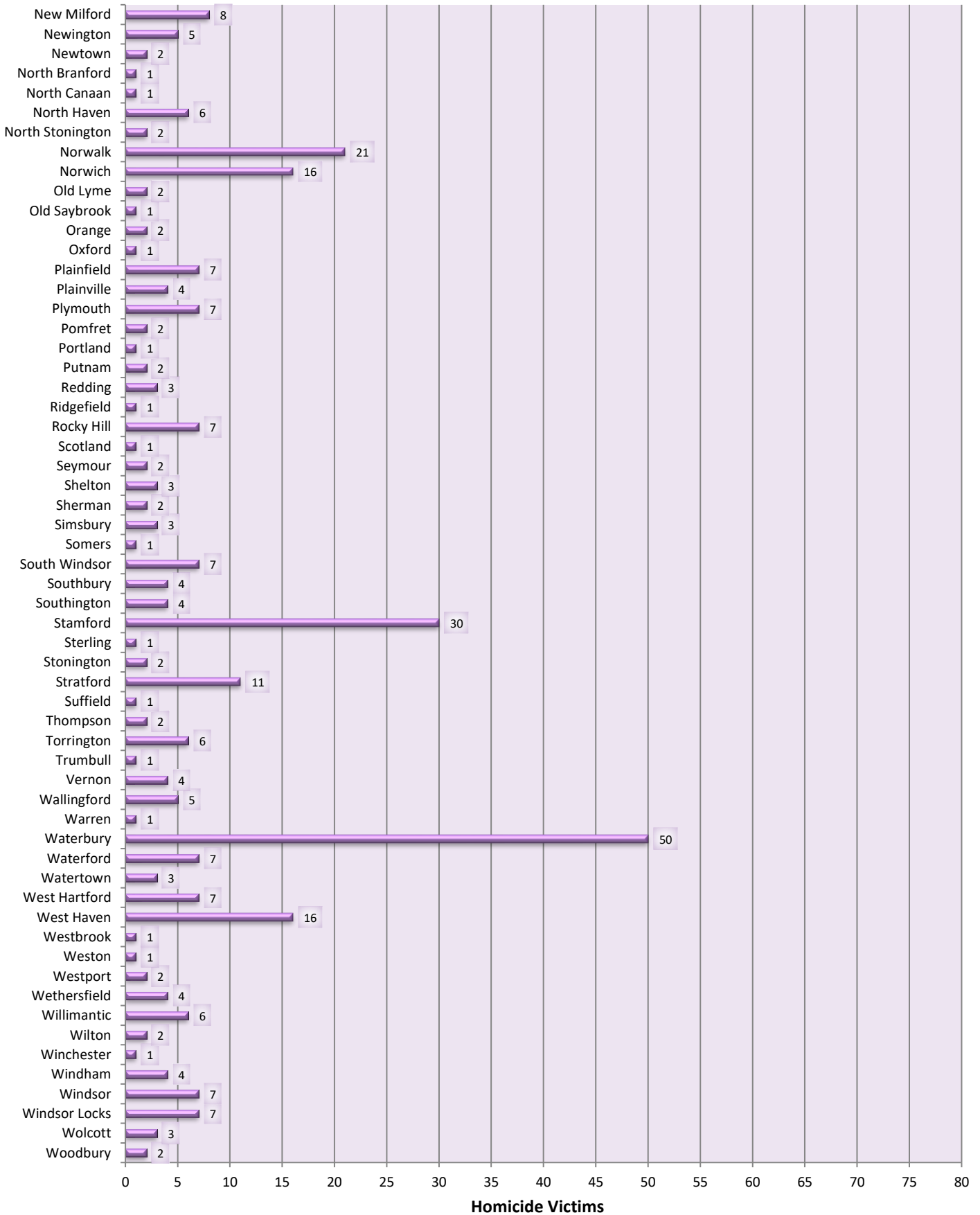
Prior to calendar year 2000, the details of family violence homicides that resulted in no arrest due to the suicide of the offender were not captured. The following table illustrates the total number of family violence victims by town where incident details were captured. With 75 homicide victims, Bridgeport recorded the highest total followed by Hartford (69), Waterbury (50) and New Haven (48). Combined, these four municipalities accounted for 31 percent of Connecticut’s family violence homicide victims where incident details were captured (782). A total of 118 municipalities have witnessed a family violence homicide, 70 percent of all Connecticut municipalities.

Family Violence Homicide Victims by Town 1987 - 2022*



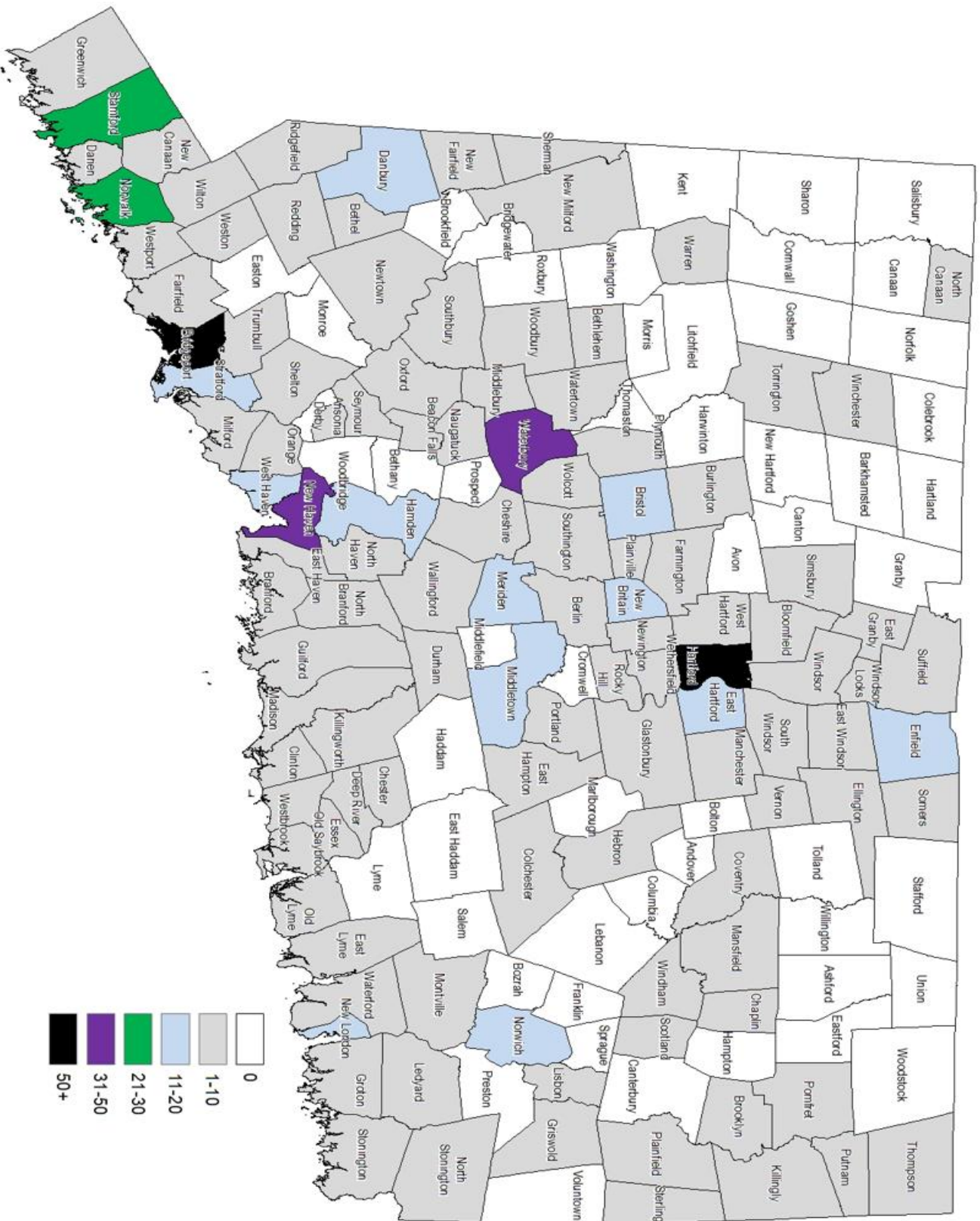
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Family Violence Homicide Victims by Town 1987 - 2022*



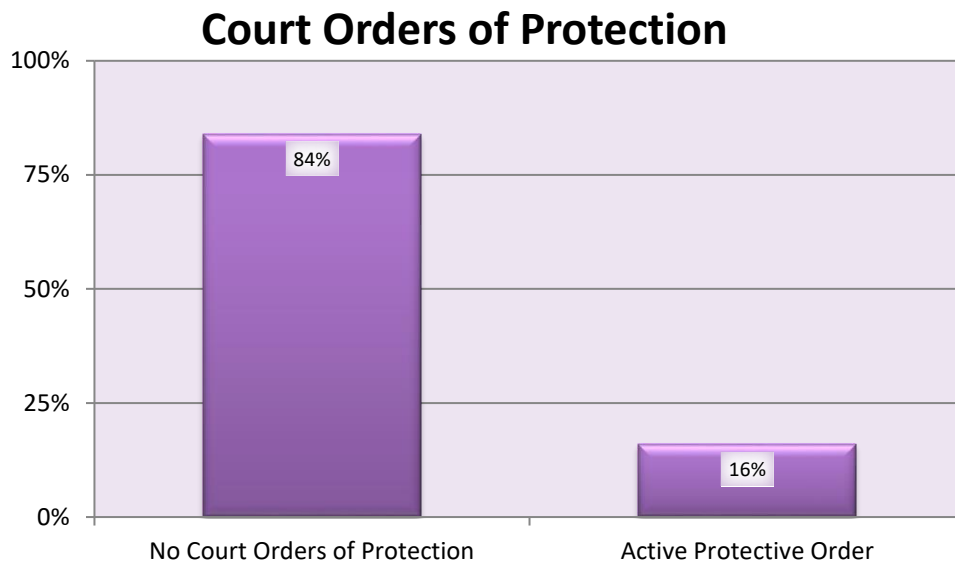
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Family Violence Homicides by Town, 1987-2022



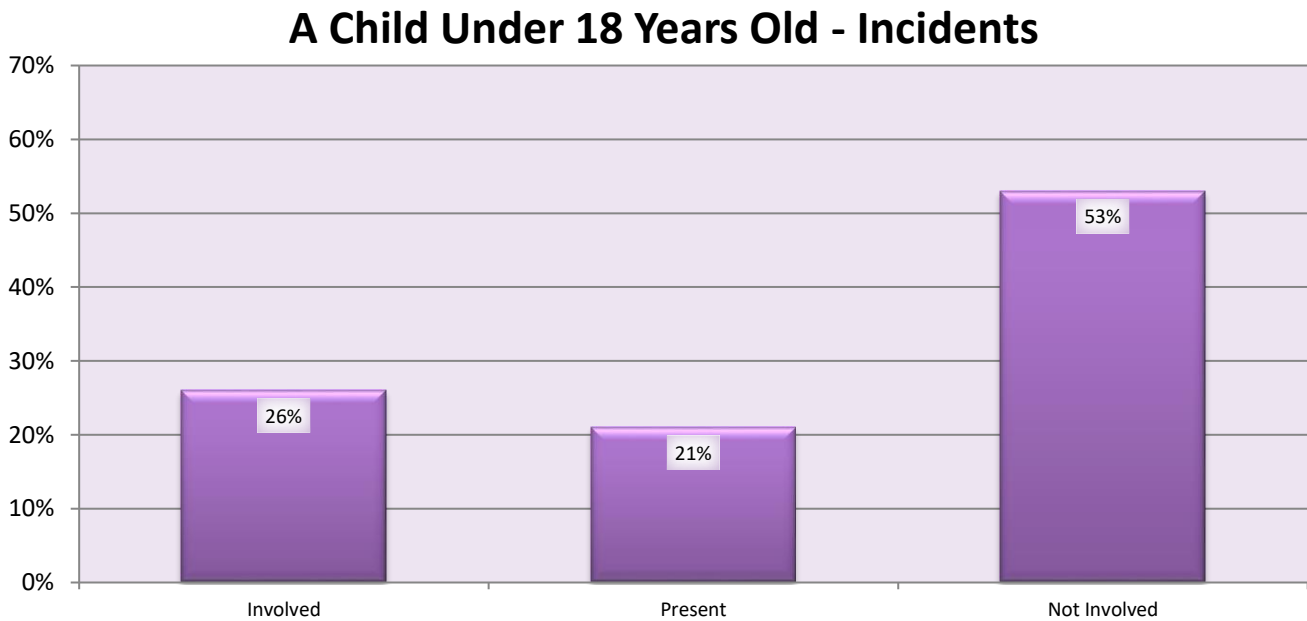
Court Orders of Protection

In 16 family homicide incidents there were no court orders of protection, either active or expired (84%). In three incidents there were active protective orders (16%).



A Child Under 18 Years Old

A child under 18 years of age was involved in five family violence homicide incidents (26%), four as the homicide victim and one as victim of risk of injury. A child under 18 years of age was present in four homicide incidents (21%), and a child under 18 years old was not involved in 10 incidents (53%).



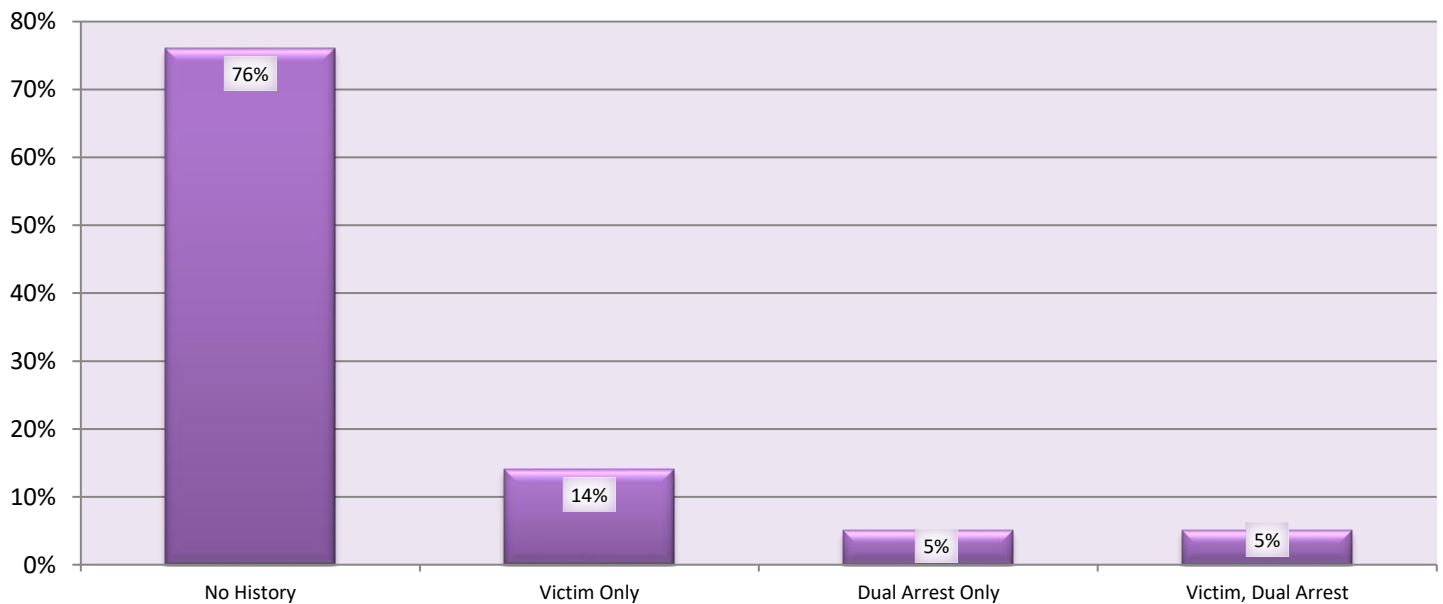
Victim Family Violence History

Sixteen (76%) of the 2022 family violence homicide victims had no history of involvement in a previous family violence arrest incident in the state of Connecticut.

Of the other five victims, three were involved in previous family violence arrest incidents at the victim (14%). One homicide victim was involved in a dual arrest incident (5%), and one was involved as either the victim, or in a dual arrest incident (5%).

| 2022 Homicide Victim | No Previous Incident | Previous Incident | Previous Incident Status | | | Involving 2022 Homicide Offender | Incident Offense(s) | Injury | Year of Incident |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | | | Victim | Offender | Dual Arrest | | | | |
| Victim 1 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 2 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 3 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 4 | | Incident 1 | | | X | Yes | Breach/Disorderly Conduct | No Apparent | 2017 |
| Victim 5 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 6 | | Incident 1 | X | | | No | Violation Court Order Threatening | No Apparent | 2020 |
| Victim 7 | X | Incident 2 | X | | | No | | No Apparent | 2019 |
| Victim 8 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 9 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 10 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 11 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 12 | | Incident 1 | X | | X | No | Breach/Disorderly Conduct, Other Breach/Disorderly Conduct, Other Disorderly Conduct Breach of Peace Assault | Minor | 2019 |
| | | Incident 2 | X | | | No | | Minor | 2014 |
| | | Incident 3 | X | | | No | | No Apparent | 2012 |
| | | Incident 4 | X | | | No | | No Apparent | 2009 |
| | | Incident 5 | X | | | No | | Minor | 2004 |
| Victim 13 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 14 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 15 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 16 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 17 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 18 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 19 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Victim 20 | | Incident 1 | X | | | Yes | Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct | Serious | 2019 |
| Victim 21 | | Incident 1 | X | | | Yes | Kidnapping, Violation Court Order, Risk of Injury | No Apparent | 2022 |

Victim's Family Violence History



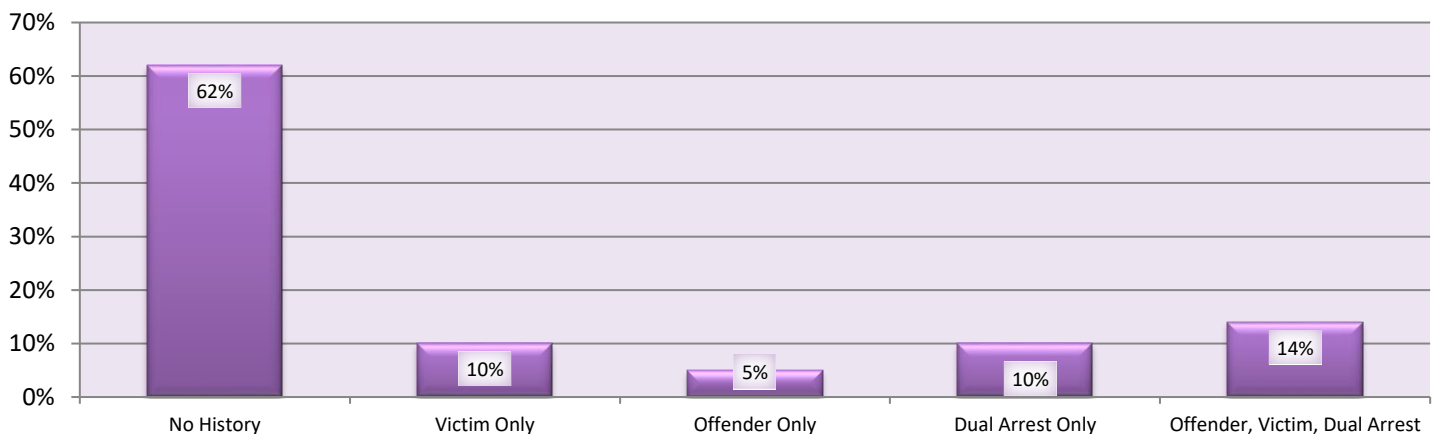
Offender Family Violence History

Thirteen (62%) of the 2022 family violence homicide offenders had no history of involvement in a previous family violence arrest incident in the state of Connecticut.

Of the other eight offenders, two were involved in previous family violence arrest incidents as the victim only (10%), one was involved in previous family violence arrest incidents as the offender only (5%), two were involved in a previous dual arrest only (10%), and three were involved as the victim, offender, or in a dual arrest incident (14%).

| 2022 Homicide Offender | No Previous Incidents | Previous Incidents | Previous Incident Status | | | Involving 2022 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 | | No No No | Breach of Peace Breach of Peace Assault | No Apparent No Apparent Minor | 2011 2009 2001 |
| Offender 3 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 4 | | Incident 1 | | | X | Yes | Breach/Disorderly Conduct | Minor | 2017 |
| Offender 5 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 6 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 7 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 8 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 9 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 10 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 11 | | Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4 Incident 5 | | X X X X | X | No No No No No | Assault Breach/Disorderly Conduct Violation Court Order Disorderly Conduct Assault | Serious Minor No Apparent No Apparent Minor | 2018 2018 2014 2013 2013 |
| Offender 12 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 13 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 14 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 15 | | Incident 1 Incident 2 Incident 3 Incident 4 Incident 5 Incident 6 | X | | X X | No No No No No No | Disorderly Conduct Assault Assault Assault Assault Breach of Peace | Minor Minor Minor Minor Minor Minor | 2013 2011 2011 2007 2001 2000 |
| Offender 16 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 17 | | Incident 1 | | | X | No | Assault | Minor | 2012 |
| Offender 18 | X | | | | | | | | |
| Offender 19 | | Incident 1 | X | | | Yes | Assault, Breach/Disorderly Conduct | Serious | 2019 |
| Offender 20 | | Incident 1 | | X | | Yes | Kidnapping, Violation Court Order, Risk of Injury | No Apparent | 2022 |
| Offender 21 | | Incident 1 | X | | | Yes | Other | No Apparent | 2022 |

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2022 Family Violence Homicide Circumstances

1. 01/26/22 New London P.D.

Victim: Female, 18

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Responding to reports of gunshots police found the victim and suspect unconscious in a burning house. The victim died from gunshot wounds to her head, torso and extremities. The suspect died of a single gunshot wound to his head and his death was ruled a suicide. Fire officials determined that the fire was intentionally set inside the shared apartment. It was reported from a close friend of the victim that the couple had been arguing just hours before the murder-suicide-arson. The victim wanted to break up with the suspect and the suspect was threatening to end his life.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 20

2. 03/21/22 Meriden P.D.

Victim: Female, 37

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Responding to several calls reporting gunshots police found the victim lying in the driveway of the apartment complex where she resided. She had several gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. Police quickly identified the suspect, who fled the scene on foot. The suspect reportedly started knocking on doors in the neighborhood, trying to use a phone. The suspect then allegedly committed an armed carjacking. Multiple agencies were searching for the suspect when they were notified on April 5 that the suspect had taken his own life.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 36

3. 03/29/22 Seymour P.D.

Victim: Female, 77

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Concerned about his parents' whereabouts, the victim's and suspect's son drove to their house and found them both dead in an apparent murder-suicide. The victim died of gunshot wounds to the head and torso. The suspect died of a gunshot wound to the head. One firearm was recovered from the residence.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 80

4. 04/26/22 Waterbury P.D.

Victim: Female, 24

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: The victim was stabbed multiple times inside the residence shared with the suspect and their four children. Two of the children, ages three and five were at home during the attack, which one of the children witnessed. The victim was able to escape the suspect but collapsed in front of the residence. The victim was found with multiple cuts to her neck, wrists, and elsewhere. Police recovered a machete and multiple knives from the scene.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 28

5. 05/24/22 CSP-Killingly

Victim: Male, 72

Relationship: Relative *not* residing in home

Circumstances: A friend reported to police that he hadn't heard from the victim, who was believed to be at the suspect's house or at a nearby cemetery. The victim was going with the suspect to plant flowers at the suspect's mother's grave. After finding the victim's truck unoccupied, police requested the victim's cellphone provider ping the victim's phone to show its location. The phone was detected about three miles away around the area where the suspect resided. When police arrived at the suspect's house, the suspect told officers that he hoped they'd find him. Police entered the apartment and found a cut section of carpet on top of a pile of debris with a large amount of a blood-like substance covering it. Responding officers also found what was determined to be the victim wrapped in a sheet underneath multiple garbage bags. The victim died of stab wounds to his head and neck. The suspect had been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and paranoia and struggled with mental health illness.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 43

6. 05/28/22 Bridgeport P.D.

Victim: Female, 30

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The victim was shot to death in her residence. According to the victim's sister, the victim repeatedly reported the suspect's threats to police with the last time being the afternoon of the homicide. At the time of the incident, the suspect was free on a \$1 million bond for a 2018 murder and had recently posted a \$75,000 bond after incidents which he texted the victim death threats and was charged with threatening and harassment. After the homicide the suspect fled to Tennessee. Before police could take the suspect into custody, he and barricaded himself in a home taking an infant hostage. After a lengthy standoff with police, the suspect gave up the infant then fatally shot himself.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 28

7. 06/17/22 Bristol

Victim: Female, 4

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: The suspects brought the victim to the hospital claiming she fell at the playground. Doctors determined she was suffering from an anoxic brain injury causing oxygen deprivation and had injuries in various stages of healing not consistent with a fall, including wrist and ankle ligature marks. Doctors noted the victim's injuries were more consistent with abuse, having bruises covering her entire body. The victim was also extremely thin. After failing brain tests, the victim was taken off a ventilator and pronounced dead.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 28

Suspect Arrested: Male, 31

8. 07/20/22 New London P.D.

Victim: Female, 22

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Responding to a 9-1-1 call reporting a fire, firefighters found the victim with life-threatening injuries and removed her from the home. She was later pronounced dead at the scene. The couple's thirteen-month-old son was rescued from a crib in a second-floor bedroom. He was taken to the hospital for observation with non-life-threatening injuries. The suspect was found in the backyard with non-life-threatening injuries to his neck area which were self-inflicted. The suspect told police he attacked his wife with a hammer after becoming jealous over their agreement to have an open relationship. The suspect told police he set fire to the home so he would not have to use the weapon on his son.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 23

9. 07/27/22 Danbury P.D.

Victim: Male, 12

Relationship: Relative residing in home

10. 07/27/22 Danbury P.D.

Victim: Female, 10

Relationship: Relative residing in home

11. 07/27/22 Danbury P.D.

Victim: Male, 5

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: The suspect strangled her three children before she hanged herself inside a shed in the backyard of her home. Her husband and the father of the children who left for work early in the morning, called 9-1-1 to request a wellness check late in the day because he had been calling his wife and hadn't heard from her. The husband arrived at the home before police, went inside and found the bodies of the victims with cords around their necks. The suspect ran an illegal daycare out of her house and told the parents of roughly 10 kids that she couldn't watch them the day of the incident. The suspect was cited a month before the murder-suicide for operating the illegal day-care and had recently received a "Demand to Cease" letter.

Suspect Suicide: Female, 36

12. 08/06/22 Hartford P.D.

Victim: Female, 29

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Responding to a 9-1-1 call that a person has been shot, police found the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Relatives reported the victim and suspect had been fighting the day of the homicide. The suspect and victim had been dating for two months. The suspect has a lengthy criminal background, with prior convictions for violating a protective order, assault and criminal possession of a firearm.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 31

13. 08/27/22 Wethersfield P.D.

Victim: Female, 21

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Responding to 9-1-1 calls of reported gunshots, police found the victim and suspect both dead in an apparent murder-suicide. The victim was found in the drivers' seat of a parked car along the side of the road with multiple gunshot wounds to the torso and upper extremities. The suspect was found dead outside of the vehicle by the driver's door. The suspect had a gunshot wounds to the chest and head. It was reported the victim, a college student, and the suspect, a 59-year-old dentist and divorced father of two, had been in a "previous domestic relationship."

Suspect Suicide: Male, 59

14. 08/28/22 CSP-East Granby P.D.

Victim: Female, 48

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: After receiving multiple 9-1-1 calls, responding police found the victim and suspect dead in their home. Upon further investigation it was made clear the suspect, a sergeant with the Avon police department, shot the victim and then turned the gun on himself in an apparent murder-suicide. The couple left two children behind.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 49

15. 09/13/22 Stamford P.D.

Victim: Female, 36

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The suspect told the 9-1-1 dispatcher that the victim tried to stab him and that he shot her. Responding police found the suspect outside of the apartment building. The suspect offered no resistance and did not attempt to flee the scene. Police discovered the victim in the bedroom where she was pronounced dead as a result of a single gunshot wound to the head. The suspect was previously convicted for felony assaults and inciting a riot. As a convicted felon, the suspect was prohibited from having a gun. It was reported the victim and suspect once dated in high school and had rekindled their relationship and were living together.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 40

16. 10/13/22 CSP-Montville

Victim: Male, 64

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Police responded to call of an unresponsive man and found the victim cold to the touch and lying on the living room floor. The victim's live-in girlfriend placed the call. The suspect told police her boyfriend hit his head on the refrigerator and then he crawled to the living room floor. She then said he was bleeding from his head a lot and she helped him by cleaning up the blood with towels. Authorities found inconsistencies with her statements and were later told by the suspect that she and the victim had been in an argument and that she pushed him into a wall and that is how he injured his head. She said that they had been having physical arguments involving pushing and shoving. The suspect reportedly waited hours before calling for help. The victim's died from blunt force trauma to the head and torso which was complicated by hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Suspect Arrested: Female, 54

17. 11/05/22 Norwich P.D.

Victim: Female, 30

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: Police were called for a reported argument followed by a single gunshot. Arriving officers found the victim on the ground at the end of a condominium complex's cul-de-sac with an apparent gunshot wound just below her left eye with an exit wound to the back of her skull. The victim showed no apparent brain activity at the hospital and was placed on life support until she succumbed to her injuries two days later. A witness told police a man identified as the suspect had been in the victim's apartment just before she was shot. Video surveillance footage of the condo complex showed a man matching the suspect's description running from the direction where the victim's body was found on the morning of the shooting.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 22

18. 11/18/22 Naugatuck P.D.

Victim: Female, 11 Months

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: Police responded to a 9-1-1 call for a murder investigation. Officers found the victim with numerous stab and knife related wounds as well as part(s) of the victim's body separated from the main torso area. On the morning of the murder the victim's mother told police as soon as she returned home from work the suspect wanted them to go shopping. They resided in the basement of the home. She wanted to change clothing, but the suspect was standing at the door and he would not let her in the basement. On the way to the store the couple got into a dispute and the suspect broke her phone. When the victim's mother came out of the store the suspect had gone. She called a relative for a ride, returned home and discovered the murder scene. After two weeks on the run the suspect was apprehended at a bus stop. A relative told detectives the suspect did not have good mental health. The relative said the suspect told her his medication was changing and he was hearing voices. She told police he had urges to hurt people, but he said he would never act on it. Previously the suspect was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 10 years of special parole for first-degree assault.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 31

19. 11/28/22 Danbury P.D.

Victim: Female, 39

Relationship: Spouse

Circumstances: Police conducted a wellbeing check after a caller reported that family members had not seen or heard from the residents for several days. Upon arrival the officers discovered two adults, one male and one female unconscious on the floor of a basement bedroom, both with gunshot wounds to the head. Fire and emergency medical services personnel responded but the couple was already dead. The victim died from gunshot wounds to the head, neck and torso. The suspect died from a gunshot wound to the head. A gun legally owned by the suspect was recovered at the scene. The couple's three children were not at home at the time of the murder-suicide.

Suspect Suicide: Male, 38

20. 12/06/22 Milford P.D.

Victim: Female, 40

Relationship: Dating

Circumstances: The victim's 17-year-old son was woken up by the screams of a man and his mother. The teen went downstairs and witnessed the suspect holding an axe and his mother on the floor covered in blood. The teen then ran upstairs and put a chair behind the locked bedroom door. He then opened his window, punched a hole in the screen and jumped out the window. He then called 9-1-1 to report his mother was being assaulted with an axe. Police found the victim in a large pool of blood on the kitchen floor with chop wounds and blunt impact injuries of head, torso, and extremities. A large axe was found on the stove near the victim. Police reported the victim's 3-year-old son was on the living room couch in shock, not crying nor responding to police presence. The victim had protective orders against the suspect for previous domestic violence incidents. One was entered in November 2019 and issued in January 2021. It also protected the children present at the time of the incident. Another full no-contact protective order was granted just days before the homicide.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 42

21. 12/29/22 Stamford P.D.

Victim: Male, 2

Relationship: Relative residing in home

Circumstances: Police received a call regarding a potential kidnapping and an injured child. The caller reportedly mentioned that the child might be found in a town park. Responding officers found fresh dirt that was disturbed and unearthed a plastic bag containing the victim's remains. The victim died from multiple blunt force injuries to the head. The suspect, the victim's father, is a convicted felon with a history of child abuse. The suspect was arrested in August of 2021 for breaking the victim's arm when the child was 8 months old. The suspect served 60 days in prison and was given three years' probation. He was also ordered to stay away from the victim but was reportedly again living with the victim and the victim's mother. The victim's mother found the child dead, and both parents buried him at the park. Prosecutors say that after he killed the boy, the suspect kept the child's mother captive for four days at gunpoint. The two drove to West Virginia before returning to Stamford, and the woman called her attorney, who notified police. After further investigation the victim's mother was arrested and charged with risk of injury to a minor, hindering prosecution, tampering with evidence and cruelty to persons.

Suspect Arrested: Male, 26

Suspect Arrested: Female, 29