



Femicides in Ontario
September 2025

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SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEPTEMBER 30TH 2025

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



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(since Nov. 26 2024)

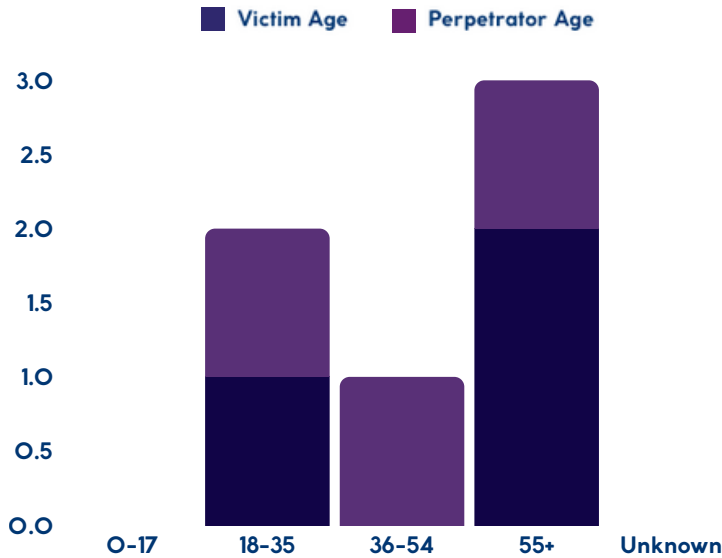
Quick Facts

- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-related killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
10	10	6	6	3	35

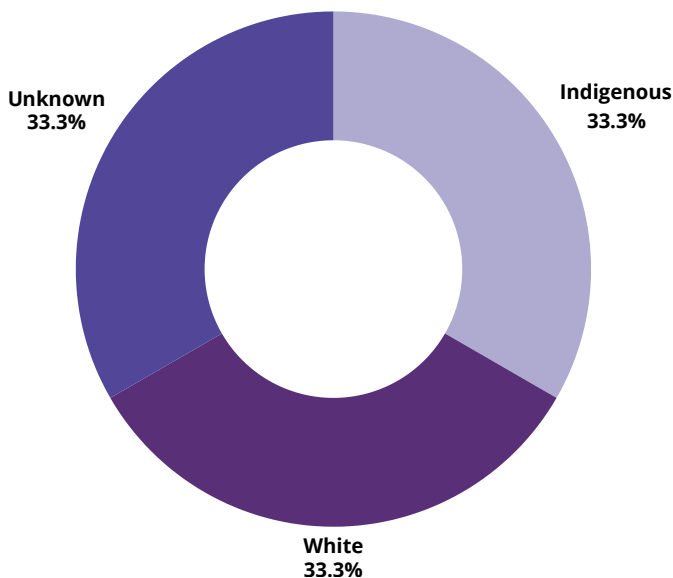
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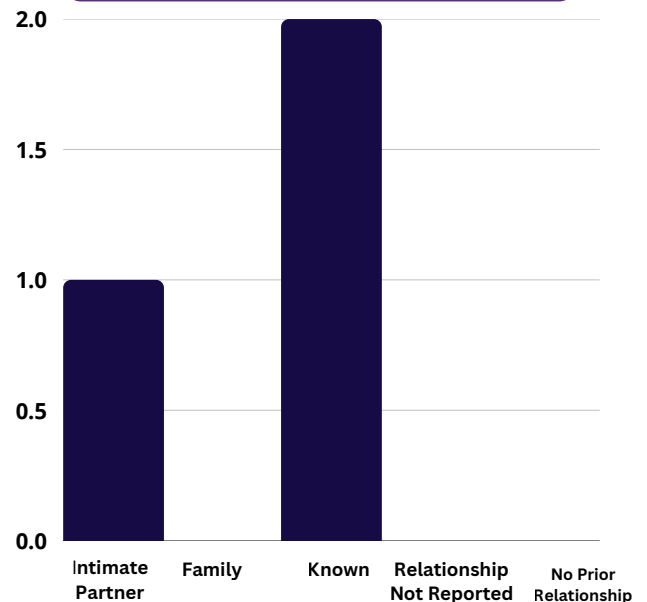
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 3

Central Region

Jane Doe (Guelph), 80 - Guelph, ON

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/GuelphTodayJaneDoe>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/CBCNewsJaneDoeGuelph>

Toronto Region

Serenity Brown, 21 - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/SerenityBrownTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/SerenityBrownTorontoToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/SerenityBrownCBCNews>

East Region

Marilyn Stevens, 62 - Newcastle, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/MarilynStevensTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/MarilynStevensDurhamRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/MarilynStevensCTVNews>



Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 1

East Region

Deborah Anishinabie, 42 - Thunder Bay, ON

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/DeborahAnishinabieNWONewsWatch>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/DeborahAnishinabieCBCNews>

Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 3

Helya Bahari-Kashani, 24

National Media: <https://bit.ly/HelyaBahariKashaniTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/HelyaBahariKashaniYorkRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/HelyaBahariKashaniCTVNews>

Rose Bahari-Kashani, 11

National Media: <https://bit.ly/RoseBahariKashaniTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/RoseBahariKashaniYorkRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/RoseBahariKashaniCBCNews>

Elizabeth Spurgeon, 36

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/ElizabethSpurgeonWaterlooRegionRecord>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/ElizabethSpurgeonCBCNews>



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Patterns of Harm: Strengthening System Responses to Risk



Three femicides have been confirmed in September. Since November 26, 2024, 35 femicides have been confirmed in Ontario. By the end of September, 58% of all the cases we've reviewed are either an IPV femicide (29%) or a family femicide (29%) demonstrating that there have been as many family related femicides as there have been IPV femicides. In 17% of the cases the victim and accused were reported to be known to each other and in 9% of cases the victim and accused had no prior relationship. In 17% of cases, the relationship between the accused and victim has not been shared within media reports, however, reports suggest that the killing was targeted. While this is a decrease compared to September 2024, nine potential femicide cases continue to be monitored pending further investigation, disclosure and/or criminal charges. Given the reliance on media reports within femicide data collection and associated limitations, the true rates of femicide are likely higher than reported.

In 29% of femicide cases, media reports have indicated that those charged in relation to the femicide had documented a history of violence towards women and/or previous criminal justice system involvement. Reported past charges have included theft, weapons offences, assault charges and histories of violence against animals and violence against women - both critical risk factors for further violence and/or lethality. In at least four of these cases, media reports have indicated that the accused was on probation when the femicide occurred, highlighting possible gaps in community-based supervision, monitoring, communication and coordinated risk management/mitigation. These cases reinforce the need for ongoing risk assessment and risk management processes throughout all stages of the criminal justice system. This includes at the time of arrest, sentencing and during release and reintegration within the community. Increasing information sharing and collaboration between criminal justice actors and community-based organizations, including those specializing in addressing gender-based violence (GBV) can help to enhance current risk management processes. Ensuring that information regarding risk can be shared, allows for risk to be identified and acted upon with various risk mitigation strategies. Embedding GBV specific frameworks and understanding of risk within current release and supervision processes would be an important step in reducing recidivism and preventing future lives from being lost to femicide.

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