



Femicides in Ontario
June 2026

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JUNE 1ST - JUNE 30TH 2026

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MONTHLY FEMICIDE IN ONTARIO FACTSHEET



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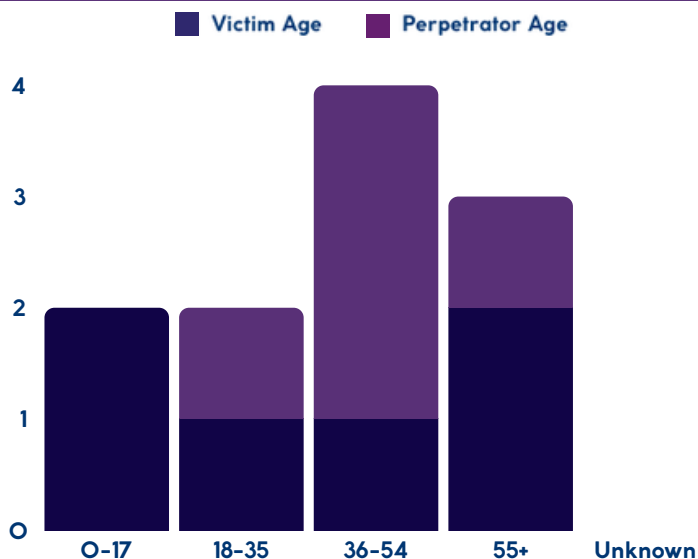
Quick Facts

- 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

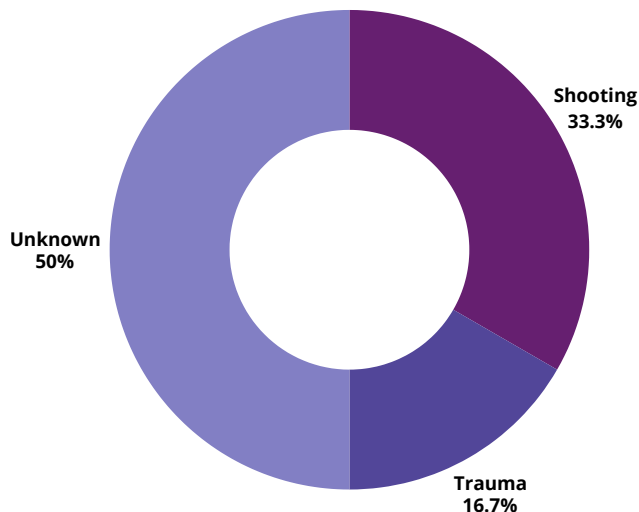
OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)

Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
5	6	3	8	1	23

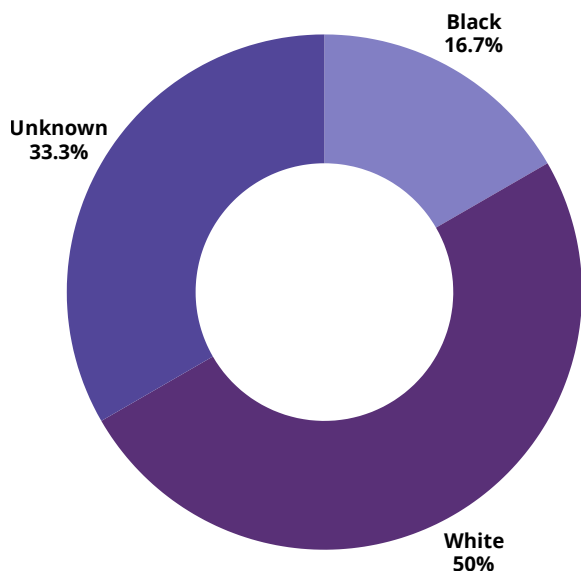
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparision



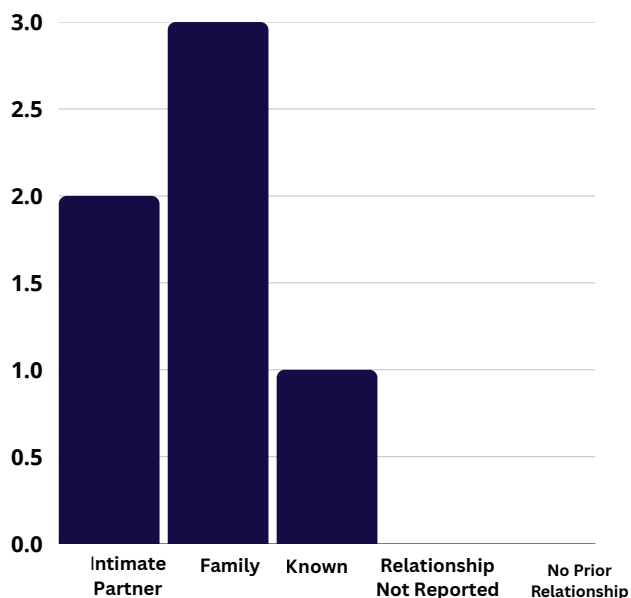
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 6

Central Region

Carol Sangwin, 70 - Mississauga, ON



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

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

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

Jen Foster, 44 - Barrie, ON



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

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

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

Toronto Region

Iman Khawane, 31 - Toronto, ON



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

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

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

East Region

Olga Konokhova, 64 - Ottawa, ON



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

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

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

John Doe, 7 - Ottawa, ON



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

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

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

John Doe, 12 - Ottawa, ON



National Media: <https://tgam.ca/4wrpXvc>

Local Media:

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



Newly Confirmed Femicide Victims

Total: 1

Jasmine, Unknown Age - Toronto, ON



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

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

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

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Balancing Legal Accountability and Survivor Safety



In June, six femicides were confirmed in the province. One femicide case from May was also recently confirmed. From November 26, 2025 to June 30th, 23 women, children and gender-diverse individuals have been killed in femicide deaths. Several cases continue to be monitored pending further police investigation and the laying of criminal charges. In femicides reported to date, it is commonly the victim's intimate partner (5/23 or 22%) or a family member (6/23 or 26%) that have been charged and/or deemed responsible for the victim's death. In 35% of cases the relationship between the victim and charged individual has not been disclosed, however the deaths have been reported to be targeted. The victim and accused were reported to be known to each other in 13% of cases, and there was no prior relationship between the accused and victim in one case (4%).

Several amendments to the criminal code came into effect in June, increasing criminal responses to gender-based violence (GBV) through the criminalization of coercive control and enhanced custodial sentencing in femicide cases. This change makes the killing of a female first degree murder when it occurs within intimate partner relationships, in the context of coercive control, sexual violence and/or human trafficking or when the killing is motivated by hate (Bill C-16, An Act to amend certain Acts in relation to criminal and correctional matters (child protection, gender-based violence, delays and other measures)). This definition has gone beyond intimate partner violence and will encapture other manifestations of patriarchal violence, including hate motivated ideology. As Canada continues to grapple with the rise in hate based ideology, including incel and anti-feminist ideologies, it will be imperative to ensure definitions are broad enough to encapture the full scope of gendered violence that exists.

Although these factors extend beyond the context of intimate partner violence, there remain gaps in what circumstances would constitute femicide and therefore warrant charges of first degree murder. As we continue to see in Ontario, GBV is widespread, occurring across multiple relationship types. Since November 26, 2025, in over a quarter of femicide cases reported (26%) a family member has been charged and/or deemed responsible in the victim's death, including the victim's son or father. There are also a number of instances where a man who is known to the victim is charged/deemed responsible or cases in which the relationship is not publicly disclosed. For this legislation to be successful, it must be proven that these types of femicides were hate motivated, otherwise they may not constitute first degree murder. Gender-diverse individuals may also experience GBV and gender-related killings, however, the current legislation may not encompass femicides of gender-diverse or trans individuals due to the framing around biological sex and not gender.

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While the recognition and condemnation of this form of lethal gender-violence is a welcomed shift, gaps and limitations within this legal framework may have further implications on femicide responses. A narrow definition may unintentionally exclude certain forms of femicide from formal legal recognition. Certain sources of violence may not be contextualized as femicide, or there may be significant evidentiary burdens to meet the legislative threshold which may hinder the overall success of the legislation. Further not all cases can be brought forth in the criminal justice system. In half of all femicides that occurred in Ontario this month, the suspected perpetrator was reported to have taken their own life and no further police action will be taken (Imran, 2026; Nease, 2026). As a result of these gaps and barriers, some victims may be rendered invisible within the criminal justice system, or omitted from official data collection/reporting, which may obscure trends and patterns of violence, underestimating the true realities of gender-based violence.

While criminal justice responses are an important mechanism for accountability and safety, addressing GBV and femicide requires a nuanced and balanced approach. Existing systems, including criminal courts, family courts, child welfare must work collaboratively in communicating and taking action to intervene early and address risk prior to the escalation of lethal violence. Criminal justice responses must also be paired with preventative efforts that seek to address the underlying economic and social factors that create the conditions for violence. Prioritizing education, prevention and early intervention remain to be critical steps in ensuring lives do not continue to be lost in preventable femicide deaths.

OAITH defines femicide as the 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.

References

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Nease, K. 2026. Details emerge connecting double murder, explosion and suicide in eastern Ontario. *CBC News*.

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