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Philadelphia County (Cont.)

- July 3 . . . . . . A 50-year-old woman was fatally shot by her ex-boyfriend in Philadelphia.
- July 5 . . . . . . A 28-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend in Philadelphia.
- July 11 . . . . . . A 49-year-old man was stabbed to death by his wife in Philadelphia.
- July 15 . . . . . . A 46-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia.
- July 24 . . . . . . A 21-year-old mother of an 8-month-old son was strangled by her boyfriend in Philadelphia.
- August 11 . . . . . . A 21-year-old woman and her 21-month-old son were stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend in Philadelphia. He then committed suicide.
- May 20 . . . . . . A 44-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Philadelphia.
- December 17 . . . A 18-year-old mother of three, ages 4-months, 16-months, and 4-years-old, was stabbed to death by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. He also stabbed the 16-month-old daughter’s throat; she survived.
- December 25 . . . . . . A mother of an 18-month-old daughter was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. He then committed suicide.

Pike County

- September 3 . . . . . . A 30-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend’s ex-boyfriend in Lackawaxen Township.

Schuylkill County

- January 11 . . . . . . A 27-year-old woman and her two children, a 9-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter, were fatally shot by her estranged husband during a custody exchange in Tremont. He then committed suicide. The woman had a Protection From Abuse order against him at the time of their deaths.

Somerset County

- January 3 . . . . . . A 26-year-old mother of a 2-year-old son was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Paint Township.
- November 22 . . . . . . A 43-year-old mother was stabbed to death by her son in Roswell. He then committed suicide.

Squieranna County

- April 3 . . . . . . A 38-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Middletown Township. He then committed suicide.
- May 1 . . . . . . A 51-year-old man was fatally shot by his neighbor’s estranged boyfriend in Oakland Township.

Washington County

- March 9 . . . . . . A man was fatally shot by his sister’s boyfriend in Pittsburgh.

Wexner County

- February 18 . . . . . . A 5-year-old girl was fatally shot by her father at his estranged wife’s home in Honesdale. He also attempted to shoot her 2-year-old brother, but the gun jammed. The children’s mother had a Protection From Abuse order against the man.

Westmoreland County

- February 19 . . . . . . An 18-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her boyfriend in Parks Township.
- December 20 . . . . . . A 42-year-old mother of two was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Greensburg. He attempted suicide but is expected to survive.

York County

- January 26 . . . . . . A 22-year-old mother of two, ages 2 and 4, was stabbed to death by her estranged husband moments after dropping her children off at day-care. She had a Protection From Abuse order against him at the time of her death.
- April 19 . . . . . . A 44-year-old mother of one was stabbed and beaten to death by her estranged boyfriend in York. The woman’s 37-year-old male friend was also stabbed to death by the estranged boyfriend.
- June 7 . . . . . . A 27-year-old mother of two, ages 6 and 8, was strangled by her husband in York Township. He then committed suicide.

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PA Death Toll...

The Domestic Violence Homicide Report details domestic violence homicides, as reported in PA newspapers. Although this report does not reflect the total number of domestic violence deaths, it offers a strong indication of the scope and lethality of the crime. (Note: Data about homicides attributed to child abuse is not included.)

136 Deaths in 1998
- In 1998, at least 95 domestic violence incidents resulted in 136 deaths:
  - 109 victims
  - 27 perpetrators who committed suicide

Who Was Killed
- 65 women
- 35 men
- 9 children (3 were killed by their fathers during a custody exchange or after being abducted)

How They Were Killed
- 67 were shot
- 15 were stabbed
- 12 were beaten
- 6 were strangled
- 3 died in an arson
- 2 were stabbed and beaten
- 1 was suffocated
- 1 was crushed by a truck
- 1 was run over by a car
- 1 died from sharp force trauma

Who Committed the Crimes
- 82 of the perpetrators were men.
- 13 of the perpetrators were women.

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Allegheny County

- January 1 . . . . . . A 35-year-old mother of two was fatally shot by her estranged husband during a custody exchange in Crescent Township. The children, ages 2 and 5, witnessed her death. The woman’s 34-year-old boyfriend was also fatally shot.
- January 6 . . . . . . A 53-year-old man was beaten to death by his stepson in Pittsburgh.
- March 20 . . . . . . A 43-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend at her place of employment in Pittsburgh. He then committed suicide.
- April 17 . . . . . . A 23-year-old woman was strangled to death by her husband in Clarion.
- May 24 . . . . . . An 18-year-old man was fatally stabbed by his girlfriend in McKeesport.
- May 31 . . . . . . A 79-year-old man was stabbed to death by his grandson in Naraona Heights.
- August 28 . . . . . . A 26-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Pittsburgh. He then committed suicide.
- October 19 . . . . . . A 79-year-old man was killed by his girlfriend in McKees Rock.
- November 20 . . . . . . A 54-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in East Hills.

Butler County

- February 5 . . . . . . A 73-year-old woman was beaten to death by her daughter in Munhall Park.

Butler County

- January 31 . . . . . . A 42-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Allona. He later committed suicide.
- September 7 . . . . . . A 34-year-old mother of three was beaten to death by her boyfriend in Allona.
- November 26 . . . . . . A 36-year-old father of two sons was fatally shot by his wife’s former boyfriend in Allona.

Bradford County

- July 22 . . . . . . A 53-year-old mother of four was beaten to death by her ex-husband in Shenkwish Township.

Butler County

- June 26 . . . . . . A 66-year-old woman was bludgeoned to death by her son in Jeannetown.

Carroll County

- July 31 . . . . . . A 43-year-old man was fatally shot by his teen-age son in Summit Township.

Carnegie County

- June 9 . . . . . . A 57-year-old man was stabbed to death by his wife in Nesquehoning.
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CENTRE COUNTY
May 7 . . . . . . . . . . A 65-year-old woman was beaten to death by her husband in State College.
May 28 . . . . . . . . . . A 67-year-old woman was fatally shot by her ex-husband at her place of employment in State College.

February 12. . . . . . . . . A 32-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in New Bethlehem.

November 13. . . . . . . . . A 45-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in Downtown.

CLARION COUNTY
August 29 . . . . . . . . . . A 20-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in New Bethlehem.

COLUMBIA COUNTY
February 8. . . . . . . . . . A 30-year-old mother of three, ages 8, 10, and 13, was stabbed to death by her estranged husband in Bloomsburg. He then committed suicide.

December 4. . . . . . . . . . A 36-year-old mother of three was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Jerseytown. He also fatally shot the woman's 36-year-old boyfriend and then committed suicide. The children, ages 15, 14, and 10, witnessed the deaths.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY
March 25 . . . . . . . . . . A 28-year-old woman was beaten to death by her estranged boyfriend in Harrisburg. The man's girlfriend, who had a Protection From Abuse order against her estranged husband, and her 4-year-old daughter witnessed the homicide.

DERRY COUNTY
February 27 . . . . . . . . . . A 43-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Tidno.

March 13 . . . . . . . . . . A 21-year-old mother of a 3-year-old daughter was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Upper Darby. The woman's 27-year-old male friend was also killed by the estranged boyfriend.

April 14 . . . . . . . . . . A 44-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend in Chester.

May 29 . . . . . . . . . . An 18-year-old mother of a 2-year-old daughter was strangled by her ex-boyfriend in Middletown Township.

August 7 . . . . . . . . . . A 60-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend's husband in Darby Township.

ELK COUNTY
January 28. . . . . . . . . . A 30-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Jersey. The woman's 44-year-old friend was also fatally shot by the boyfriend who then committed suicide.

FERGUSON COUNTY
April 8 . . . . . . . . . . A 52-year-old woman was crushed to death by a truck while her husband was working on it in Deer Lake. Police are investigating the accident and consider it to be suspicious.

December 15 . . . . . . . . . A 46-year-old woman was fatally shot by her son-in-law in East Huntington. The woman's 23-year-old son was also shot. The shootings occurred when the man kidnapped and stabbed his estranged wife, the mother of the 25-year-old daughter, who had a Protection From Abuse order against him. The perpetrator was killed by the State Police.

FRANKLIN COUNTY
January 12 . . . . . . . . . . A 20-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Quincy Township. He then committed suicide.

July 9 . . . . . . . . . . A 32-year-old woman and her 3-year-old daughter were fatally shot by the woman's husband in Chambersburg. He then committed suicide.

November 3 . . . . . . . . . A 23-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband's male cousin in Chambersburg.

A 39-year-old male neighbor was also fatally shot.

JUNIATA COUNTY
January 12 . . . . . . . . . . A 23-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Port Royal.

October 20 . . . . . . . . . . An 16-year-old teenager was accidentally fatally shot by his mother's estranged husband. The shooting was the result of a stray bullet during a domestic violence incident in Mifflin.

LANCASTER COUNTY
January 3 . . . . . . . . . . A 23-year-old mother of a 6-year-old daughter was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Lancaster. She had a Protection From Abuse order against him.

February 15 . . . . . . . . . A 36-year-old man was fatally shot by his stepfather in Fulton Township.

March 4 . . . . . . . . . . An 8-month-old girl died in a car fire set by her father near Manheim. The man, who also died in the fire, had abducted the baby from her mother. The woman had a Protection From Abuse order against him.

March 19 . . . . . . . . . . A 21-year-old woman was strangled to death by her ex-husband in Lancaster. She was eight weeks pregnant and had a Protection From Abuse order against him at the time of her death.

May 18 . . . . . . . . . . A 31-year-old mother of one was strangled by her boyfriend in Lancaster.

December 29 . . . . . . . . . A 36-year-old man was fatally shot by his husband in Lancaster. He also fatally shot their two daughters, ages 4 and 13, and then committed suicide.

LEBANON COUNTY
January 1 . . . . . . . . . . A 29-year-old man was beaten to death by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend in South Lebanon Township.

May 23 . . . . . . . . . . A 40-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend's estranged husband during a custody exchange in Jonestown. The man's girlfriend and her 4-year-old daughter witnessed the shooting.

LEHIGH COUNTY
February 22 . . . . . . . . . . A 74-year-old woman was suffocated by her husband in Salisbury Township.

LIMERICK COUNTY
February 12 . . . . . . . . . . An 84-year-old man was beaten to death by his wife in Hide Township.

September 12 . . . . . . . . . A 32-year-old mother of two, ages 14 and 11, was stabbed to death by her husband in Wyomissing.

LUCkE COUNTY
January 18 . . . . . . . . . . A 32-year-old mother of three, ages 4, 9, and 12, was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Williamsport. He then committed suicide.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
March 9. . . . . . . . . . A 32-year-old man was stabbed to death by his 17-year-old stepson in Bridgeport.

June 6 . . . . . . . . . . A 41-year-old man was beaten to death by his 17-year-old son in Upper Providence.

October 3 . . . . . . . . . . A 57-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in King of Prussia. He then committed suicide.

November 4 . . . . . . . . . . A 38-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Montgomeryville. He also fatally shot their two daughters, ages 13 and 10, and then committed suicide.

NORTHERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY
February 16 . . . . . . . . . . A 30-year-old mother of three, ages 3, 8, and 11, was fatally shot by her husband in Dornsie. He then committed suicide.

A 44-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend in Wind Gap.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
January 13 . . . . . . . . . . A 43-year-old man died in an arson set by his brother in Philadelphia. The man's 43-year-old female friend also died in the fire. Her 6-year-old daughter and mother witnessed their deaths.

January 19 . . . . . . . . . . A 19-year-old man was beaten to death by his ex-girlfriend in Philadelphia. Her 4-year-old daughter witnessed her death.

January 15 . . . . . . . . . . A 22-year-old woman was beaten to death by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. Her 2-year-old daughter witnessed her death.

March 14 . . . . . . . . . . A 20-year-old mother of a 6-year-old son was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Philadelphia.

March 24 . . . . . . . . . . An 81-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Pittsgrove Township. He then committed suicide.

April 10 . . . . . . . . . . A 46-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Mayfair. He then committed suicide.

May 22 . . . . . . . . . . A 32-year-old mother of a 7-year-old son was beaten to death by her long-time male friend in Philadelphia.

May 29 . . . . . . . . . . A 45-year-old woman was stabbed and beaten to death by her husband in Philadelphia.

May 31 . . . . . . . . . . A 23-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. He then committed suicide. She had a Protection From Abuse order against him at the time of her death.

June 19 . . . . . . . . . . A 30-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Frankford. He then committed suicide.

June 22 . . . . . . . . . . A 38-year-old man was run over with a car by his girlfriend in Philadelphia.

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