DEDICATION

This report is dedicated to all domestic violence homicide victims, survivors, and those working to end domestic violence in Pennsylvania for future generations.
The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s (PCADV) annual Fatality Report has been the single most reliable source for information about domestic violence-related deaths in Pennsylvania for more than 19 years.

Pennsylvania does not have reporting requirements for domestic violence homicides. PCADV compiles its annual list based on news accounts, police departments, and information received from our 59 local domestic violence programs serving all 67 counties.

PCADV uses a conservative method of identifying domestic violence deaths. We do not include cases where no arrests have been made or where the relationship between victim and perpetrator is unclear. We count fatalities involving current and former intimate partners, family members, police officers, bystanders, interveners, and others such as former partners killed by new partners or new partners killed by former partners.

We exclude child abuse and neglect deaths because they are reported by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. However, we include certain child deaths when the deaths are a direct result of domestic violence. These may include situations where the perpetrator kills the entire family or the children/child to harm the parent.

*Our homicide numbers may change on a yearly basis. This depends on when an arrest is made in a domestic violence related homicide; if someone has been acquitted of a homicide; or if it has been determined that the homicide was committed in self-defense.

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In the last 10 years, close to 1,600 victims and perpetrators have died from domestic violence-related incidents in Pennsylvania.

Those killed included women, children, and men of all ages, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic groups. In 2019, 112 victims lost their lives to domestic violence in Pennsylvania. This number includes 68 females and 44 males. Additionally, there were 38 perpetrator deaths.
2019 VICTIM DEATHS

TOTAL VICTIMS: 112

VICTIM GENDER:
- Male: 68
- Female: 44

HOW THEY WERE KILLED:
- Shot: 64
- Beaten: 7
- Other: 6
- Stabbed: 27
- Strangled: 4
- Suffocated: 4

HOW THEY DIED:
- By someone else (self defense): 4
- By police: 2
- By self: 32

2019 PERPETRATOR DEATHS

PERPETRATOR DEATHS: 38

PERPETRATOR GENDER:
- Male: 86
- Female: 18

HOW THEY DIED:
- By someone else (self defense): 18
- By police: 4
- By self: 2

VICTIMS BY AGE:
- 18-64: 82
- 65+: 15
- 1-12: 10
- 13-17: 3
- >1: 1
In October, 2012, PCADV adopted the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program in attempt to address the lethal nature of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). LAP is an evidence-based assessment tool used by law enforcement officers responding to intimate partner domestic violence calls. The tool uses a series of question to determine if the victim is at an increased risk of lethality and helps connect the victim directly with services through the local domestic violence program.

In 2019, PCADV reached a milestone with LAP. Since its implementation, more than 25,000 LAP screens have been conducted by law enforcement when responding to intimate partner violence calls. As a result, 11,108 victims sought services from LAP-participating domestic violence programs.
A 29-year-old-man was charged with four counts of criminal homicide in connection with killing his entire family. After purchasing a shotgun, the man took the gun onto the subway and rode home. He then used the weapon to shoot each of his family members in the head. The man’s mother and stepfather worked for the same employer. When neither showed up for work, the employer called the police for a wellness check. Police found the couple and their two other children dead shot dead in various places in the house.

*Philadelphia County*
In partnership with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and made possible by STOP funding, PCADV in collaboration with the Penn State Data Center, Institute for State and Regional Affairs at the Pennsylvania State University of Harrisburg, has created a publicly-available Homicide Dashboard. The interactive digital dashboard visually summarizes homicide data we tracked from news accounts, domestic violence programs, and police departments. Information on domestic violence fatalities in PA and the Homicide Dashboard can be accessed at: PCADV.org/resources/fatalities

VICTIM STORIES

An 80-year-old woman was writing out bills when she was attacked by her 42-year-old son. He allegedly knocked her to the ground and began kicking and stomping her before throwing her down the basement stairs. The man told police that his mother was still breathing after he dragged her across the basement and left her to die. A day later the man called the police and claimed he had killed his mother. The home had a history of domestic disturbance calls to the police.

Allegheny County
VICTIM FATALITIES BY COUNTY

In 2019, 112 victims lost their lives to domestic violence in Pennsylvania.
Domestic violence is often thought of as abuse between two current or former intimate partners, which is why we sometimes also use the terminology intimate partner violence. But domestic violence extends beyond intimate partners. Pennsylvania’s PFA Act also defines domestic violence victims as family members, either related by blood or marriage. Pennsylvania’s PFA Act defines domestic violence as the occurrence of one or more outlined acts between family or household members, sexual or intimate partners or persons who share biological parenthood.

Violence against family members is often perpetrated in similar ways to violence against intimate partners. Abusers use tactics of power and control over one or more family members. Emotional, verbal, physical, financial and sexual abuse may be used to harm family members. Unfortunately, sometimes these familial acts of abuse turn deadly.

Over the last decade, PCADV has not only tracked current and former intimate partner homicides, but also domestic violence homicides among family members. In tracking these homicides, we’ve seen far too many accounts of a single family member killing all the household family members in an act of vengeance, which may have started with one individual living on the home.

We highlight these cases as a reminder that intimate partner violence is not a private matter between two or more romantic partners. It’s a public health crisis that infiltrates homes and communities and compromises the safety and well-being of whole families creating lasting impact, especially when children are involved.

A 27-year-old woman attacked her parents, both aged 71, stabbing each with a knife, she also repeatedly hit them over their heads causing blunt-force trauma. The woman killed both of her parents before killing herself with a self-inflicted knife stab to her neck.

Montgomery County
VICTIM RELATIONSHIP WITH OFFENDER (BY GENDER)

FEMALe VICTIMS

- **42** Females killed by a current or former intimate partner
- **22** Females killed by a relative
- **4** Females killed in domestic violence related incidents

MALE VICTIMS

- **9** Males killed by a current or former intimate partner
- **18** Males killed by a relative
- **13** Males killed in domestic violence related incidents
- **4** Males killed by a romantic rival
## VICTIMS KILLED BY A RELATIVE IN THE PAST DECADE

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A 45-year-old woman and her 19-year-old daughter were charged with five counts of homicide for the killing of five relatives, three of which were children. The victims ranged in age from 9 to 45. The suspects and victims reportedly all resided together. The women separately admitted to choking the victims.

*Bucks County*

A 71-year-old man was allegedly stabbed in the neck and beaten with golf clubs by his 17-year-old granddaughter, her 19-year-old boyfriend and two friends. After beating the man, the suspects took $30,000 in cash from his basement safe and stole his car.

*Luzerne County*
Allegheny County (8)
   Allison Fritzius
   Tre Valorie
   Gerald Dwain Walker
   Kaine A. Williams
   Susan E. Jeffries
   Nalani Johnson
   Margaret Sumney
   Dolores Burdick

Bedford County (4)
   Scott Alan Rogers
   Felicia Nicole Barton
   Amanda Jane Figard
   Laina Haney

Berks County (4)
   Farrah Wertz
   Joy Strunk
   Joanne DeLuca
   Ira Reed Jr.

Blair County (2)
   Cassandra Lynn Appleman
   Sheldon Howard Appleman

Bradford County (3)
   Candy Bidlack
   Edwin Bidlack
   Johnnie Johnson

Bucks County (8)
   Erika Allen
   Imani Allen
   Jamilla Campbell

   Damon Decree Jr.
   Naa’Irah Smith
   Robyn Ryan
   Eric Braxton
   Arthur Hill

   Butler County (1)
   Mary Jo Kornick

   Carbon County (1)
   Megan Leland

   Centre County (3)
   Dean Beachy
   Steven Beachy
   George McCormick

   Chester County (1)
   Barbara Palladino

   Clearfield County (1)
   Ronald Williams Jr.

   Clinton County (1)
   Agnes Rae Neff

   Columbia County (1)
   Paula S. (Brown) Deeter

   Crawford County (2)
   Darrin Whitman
   Shannon Whitman

   Cumberland County (1)
   Linda Brandt

   Dauphin County (6)
   Nightflower Staats
Joaquim (Joe) Caddell
Charlotte Chaplin
Kelly Kearn
Nancy Parthemore
Andres Claudio Sr.

**Delaware County (3)**
Stephanie Miller
She’Kierrah Adams
Shantel Harmon

**Erie County (1)**
Starleisha Smith

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Edwin Perez-Huertas

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William Lawrence Worry III

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Barbara Naumann

**Lancaster County (4)**
Dante Welton
Ian Shannon
Autumn Ross
Christine Ross

**Lawrence County (2)**
Mark Mason
Darren Jevcak

**Lehigh County (2)**
Nestor Luis Ortiz DeLeon
Yosandra Andralyn - Munoz Corporan

**Luzerne County (6)**
Joseph Monka
Ta’Rese Previlon
Tara Grob
Sandra Jones-Shaffer
Jose Luis Jimenez
Brittany Reynolds

**Monroe County (3)**
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Jeanette Sylvia Sancho
Lydia Alamillo Bulaon

**Montgomery County (8)**
Jinhan Han
Joshua Shupard
Johnny Johnson
Rolando Popsacul
Sheila Dolan
Robert McIntyre
Jeanne Edwards
Sue Won

**Northampton County (2)**
Maryanne Looby
Penny VanTassel

**Philadelphia County (22)**
Idrees Muhammed-Poston
Roany Rondon Ortega
Marlita Ann Smith
Ivelisse Rodriguez
Vera Coward
Carla Freeman
Linda Harris

**Mahendra Panjroila**
Kimberly Wescott
Damaya Alcindor
Maxillie Alcindor
Max Alcindor
Leslie Woodson
Sy-eed Woodson
Janet Woodson
Leslie Holmes Jr.
Jill Millman
Ena Pressley Wiggins
Juana Us-Perez
Yessenia Liberato
Orlando Green
Etinosa Brownell

**Schuylkill County (1)**
Terri Lynn Gee

**Somerset County (1)**
Cora Mae Kline

**Washington County (1)**
Joshua Ryan Bowland

**Westmoreland County (1)**
Joan Agnew

**York County (5)**
Duane Dettinger
Marsha Stewart
Nicole Cash
John Fountain
Mary Fountain
## PCADV LOCAL PROGRAMS

PCADV has a statewide network of local domestic violence programs that are ready to help.

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