

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE **FATALITY REPORT**

2025





DEDICATION

This report is dedicated to all domestic violence homicide victims, survivors, and those working to end domestic violence in Pennsylvania for future generations.

ABOUT THE REPORT

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 20 years.

Pennsylvania doesn't have reporting requirements for domestic violence homicides. PCADV compiles its annual list based on news accounts, police departments, and information received from local community based member programs serving all 67 counties of the Commonwealth.

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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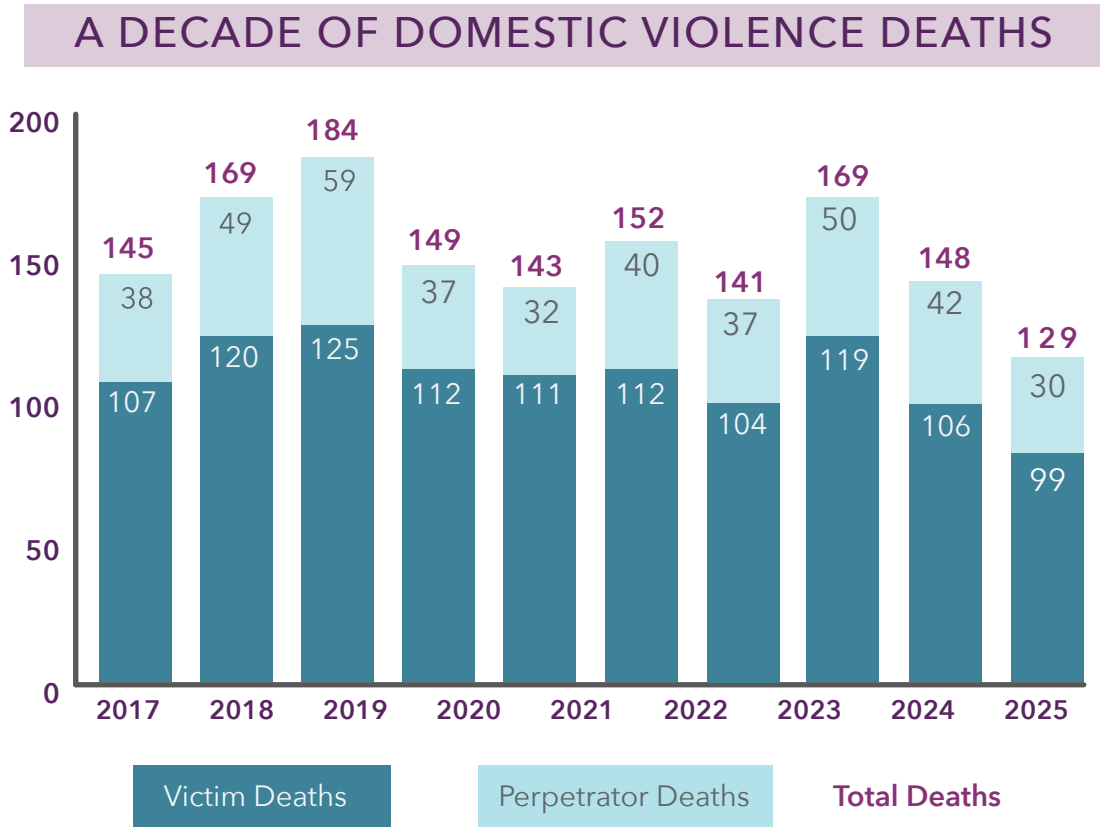
REPORT OVERVIEW

In the last 10 years, more than 1,500 victims and perpetrators died in domestic violence-related incidents in Pennsylvania.

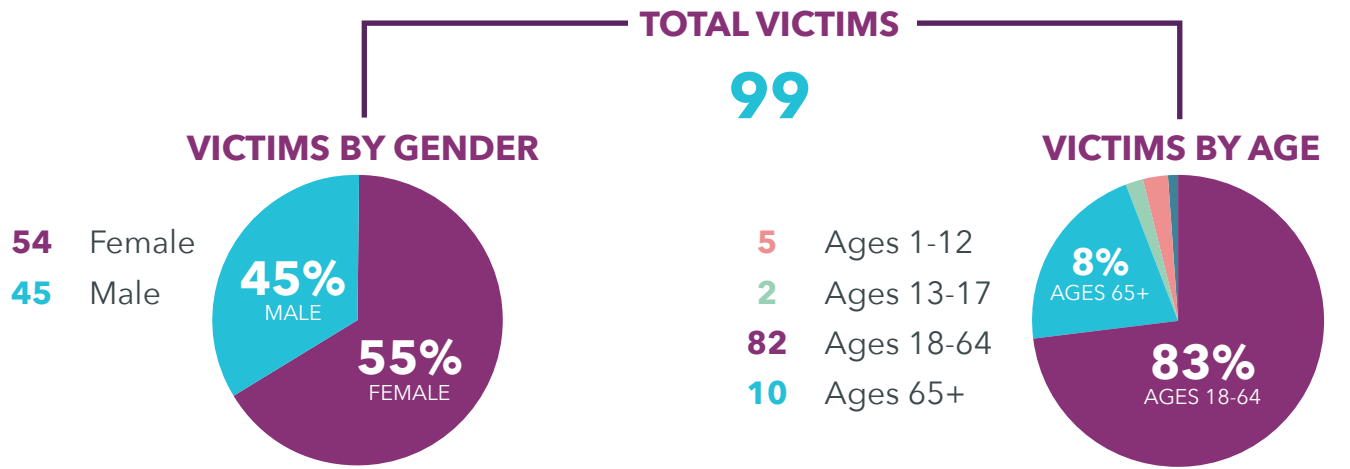
Those killed included women, children, and men of all ages, races, sexual orientations, and socio-economic groups.

In 2025, **99 victims** lost their lives to domestic violence in Pennsylvania. This number includes **54 females** and **45 males**.

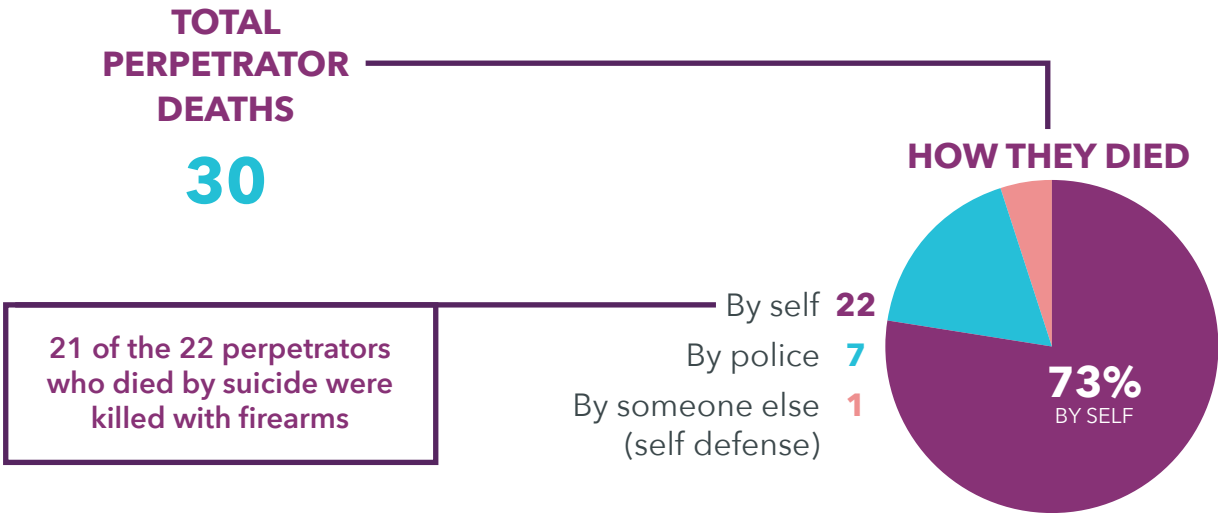
Additionally, there were **30 perpetrator** deaths.



2025 VICTIM DEATHS



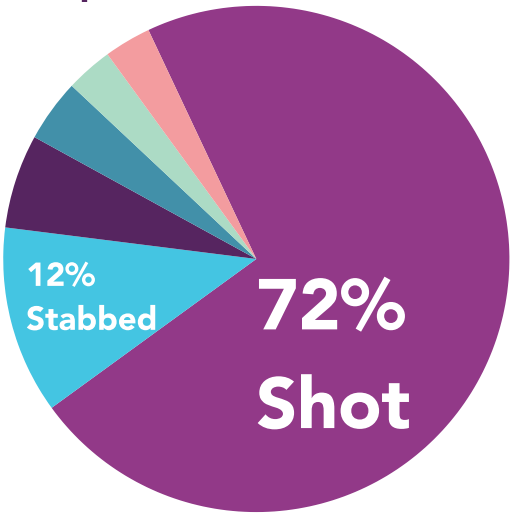
2025 PERPETRATOR DEATHS



HOW THEY WERE KILLED

VICTIM CAUSES OF DEATH

- 71 Shot
- 12 Stabbed
- 3 Beaten
- 3 Strangled
- 6 Other
- 4 Suffocated



A Victim's Story

A woman in her 40s was killed by her boyfriend, who shot her in a hotel room. Police said that the boyfriend told them that his girlfriend was pleading for help and that he told her, "It's all going to end tonight." Members of her family stated that the two had been fighting recently. Loved ones remember her as having a vibrant spirit and a passion for celebrating life and the people she loved.

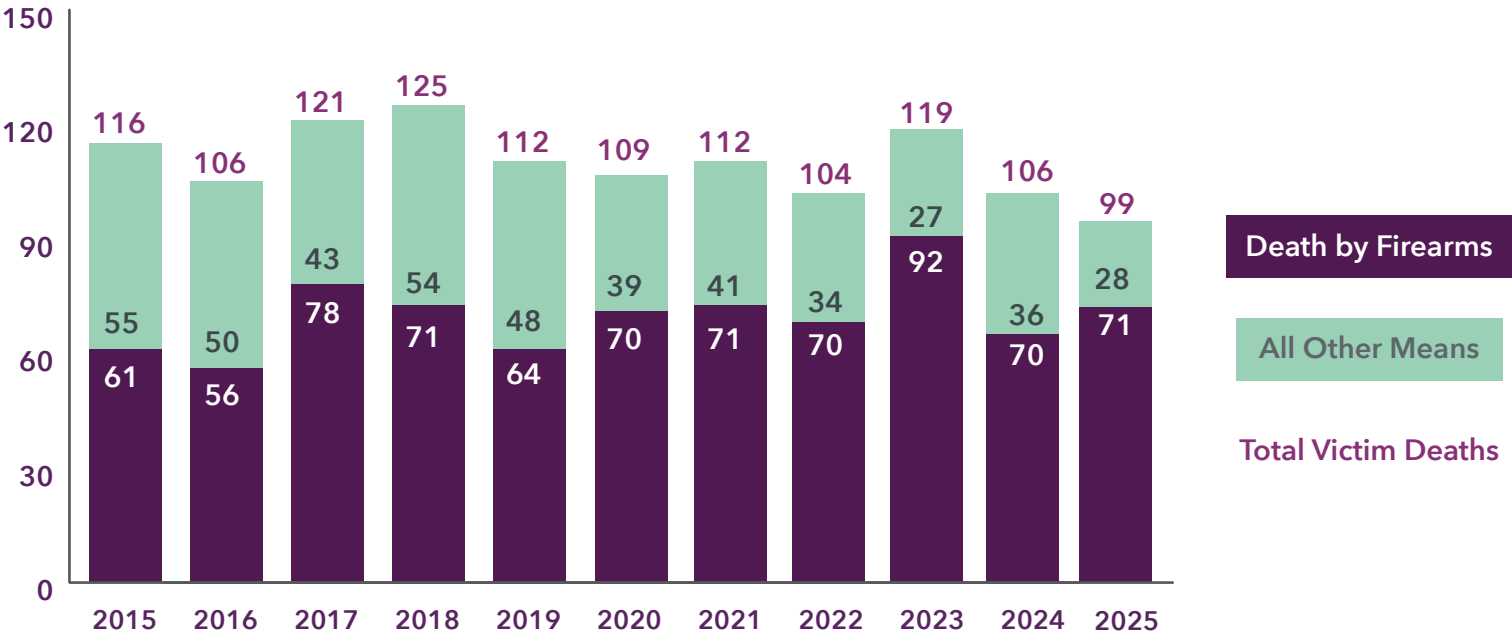
A Victim's Story

Three law enforcement officers were shot and killed while responding to a domestic violence incident. The boyfriend hid in his ex-girlfriend's house after she and her mother left for their safety, and he shot and killed three police officers with an AR-style rifle. The officers responded after the ex-girlfriend's mother saw a man and suspected it was the ex-boyfriend looking into their home with binoculars. It was the deadliest day for law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth dating back to 2009.

A Victim's Story

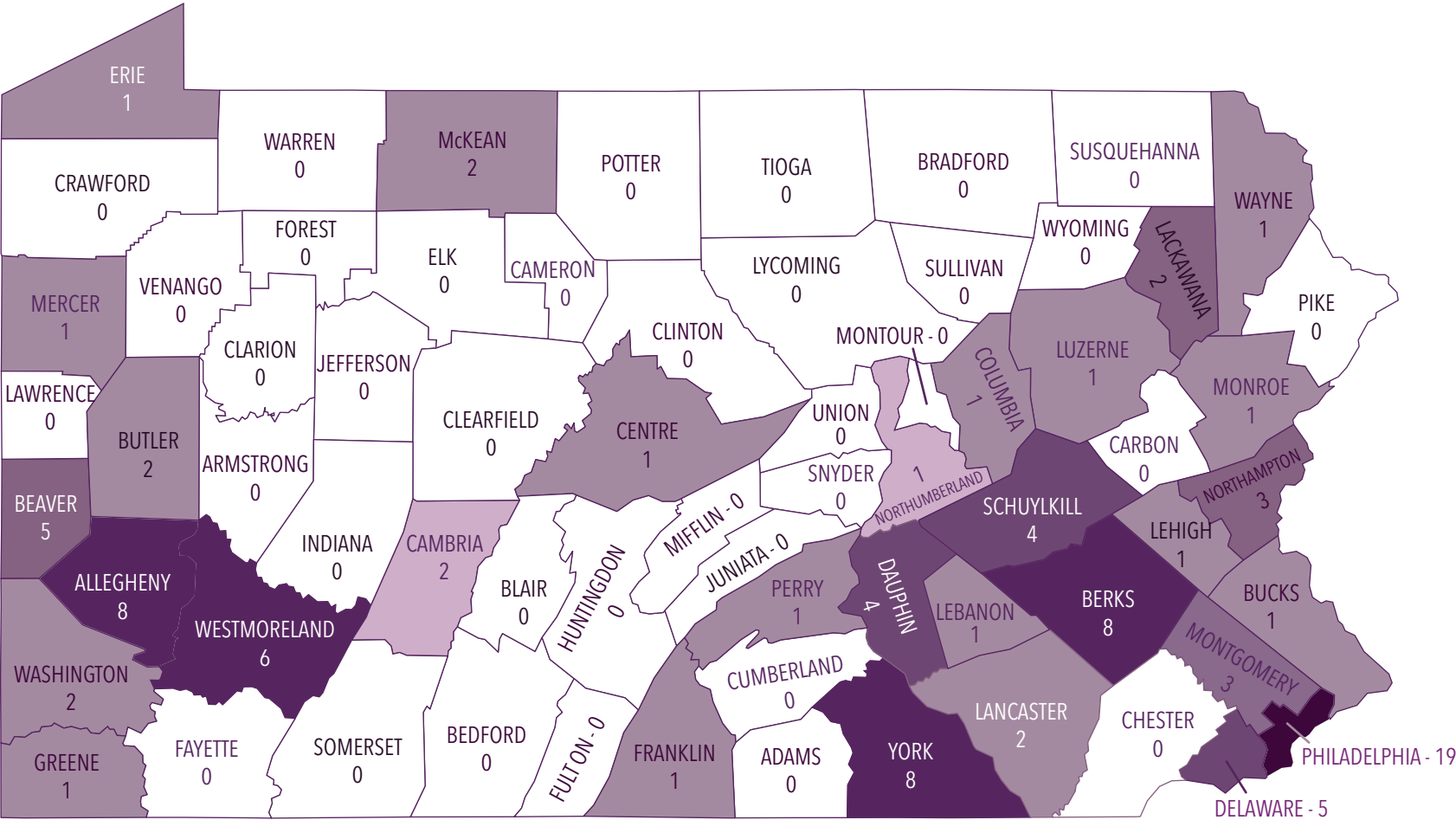
A mother was found deceased by her teenage son when he came home from school. Lying with her was her partner, who had attempted to take his own life after taking hers. The son ran out of the house to alert neighbors that he had found his mother. The partner was charged with murder and the possession of an instrument of crime. The child, one of the victim's three children, told officers that the two would "fight all of the time," including that morning when he left for school. Her family remembers her as compassionate.

VICTIM DEATHS BY FIREARMS



TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS BY COUNTY

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WHO ARE THE PERPETRATORS

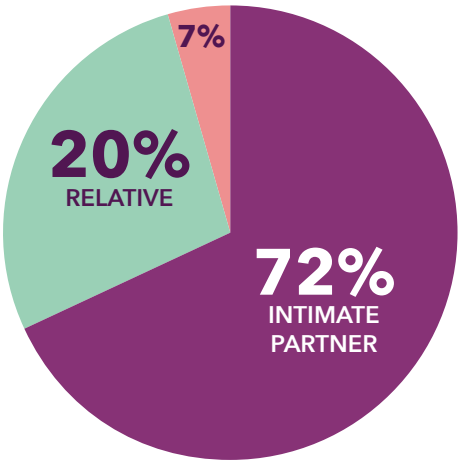
PERPETRATOR GENDER

16
FEMALE

85
MALE

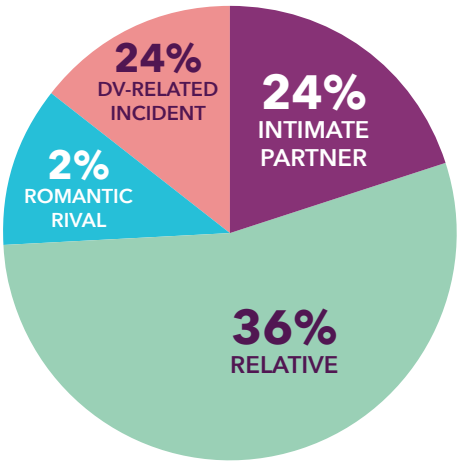
VICTIM RELATIONSHIP TO PERPETRATOR

54 FEMALE VICTIMS



- 39 Killed by a current or former **intimate partner**
- 11 Killed by a **relative**
- 0 Killed by a **romantic rival**
- 4 Killed in domestic violence related incidents

45 MALE VICTIMS



- 11 Killed by a current or former **intimate partner**
- 16 Killed by a **relative**
- 7 Killed by a **romantic rival**
- 11 Killed in domestic violence related incidents

PCADV'S LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

In October 2012, PCADV adopted the Maryland Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) 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 questions 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 programs.

Since its implementation more than a decade ago, more than 46,800 LAP screens have been conducted in Pennsylvania by law enforcement. As a result, more than 500 victims have sought services from LAP-participating domestic violence programs.





46,826
LAP
Screens



18,482
Victims
Accessed Services

HOMICIDE DASHBOARD

In partnership with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) and made possible by STOP Grant funding, PCADV in collaboration with the Penn State Data Center, Institute for State and Regional Affairs at the Pennsylvania State University of Harrisburg, developed and maintains 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:

pcadvdashboards.hbg.psu.edu/Home/Homicide



A Victim's Story

A woman in her early 20s was shot and killed in her apartment by her ex-boyfriend. The ex-boyfriend entered her apartment through the roof via the fire escape. He repeatedly shot the victim with an AR-15 rifle in her apartment. Her infant son was in the apartment with her at the time. Loved ones remember her as a joyful, animal-loving young mother whose smile always lit up a room.

A Victim's Story

A mother in her 30s and her two young children were killed by the husband and father in an apparent murder-suicide on a winter morning inside their house. Family members who hadn't heard from them became concerned, prompting officers to do a wellness check. Discovered at the house was a Ruger 22 handgun, which was used in the murder-suicide. Family members didn't indicate any warning signs prior. The mother is remembered as being a passionate, vibrant spirit.

HONORING VICTIMS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA (2025)

Allegheny County - 8

Taja Griggs
Patricia Kachinko
Bradley Dawson
Lakyn Shelleby
Ta’Ron Reid
Rakesh Bhagavan
Jacqueline Pryber
Michelle Sturdvant

Beaver County - 5

Cody Hunt
Michelle Hunt
Clifford Hunt, Sr.
Cynthia Zipfel
Gevod Tyson

Berks County - 8

Daniela Allende Baron
Selena Zavala Hernandez
Junior Cabera Colon
Geraldine Peguero Mancebo
Jayden Junior Orguero
Guerby Aspervil
Kimberly Tally-Whiteman
William Kelly

Bucks County - 1

Maisha Coon

Butler County - 2

Gina DePietro
Beth Broeren

Cambria County - 2

Ashley Renee Cook
Olivia Lee Courtney

Centre County - 1

Dawn M. Reed

Columbia County - 1

Katlyn Harp

Dauphin County - 4

Gary Gibson, Jr.
Donna Albertson
Dashawn Smith
Violette Pierre

Delaware County - 5

Rameke Araus
Maryanna Quinn
Corey Rhyanes
Daniele Grovola
Shantal Snowden

Erie County - 1

Jerry Hamilton Ellis

Franklin County - 1

Marjorie Jocelyn

Greene County - 1

Mary Noll

Lackawanna County - 2

Nicole Vega
Rose Hernandez

Lancaster County - 2

Dominga Cedano-Cedano
Ana Gutierrez-Cedano

Lebanon County - 1

Dontay Maurice Hunter

Lehigh County - 1

Jerkera B. Battle

Luzerne County - 1

John Rabbitz, Jr.

McKean County - 2

K-Leigh Hill-Nelson
Rebecca Haynes

Mercer County - 1

Andrew Rada

Monroe County - 1

Cheryl Niles-Okie

Montgomery County - 3

Robert Dupree, Sr.
Alyssa Rose Wiest
Baseem Baker

Northampton County - 3

Deborah Denise Glaser
Gretchen Ackerman
Robert Ackerman

Northumberland County - 1

Jane White

Perry County - 1

Samantha Lynn-Fields

Philadelphia County - 19

Nasceer U. Thomas
Jordan Baxter
Jaylisa Quinones-Pinet
No Name 42 yr old male
No Name 35 yr old male
Ashley Thompson
Assad Thompson
Alaya Thompson-Newell
Nkechi Sprowall
Amira Harper
Rashida Irvin
Crystal Bell
Lauren Jardine
Siani Smith
Antonio Rodriguez
Reginald Bates
Pablo Riveria, Jr.
Donte White
No Name 31 year old male

Schuylkill County - 4

Tammy Sue Cox
Thomas Chernewski
Harley Reese
Natalie Peleschak

Wasginton County - 2

Nasstylejah Wilkerson
Elijah Thomas Johnson

Wayne County - 1

Safety Officer Jose Alberto
Duran, Jr.

Westmoreland County - 6

Karen Swarner
Connor Swarner
Evelyn Swarner
Estela Abigail Rivera Vasquez
William Steel
James Thomas

York County - 8

Officer Andrew Duarte
Carroll Leonard
Stanley Fears
Osha Copeland
Detective Mark Baker
Detective Sgt. Cody Baker
Sargent Isaiah Emenheiser
Ann Savidge

PCADV LOCAL PROGRAMS

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

A Safe Place
Forest and Warren Counties

A Way Out
Potter County

A Woman's Place
Bucks County

Abuse & Rape Crisis Center
Bradford County

Alice Paul House
Indiana County

Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center
Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

ARISE
Lawrence County

AWARE
Mercer County

Blackburn Center
Westmoreland County

CAPSEA
Elk and Cameron Counties

Center for Victims
Allegheny County

Centre Safe
Centre County

Community Action/Crossroads Project
Jefferson and Clearfield Counties

Congreso De Latinos Unidos
Philadelphia County

Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County
Delaware County

Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Chester County

Domestic Violence Intervention of Lebanon County
Lebanon County

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties
Cumberland and Perry Counties

Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County
Lancaster County

Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA
Washington, Greene, and Fayette Counties

Family Services/ Domestic Abuse Project of Blair County
Blair County

HAVEN of Tioga County
Tioga County

HAVIN
Armstrong County

Huntingdon House
Huntingdon County

Laurel House
Montgomery County

Lutheran Settlement House
Philadelphia County

PPC Violence Free Network
Venango County

SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone)
Clarion County

Safe Berks
Berks County

Safe Journey
Erie County

Safe Monroe
Monroe County

SafeNet
Erie County

Schuylkill Hope Center
Schuylkill County

Sullivan County Victim Services
Sullivan County

The Abuse Network
Mifflin and Juniata Counties

The Women's Center, Inc. of Columbia/Montour
Columbia and Montour Counties

Transitions of PA
Union, Snyder, Clinton, and Northumberland Counties

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley
Lehigh, Carbon, and Northampton Counties

Victim Outreach Intervention Center
Butler County

Victim Services Inc.
Cambria and Somerset Counties

Victims Resource Center
Wyoming and Luzerne Counties

Victims' Intervention Program
Wayne and Pike Counties

Women Against Abuse
Philadelphia County

Women In Need
Franklin and Fulton Counties

Women In Transition
Philadelphia County

Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

Women's Center of Beaver County
Beaver County

Women's Center of Montgomery County
Montgomery County

Women's Resource Center
Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties

Women's Services
Crawford County

Your Safe Haven
Bedford County

YWCA Bradford/McKean Victims' Resource Center
McKean County

YWCA Hanover/Safe Home
Adams County

YWCA North Central PA Wise Options
Lycoming County

YWCA of Greater Harrisburg Violence Intervention & Prevention Services
Dauphin County

YWCA York/ACCESS
York County



National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1.800.799.7233
National Teen Dating Violence Hotline: 1.866.331.9474

Visit [PCADV.org](https://www.pcadv.org) to find local programs by location and services offered.