

2013

Domestic Violence Fatalities in Washington State

In 2013, 35 people died in Washington State as a result of domestic violence. These deaths include 16 women and 1 man killed by partners and ex-partners; friends, family members and bystanders killed by abusers; suicides of abusers in the context of domestic violence; and abusers killed by law enforcement officers.

Domestic violence is preventable. Find resources, get information, and learn more about how to take action at www.wscadv.org/fatalityreview.

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AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

March 2014

Homicide victims killed by domestic violence abusers
January 1 – December 31, 2013

- 1/16/2013** **Saul Ramos-Arrazate, 30**, shot by his girlfriend's ex-husband.
- 2/12/2013** **Susann Smith, 37**, beaten and stabbed by her estranged husband.
- 2/28/2013** **Cynthia Kelley-Munzanreder, 45**, shot by her husband. She died after several days on life support.
- 3/13/2013** **Sara Barrett, 42**, suffocated by her estranged husband. He had been convicted of assaulting her and threatening to kill her.
- 3/20/2013** **23-year-old man**, shot by his friend who then killed himself. Police believe the man was shot by accident when his friend was shooting at his ex-girlfriend, who had recently broken up with him.
- 3/22/2013** **Franklin Palmer, 21**, shot by his roommate's ex-boyfriend who broke into their apartment and assaulted the woman.
- 4/21/2013** **Cheryl Honey, 57**, shot by her fiance, who then killed himself.
- 4/23/2013** **Justine Baez, 25**, shot by her boyfriend. He then killed three bystanders, **Cesar Valdovinos, 23, Bradley Fischer, 47, and Roland Scobee, 62**, before he was shot and killed by police.
- 4/29/2013** **John Alkins, 58**, cut and strangled by a woman he had a relationship with. She was receiving services at the mental health clinic where he had been a counselor.
- 5/1/2013** **Michael Evans, 29**, shot by his girlfriend's estranged husband in her home. The woman had a domestic violence protection order against her husband, prohibiting him from being in the home.
- 5/12/2013** **Tracey Mathews, 61**, strangled by her boyfriend. She was also his caretaker.
- 5/24/2013** **Jacoba Ramirez-Rodriguez, 34**, stabbed by her estranged husband. They had separated, and Jacoba was granted a domestic violence protection order two days before the murder. She died from her injuries after a week on life support.
- 6/4/2013** **Regan Jolley, 33**, strangled by her boyfriend, an Iraq War veteran reportedly diagnosed with PTSD.
- 6/17/2013** **Nataliya Vabishchevich, 35**, stabbed by her ex-husband. They had divorced years earlier. She told friends he threatened to kill her and she feared for her safety.
- 7/17/2013** **Sheila Asselin, 57**, killed when her husband set fire to their home. Sheila died July 21 from injuries she suffered in the explosion. The fire also killed her husband.
- 7/19/2013** **Brenda Lee Bail, 48**, strangled and beaten by her fiance.
- 7/22/2013** **Amanda Blanchard, 41**, killed by her fiance a few days before they had planned to get married. He also killed himself before setting their home on fire.
- 9/11/2013** **Rebecca Vandeventer, 32**, stabbed by her ex-boyfriend.
- 9/12/2013** **Ian Beckford, 19**, killed when his vehicle was rammed by another man driving erratically at high speeds, apparently in an attempt to kill himself and his wife.
- 9/27/2013** **Ruth Berthold Mason, 97**, shot by her husband who then killed himself. Police said he had been planning the murder-suicide for some time.
- 11/12/2013** **Angela Cannizzio-Brooks, 33**, beaten and strangled by her boyfriend. He told police he killed her after she refused sex with him.
- 12/14/2013** **Nga Nguyen, 46**, beaten and strangled by her daughter's ex-boyfriend after he broke into their home.
- 12/15/2013** **Ike Pius Scarborough, 33**, beaten by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend. He died the next day from his injuries.

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Domestic violence
fatalities by county

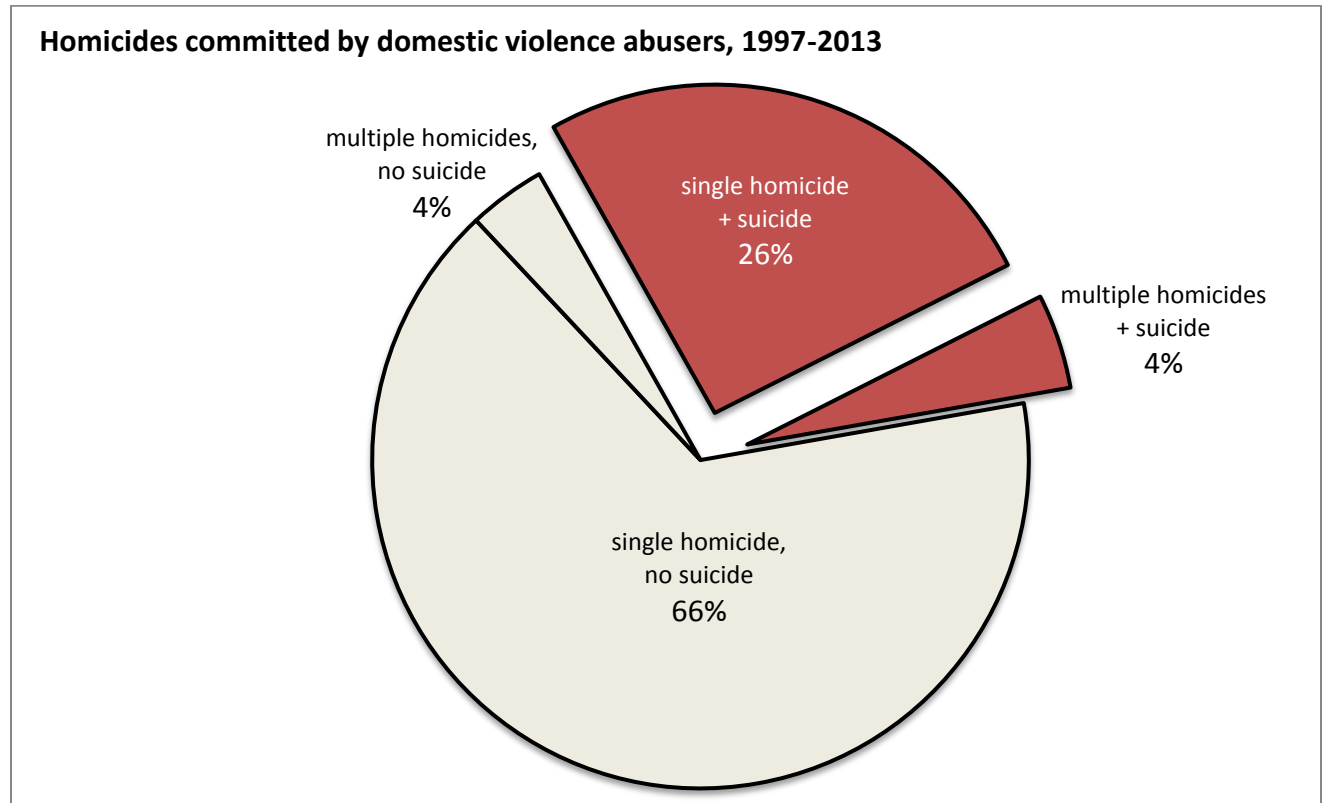
homicides	County	suicides
	Adams	
	Asotin	
1	Benton	
1	Chelan	1
	Clallam	
1	Clark	1
	Columbia	
	Cowlitz	
	Douglas	
	Ferry	
2	Franklin	
	Garfield	
	Grant	
	Grays Harbor	
	Island	
	Jefferson	
9	King	3
	Kitsap	
	Kittitas	
	Klickitat	
1	Lewis	
	Lincoln	
	Mason	
	Okanogan	
	Pacific	
	Pend Oreille	
3	Pierce	
	San Juan	
2	Skagit	
	Skamania	
2	Snohomish	
3	Spokane	2
	Stevens	
1	Thurston	
	Wahkiakum	
	Walla Walla	
1	Whatcom	
	Whitman	
1	Yakima	
28	Total	7

Fatalities		Killed by whom	2013	1997-2013
1	female domestic violence victim	current or former male partner	16	410
2	female domestic violence victim	male caregiver	0	3
3	female domestic violence victim	female caregiver	0	1
4	female domestic violence victim	perpetrator acting on behalf of male abuser	0	4
5	female domestic violence victim	current or former female partner	0	3
6	male domestic violence victim	current or former female partner	1	54
7	male domestic violence victim	perpetrator acting on behalf of female abuser	0	4
8	male domestic violence victim	current or former male partner	0	4
9	children	male abuser	0	53
10	children	female abuser	0	1
11	bystander, friend, or family of female dv victim	male abuser	7	55
12	friend or family of male dv victim	female abuser	0	2
13	new partner of female dv victim	male abuser	3	40
14	new partner of male dv victim	female abuser	0	4
15	coworker of female dv victim	male abuser	0	2
16	law enforcement	male abuser	0	7
17	male abuser	female dv victim in self defense	0	17
18	male abuser	female dv victim in probable self defense	0	15
19	male abuser	female dv victim, not in self defense	1	8
20	male abuser	friend or family of female dv victim	0	20
21	male abuser	law enforcement	2	34
22	male abuser	suicide	5	196
23	female abuser	law enforcement	0	1
24	female abuser	suicide	0	9
25	children	female dv victim	0	3
Totals				
26	all homicides by abusers and associates (rows 1-16)		27	647
27	all homicide victims (rows 1-20 & 25, excludes suicides and abusers killed by police)		28	710
28	all dv fatalities (rows 1-25)		35	950

Murder-suicide

Thirty percent of abusers who committed murder also killed themselves.

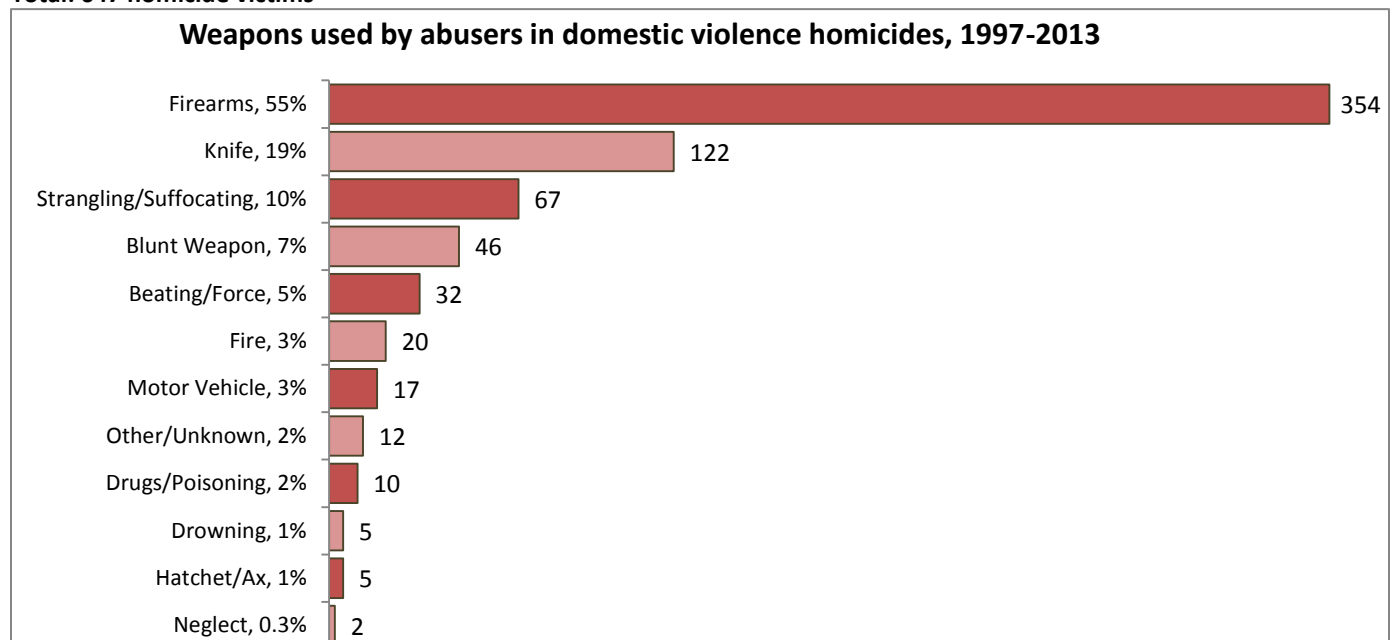
Total: 579 homicide cases



Weapons

Firearms are the most common weapon used in domestic violence homicides, more common than all other weapons combined.

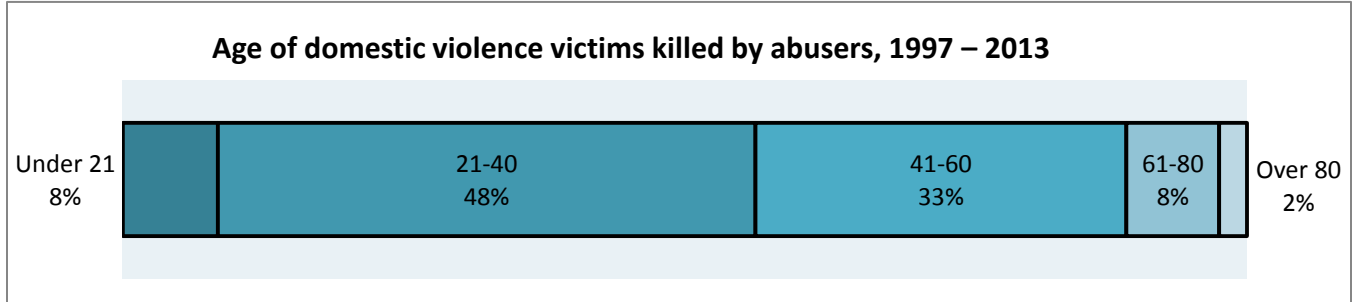
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Age of Victims

Domestic violence victims killed by current or former intimate partners ranged in age from 13 to 97 years old.

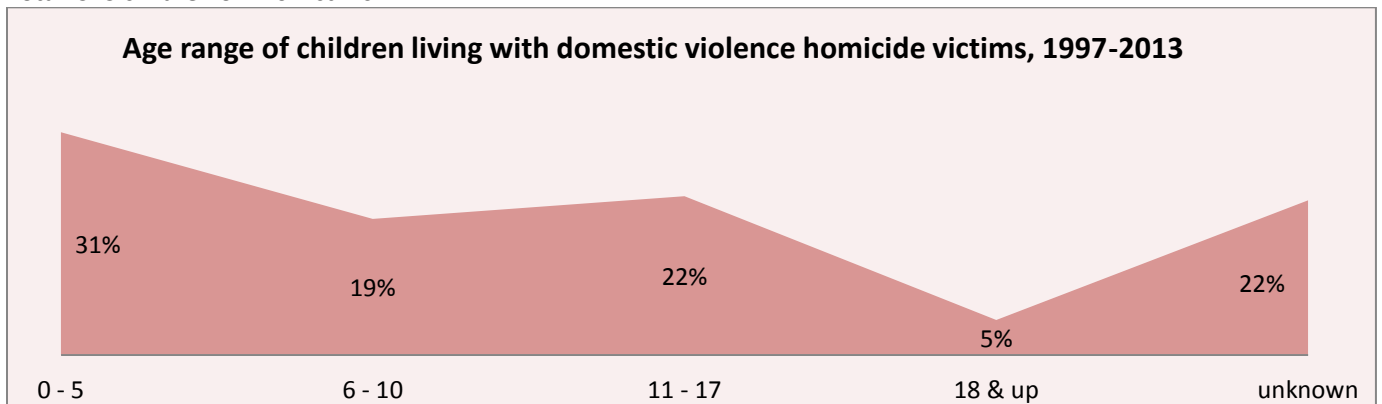
Total: 485 victims



Age of Children

Of the 485 domestic violence victims killed by abusers since 1997, at least 176 had children living at home with them at the time they were killed.

Total: 343 children of 176 victims



Location of Children

More than half of victims' children were present at the scene of the homicide. News reports indicated that 30% of children witnessed the murder, and 6% were killed.

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