

2012

Domestic Violence Fatalities in Washington State

In 2012, 54 people died in Washington State as a result of domestic violence. These deaths include domestic violence victims killed by partners and ex-partners; friends, family members and children killed by abusers; suicides of abusers in the context of domestic violence; and abusers killed by law enforcement officers.

The Washington State Domestic Violence Fatality Review has published six reports with recommendations to improve the community response to domestic violence in our state. Domestic violence is preventable. Find resources, get information, and learn more about how to take action at www.wscadv.org.

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AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

February 2013

Homicide victims killed by domestic violence abusers

January 1 – December 31, 2012

- 1/1/2012 **Kimberly Rae Schmidt, 34**, shot by her boyfriend.
- 1/1/2012 **Michelle Davis, 26**, shot by her ex-boyfriend, who then killed himself. He also shot Michelle's sister's boyfriend; he survived. Marcus had been stalking Michelle since their she ended their relationship a month earlier.
- 1/8/2012 **Laranda Konopaski, 18**, stabbed by her boyfriend in front of their 4-year-old daughter.
- 2/5/2012 **Charlie Powell, 7**, and **Braden Powell, 5**, killed by their father, who then killed himself. Their father was suspected of having killed their mother who disappeared in 2009.
- 3/9/2012 **Corina Santos, 25**, beaten by her boyfriend.
- 3/14/2012 **Linda McNeely, 52**, shot by her husband. Family members said Linda was suffering from untreatable brain cancer and had asked her husband to shoot her.
- 3/21/2012 **Jean Schumacher, 71**, killed with a hatchet by her husband after she threatened to divorce him. She said she had lived in fear of him for forty years.
- 4/12/2012 **Vanessa Thorson, 55**, shot by her husband.
- 4/22/2012 **Lynnettee Keller, 41**, and her daughter **Kaylene, 18**, shot by Lynnettee's husband who then killed himself.
- 4/29/2012 **Suzanne Shuba, 59**, shot by her husband.
- 5/14/2012 **Mark Williams, 55**, beaten with a hammer by his wife.
- 5/18/2012 **Rita Kagawa, 53**, killed by her ex-husband, who then killed himself.
- 5/25/2012 **Jessica Scholl, 17**, stabbed and beaten by her ex-boyfriend.
- 5/28/2012 **Sherry Rodgers, 48**, strangled by her husband.
- 5/31/2012 **Walter Denesha, 13**, stabbed by his teenage sister's ex-boyfriend after she broke up with him.
- 6/2/2012 **Kathie Ann Baker, 53**, beaten and strangled by her husband.
- 6/6/2012 **Kornelia Engelmann, 58**, beaten by her boyfriend.
- 6/6/2012 **Bill Beck, 48**, shot by his girlfriend, who then killed herself.
- 6/7/2012 **Valerie Jefferson, 60**, suffocated by her boyfriend.
- 6/16/2012 **Laura Lindblad, 31**, shot by her estranged husband, who then killed himself. She had come to his home to drop off their two children.
- 6/27/2012 **Jane Wright, 46**, shot by her boyfriend, who then killed himself.
- 7/6/2012 **Melinda (Mindy) O'Meara, 20**, stabbed by her boyfriend.
- 8/25/2012 **Dionne Chiaravallotti, 39**, stabbed by her husband, who also assaulted one of her children.
- 8/28/2012 **Harjit Singh**, shot by his friend's ex-husband who was jealous of their friendship.
- 8/29/2012 **Kristi Holmes, 41**, and her daughter **Violet, 11**, shot by her husband.
- 10/5/2012 **Kathryn Southward, 29**, beaten by her boyfriend. She died from her injuries after a week in the hospital.
- 10/16/2012 **Carmelita Lopez-Santos 42**, shot by her ex-boyfriend.
- 10/29/2012 **Sandra McIntyre, 26**, shot by her husband, who then killed himself. Sandra was pregnant at the time of her death.
- 10/30/2012 **Tricia Patricelli, 33**, stabbed by her ex-boyfriend two weeks after he completed a prison sentence for harassing and threatening her.
- 11/12/2012 **Anita Frye, 67**, shot by her husband.
- 11/12/2012 **Mary Hinzman, 48**, stabbed by her husband who then killed himself.
- 12/7/2012 **Michelle Koenen, 48**, strangled by her boyfriend.

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Domestic violence
fatalities by county*

homicides	County	suicides
	Adams	
	Asotin	
	Benton	
	Chelan	
1	Clallam	
2	Clark	
1	Columbia	
	Cowlitz	
	Douglas	
	Ferry	
	Franklin	
	Garfield	
1	Grant	1
2	Grays Harbor	1
1	Island	
	Jefferson	
12	King	2
	Kitsap	
	Kittitas	
	Klickitat	
	Lewis	
	Lincoln	
2	Mason	1
	Okanogan	
	Pacific	
	Pend Oreille	
10	Pierce	4
	San Juan	
1	Skagit	
	Skamania	
2	Snohomish	2
2	Spokane	1
	Stevens	
1	Thurston	1
	Wahkiakum	
	Walla Walla	
1	Whatcom	
	Whitman	
1	Yakima	1
40	Total	14

*Find fatalities by county for 1997-2012 at wscadv.org

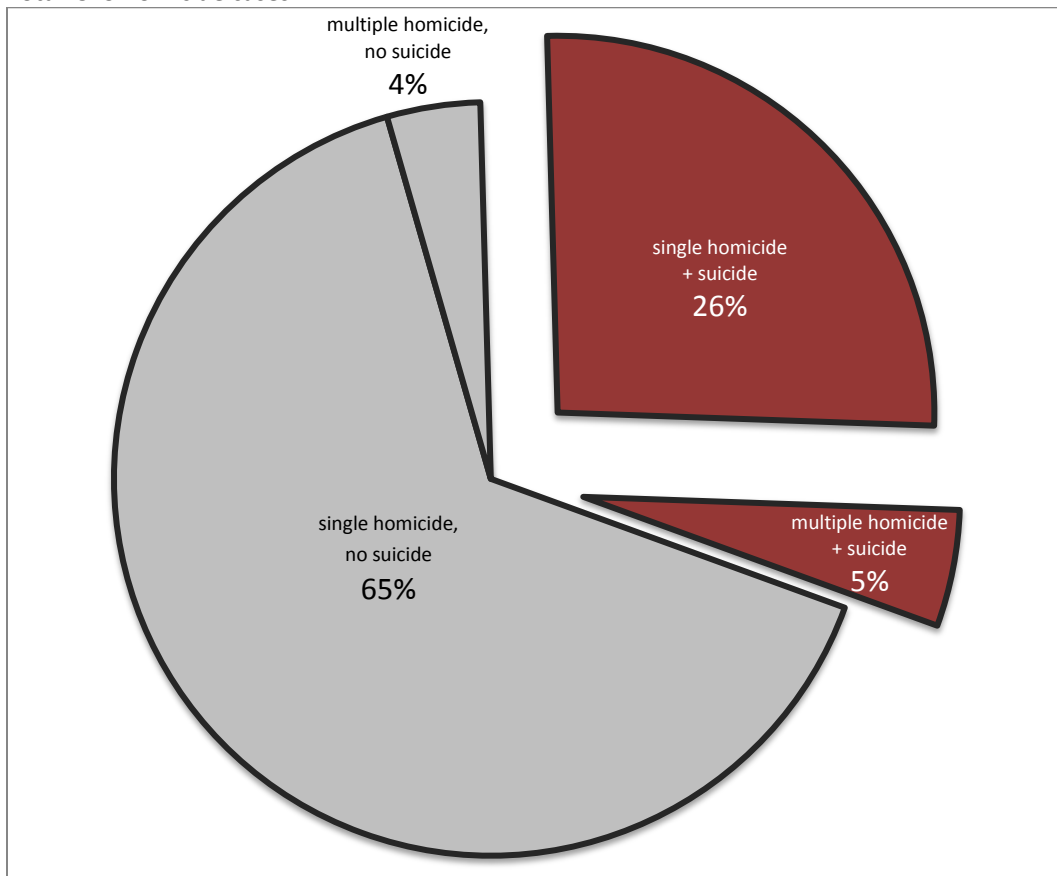
Fatalities		Killed by whom	2012	1997-2012
1	female domestic violence victim	current or former male partner	28	393
2	female domestic violence victim	male caregiver	0	3
3	female domestic violence victim	female caregiver	0	1
4	female domestic violence victim	perpetrator acting on behalf of male abuser	0	3
5	female domestic violence victim	current or former female partner	0	3
6	male domestic violence victim	current or former female partner	2	52
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	3	53
10	children	female abuser	0	1
11	bystander, friend, or family of female dv victim	male abuser	3	49
12	friend or family of male dv victim	female abuser	0	2
13	new partner of female dv victim	male abuser	0	37
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	5
17	male abuser	female dv victim in self defense	0	17
18	male abuser	female dv victim in probable self defense	3	14
19	male abuser	female dv victim, not in self defense	0	7
20	male abuser	friend or family of female dv victim	1	19
21	male abuser	law enforcement	1	32
22	male abuser	suicide	12	191
23	female abuser	law enforcement	0	1
24	female abuser	suicide	1	9
25	children	female dv victim	0	3
Totals				
26	all homicides by abusers and associates (rows 1-16)		36	616
27	all homicide victims (rows 1-20 & 25, excludes suicides and abusers killed by police)		40	676
28	all dv fatalities (rows 1-25)		54	909

Murder-suicide

Thirty-one percent of abusers who committed murder also killed themselves.

Homicides committed by domestic violence abusers, 1/1/1997-12/31/2012

Total: 549 homicide cases

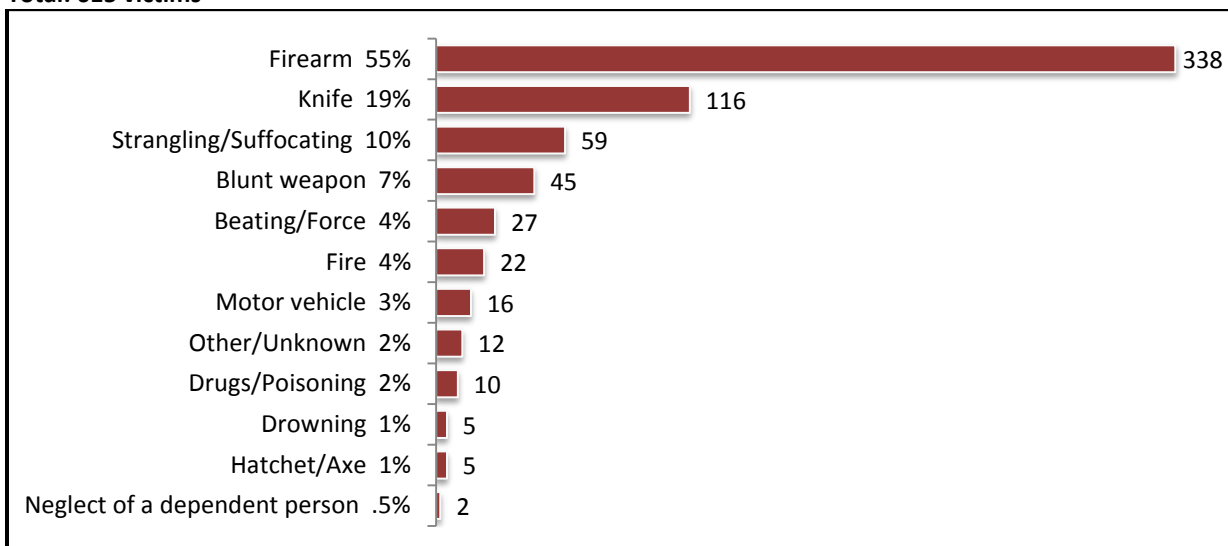


Weapons

55% of abusers used firearms to in domestic violence homicides.

Weapons used by abusers in domestic violence homicides, 1/1/1997-12/31/2012

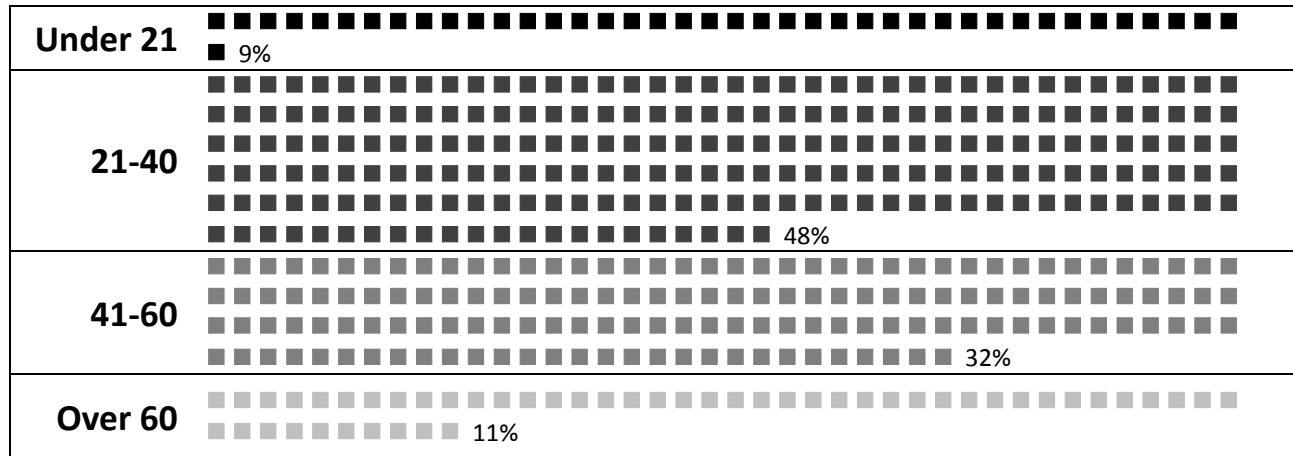
Total: 615 victims



Age of Victims

Domestic violence victims killed by current or former intimate partners ranged in age from 13 to 89 years old.

Age of domestic violence victims killed by abusers 1/1/1997 – 12/31/2012
Total: 462 victims



Age of Children

Of the 462 domestic violence victims killed by abusers since 1997, at least 170 had children at home with them at the time they were killed.

Age of children living with domestic violence victims killed by abusers 1/1/1997 – 12/31/2012
Total: 333 children of 170 domestic violence homicide victims

