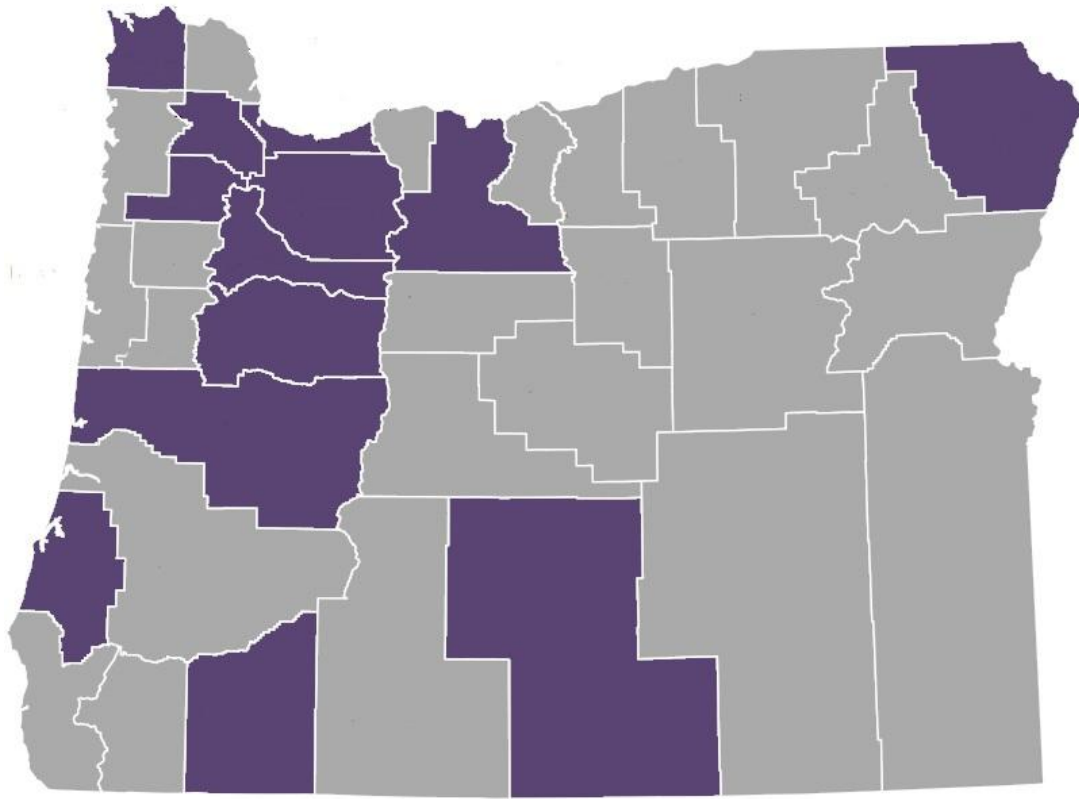


Fatal Domestic Violence in Oregon: Demographics Related to Victims, Perpetrators, and Incidents

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Introduction

Since 1978, the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence has provided technical assistance, training, and public education to crisis centers and communities throughout the state. The Coalition engages in systems advocacy and supports multi-disciplinary efforts to develop agency protocols in order to promote recognition of sexual assault and domestic violence, enhance systemic responses to victims and their families, and support innovative approaches to ending domestic and sexual violence. With this in mind, the Coalition has undertaken to produce an annual, statewide domestic violence fatality report at the request of its member programs. The report will be useful to programs and agencies as a reliable source of data for community response, grant writing, and service development.

Across the country, state coalitions produce reports that track domestic violence homicides for use by local programs and agencies. The methodology employed varies from coalition to coalition, but many utilize the media. Some, like the Texas Council on Family Violence, have partnered with governmental and law enforcement organizations within their states to enhance the accuracy of the data they collect and present to the public. The Oregon Coalition strives to foster similar partnerships and hold its report to a high standard so that the data therein may be used most effectively by the agencies, programs, and individuals dedicated to preventing and combating domestic violence. While the Coalition currently relies on internet searches and media reports to form the foundation of its data, its partnerships with the state's law enforcement agencies and district attorneys' offices are growing.

In Oregon, domestic violence is defined by statute as "abuse between family or household members," where family and household members means spouses, former spouses, adult persons related by blood or marriage, persons cohabitating with each other, persons who have cohabitated with each other or who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship, and unmarried parents of a minor child. Abuse is defined as "attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing physical injury; intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent serious physical injury; or committing sexual abuse in any degree as defined in ORS 163.415, 163.425 and 163.427." (For the statutory definition of domestic violence, see [ORS 135.230](#).) In the legal context of the statute, the term "cohabitants" refers specifically to individuals in spousal and intimate partner relationships. Therefore, the statutory definition of domestic violence covers only a narrow range of relationships. For the purposes of this report, the statute is not broad enough to encompass the commonly understood parameters of family—which include a whole array of intimate and non-intimate, blood and non-blood relationships—and it cannot encompass the many ways in which the varied manifestations of family intersect with domestic violence. Similarly, the commonly utilized definition of domestic violence as "a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner," ([Office on Violence Against Women](#), U.S. Department of Justice), poses problems for the collection of data because a pattern of behavior cannot always be demonstrated with available sources, regardless of the type of relationship. Although we have endeavored to uncover patterns of behavior, the single act of violence must suffice to justify the inclusion of each fatality incident in the report. This means that a survivor of domestic violence may appear in this report as a

perpetrator and that the inclusion of any particular incident does not depend on legal outcomes.

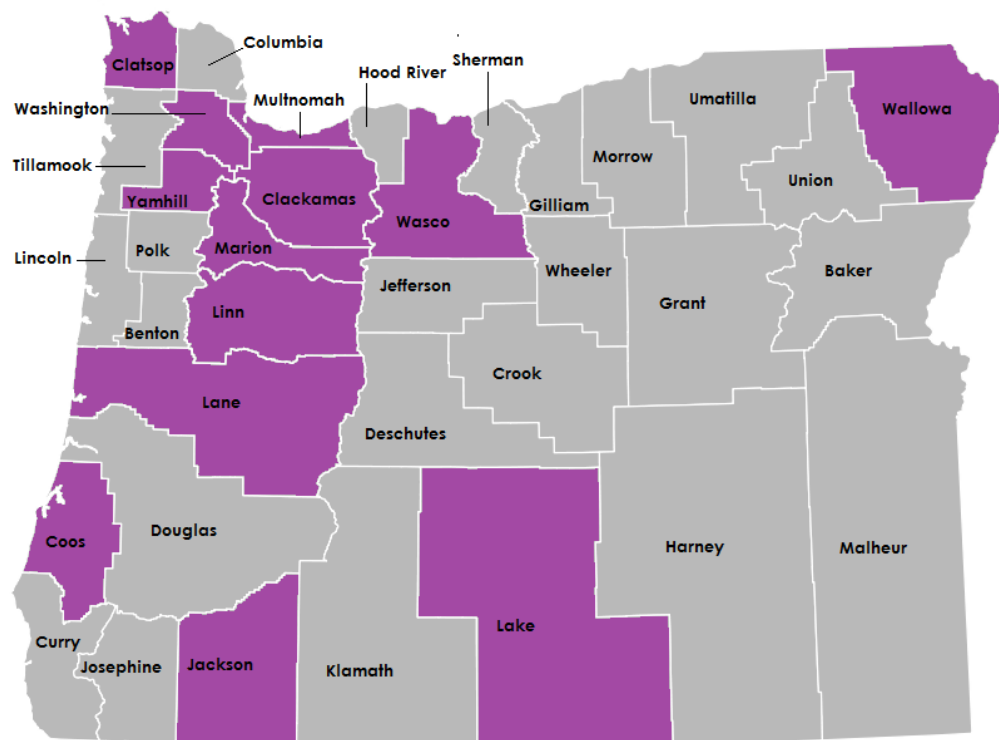
The Coalition has decided to include a wide variety of incidents that take place in the context of a family or household. This means that we will track incidents involving roommates, care providers, people related by blood or marriage including extended family, current and former intimate partners, the extended family of current and former intimate partners, and cases of prostitution (covered under the term intimate partner).

OCADSV has not included incidents of filicide, except when the deaths of children resulted from an act of violence that was also perpetrated against an adult. We have included only incidents that occurred within the state of Oregon, and not those that involved Oregonians who were out of state when the fatality happened. We have chosen to include suicides in the report when they occur in the course of a violent incident or when they occur in the course of intervention or response to an incident. Finally, the term victim as used in the report refers to any individual who was killed, sustained injury, or was otherwise involved in an episode of domestic violence, including bystanders. The term may encompass, for example, individuals abducted, held hostage, or threatened during the course of an incident, even if they were not physically harmed. Inevitably, the number of victims given in this report will be lower than the reality. Due to the limitations of media coverage, some victims have gone unaccounted in this report, and age and gender cannot always be provided.

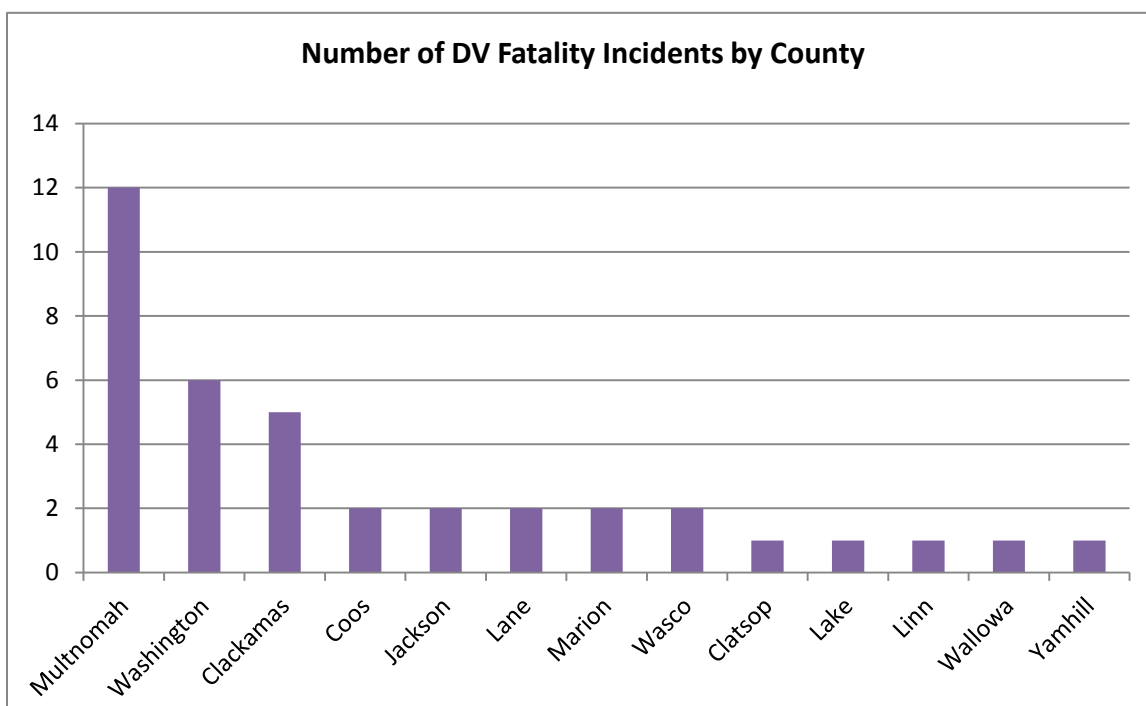
The report begins with a broad look at domestic violence fatality incidents in the state, including in which counties they occurred and in what numbers, frequency per month, and types of incidents. The next section provides details about victims and perpetrators, covering age and gender, types of relationships between victims and perpetrators, and the manner of victim and perpetrator deaths. The third section provides incident information and contains subsections on murder-suicide, suicide, and police-intervention incidents. These subsections include breakdowns similar to the previous section, providing age and gender, relationship, and location information. Short incident summaries listed by county follow the incident subsections. The report concludes with a list of Oregon Coalition member and non-member programs organized by counties served.

Overview: Domestic Violence Incidents across Oregon

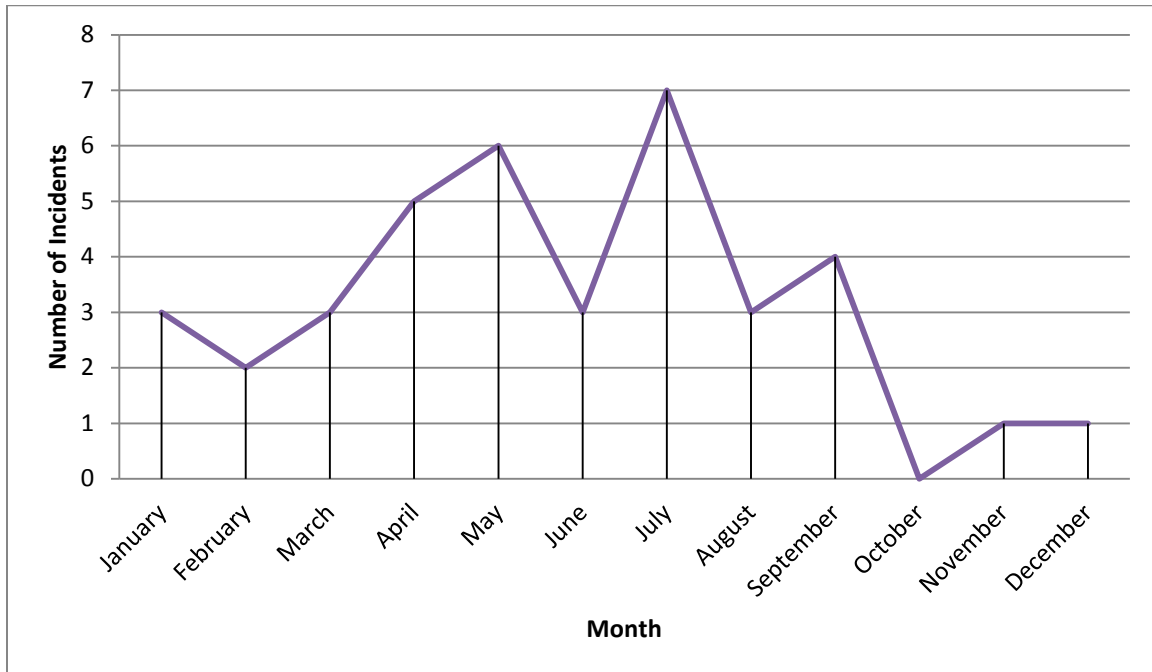
In 2012, **thirteen** out of thirty-six Oregon counties had at least one lethal domestic-violence incident.



The state suffered a **total of 38** separate incidents, with the highest number concentrated in Multnomah County.



Across the state, the highest number of fatal DV incidents in a one-month period occurred in July, followed closely by May and April.



The highest number of fatality incidents in a one-month period in Multnomah County occurred in July, with a total of five. The second highest incidence occurred in April, with a total of three.

In Washington County, two fatality incidents occurred in May with three other incidents in the spring and summer, and one in the winter.

In Clackamas County, three out of five incidents occurred in the winter, and the rest in late spring and summer.

Both fatality incidents in Coos County occurred in September.

Both fatality incidents in Jackson County occurred in March.

Types of Incidents

Murder	26
Murder-suicide	8
Suicide related to domestic violence incident	3
Police-intervention death	1
Total	38

Of these 38 incidents, sixteen included multiple victims.

Six of the multi-victim incidents involved children.

A Look at Victims and Perpetrators

A total of 55 women, men and children, victims and perpetrators, lost their lives in 2012.

Overview of Victims

Total number of victims	66
Total number of victims killed	44
Total number of female victims	36
Number of female victims killed	27
Number of female victims physically injured	4
Total number of male victims	22
Number of male victims killed	17
Number of male victims physically injured	1
Total number of victims of unspecified gender (all children)	8
Number of victims of unspecified gender killed	0
Number of victims of unspecified gender physically injured	0

Age and Gender of Victims

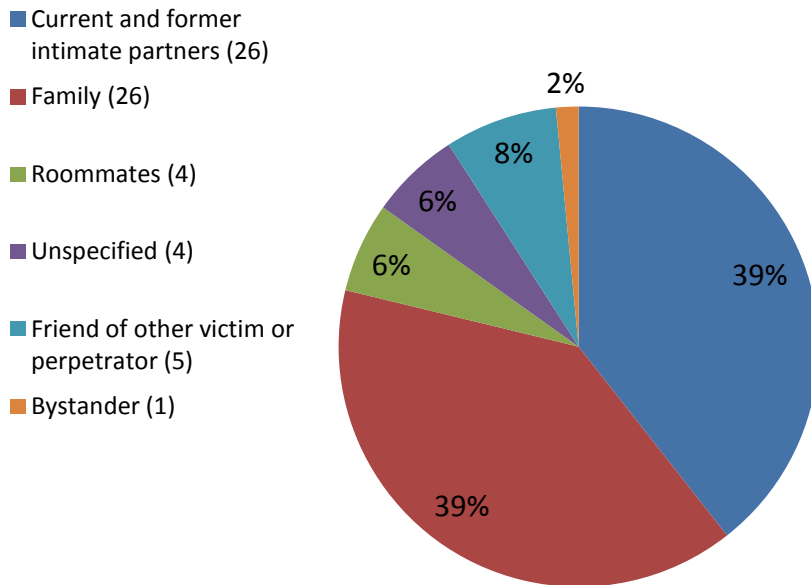
Age of Victim	Female	Male	Unspecified Gender	Total by Age
0-6	3	0	0	3
7-17	1	2	6	9
18-30	6	5	0	11
31-40	7	3	0	10
41-50	3	4	0	7
51-60	8	3	0	11
61-70	2	3	0	5
71-80	2	1	0	3
81-90	1	0	0	1
Unspecified Age	3	1	2	6
Total by Gender	36	22	8	66

Number of Victims Killed by Age and Gender

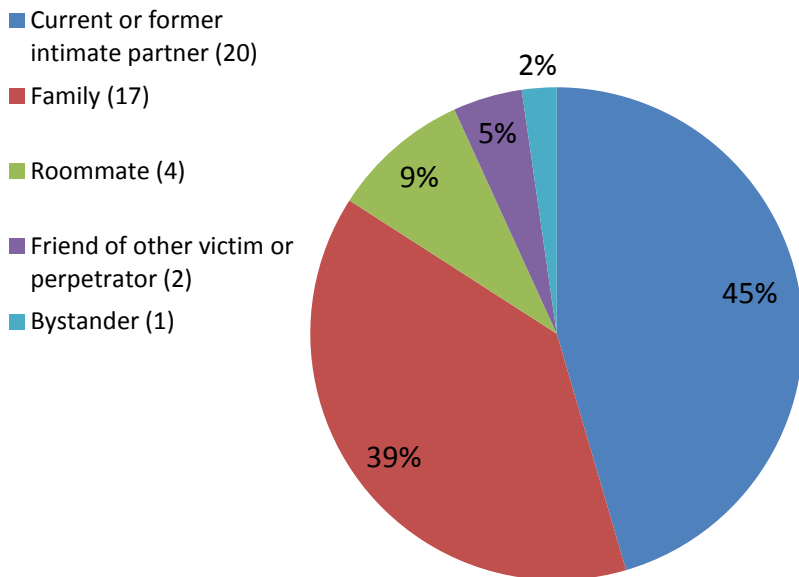
Age of victim	Females Killed	Males Killed	Total by Age
0-6	3	0	3
7-17	1	2	3
18-30	5	4	9
31-40	5	2	7
41-50	1	3	4
51-60	7	2	9
61-70	2	3	5
71-80	2	1	3
81-90	1	0	1
Total by Gender	27	17	44

Relationships

Number of Victims by Type of Relationship to Perpetrator



Number of Victims Killed by Type of Relationship to Perpetrator



In 2012, the number of victims who were current or former intimate partners of perpetrators was matched by the number of victims who were family members. The category of family includes a wide range of relationships, from parents and grandparents to, in one instance, the former intimate partner of a perpetrator's sibling. The category is intentionally far-reaching to reflect the diversity of what constitutes family and the roles that individuals play in their interpersonal relationships.

Among victims killed, current and former intimate partners represent a slightly higher percentage than family members, and roommates constitute nearly 10 percent of fatalities.

Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator			
When perpetrator was male, victim was:			
Wife	8	Male friend of wife	1
Current female partner	7	Estranged wife	1
Current male partner	1	Estranged female partner	1
Child of perpetrator	10	Male friend of estranged female partner	1
Father	3	Ex-wife	2
Mother	2	Former female partner	1
Father-in-law	1	Male friend of ex-wife	1
Mother-in-law	1	Ex-husband of mother in law	1
Mother of current female partner	1	Former male partner of sister	1
Father's current female partner	1	Former male partner of daughter	1
Grandmother	1	Roommate	4
Uncle	1	Intimate partner	1
Nephew	1	Bystander	1
Current female partner of son	1	Unspecified	4
On-again off-again female partner	1	Male friend of perpetrator	1
Male friend of male victim	1		

Total: **63**

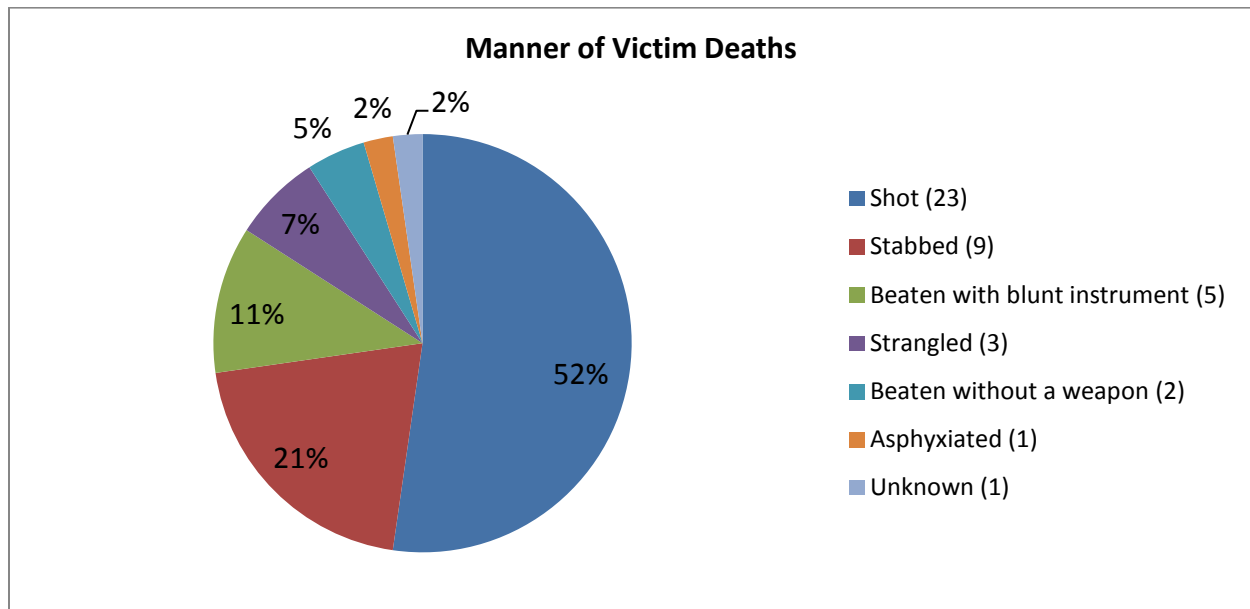
Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator			
When perpetrator was female, victim was:			
Current male partner	2	Husband	1

Total: **3**

Relationship of Victim Killed to Perpetrator			
Wife	6	Nephew	1
Current male partner	3	Former male partner of sister	1
Former male partner of daughter	1	Intimate partner	1
Current female partner	5	On-again off-again female partner	1
Former female partner	1	Uncle	1
Father	2	Mother of current female partner	1
Ex-wife	2	Father-in-law	1
Male friend of ex-wife	1	Ex-husband of mother-in-law	1
Roommate	4	Father's current female partner	1
Male friend of wife	1	Estranged wife	1
Child	5	Grandmother	1
Bystander	1	Mother	1

Total: **44**

Victim Deaths



Overview of Perpetrators

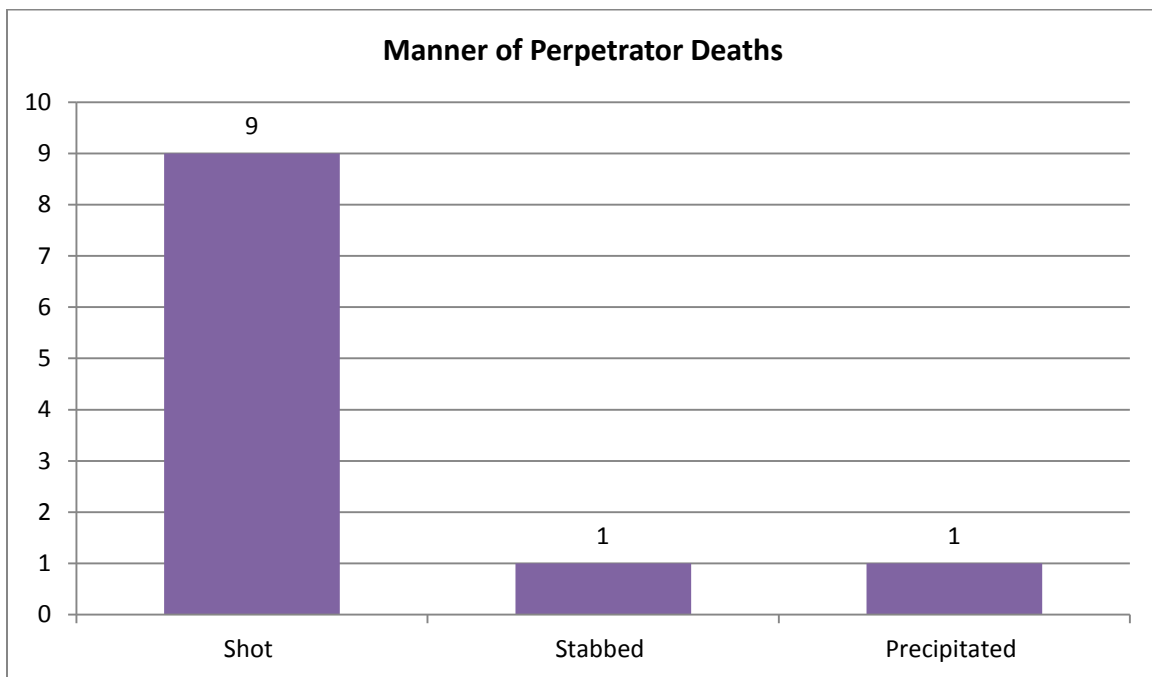
Total number of perpetrators	38
Total number of perpetrators killed	11
Total number of male perpetrators	35
Number of male perpetrators killed	10
Number of male perpetrators physically injured	4
Total number of female perpetrators	3
Number of female perpetrators killed	1
Number of female perpetrators physically injured	0

Age and Gender of Perpetrators

Age of Perpetrator	Male	Female	Total by Age
Under 18	2	0	2
18-30	7	0	7
31-40	6	0	6
41-50	13	2	15
51-60	6	1	7
61-70	0	0	0
71-80	0	0	0
81-90	1	0	1
Total	35	3	38

Number of Perpetrators Killed by Age and Gender			
Age of Perpetrator	Males Deceased	Females Deceased	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	0
18-30	2	0	2
31-40	1	0	1
41-50	4	1	5
51-60	2	0	2
61-70	0	0	0
71-80	0	0	0
81-90	1	0	1
Total	10	1	11

Perpetrator Deaths



A Closer Look at the Incidents

Location

Location of Incident*	
Residence, immediate vicinity of residence, or personal property	32
Public venue (i.e., store, restaurant, hotel)	4
Vehicle	4
Unknown	3
Neighborhood	1

*Five incidents encompassed multiple locations.

Murder-Suicide

Overview*

Total number of incidents	8
Total number of victims	17
Number of victims killed	13
Total number of perpetrators	8
Number of perpetrators killed	7
Total number of male perpetrators	7
Number of male perpetrators killed	6
Total number of female perpetrators	1
Number of female perpetrators killed	1

*These figures include one attempted murder-suicide.

Of the four victims who were not killed, three were children present at the scene of their mother's murder.

Age and Gender of Victims

Age	Female	Male	Unspecified Gender	Total by Age
0-6	3	0	0	3
7-17	1	1	3	5
18-30	1	1	0	2
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	0	1	0	1
51-60	2	0	0	2
61-70	1	0	0	1
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	1	0	0	1
Total	11	3	3	17

Age and Gender of Perpetrators

Age	Male	Female	Total by Age
20-30	1	0	1
31-40	1	0	1
41-50	1	1	2
51-60	3	0	3
61-70	0	0	0
71-80	0	0	0
81-90	1	0	1
Total	7	1	8

Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator	
When perpetrator was male, victim was:	
Wife	4
Current female partner	1
Child of perpetrator	5
Ex-wife	1
Former female partner	1
Bystander	1
Unspecified	3
Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator	
When perpetrator was female, victim was:	
Husband	1
Location of Incident*	
Residence	8
Vehicle	2
Neighborhood	1

*Two incidents involved multiple locations.

Suicide

Overview	
Number of incidents with perpetrator suicide	3
Number of suicide incidents involving hostages or abductions	2
Number of victims held hostage or abducted	6
Number of victims physically harmed leading up to suicide	1
Total number of victims	8

Age and Gender of Victims				
Age	Female	Male	Unspecified Gender	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	3	3
30-40	1	0	0	1
41-50	1	0	0	1
51-60	0	1	0	1
Adult of Unspecified Age	1	1	0	2
Total	3	2	3	8

Age and Gender of Perpetrators			
Age	Male	Female	Total by Age
30-40	1	0	1
41-50	2	0	2
Total	3	0	3

Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator	
Current female partner	1
Father	1
Estranged female partner	1
Male friend of estranged female partner	1
Unspecified	4
Location of Incident*	
Residence	2
Public venue	2
Vehicle	1

*Two incidents involved multiple locations, counting both the scene of the suicide and the location of the domestic violence incident when separate.

Police-Intervention Deaths

Number of incidents in which police used deadly force to subdue perpetrator	1
Gender of perpetrator	Male
Age of perpetrator	50
Gender of victim	Female
Age of victim	Unspecified
Relationship of victim to perpetrator	Current female partner of perpetrator's son
Location	Residence

Narrative Summaries by County

Clackamas

Oregon City- A man shot and killed his ailing wife of 30 years before shooting himself at their home.

Milwaukie- A man shot and killed his long-time female partner before shooting himself in the chest. He survived. Both individuals had chronic health problems, and the man was serving as his female partner's primary caretaker.

Lake Oswego- A man shot his mother and nephew with a rifle in the driveway of his mother's home, where he also lived.

Happy Valley- A man shot his female partner and his partner's mother, killing the latter in the home she shared with her daughter.

Milwaukie- A teen killed his grandmother in her home, where he had been living. The cause of death has not been released publicly.

Clatsop

Seaside- A man bludgeoned his ex-wife and her male friend to death with a baseball bat in her home.

Coos

Bandon- A man traveling with his wife, mother-in-law, father-in-law, and the ex-husband of his mother-in-law, shot his wife before fatally shooting his father-in-law and the ex-husband of his mother-in-law. The bodies of the two men were left on the roadside. His wife recovered from her injury.

Coos Bay- A man threatened and abducted his estranged female partner and her male friend as she left work. Although the woman and her friend were not physically harmed, the man committed suicide shortly afterwards when he was confronted by the police about the incident.

Jackson

Eagle Point- A veteran shot and killed his wife in their home. He had previously attempted to hire someone to kill her.

Eagle Point- A man drove to his former female partner's house, shot and killed her. He then fatally shot himself in the home.

Lake

Fremont National Forest- A man killed his wife and left her body in a utility trailer at his campsite.

Lane

Santa Clara- An elderly man shot and killed his wife before fatally shooting himself in their home. His health had been poor, but his wife was well.

Eugene- A man beat his father and his father's female partner to death at their home with a wrench.

Linn

Waterloo- A teen shot and killed his uncle on the latter's property.

Marion

Salem- A man shot and killed his wife and two of their children. He then set fire to the home, killing his infant daughter. Shortly before killing his family, the man bludgeoned a man walking through his neighborhood to death with a baseball bat. He then drove away from the scene and committed suicide.

Salem- A man fatally shot his estranged wife. They had been discussing divorce settlements.

Multnomah

Portland- A man stabbed his long-time male partner to death.

Portland- A woman stabbed her long-time male partner during an argument, leading to his death.

Portland- A young man slashed his parents with a sword as they slept and then shot his father to death.

Portland- A woman stabbed her male partner, who died of his injuries later that day.

Portland- A man shot at his female partner and threatened his father. Both were unharmed, but the man committed suicide by jumping off a building after being confronted by police.

Portland- A man assaulted a woman and remained inside her apartment with her three children, refusing to come out to police. Eventually the man released the children from the apartment and then committed suicide.

Portland- A man shot and killed two of his roommates (a mother and her adult son).

Portland- A homeless man strangled a woman to death after moving in with her.

Gresham- A man shot the father of his sister's two children when the victim was visiting her.

Portland- A man strangled a young woman he had been intimately involved with and left her body in a storage locker.

Portland- A man stabbed his female partner to death in their home and then stabbed himself, claiming that he had inflicted his own wounds before his female partner had an opportunity to do it.

Portland- A man beat his on-again off-again female partner to death after she confronted him at his house.

Wallowa

Enterprise- A man stabbed a male family friend to death afterhours in the former's place of work after inviting the victim for a drink. The perpetrator's wife had called police earlier in the day fearing for her safety and the safety of her children.

Wasco

The Dalles- A woman shot her husband while he was in bed, and then fatally shot herself. The man survived.

The Dalles- A man raped his son's female partner, who texted her male partner for help. Her male partner called police. The perpetrator attempted to attack the responding officers with a knife, and they shot him. The man had raped his son's female partner multiple times in the past.

Washington

Aloha- A man fatally shot his daughter's former male partner outside of a grocery store. The daughter and the victim had been engaged in a custody battle over their son.

Portland- A former Marine beat his female partner to death in their apartment.

Aloha- A man stabbed his male roommate to death and dismembered his body, storing it in a freezer.

Hillsboro- A man stabbed his ex-wife to death in her home before fatally stabbing himself in his vehicle. Three children were present in the home when the stabbing occurred, and called police.

Tualatin- A man fatally stabbed his female partner outside their apartment and then attempted to attack responding police officers before he was subdued. A friend of the perpetrator present at the scene tried to intervene, but was unsuccessful.

Henry Hagg Lake- A man engaged in an argument with his female partner punched and then stabbed her to death.

Yamhill

Dundee- A man shot and killed his wife and two children before fatally shooting himself in their home.

Oregon Coalition Member Programs by Counties Served

State of Oregon

- Los Niños Cuentan
- Portland Women's Crisis Line
- Russian Oregon Social Services
- South Asian Women's Empowerment and Resource Alliance

Baker

- MayDay, Inc.

Clackamas

- Bradley Angle
- Clackamas Women's Services
- Columbia County Women's Resource Center, the Starting Place Shelter
- Domestic Violence Resource Center
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening
- Impact NW, Listen to Kids
- Raphael House
- Salvation Army, West Women's and Children's Shelter
- Volunteers of America, Home Free
- YWCA, Yolanda House

Columbia

- Columbia County Women's Resource Center, the Starting Place Shelter

Crook

- Saving Grace

Deschutes

- Saving Grace

Gilliam

- Helping Hands Against Violence
- Haven from Domestic Violence

Harney

- Harney Helping Organization for Personal Emergencies

Benton

- Center Against Rape & Domestic Violence

Clatsop

- Clatsop County Women's Resource Center
- Columbia County Women's Resource Center, the Starting Place Shelter

Coos

- Women's Safety and Resource Center
- Oasis Shelter Home

Curry

- Oasis Shelter Home

Douglas

- Oasis Shelter Home
- Siuslaw Outreach Services
- Battered Person's Advocacy

Grant

- Heart of Grant County
- Harney Helping Organization for Personal Emergencies

Hood River

- Helping Hands Against Violence, Inc.

Jackson

- Community Works- Dunn House/Sexual Assault Support Services
- Women's Crisis Support Team

Josephine

- Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance
- Oasis Shelter Home
- Women's Crisis Support Team

Lake

- Lake County Crisis Center
- New Beginnings Intervention Center

Lincoln

- My Sisters' Place

Malheur

- Project DOVE

Morrow

- Domestic Violence Services

Polk

- Sable House

Tillamook

- Tillamook County Women's Resource Center

Jefferson

- Saving Grace
- Victims of Crime Services- Warm Springs Reservation

Klamath

- Klamath Crisis Center

Lane

- Sexual Assault Support Services
- Siuslaw Outreach Services
- Womenspace

Linn

- Canyon Crisis Center
- Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence

Marion

- Canyon Crisis Center

Multnomah

- Bradley Angle
- Clackamas Women's Services
- Columbia County Women's Resource Center, the Starting Place Shelter
- Domestic Violence Resource Center
- Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization- Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening
- Impact NW- Listen to Kids
- Raphael House
- Salvation Army West Women's and Children's Shelter
- Self Enhancement, Inc.
- Volunteers of America, Home Free
- YWCA Yolanda House

Sherman

- Helping Hands Against Violence
- Haven from Domestic Violence

Umatilla

- Domestic Violence Services

Union

- Shelter from the Storm

Wasco

- Haven from Domestic Violence
- Helping Hands Against Violence
- Victims of Crime Services- Warm Springs Reservation

Wheeler

- Helping Hands Against Violence
- Haven from Domestic Violence

Wallowa

- Safe Harbors

Washington

- Bradley Angle
- Clackamas Women's Services
- Columbia County Women's Resource Center, the Starting Place Shelter
- Domestic Violence Resource Center
- Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, Refugee and Immigrant Family Strengthening
- Impact NW, Listen to Kids
- Raphael House
- Salvation Army, West Women's and Children's Shelter
- Volunteers of America, Home Free
- YWCA, Yolanda House

Yamhill

- Henderson House

Non-Member Programs by Counties Served**Clackamas**

- Native American Youth and Family Center, Healing Circle
- Sexual Assault Resource Center
- Catholic Charities, Project UNICA

Lincoln

- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Violence Against Women Program

Multnomah

- Native American Youth and Family Center, Healing Circle
- Sexual Assault Resource Center
- Catholic Charities, Project UNICA

Washington

- Catholic Charities, Project UNICA
- Native American Youth and Family Center, Healing Circle
- Sexual Assault Resource Center

Klamath

- The Klamath Tribes/Social Services, Healing Winds

Marion

- Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service

Umatilla

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Family Violence Services