Police services reported 960 domestic homicides in Canada between 2003 and 2013.\(^7\)

Women are most often (78%) the victims of domestic homicides, with a rate 4.5 times higher than men.\(^7\)

There were 83 domestic homicides in Canada in 2014, 11 more than in 2013.\(^6\)

Rates of domestic homicide against both men and women have decreased significantly since the early 1990s.\(^3,4,5,7,8\)

- In the case of spousal homicides, these declines are partly attributable to relative employment levels—as female-male employment rates become more equal, rates of female spousal homicide decrease.\(^1\)

Shooting and stabbing are the most common causes of death in domestic homicides.\(^3\)

- Women are more likely to be killed with firearms and beatings/strangulation.\(^3,5\)
- Men are more likely to be killed with knives or sharp objects.\(^1\)

Men are more likely than women to commit suicide following domestic homicide.\(^5\)

Domestic homicides account for a large proportion of homicides worldwide, particularly in high-income countries like Canada where 20% of homicides are domestic homicide.\(^2,8\)

Five provinces have domestic violence death review reports available that highlight recommendations for homicide prevention. Access these reports through cdhpi.ca/DVDRC-Reports.

References


Press Releases on SSHRC Grant
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Domestic Violence: The Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations, funded by SSHRC (2015-2020), recognizes that domestic homicide is a form of gender-based violence rooted in historical patterns of inequality, exclusion and discrimination. In this research, domestic homicide is defined as the killing of a current or former intimate partner, their child(ren), and/or other third parties.

- An intimate partner can include people who are in a current or former married, common-law, or dating relationship.
- Other third parties can include new partners, other family members, neighbours, friends, co-workers, helping professionals, bystanders, and others killed as a result of the incident.
- Domestic violence includes all forms of abuse including psychological or emotional abuse that has been documented through professionals or interviews with friends, family, and/or co-workers. (www.cdhpi.org)

Domestic Violence: violence against current or former spouses or dating partners, whether or not the individuals live together or have children.\(^7\)

Filicide: the murder of a child by a parent.

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