

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES IN ARIZONA: 2019 REPORT

In 2019, the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence documented 96 known domestic violence-related fatalities across Arizona. These incidents were identified using an online media monitoring service that uses topical keywords related to domestic violence to produce articles from around the state. While this method of data collection generates a fairly comprehensive list of domestic violence-related fatalities, the data contained in this report is limited, as it captures only those fatalities reported in online media publications.

Arizona consistently ranks among the top states with the highest homicide rates of women murdered by men. In fact, between 2009 and 2019, there were 1,162 domestic violence-related deaths. These tragedies represent a small fraction of the violence that occurs within intimate and family relationships and reminds us of the potential for lethality in relationships where domestic violence is present. It is critical that survivors are heard and supported in accessing safety and healing. This report is dedicated to those who have lost their lives as a result of domestic violence.

PREVALENCE

96

people lost their lives due to domestic violence in 2019

43

people were killed by a current or former partner

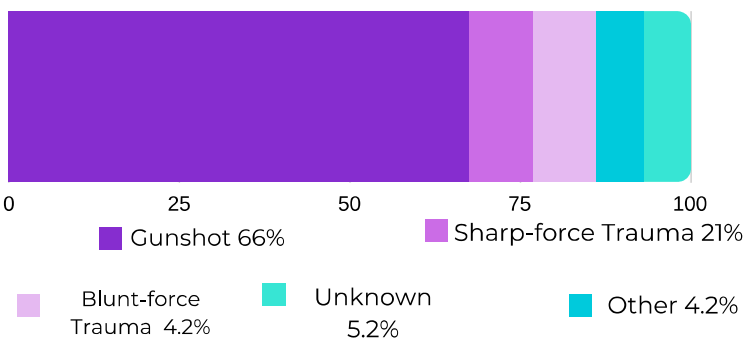
65%

of homicides occurred at home

53%

of cases with previous violence reported were killed by their intimate partner

METHOD OF FATALITY



66%

of the fatalities were caused by the use of gunfire.

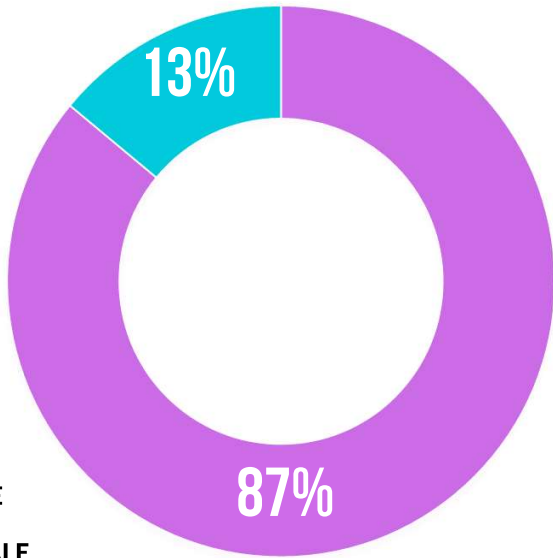
AGE OF VICTIMS



24% of all victims were over the age of 50

10% of all victims were under the age of 18.

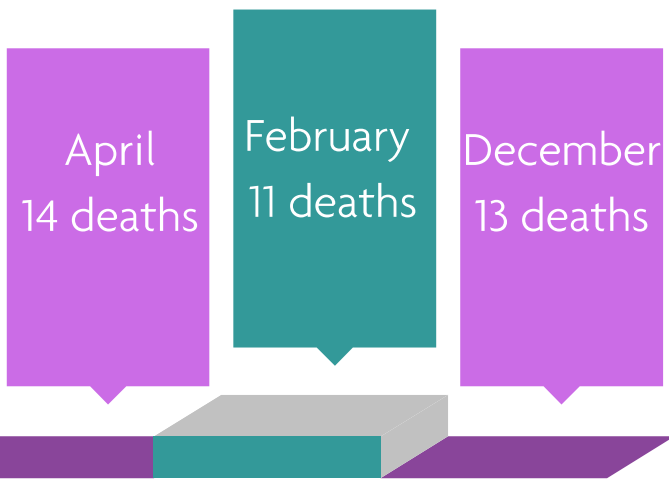
GENDER OF PERPETRATOR



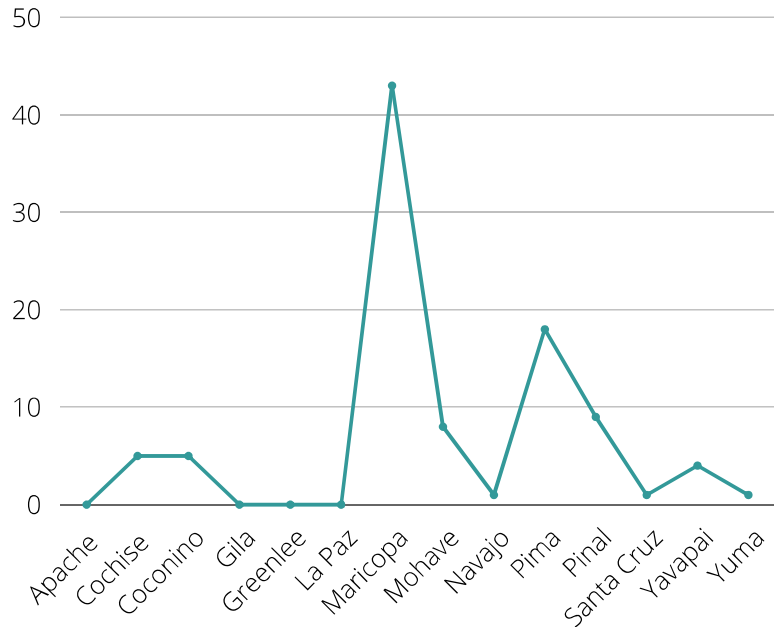
PERPETRATORS



MONTHS WITH HIGHEST FATALITIES



FATALITIES BY COUNTY



Nadia Vanessa Lundin-Vergara and her 11 year old son

A search warrant released stated that Emmanuel Vergara (42) threatened to kill his estranged wife, Nadia Lundin (42) prior to the murder-suicide. Nadia and her 11-year-old son were at an office building for a counseling session when Emmanuel walked in, shot her, and their 11-year-old son before turning the gun on himself. The 11-year-old son survived and told police that his father Emmanuel was not supposed to have a gun because of an Order of protection against him. It is unclear how Vergara obtained the firearm. The family of Nadia stated that Emmanuel had made threats to kill Nadia before and had recently lost his job because of those threats. Emmanuel was also hospitalized for a month before the incident for homicidal and suicidal ideation. Prior to the altercation, Lundin allegedly told a relative of Vergara that "if Emmanuel kills her, he would have to raise their kids." The search warrant also stated that the relative received a text message from Lundin the day of the incident, stating that Vergara was at their location.