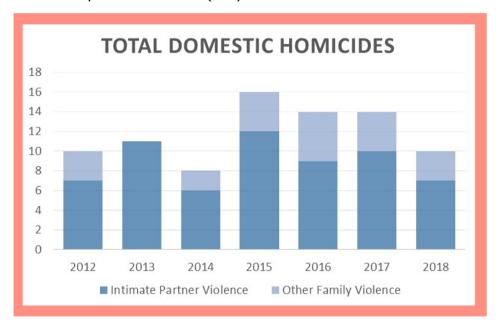


# New Orleans Domestic Violence Fatality Report Summary 2012-2018



In New Orleans, from 2012-2018, there were a total of 83 homicides in which domestic violence was identified as the root cause. Domestic homicides accounted for 8.4% of homicides that occurred in that time period. Of the 83 domestic homicides, there were a total of 62 or 74.7% homicides in which intimate partner violence (IPV) was identified as the root cause.



## TAKEAWAY DOMESTIC HOMICIDE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

- Women and men have similar rates of homicide as a result of DV in New Orleans.
- A majority (68%) of intimate partner homicide victims were adults between the ages of 18-39.
- 84% of domestic homicide victims were identified as Black/African American. Currently, Black/African American residents make up 59% of the population in New Orleans.
- The highest number of domestic homicides occurred in the 7th, 5th, and 3rd NOPD districts.
- In 17% of domestic homicides, reports noted that in addition to the homicide victim(s), other individuals were injured at the scene. There was a total of 19 additional injured victims.
- Children were present at the scene in 13% of domestic homicides.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this report, domestic violence includes family violence (FV) which can occur between individuals who are parents/children, siblings, grandparent/grandchild, cousins, or in-laws and intimate partner violence (IPV) which includes individuals who are married, divorced, separated, dating, or former dating partners.



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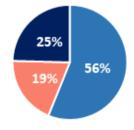
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## TAKEAWAY INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

- Women between the ages of 18-29 experienced the highest rate of homicide as a result of IPV.
- Black men are over 2 times as likely to be murdered as a result of IPV than white women, and black women are over 1.5 times as likely to be murdered as a result of IPV than white women.
- A majority (67%) of intimate partner homicides occurred inside the victim's home or on the sidewalk, garage, or street directly outside of their home.
- Over a quarter (29%) of intimate partner homicide victims were identified as family members or friends of the IPV victim, bystanders, or law enforcement officers.
- 35% of homicide incidents were identified as justifiable homicides, murder-suicides, and reactive homicides. In 83% of murder/suicide cases, there was no previously reported history of IPV.

64% of female victims of IPV homicide were killed by a firearm. In 21% of IPV homicides that involved a firearm, the perpetrator was identified as a felon in possession of a firearm.

## HISTORY OF IPV BETWEEN IPV VICTIMS AND IPV PERPETRATORS<sup>3</sup>



History of IPV, with Criminal Justice Involvement

History of IPV, No Criminal Justice Involvement

■ No History of IPV

In 75% of cases, violent relationship histories between IPV victims and IPV perpetrators were reported by the media, court records, or police reports. Of the 75% of cases in which IPV was reported, 56% of cases had a documented criminal history of domestic violence in either Orleans Parish Criminal or Municipal Courts.

Reactive homicide is defined as a homicide that was committed by a third in reaction to violence against an IPV victim.

IPV victims are defined as the partner in the intimate relationship who is the target of violence perpetrated by his/her intimate partner. IPV perpetrators are defined as the partner in the intimate relationship who has committed violence against his/her intimate partner