

The South Carolina Silent Witness Story Report on Domestic Violence Homicide Victims from 2012

Laura Church October 1, 2013 This year's ceremony will mark the sixteenth anniversary of Silent Witness.

In 2012, there were a total of 48 people murdered by a household member, according to the South Carolina¹² definition. Of those 48 people, 39 were women, constituting 81% of the total, and 9 were men, constituting 19% of the total.

The demographics of the victims were as follows: 54% were White, 44% were African American, and 2% were Asian. The average age of these victims was 45 years old.

The Office of the Attorney General, through its S.T.O.P. Violence Against Women program, collected the data by contacting every Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, Police Department and Solicitor's Office in the State. Those offices were provided with a victim information sheet to complete and asked to provide any incident reports related to domestic homicide victims. As always, these offices were gracious and provided this Office with an abundance of information. In addition, all information was crosschecked for accuracy with the records of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

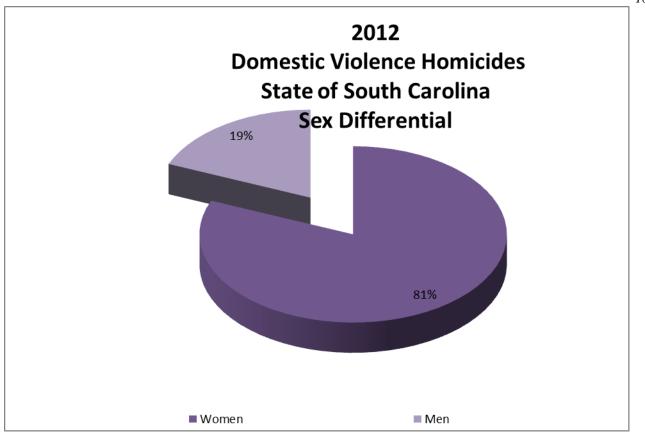
Twenty-four counties reported one or more domestic homicides for 2012.

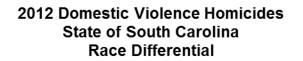
Guns were the primary weapon used in these homicides. In 60% of the cases, a gunshot wound was listed as the primary cause of death. Knives were used in 19% of the cases; 11% were caused by blunt force trauma; 4% were strangulation; 4% were from asphyxiation; and 2% was from medical neglect.

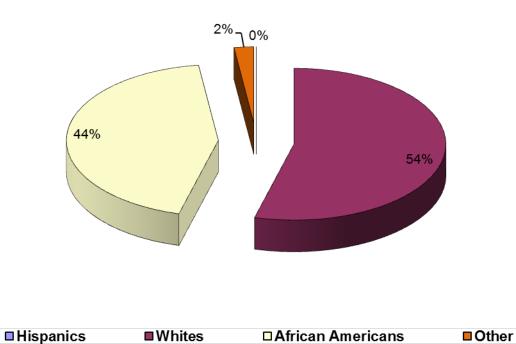
The courts have disposed of only eight cases. There are twenty-three trials pending, sixteen defendants have committed suicide, and one died while awaiting trial.

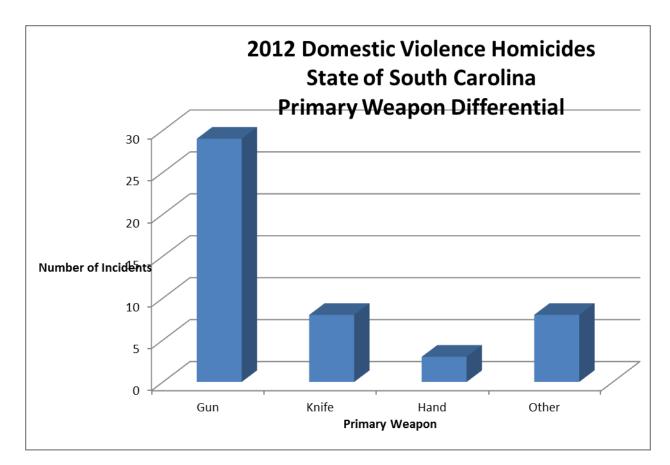
Attached to this document are county-by-county statistics and statewide graphs depicting the statistics mentioned in this report.

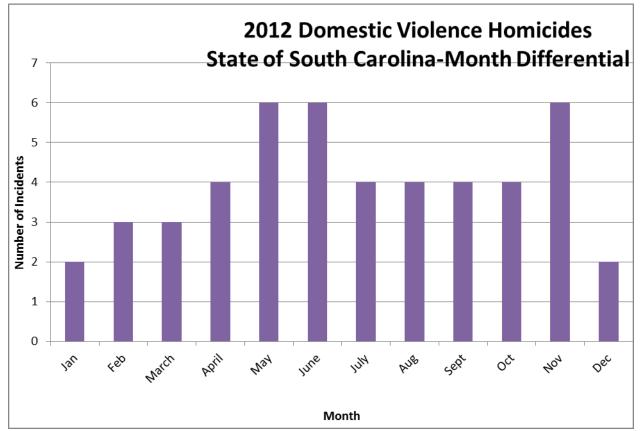
^{12 §16-25-10} defines "household member" as spouses, former spouses, persons who have a child in common, or a male and female who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited.

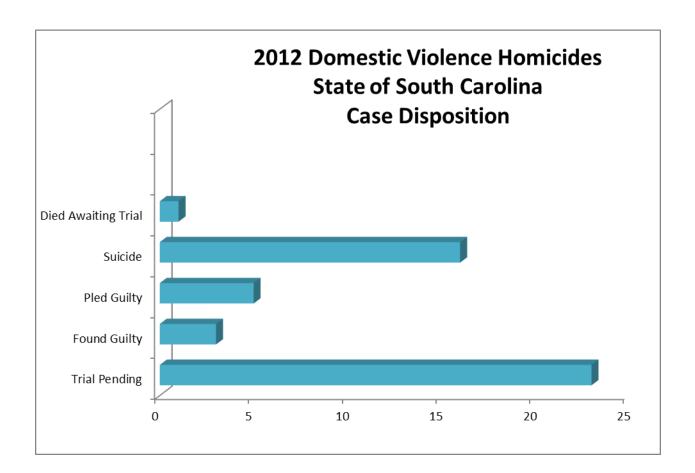












County Statistics

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	Women:		0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0	0 0	
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:		-		•		-		
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	Women:		1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	68
	Whites:		1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0	0 0	
	Gun:		1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:	suicide							
Allendale									
	Women:		0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:								
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Anderson									
	Women:		2	Men:	1	Total:	3	Avg Age:	54
	Whites:		2	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:		1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	1		
	Disposition:	awaiting	tria	al; suicide; ple	d gu	uilty and sentenced to	17 year	rs without par	ole
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	Women:		0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:		0						
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	Gun:		1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
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Berkeley								_	
	Women:		1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	61
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	1		
	Gun:		0	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition	awaiting	tric	1					

Disposition: awaiting trial

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	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun: Disposition:	0 0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
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Charleston								
	Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	30
	Whites:	1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:	awaiting tria	al; suicide					
Cherokee								
	Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	44
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	1		0		
	Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:	found guilty	and sentence	ed to	b life in prison without pa	role		
Chester								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:	0						
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	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0	/ 19 / 190.	Ũ
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
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Florence	Women: Whites: Gun: Disposition:	1 Mei 1 Blai 1 Knit suicide	cks: 0	Total: Hispanic/Other: Hand/Other:	1 0	Avg Age:	32
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Greenwood	J Women: Whites: Gun: Disposition:	1 Knit	cks: 0	Total: Hispanic/Other: Hand/Other:	1 0 0	Avg Age:	46

Hampton	Women: Whites: Gun: Disposition:	0 0 0	Men: Blacks: Knife:	0 0 0	Total: Hispanic/Other: Hand/Other:	0 0 0	Avg Age:	0
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Lancaster	Women: Whites: Gun: Disposition:	0 0 0 0	Men: Blacks: Knife:	0 0 0	Total: Hispanic/Other: Hand/Other:	0 0 0	Avg Age:	0
Laurens	Women: Whites: Gun: Disposition:	0 0 0	Men: Blacks: Knife:	0 1 0	Total: Hispanic/Other: Hand/Other:	0 0 0	Avg Age:	0
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Marlboro							-		-
	Women: Whites:		0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Gun:		0 0	Blacks: Knife:	0 0	Hispanic/Other: Hand/Other:	0 0		
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	Women:		0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0		
	Disposition:		0						
Newberry									
	Women:		1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	42
	Whites:		1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:		0	Knife:	1	Hand/Other:	0		
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	Whites:		2	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	2	/ (vg / (ge.	12
	Gun:		1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	1		
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Richland									
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	Whites:		3	Blacks:	3	Hispanic/Other:	0		
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	Women:		0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	0		
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0	0 0			
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0				
	Disposition:										
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	Women:		1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	43		
	Whites:		1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0				
	Gun:		2	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0				
	Disposition:	awaiting	tria	al; suicide							
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	Women:		1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	54		
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0				
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	1				
	Disposition:	awaiting	tria	al							
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Union	Women:		0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	33		
	Whites:		0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0	Avy Aye.	55		
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	Whites:		0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0				
	Gun:		0	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	0				
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	Women:		1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	39		
	Whites:		1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0				
	Gun:		1	Knife:	0	Hand/Other:	1				
	Disposition:	awaiting	tria	al; pled guilty;	sen	tenced to 40 years with	nout pa	arole			