



South Carolina Domestic Violence Fatality Report

Silent Witness Statistical Report on Victims of Domestic Murder from 2025

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This year's ceremony will mark the twenty-ninth anniversary of Silent Witness.

In 2025, there were a total of 40 people murdered by a household member, according to the South Carolina definition. Of those 40 people, 30 were women, constituting 75 percent of the total, and 10 were men, constituting 25 percent of the total.

The demographics of the victims were as follows: 45 percent were African American; 33 percent were White and 18 percent of victims identified as Hispanic/Latino. The average age of these victims was 43 years old.

The Office of the Attorney General, through its VAWA 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 cross-checked for accuracy with the records of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

Twenty-one counties reported one or more domestic homicides for 2025.

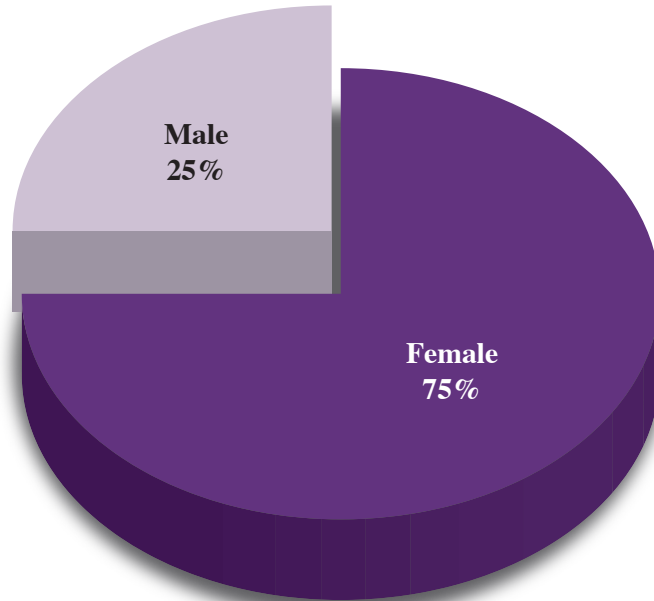
Guns were the primary weapon used in these homicides. In 70 percent of the cases, a gunshot wound was listed as the primary cause of death. Knives were used in 15 percent of the cases; 5 percent were from strangulation.

Trial is pending for murder, homicide, or voluntary manslaughter in 28 cases, 11 suspects died by suicide, 1 pled guilty and was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

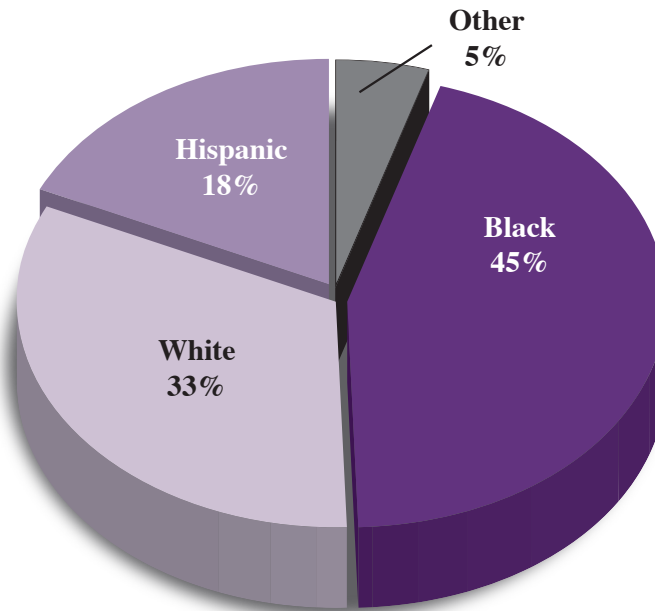
Following this summary are county-by-county statistics and statewide graphs depicting the statistics mentioned in this report.

12 S.C. Code §16-25-10 defines "household members" as spouses, former spouses, persons who have a child in common, or a male and female who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited.

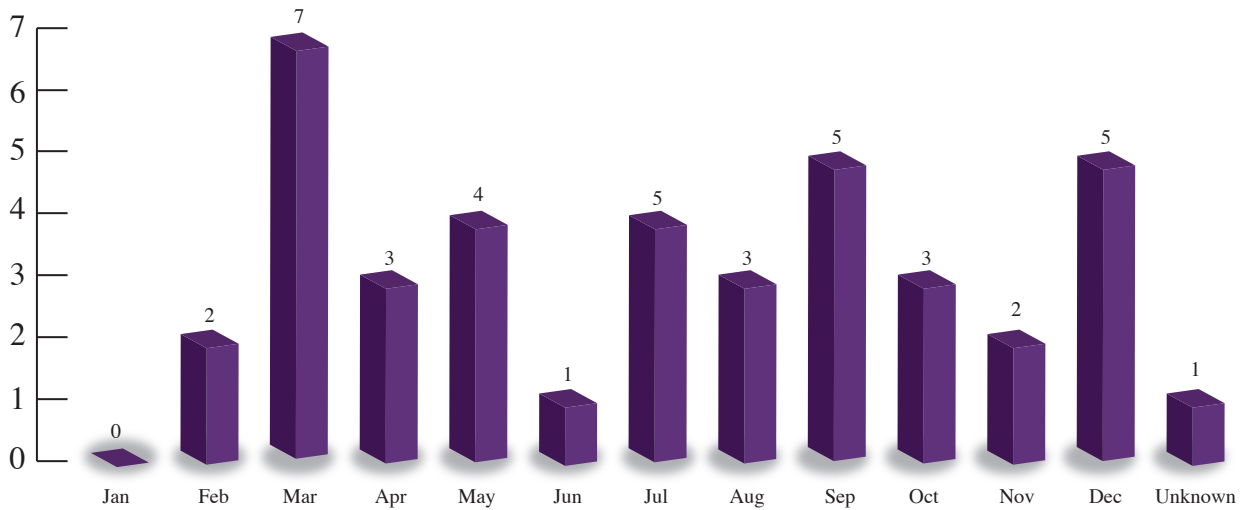
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State of South Carolina
Gender Differential



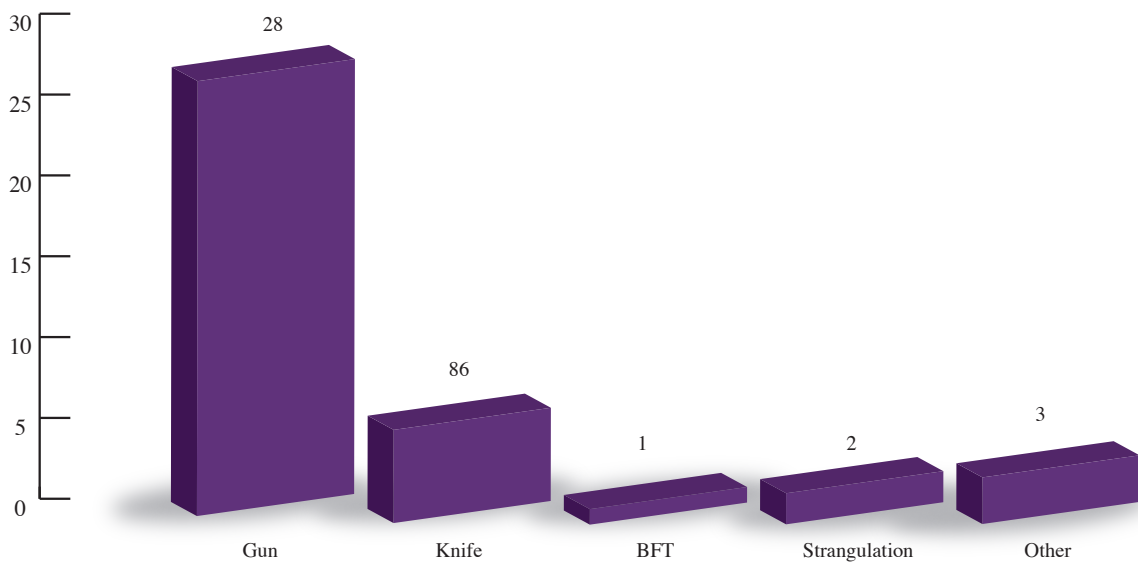
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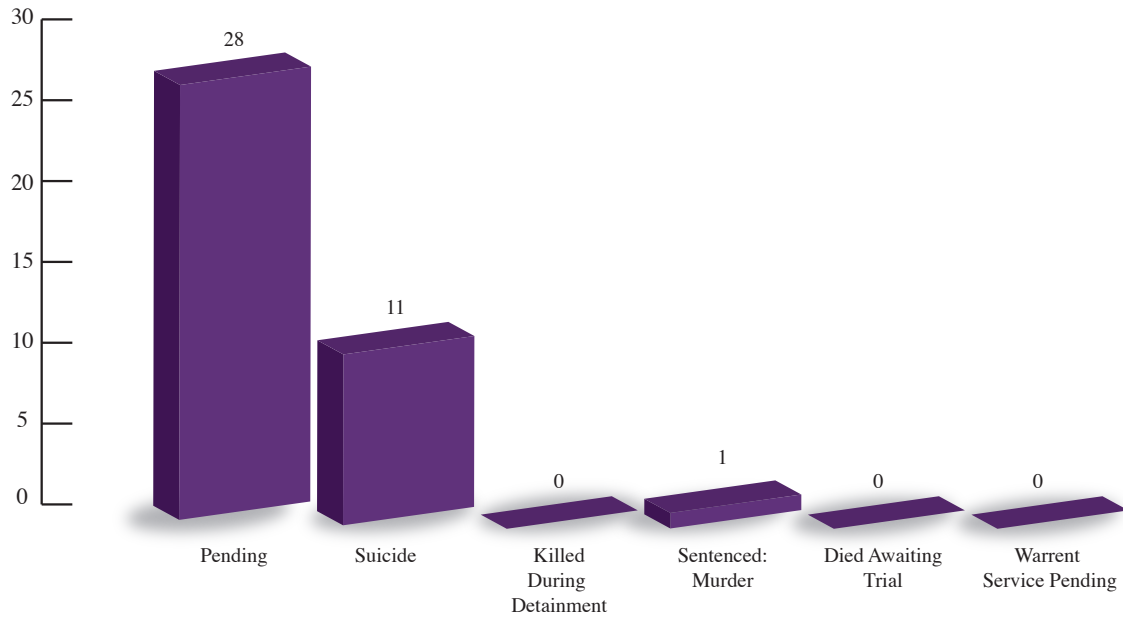
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2025 Domestic Violence Homicides
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Primary Weapon Differential



2025 Domestic Violence Homicides
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Case Disposition



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County Statistics

Abbeville

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Aiken

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Allendale

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Anderson

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	24
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide

Bamberg

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	42
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide

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Barnwell

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Beaufort

Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	81
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 Trial Pending - Murder

Berkeley

Women:	2	Men:	0	Total:	2	Avg Age:	41
White:	0	Black:	2	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide, 1 Trial Pending - Murder

Calhoun

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Charleston

Women:	3	Men:	1	Total:	4	Avg Age:	39
White:	3	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	1		
Strangulation:	1	Other:	1				

Disposition: 3 Trial Pending – Murder; 1 Trial Pending - Homicide

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Cherokee

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Chester

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Chesterfield

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Clarendon

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Colleton

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

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Darlington

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Dillon

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	29
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 Trial Pending - Murder

Dorchester

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Edgefield

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Fairfield

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

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Florence

Women:	1	Men:	3	Total:	4	Avg Age:	41
White:	1	Black:	3	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	2	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 4 Trial Pending - Murder							

Georgetown

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Greenville

Women:	3	Men:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	46
White:	1	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	3	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 2 Committed Suicide; 1 Trial Pending - Murder							

Greenwood

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Hampton

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

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Horry

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Jasper

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	46
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide							

Kershaw

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Lancaster

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Laurens

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

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Lee

Women:	3	Men:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	41
White:	0	Black:	2	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	3	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide; 2 Trials Pending - Murder							

Lexington

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	45
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide							

Marion

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	27
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	1	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Trial Pending - Murder							

Marlboro

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

McCormick

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

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Newberry

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	52
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Trial Pending - Murder							

Oconee

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Orangeburg

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	48
White:	0	Black:	2	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	2				
Disposition: 2 Trials Pending - Murder							

Pickens

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	41
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Trial Pending - Murder							

Richland

Women:	4	Men:	1	Total:	5	Avg Age:	43
White:	0	Black:	3	Hispanic/Other	2		
Gun:	4	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 4 Trials Pending – Murder; 1 Trial Pending – Voluntary Manslaughter							

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Saluda

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	52
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide							

Spartanburg

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	45
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide							

Sumter

Women:	1	Men:	2	Total:	3	Avg Age:	54
White:	2	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	3	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Trial Pending – Murder; 2 Trials Pending – Voluntary Manslaughter							

Union

Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	NA
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Williamsburg

Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	35
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 Trial Pending - Murder							

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York

Women:	2	Men:	0	Total:	2	Avg Age:	33
White:	0	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	2		
Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 Committed Suicide ; 1 Pled Guilty to Murder – Sentenced to 50 years