



South Carolina Domestic Violence Fatality Report

Silent Witness Statistical Report on Victims of Domestic Murder from 2024

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

In 2024, there were a total of 46 people murdered by a household member, according to the South Carolina¹² definition. Of those 46 people, 35 were women, constituting 76 percent of the total, and 11 were men, constituting 24 percent of the total.

The demographics of the victims were as follows: 59 percent were White, 37 percent were African American and 4 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-four counties reported one or more domestic homicides for 2024.

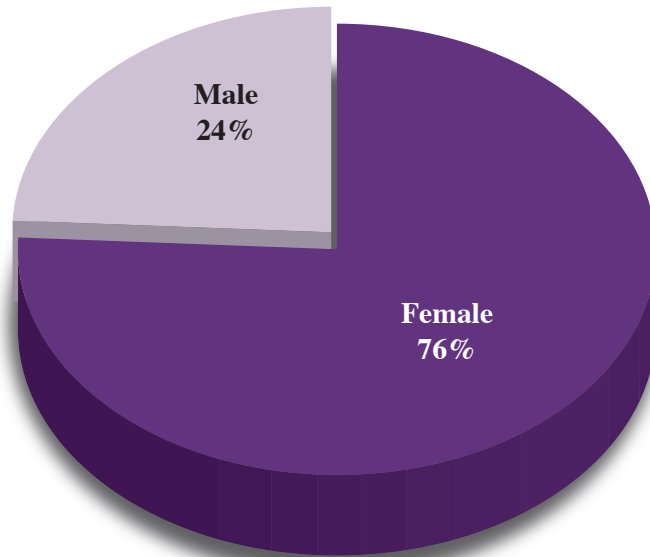
Guns were the primary weapon used in these homicides. In 68 percent of the cases, a gunshot wound was listed as the primary cause of death. Knives were used in 17 percent of the cases; 11 percent from striking by or against a fist or object; 4 percent were from strangulation.

Trial is pending for murder in 27 cases, 14 suspects died by suicide, 2 died awaiting trial, 1 was killed during detainment, 1 pled guilty, and one has a warrant service still pending.

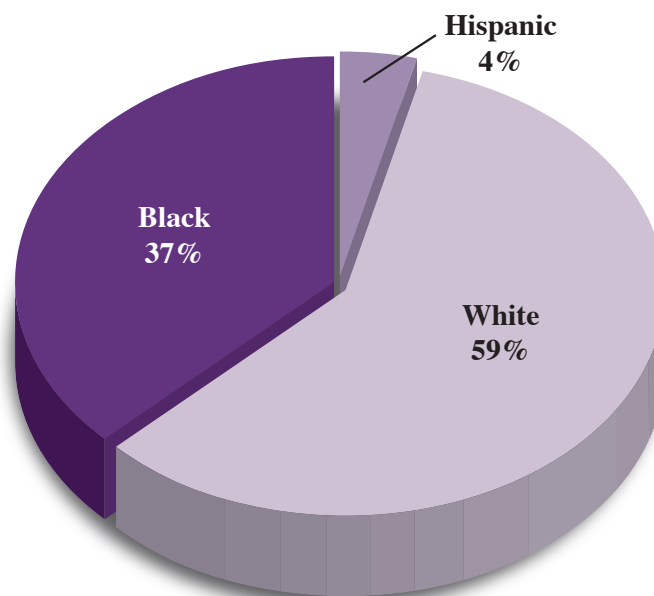
Following this summary are county-by-county statistics and statewide graphs depicting the statistics mentioned in this report.

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.

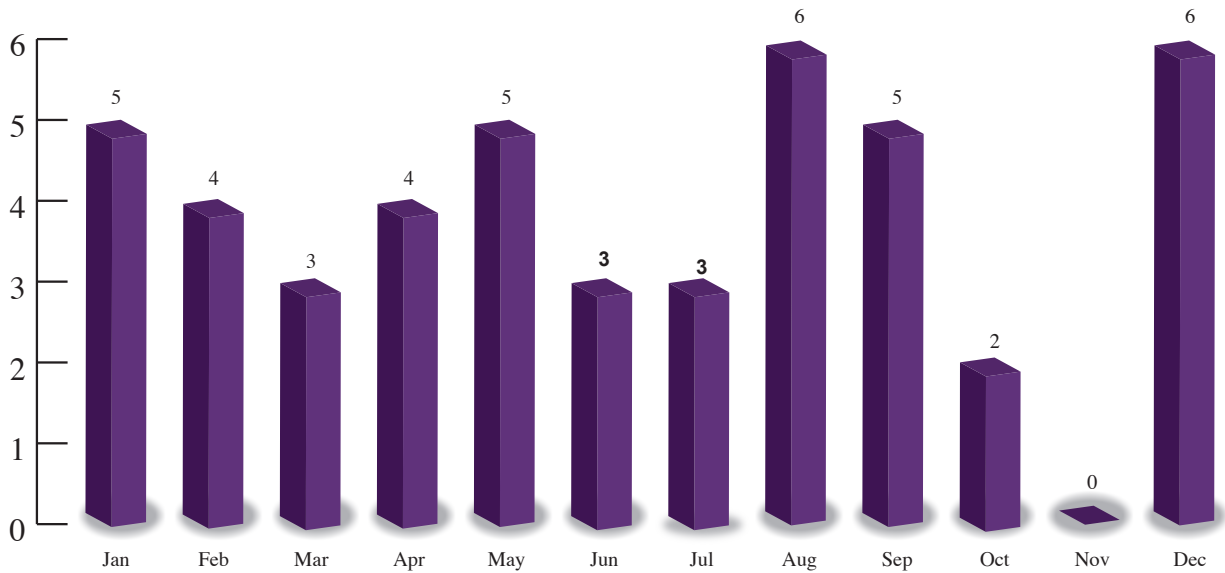
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State of South Carolina
Gender Differential



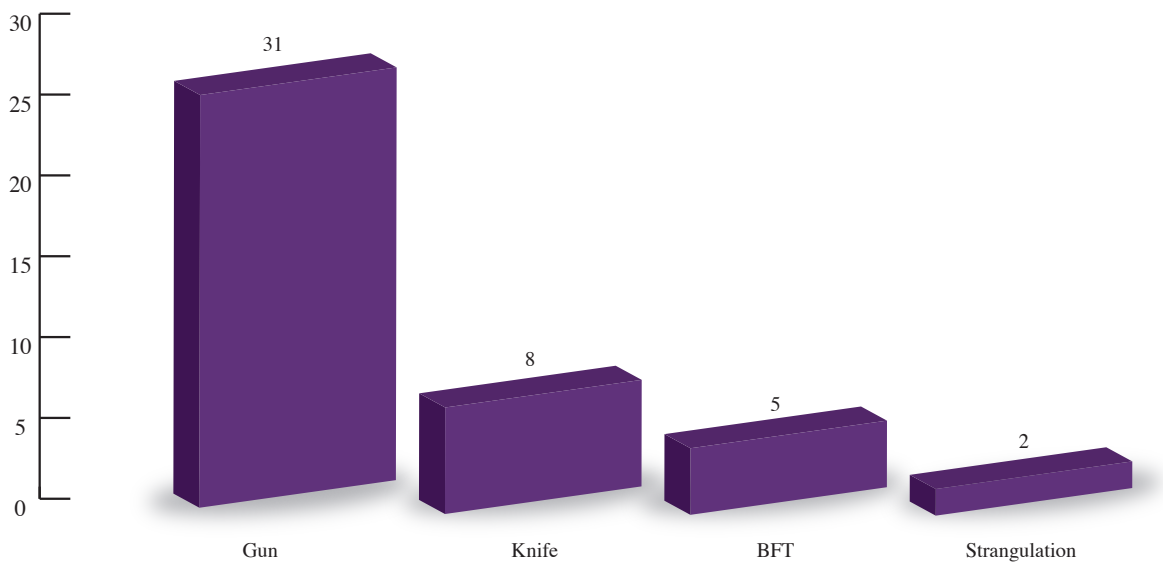
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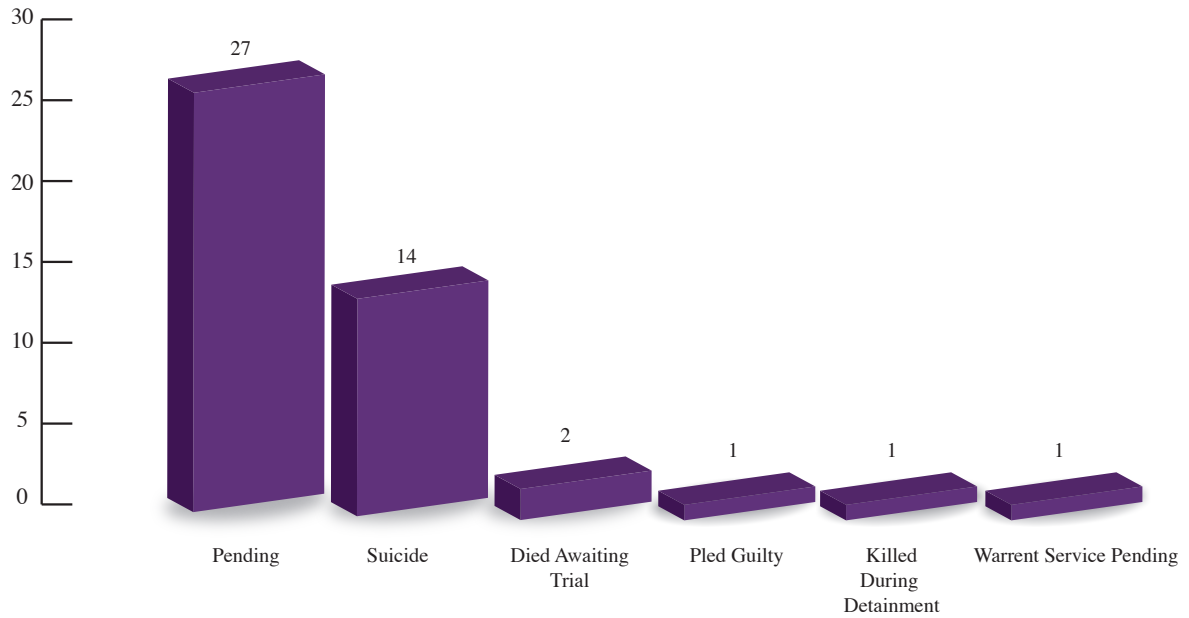
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Month Differential



2024 Domestic Violence Homicides
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Primary Weapon Differential



2024 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:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	43
White:	2	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 trial pending, 1 committed suicide

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:	2	Men:	1	Total:	3	Avg Age:	42
White:	2	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	1	Other:	0				

Disposition: 2 trials pending, 1 died awaiting trial

Bamberg

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	25
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 trial pending

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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:	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 trial pending

Berkeley

Women:	3	Men:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	35
White:	2	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	1		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 committed suicide, 1 trial pending, 1 warrent pending

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:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	35
White:	1	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	2	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 3 committed suicide

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Cherokee

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							

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:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	58
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	1	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 trial pending							

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:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	48
White:	1	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 2 trial pending							

Dillon

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				

Dorchester

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

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:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	44
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				
Disposition: 1 trial pending							

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Florence

Women:	1	Men:	2	Total:	3	Avg Age:	40
White:	0	Black:	3	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	2	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 2 trials pending, 1 committed suicide

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:	5	Men:	0	Total:	5	Avg Age:	44
White:	3	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	1		
Gun:	2	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	2		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 2 trials pending, 2 committed suicide, 1 killed during detainment

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:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	31
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 trial pending

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Horry

Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	54
White:	1	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	2	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 trial pending, 1 died awaiting trial

Jasper

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				

Kershaw

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	34
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 pled guilty

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:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	79
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 committed suicide

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Lee

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				

Lexington

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				

Marion

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	31
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 trial pending

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:	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				

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:	0	Men:	2	Total:	2	Avg Age:	42
White:	1	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 2 trials pending

Pickens

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	38
White:	1	Black:	0	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 committed suicide

Richland

Women:	2	Men:	0	Total:	2	Avg Age:	32
White:	1	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	2		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 2 trials pending

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Saluda

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				

Spartanburg

Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	31
White:	0	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 committed suicide

Sumter

Women:	4	Men:	2	Total:	6	Avg Age:	58
White:	5	Black:	1	Hispanic/Other	0		
Gun:	5	Knife:	1	Struck by / Against:	0		
Strangulation:	0	Other:	0				

Disposition: 1 committed suicide, 5 trials pending

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:	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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York

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