2023 SOUTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REPORT

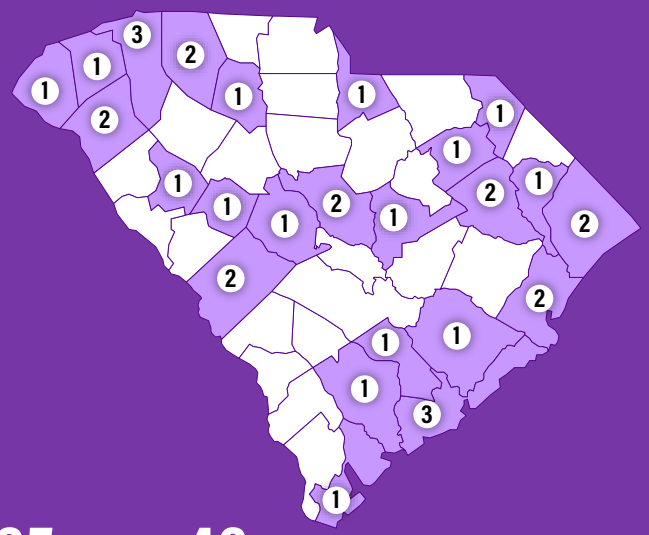
Silent Witness Statistical Report on Victims of Domestic Homicide from 2022

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OF THE **36** PEOPLE MURDERED BY A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

81% OF THE VICTIMS WERE WOMEN (n=29)

19% OF THE VICTIMS WERE MEN (n=7)



25 OF THE **46** COUNTIES REPORTED ONE OR MORE DOMESTIC HOMICIDES IN 2022

NUMBERS DENOTE THE SUM OF THE REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN EACH COUNTY

48% OF THE VICTIMS WERE BLACK (n=17)

46% OF THE VICTIMS WERE WHITE (n=16)

6% OF THE VICTIMS WERE HISPANIC (n=2)

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE VICTIMS IN 2022 WAS YEARS **42** OLD

VICTIMS'S AGES RANGED FROM **21–79**

IN **82%** OF THE CASES, A GUNSHOT WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH (n=28)

IN **12%** OF THE CASES, A KNIFE WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH (n=4)

IN **3%** OF THE CASES, STRIKING BY OR AGAINST A FIST / OBJECT WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH (n=1)

IN **3%** OF THE CASES, STRANGULATION WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH (n=1)