

South Carolina Domestic Violence Fatality Report

Silent Witness Statistical Report on Victims of Domestic Murder from 2017

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

In 2017, there were a total of 40 people murdered by a household member, according to the South Carolina¹² definition. Of those 40 people, 29 were women, constituting 72 percent of the total, and 11 were men, constituting 28 percent of the total.

The demographics of the victims were as follows: 65 percent were White, 32.5 percent were African American and 2.5 percent were Hispanic/Latino. The average age of these victims was 44 years old.

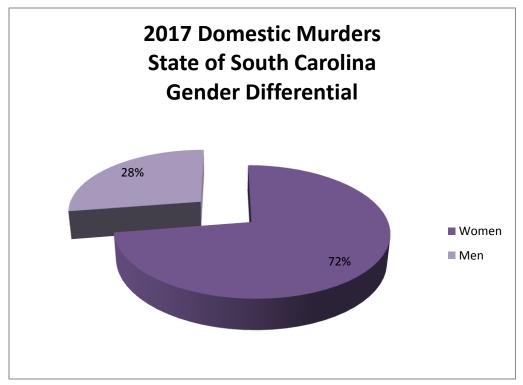
The Office of the Attorney General, through its VAWA program, collected the data by contacting every sheriff's office, coroner's office, police department and solicitor's office in the state. Those offices were provided with a victim information sheet to complete and asked to provide any incident reports 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.

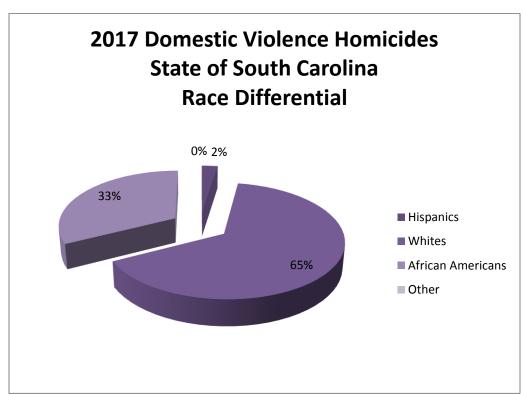
Twenty-three counties reported one or more domestic homicides for 2017.

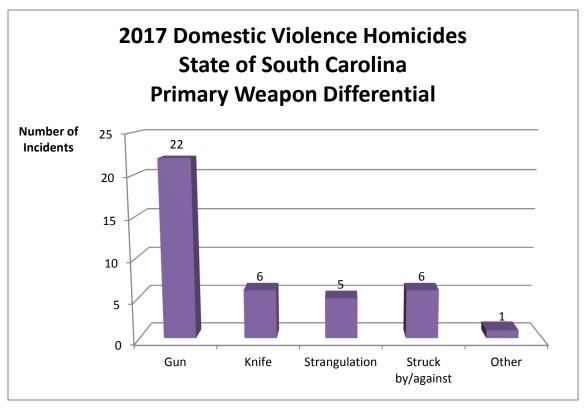
Guns were the primary weapon used in these homicides. In 55 percent of the cases, a gunshot wound was listed as the primary cause of death. Knives were used in 15 percent of the cases; 15 percent from striking by or against a fist or object; 12.5 percent were from strangulation, and 2.5 percent from other causes. Trial is pending for murder in 27 cases, 11 suspects died by suicide and 2 defendants pled guilty.

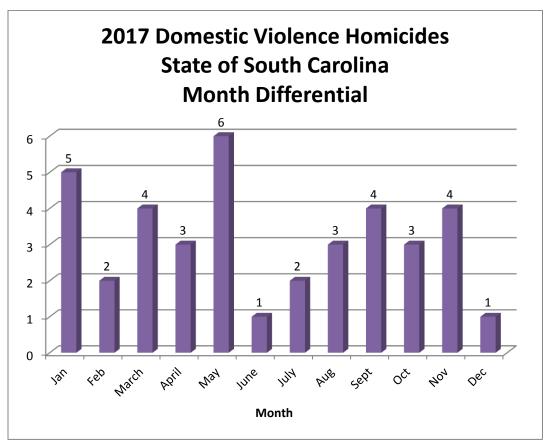
Following this summary are county-by-county statistics and statewide graphs depicting the statistics mentioned in this report.

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.









County
Statistics

Abbeville								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0				
Aiken	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0				
Allendale								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0				
Anderson								
	Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	53
	Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation:		Other:	1				
Bamberg	Disposition:			,	Γrial pending-murder			
Daniberg	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0	,	
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0	by// (guillot			
Barnwell								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
					Struck	_		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	by/Against	0		

Disposition:

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Women: 1 Men: 0 Total: 1 Avg Age: 51

Whites: 0 Blacks: 1 Hispanic/Other: 0 Gun: 0 Knife: 0 Struck by/Against 1

Strangulation: Other: 0
Disposition: Trial pending-murder

Berkeley

Women: 1 Men: 1 Total: 2 Avg Age: 63

Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0 Gun: 0 Knife: 0 $\frac{\text{Struck}}{\text{by/Against}}$ 0

Strangulation: Other: 0

Disposition: Trial pending-murder; Trial pending-murder

Calhoun

Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: 0 Avg Age:

Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0

Gun: 0 Knife: 0 Struck by/Against 0

Strangulation: Other: 0

Disposition:

Charleston

Women: 2 Men: 0 Total: 2 Avg Age: 75

Whites: 2 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0
Gun: 2 Knife: 0 Struck by/Against 0

Strangulation: Other: 0

Disposition: Trial pending-murder; Trial pending-murder, desecration of

human remains

Cherokee

Women: 0 Men: 1 Total: 1 Avg Age: 51

Whites: 1 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0
Gun: 0 Knife: 0 Struck by/Against 0

Strangulation: 1 Other: 0
Disposition: Trial pending-murder

Chester

Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: 0 Avg Age:

Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0 Gun: 0 Knife: 0 Struck 0

by/Against Strangulation: Other: 0 Disposition: Chesterfield Women: Men: Total: Avg Age: Whites: 0 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 0 Struck 0 Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against Other: 0 Strangulation: Disposition: Clarendon Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: Avg Age: 0 Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: Struck Gun: 0 Knife: 0 0 by/Against Other: 0 Strangulation: Disposition: Colleton Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: 0 Avg Age: Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck Gun: 0 Knife: 0 0 by/Against 0 Strangulation: Other: Disposition: Darlington Women: 0 Men: Total: 2 2 Avg Age: 49 Whites: Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck Gun: 1 Knife: 0 1 by/Against 0 Other: Strangulation: Disposition: Trial pending-murder; Died by suicide Dillon Avg Age: Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: Whites: 0 0 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: Struck Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against Other: 0 Strangulation: Disposition: **Dorchester** Women: 0 Men: Total: Avg Age: Whites: 0 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0

Struck Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against 0 Other: Strangulation: Disposition: **Edgefield** Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: Avg Age: Whites: 0 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against 0 Other: Strangulation: Disposition: **Fairfield** Women: Men: Total: Avg Age: 40 Whites: 1 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck Knife: 0 0 Gun: by/Against Other: 1 Strangulation: Trial pending (3 counts)-murder, 1st degree arson; Trial Disposition: pending-murder **Florence** Women: 2 Men: Total: 2 Avg Age: 43 Whites: 0 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck Gun: Knife: 0 1 by/Against Other: 0 Strangulation: Disposition: Trial pending-murder; Trial pending-murder Georgetown Women: 1 Men: Total: Avg Age: 42 Whites: 2 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 0 Struck Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against 0 Other: Strangulation: Trial pending-murder, 2nd degree arson, desecration of Disposition: human remains; Died by suicide Greenville Women: 4 Men: 0 Total: Avg Age: 65 Whites: Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 1 Struck Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against Other: 0 Strangulation: Died by suicide; Died by suicide; Murder (2 counts), Disposition: Attempted murder (3 counts); Died by suicide

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Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: Avg Age: 0 Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck 0 Gun: Knife: 0 by/Against 0 Strangulation: Other: Disposition:

Hampton

Women: Men: Total: Avg Age: 16 Whites: 0 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 Struck Gun: Knife: 0 0 by/Against 0 Other: Strangulation:

Disposition: Other: O

Trial pending-murder

Horry

Women: 3 Men: Total: 1 Avg Age: 33 Whites: 1 Blacks: Hispanic/Other: 0 3 Struck Gun: Knife: 1 by/Against

Strangulation: Other: 0

Disposition: Trial pending-kidnapping, murder; Trial pending-murder; Died by suicide; Trial pending-murder

Jasper

Women: 0 Men: 1 Total: 1 Avg Age: 69 Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: Struck 0 0 Gun: Knife: by/Against

Strangulation: Other: 0
Disposition: Died by suicide

Kershaw

Women: 0 Men: 0 Total: 0 Avg Age: Whites: 0 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0

Gun: 0 Knife: 0 Struck by/Against 0

Strangulation: Other: 0 Disposition:

Lancaster

Women: 1 Men: 0 Total: 1 Avg Age: 58

Whites: 1 Blacks: 0 Hispanic/Other: 0 Gun: 0 Knife: 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ Struck $\frac{1}{2}$ 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Struck $\frac{1}{2}$ 1

Strangulation: Other: 0

	Disposition:	Trial pending-murder, attempted murder						
Laurens								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other: Struck	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0				
Lee								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
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Lexington								
	Women:	3	Men:	0	Total:	3	Avg Age:	30
	Whites:	2	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other: Struck	0		
	Gun:	2	Knife:	1	by/Against	0		
	Strangulation:		Other:	0				
	Disposition:	Trial pending-murder; Trial pending-murder, destruction o human remains; Trial pending-murder						
Marion								
	Women:	0	Men:	1	Total:	1	Avg Age:	53
	Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	1	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation:		Other:	0	, 0			
	Disposition:		al pending-r ent crime	nur	der, possession of a	wea	apon during a	
Marlboro								
	Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	40
	Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation:	1	Other:	0				
	Disposition:	Die	d by suicide					
McCormick								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		

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Strangulation: 1 Other: 0					. 0	0	Other:	1	Strangulation:	
Disposition: Trial pending-murder; Trial pen		ng-							Disposition:	

	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0				
Spartanburg								
	Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	40
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other: Struck	0		
	Gun:	1	Knife:	0	by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:	Tria	Other: al pending-	0 mur	der			
Sumter								
Juniter	Women:	1	Men:	1	Total:	2	Avg Age:	24
	Whites:	1	Blacks:	1	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	1	Knife:	1	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation:		Other:	0				
	Disposition:		al pending- napping	mur	der; Trial pending-m	urde	er, abduction,	
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	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0	, ,			
Williamsburg								
	Women:	0	Men:	0	Total:	0	Avg Age:	
	Whites:	0	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other: Struck	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	0	by/Against	0		
	Strangulation: Disposition:		Other:	0				
York								
	Women:	1	Men:	0	Total:	1	Avg Age:	26
	Whites:	1	Blacks:	0	Hispanic/Other:	0		
	Gun:	0	Knife:	1	Struck by/Against	0		
	Strangulation:		Other:	0				
	Disposition:		al pending- lent crime	mur	der, possession of a	wea	apon during a	