

UNDERSTANDING FEMICIDE



PCAWA
PEEL COMMITTEE AGAINST WOMEN ABUSE

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Femicide is described as the intentional killing of women, girls, and other gender-diverse individuals, primarily by men.

The gendered nature of the murder indicates that it is a femicide.

It recognizes the impacts of systemic gendered power dynamics as a factor in the cause and motivation of the murder.

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THE FACTS: 2021 - 2022 FEMICIDES IN ONTARIO

VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR RELATIONSHIP

36.5% of femicides are perpetrated by current or former intimate partners and 21.2% are perpetrated by a male family member.

AVERAGE AGE OF FEMICIDE VICTIMS

Femicide victims were most commonly between the ages of 18 and 35 (34.6%) and 36 and 54 (32.7%).

LOCATION OF FEMICIDE

Femicide victims continue to be most commonly killed inside (67.3%) or outside (9.6%) of a residence, which could belong to the victim, the perpetrator or both.

*Stats from OAITH's 52 More Than A Number Report

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FACT VS. MYTH

MYTH:

A femicide only occurs when the perpetrator and victim are in an intimate partner relationship.

FACT:

A femicide is ANY intentional killing of women, girls, and other gender-diverse folks based on gender, regardless of the relationship between the victim and perpetrator.

This includes being in an intimate relationship or familial relationship with the perpetrator.

It also including knowing the perpetrator (e.g. friend, neighbour, acquaintance) and not knowing the perpetrator at all (i.e. a stranger).

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WE COUNT

FEMICIDES

BECAUSE...

FEMICIDES ARE INTERSECTIONAL

Indigenous, Black and 2SLGBTQ+ women, girls and gender-diverse individuals and women with disabilities are at increased risk and experience disproportionate levels of gender-based violence.

FEMICIDES ARE PREVENTABLE

There are often warning signs present to support early intervention and risk reduction.

FEMICIDES ARE INCREASING

52 femicides took place in Ontario in 2021 - 2022.
Every 48 hours a woman or girl is killed in Canada.

About PCAWA

Founded in 1984, PCAWA is a cross-sectoral community collaborative of 29 community members and organizations in Peel that have a shared goal of ending gender-based violence. For more information about PCAWA visit www.pcawa.net