OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES
JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

In an attempt to better understand the prevalence and circumstances of domestic violence fatalities in Ohio, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network reviewed media reports identified by staff members or local member programs. Fatalities included targeted victims, perpetrators, and others at incidents involving intimate partner relationships.

30% OF CASES INVOLVED A SUICIDE

91 FATALITIES IN 69 CASES INCLUDING VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS
46 DECEASED MALES, 45 DECEASED FEMALES; ALL DECEASED FEMALES WERE VICTIMS

70% OF HOMICIDE/SUICIDE CASES INVOLVED A GUN¹

73 PEOPLE WERE INJURED OR KILLED BY GUNS
AT LEAST 58% OF FATALITIES CAUSED BY GUNS¹

22% OF CASES INVOLVED CHILDREN AT THE SCENE

3 CHILDREN KILLED IN FATAL INCIDENTS
2 GIRLS AGED 4, 1 BOY AGED 1

21 FATALITIES WERE SUICIDES, ALL BY MALE PERPETRATORS

71% OF FATAL INCIDENTS INVOLVED GUNS¹

3 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED BY A PERPETRATOR

12% OF CASES REQUIRED SWAT RESPONSE

2 VICTIMS WERE PREGNANT AT THE TIME OF DEATH

1 CHILD DELIVERED ALIVE AS HER MOTHER DIED

¹Excludes use of law enforcement firearms.
69 CASES REVIEWED

MULTIPLE FATALITIES
21 CASES
1 incident involved
3 fatalities

SAME SEX
RELATIONSHIP
1 CASE
1 case involved a same
sex relationship

3RD PARTY
FATALITIES
7 CASES
8 people died who were 3rd
parties to the incident

KILLED BY
3RD PARTY
8 CASES
8 attackers were killed
by an intervening
3rd party

DECEASED VICTIMS RANGED IN AGE FROM 1-74

INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN HOMES, PUBLIC PLACES
AND ROADSIDES IN 28 OF OHIO’S 88 COUNTIES.

CALCULATING THE RISK
OF STAYING OR LEAVING

IN AT LEAST
46%

OF FATALITY CASES, THE VICTIM OF INTIMATE
PARTNER VIOLENCE HAD ENDED THE
RELATIONSHIP OR WAS IN THE PROCESS
OF ENDING THE RELATIONSHIP

Evidence collected during the investigation reportedly included a “Pros and
Cons” list, authored by the 18-year-old victim, that listed the perpetrator as being
a “liar, disrespectful, bad temper, big ego and back stabber.” The list was believed
to have been compiled near the time of Baylee Williams’ death and supported
claims their relationship had been terminated by the victim.

A .357-Ruger was found lying on a coffee table in the living room.
The gun was reportedly loaded and a holster was also found lying
on the table.”

— The Daily Jeff, Feb. 13, 2018

Remember these losses, strive to understand the issue,
and support advances toward long-term solutions.

ODVN will be working with legislators, domestic violence programs, public officials and
others to design more effective responses that can prevent these tragedies.

Previous violence against victims
prior to fatal incident:

KIDNAPPED
STRANGLED
STALKED
POISONED
POINTED GUN TO HEAD
CHASED/RAMMED WHILE DRIVING
PUSHED FROM MOVING CAR
RAPEd

The safety of others:
Among others killed by perpetrators were
three minor children, an adult daughter, three
law enforcement officers, a new husband,
new fiancee, new partner, and a victim’s dog.