

# OHIO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES

JULY 1, 2015-JUNE 30, 2016



The comprehensive resource on domestic violence

800-934-9840 | [www.odvn.org](http://www.odvn.org)

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.



**30%**  
OF CASES INVOLVED A SUICIDE.

**ALL**  
COMPLETED HOMICIDE/  
SUICIDES WERE PERPETRATED  
BY MALES.

15 OF 17 PERPETRATED AGAINST  
FEMALE VICTIMS.

8 SUSPECTED ATTACKERS WERE  
KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.



**74%**  
OF FATAL INCIDENTS  
INVOLVED GUNS.\*

**101 FATALITIES**  
IN 69 CASES.

94% OF HOMICIDE / SUICIDE CASES  
INVOLVED GUNS.\*

**80**  
PEOPLE WERE SHOT.\*



70 FATALITIES WERE CAUSED BY GUNS.\*

**2**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICERS KILLED BY  
PERPETRATORS.



**2**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICERS WERE SHOT  
BUT SURVIVED.



**25%**  
OF CASES INVOLVED  
CHILDREN  
AT SCENE.

1 FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL SAW HER  
GRANDFATHER KILL HER GRANDMOTHER.

2 GIRLS WITNESSED THEIR FATHER'S DEATH  
BY AUTO AS FAMILY FLED VIOLENCE.

1 TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY STABBED AND  
KILLED HIS MOTHER'S ATTACKER.



1 SEVEN-YEAR-OLD  
BOY WAS SHOT BUT  
SURVIVED.

1 YOUNG DAUGHTER  
WAS HELD HOSTAGE  
BUT RESCUED BY SWAT.

 HOMICIDES & SUICIDES

 CHILDREN

 LAW ENFORCEMENT

 GUNS

\*Excludes use of law enforcement firearms.

## 69 CASES REVIEWED

### 1 FATALITY



43 cases involved a single fatality.

### MULTIPLE FATALITIES



26 cases involved multiple fatalities.

### SAME SEX RELATIONSHIP



2 cases involved same sex relationships.

### SUSPECTED ATTACKER FATALITIES



11 suspected attackers were killed by a 3rd party.



Incidents occurred in homes, workplaces, public intersections, roadways, parking lots.

*"Ugh, I feel so vulnerable right now."*

—text from homicide victim immediately prior to being shot by estranged husband.

**11**  
CHILD  
FATALITIES

*"He's in here killing us!"*

—cries from a young girl fatally stabbed with her mother and sister.



**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.