

**2022**

# Ohio Domestic Violence Fatalities

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

For the seventh year, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network has compiled the numbers from media reports of intimate-partner relationship fatalities identified by staff and member programs. The count includes targeted victims, perpetrators, and others who were present when the fatalities occurred.

## 112 FATALITIES IN 72 CASES

81 DECEASED VICTIMS AND  
31 DECEASED PERPETRATORS  
(62 FEMALE FATALITIES; 50 MALE FATALITIES)

**91% OF FATALITIES**, THE DECEASED WERE **KILLED BY GUNS**, 90 PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR INJURED BY GUNS

**35% OF CASES INVOLVED CHILDREN AT THE SCENE**



**22 CHILDREN** WERE KILLED LAST YEAR—THE MOST EVER; SIX OF THE VICTIMS WERE JUST BABIES

IN **22 CASES**, THERE WAS BOTH A HOMICIDE AND A SUICIDE



**25.6% OF CASES INVOLVED VICTIMS WHO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INCIDENT TO POLICE**

**6 CASES** REQUIRED SWAT OR A STRATEGIC RESPONSE TEAM ACTION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, **NO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS** WERE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BY A BATTERER

**42% OF CASES INVOLVED PERPETRATOR SUICIDE**



THERE WERE **66 MALE PERPETRATORS** AND **6 FEMALE PERPETRATORS**

**82.4% OF THE HOMICIDES** WERE COMMITTED IN A HOME



THE YOUNGEST VICTIM WAS A **1-DAY-OLD BABY**; THE OLDEST VICTIM WAS AN **90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN**

IN **19% OF FATALITY CASES**, THE VICTIM OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE HAD **ENDED THE RELATIONSHIP** OR WAS **IN THE PROCESS OF ENDING THE RELATIONSHIP**

# IMPACT REPORT 2021

In 2021<sup>1</sup>:

- Average cost to provide shelter per survivor was \$4,130
- On average, nearly 1 in 5 survivors are turned away *every day*.
- By providing shelter, ODVN member programs together saved Ohio communities more than \$32 million in short-term costs associated with medical care, property damage, law enforcement, emergency response, child protective services, legal fees, and loss of life including end-of-life expenses.

**How Ohio Compares**—On a per-capita basis, Ohio is **LAST** in funding domestic violence services compared to all surrounding funded states.

## State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021

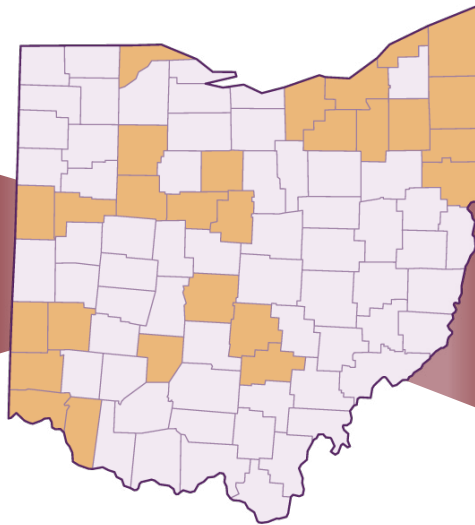
Ohio spent **32 cents** per capita\*  
Pennsylvania spent **\$1.56** per capita  
West Virginia spent **\$1.41** per capita  
Indiana spent **91 cents** per capita  
Kentucky spent **\$2.54** per capita

*\*If the DV line item were increased to \$20 million in SFY22-23, Ohio's per capita DV spending rate would be 85 cents.*

To successfully accommodate 100% of survivors seeking shelter, ODVN programs would need at least \$23.6 million<sup>2</sup>.

**We are requesting \$20 million in the next state operating budget to support services for survivors.**

**27 COUNTIES** HAD FATAL INCIDENTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



**42%** OF CASES HAD MULTIPLE FATALITIES AND **20 CASES** HAD 3RD PARTY VICTIMS; IN **42 CASES** WHERE THE PERPETRATOR SURVIVED, **ALL 42** HAVE BEEN CHARGED

"We've had survivors say, 'I would have never left if it weren't for you guys. I wouldn't even be alive. My kids wouldn't be alive.'"

- Shelter Staff Member

## Member Service Highlights 2021

**80,706** survivors served, including **7,793** children

**125,908** crisis calls answered

**9,118** survivors sheltered, including **3,965** children

<sup>1</sup>In spring 2022, ODVN engaged a third-party research firm, Measurement Resources Company (MRC), to calculate the impact and estimated social return on investment (ESROI) of domestic violence shelters. For more information: [Social Return on Investment 2021](#).

<sup>2</sup>Ibid