



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
**FATALITY  
REPORT  
2022**





## DEDICATION

This report is dedicated to those whose lives were ended as a result of domestic violence.



# REPORT OVERVIEW

In 2022, The Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence documented 101 known domestic violence-related fatalities across Arizona. These incidents were identified using an online media monitoring service that uses topical keywords related to domestic violence to produce articles from around the state. While this method of data collection generates a fairly comprehensive list of domestic violence-related fatalities, this list should not be considered exhaustive. The data contained in this report is limited, as it captures only those fatalities reported in online media publications. If your friend or family member is not listed, please contact us to add their name.

Arizona consistently ranks among the top states with the highest homicide rates of women murdered by men. In fact, between 2009 and 2022, there were 1,459 domestic violence related deaths. These tragedies represent a small fraction of the violence that occurs within intimate and family relationships and reminds us of the potential for lethality in relationships where domestic violence is present. It is critical that survivors are heard and supported in accessing safety and healing.



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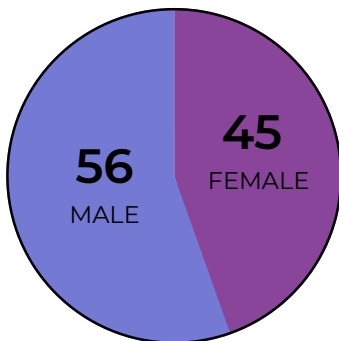


## 2022 DEATHS

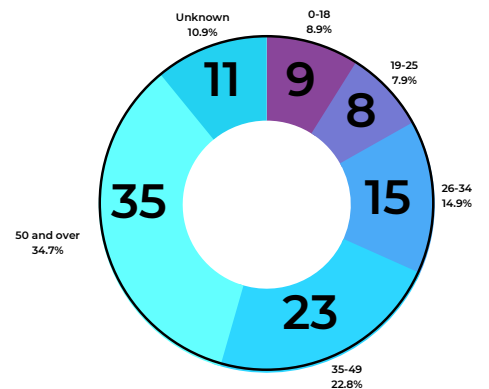
TOTAL VICTIMS

101

VICTIMS BY GENDER



VICTIMS BY AGE

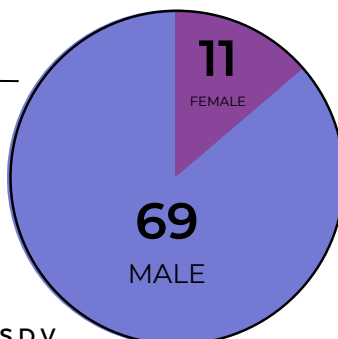


## PERPETRATOR DATA

PERPETRATORS BY GENDER

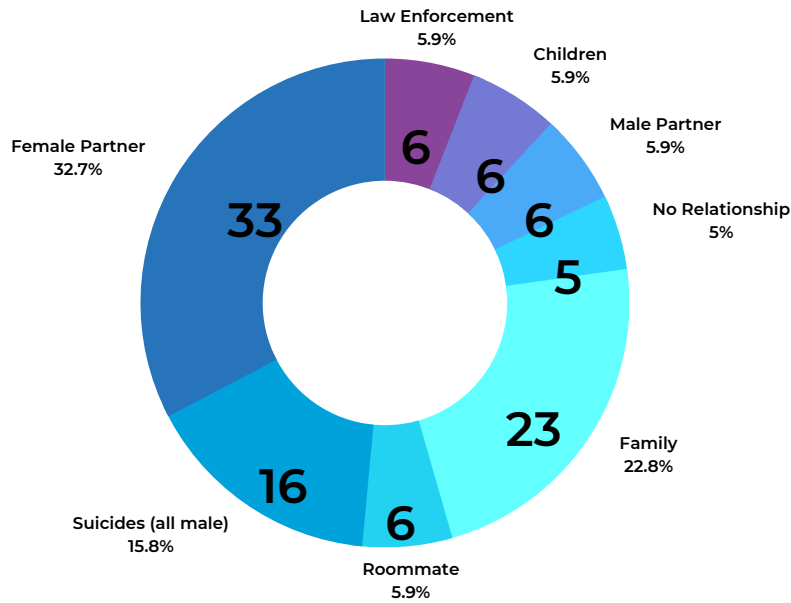
TOTAL PERPETRATORS

80



- Female perpetrators killed 1 child, 6 male partners, and 4 family members
- Male perpetrators killed 5 children, 5 bystanders, 19 family members, 6 roommates, 1 unknown relationship, and 33 intimate partners

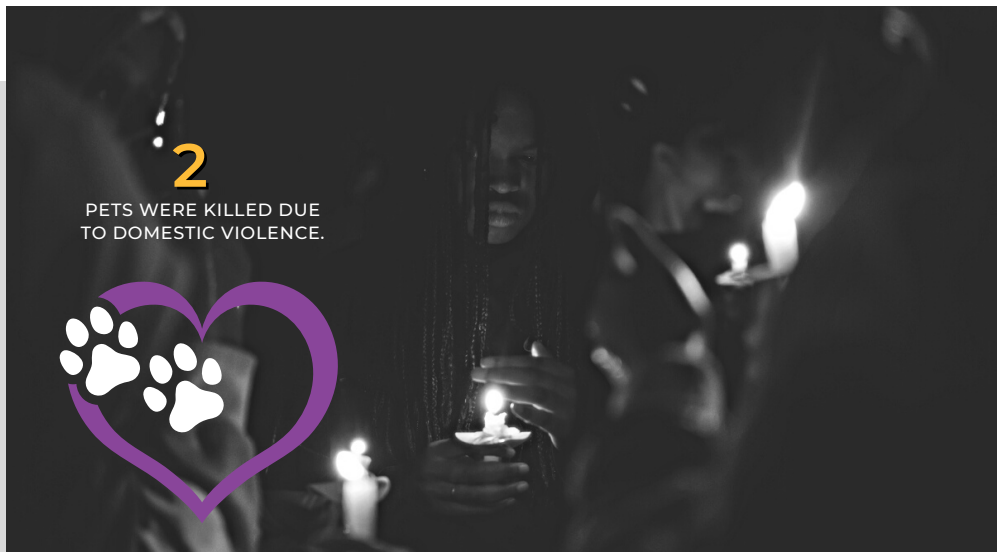
# RELATIONSHIPS



- Of the 6 homicides of a male partner by a female, 4 stated it was in self defense due to prior harm.
- Of the 33 homicides of a female partner by a male partner, 2 claimed self defense which was later refuted by evidence.
- 9 of the 36 Intimate Partner Homicides (23%) had known prior reports of abuse or orders of protection in place.
- 7 events involved the perpetrator killing more than one person, excluding the 16 murder-suicides

**50**  
FEMALE VICTIMS

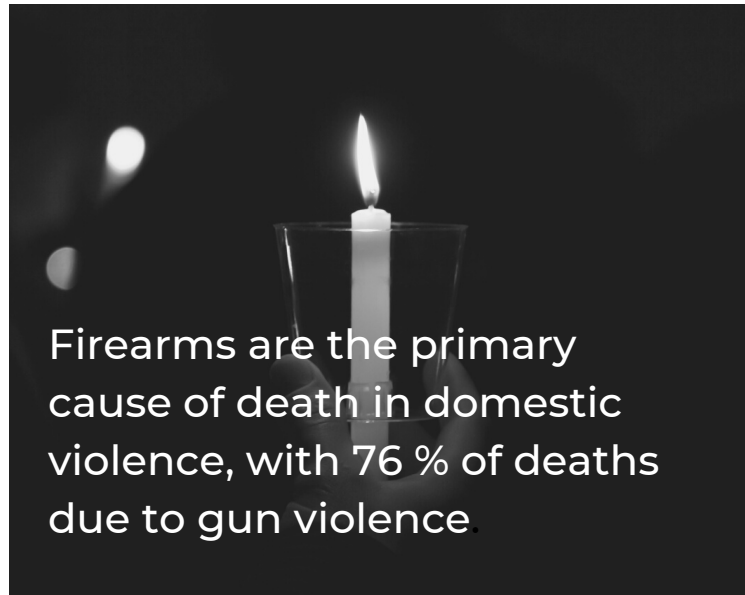
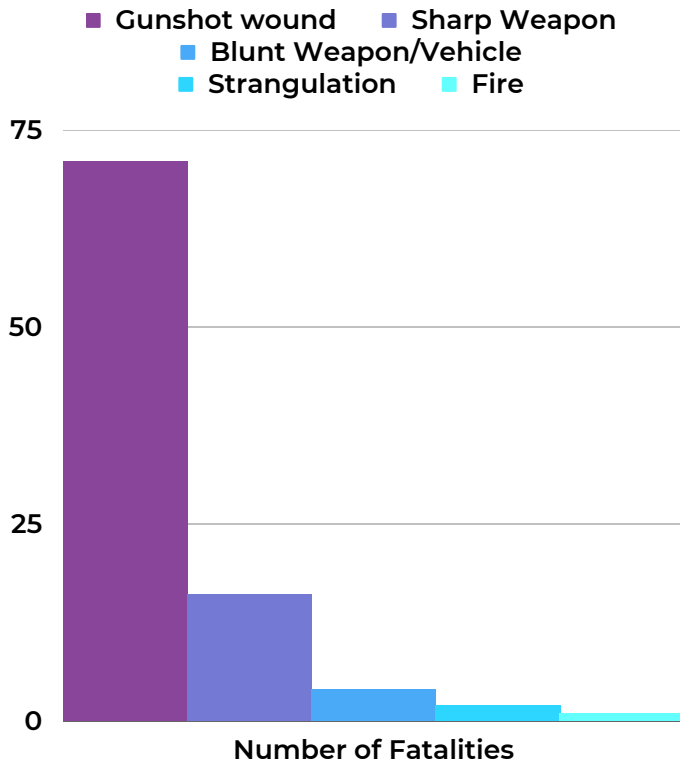
**26**  
MALE VICTIMS  
(EXCLUDING POLICE SHOOTINGS AND SUICIDE)



**2**  
PETS WERE KILLED DUE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

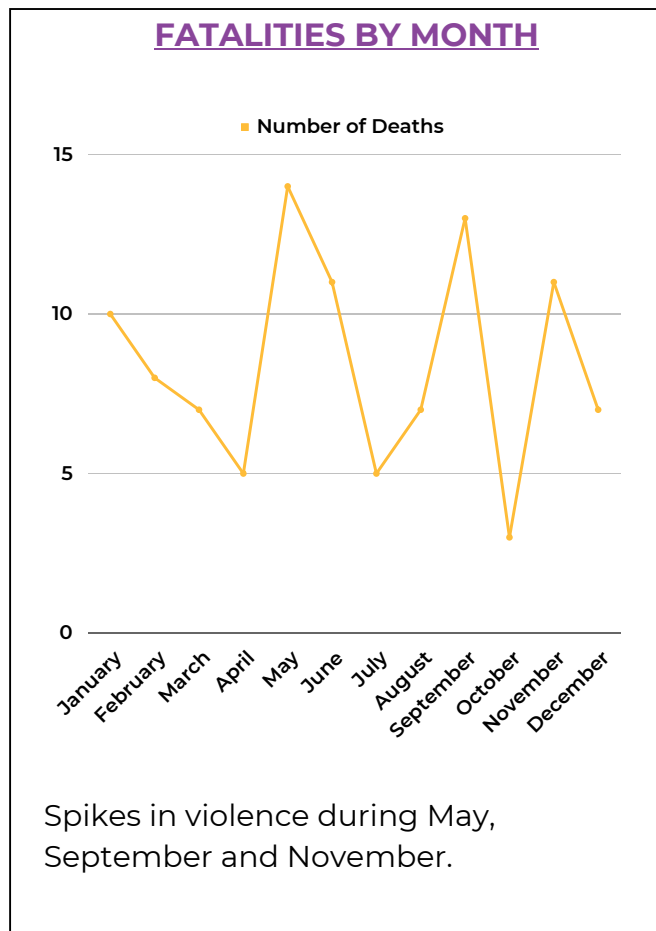


# METHODS



Firearms are the primary cause of death in domestic violence, with 76 % of deaths due to gun violence.

## IRENE'S STORY

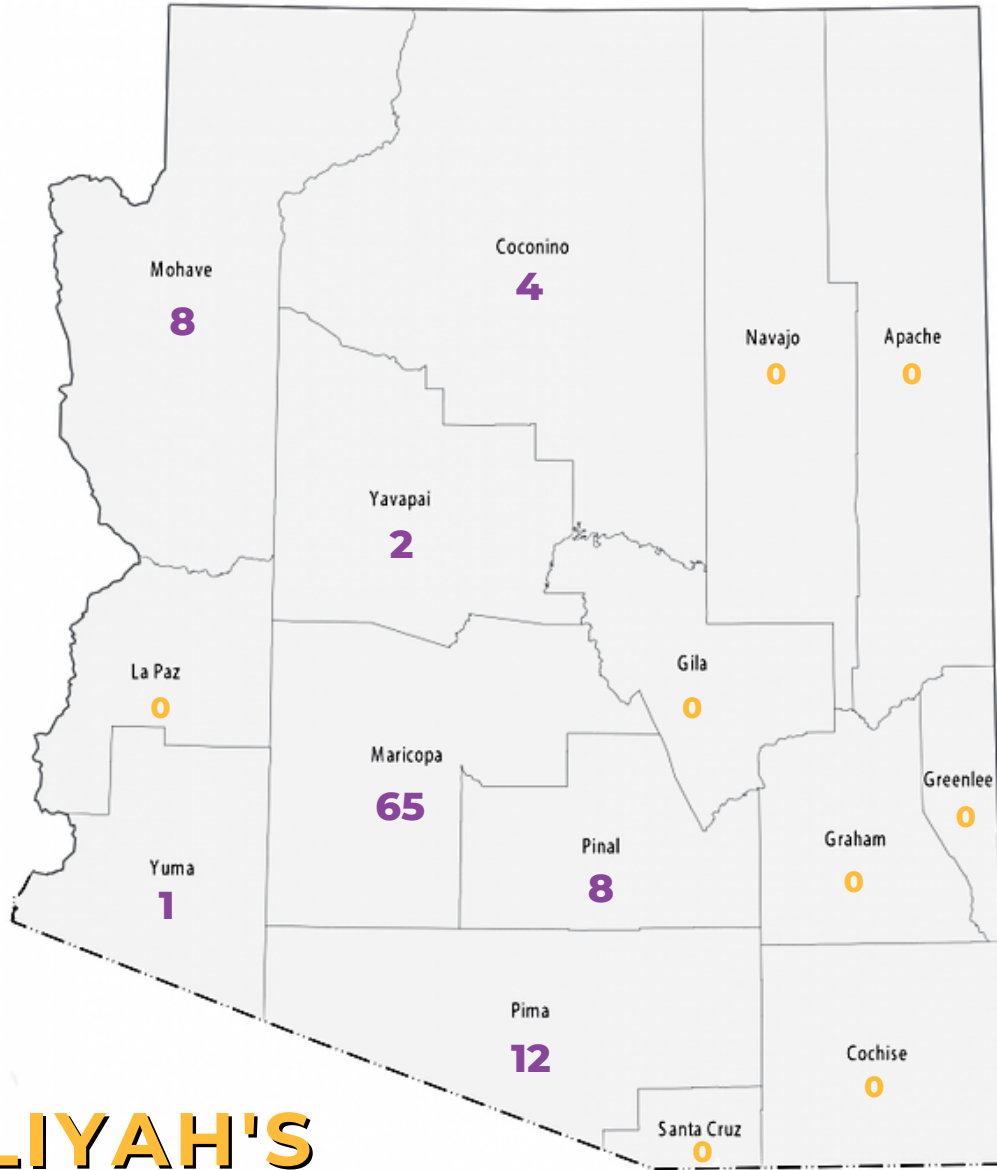


Irene Luevano was 37 years old, a mother of six children, and a recent grandmother. She was loved by her family, with her mother saying, " I have her in my heart and I'll always be praying for her."

Irene, a victim of domestic violence, was stabbed in the neck by her boyfriend early in the morning in January of 2022. She called her family for help and asked them to contact the police. Her family attempted to call her back but could not reach her. After several days, Irene's body was found in the desert in Western Arizona, with multiple stab wounds. Her family is left heartbroken, with her children, her mother and her siblings all suffering the loss. Irene's family member said that "She means the world to me... she's my other half. We've been through a lot." Irene's family honors her memory with a memorial of candles and pictures in place at her Phoenix home.

# TOTAL NUMBER OF VICTIMS BY COUNTY

In 2022, **101 victims** were killed due to domestic violence in Arizona.



There are consistent rates of homicide throughout Arizona relative to population, with exception of Mohave county.

## TALIYAH'S STORY

Taliyah Kizsee, called TeeTee by friends and family, was only 20 years old and the youngest of six siblings. She made the decision to leave her boyfriend because he was controlling and physically abusive.

Her ex-boyfriend, in searching for Taliyah after their breakup, threatened to shoot three of Taliyah's family members and forced a family friend into a car, threatening to kill the friend and made them drive around to find Taliyah. Taliyah was shot and killed by her boyfriend in November of 2022, a victim of domestic violence and gun violence.

Social media left after her death paints a portrait of a beautiful, charismatic young woman remembered as kind and funny by family and friends.

# NATHANIEL'S STORY

Nathaniel Yardley Jr. was from White River, Arizona and was 29 years old. He was from a large family with seven sisters and a brother. He was a father to two boys, and had many cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. He was taken from his family by domestic violence. In August 2022, Nathaniel was stabbed by his girlfriend in Glendale multiple times with a kitchen knife. He later passed away at the hospital. His girlfriend was on probation for prior domestic violence assaults.

## HONORING VICTIMS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN ARIZONA (2022)

Howard Ocskai  
Aloria Bingham  
Christopher Hudgens  
Fay Hudgens  
Gwen Hudgens  
Jane Doe, Scottsdale  
Chaskah Davis Smith  
Abdul Cooper  
Jerry Sueing  
Luis Rene Duarte  
John Doe, Phoenix  
Nathaniel Richard Yardley  
Wallace Robinson  
Mike Ohure  
Ian Stutterheim  
Hector Antillon Acosta  
John Doe, Phoenix  
Eric Sands  
Trisha Lynn Wallin  
Kenneth Baese  
Mathew Lujan  
Peter McKenna Jr.  
Antonio Vargas Granados  
Cory Little  
Irene Lujan  
John Doe, Avondale  
Richard Wilson  
Deborah Williams  
Ellen Otterman  
Lewis Lujan  
Mary Ainuu  
Patricia Easter  
Peggy Hatmaker  
Renaya White  
Rudy Wilson  
Eileen Baese  
Michael Kinney  
Delbert McBride  
Denzell Williams

Jesus Lopez  
Baby Boy Doe, Navajo Nation  
Everett Yates  
John Doe, Navajo Nation  
Raeanna Hailey Ferguson  
Terrance Cameron  
Amy Jo Schulte  
Amy Malobicky  
Anthony Hood-Schaffner  
Colleen Hoopes  
Danica Aiken  
Ema Maldonado  
Emma Maria Destiny Dominguez  
Irene Luevano  
Jamie Bryant  
Jessica Garcia  
Julieta Marin Amador  
Karee Pauline Rowell  
Linda Butler  
Maria Guadalupe Godinez Ramirez  
Marie Tachell  
Marla Jordan Hudgens  
Mary Ousley  
Megan Rae Jean Hannah  
Melanie Dixon  
Michelle Bock-Caswell  
Sophia Teng  
John Doe, Phoenix  
Jane Doe, Mesa  
Jane Doe, Phoenix  
Racal Monique Ramos  
Rakim Durham  
Shatifah Lobley  
Skylar Hughes  
Susan Kay Potts  
Taliyah Kizzee  
Tasha Deann Childress  
Timeki Regina Myers  
Traci Thurman



# LOCAL PROGRAMS

Arizona has a statewide network of local domestic violence programs that are ready to help. [Arizonasurvivors.org](http://Arizonasurvivors.org) for more information.

## Apache

**ADABI (AmaDoo Alchini Bighan)**  
**New Hope Ranch**  
**Eve's Place**

## Cochise

**Chiricahua Community Health Centers**  
**Cochise Family Advocacy Center**  
**Forgach House**  
**House of Hope**

## Coconino

**Childhelp Mobile Advocacy Center of Northern Arizona (children only)**  
**Northern Arizona Care and Services After Assault (NACASA)**  
**North Country HealthCare Clinics**  
**Northland Family Help Center**  
**Victim Witness Services for Northern Arizona**

## Gila

**Childhelp – Gila Children's Mobile Advocacy Center**  
**Gila SafeHaven Domestic Violence Safe Home + Alderman House**  
**San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation Social Services**  
**Time Out, Inc.**

## Graham

**Mt. Graham SafeHouse**

## La Paz

**Colorado River Regional Crisis Services**  
**Eve's Place**

## Maricopa

**Agnes' Center for Domestic Solutions**  
**A New Leaf – Autumn House**  
**A New Leaf– Faith House**  
**Area Agency on Aging, Region One DOVES**  
**Arizona South Asians for Safe Families**  
**BLOOM365**  
**CARE7**  
**Catholic Charities – My Sister's Place**  
**Catholic Charities – Pathways**  
**Chandler Family Advocacy Center**  
**Chicanos Por La Causa –De Colores**  
**Chrysalis**  
**Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Domestic Violence Program**  
**Glendale Family Advocacy Center**  
**Jewish Family and Children's Services, Shelter Without Walls**  
**La Frontera EMPACT**  
**Mesa Family Advocacy Center**  
**New Life Center**  
**Phoenix Family Advocacy Center**  
**Punjabi Seva**  
**Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Family Advocacy Center**  
**Scottsdale Family Advocacy Center**  
**Sojourner Center**  
**Southwest Family Advocacy Center**  
**Winged Hope– Family Advocacy Foundation**

## Mohave

**Faith and Grace, Inc.**  
**HAVEN FamilyResource Center**  
**Kingman Aid to Abused People**  
**Child and Family**  
**Advocacy Center**  
**North CountryHealthcare Clinics**  
**Westcare Safe House**  
**Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse**

## Navajo

**Alice's Place**  
**Eve's Place**  
**Hopi Domestic Violence Program**  
**Navajo County Show Low Family Advocacy Center**  
**North Country Healthcare Clinics**  
**White Mountain Safe House**  
**Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse**

# ACESDV LOCAL PROGRAMS CONT'D

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## Pima

Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse  
Hands of a Friend – Genesis House  
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) Anti-Violence Project  
Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault  
Southern Arizona Children’s Advocacy Center (children only)

## Pinal

Against Abuse, Inc.  
City of Maricopa Family Advocacy Center  
Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFA)  
La Frontera EMPACT  
On Eagle’s Wings – Gila River  
Pinal County Attorney Family Advocacy Center

## Santa Cruz

Domestic Violence Advocacy Program  
Nuestra Casa – Our House

## Yavapai

Stepping Stones  
Verde Valley Sanctuary  
Yavapai Family Advocacy Center

## Yuma

Amberly’s Place  
Safe House Shelter



Visit [Arizonasurvivors.org](https://arizonasurvivors.org) to find local programs by location and services offered.

**The 24-Hr National Domestic Violence Hotline (800) 799-SAFE (7233) or (800) 787-3224 (TTY)**

**24-Hr National Sexual Assault Hotline (800) 656-HOPE (4673)**

**The Arizona Sexual and Domestic Violence Helpline**  
Available Monday – Friday, 8:30a – 5:00p with extended hours on Tuesday 8:30a – 7:00p  
(602) 279-2980 | (800) 782-6400 | Arizona Relay Service 7-1-1 | SMS Text: (520) 720-3383

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline (888) 373-7888 or text BeFree (233733)**

