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Executive Summary

Background

The Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence has identified and focused on domestic violence related homicides as a critical issue affecting Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander battered women since 2001. *Shattered Lives: Homicides, Domestic Violence and Asian Families* establishes the complexity of the problem and its far-reaching effects on women, children, families, and communities.

Goals

This report's goals are to raise awareness of the problem in order to counter denial and victim-blaming; generate discussions that will inform culturally-specific intervention, prevention and community organizing strategies; influence the field so safety for battered women takes into account an expanded definition of domestic violence related homicides; and develop questions for future research.

Methods

Newspaper clippings collected over a six year period from 2000-2005 by advocates, state coalitions and the National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative were the primary data source for this report. We included cases where domestic violence or family violence was explicitly mentioned or could reasonably be inferred. Despite a thorough search, we may have missed some newspaper reports.

We analyzed data from a total of 160 cases of domestic violence related homicides in Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander families, spanning 23 states. We identified 14 types of homicides, defined by the perpetrator's relationship to the victim(s). These were differentiated into homicides and homicides-suicides to calculate the number of cases in each type; and further categorized into single and multiple killings, i.e. two or more victims killed by a single perpetrator.

Selected Findings

- 160 cases resulted in 226 fatalities, of which 72% were adult homicide victims, 10% were child homicide victims, and 18% were suicide deaths.
- Three types of homicides dominated: intimate partner homicide with 81 cases, intimate partner homicide-suicide with 34 cases, and non-intimate family killing with 25 cases.
- 78% of victims were women and girls, 20% were men and boys, 2%ⁱ unknown.
- 83% of perpetrators were men, 14% were women, 3%ⁱⁱ unknown.
- 68% of victims were intimate partners (either current, estranged, or ex-partners).
- Almost one-third (59 out of 184) of total homicide victims were wives.
- Children were the second largest group of homicide victims and the primary victims of familicides (13 out of 20 victims). Over two-thirds (14 out of 22) of all children killed were age 5 and below.
- Perpetrators' in-laws and parents of girlfriends were the third largest group of victims.
- 118 out of 184 victims were killed in the home.

Recommendations for Service Providers

1. Use this report to increase awareness of the problem and its gendered nature, and to discuss risks and safety with domestic violence survivors.
2. Learn to recognize risk factors for homicide victimization and perpetration, incorporating cultural differences.
3. Use danger assessment tools and discussions at several stages of the relationship to gauge victims' risks; particularly before and after leaving an abuser.
4. Assess danger to a victim's family and friends, especially if they are providing emotional and other support to her/him.
5. Develop safety plans for clients, children and extended family members.
6. Screen batterers for homicidal and/or suicidal risks regularly.
7. Screen survivors for homicidal and/or suicidal risks regularly.
8. Address physical and psychological harms caused to children by injuries, exposure to homicide and suicide, and post-homicide custody battles.
9. Educate family and community members to take victims' stories and fears seriously.
10. Conduct a fatality reviewⁱⁱⁱ that groups together Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander victims in states with a high density of these populations.
11. Improve identification of domestic violence related homicides so events such as mercy killings, car accidents, contract killings of immigrants in their home countries, and intimate homicide in same-sex couples are properly categorized as intimate killings.

ⁱ No information available on sex of 4 victims (2 victims in a collateral killing, 2 unborn children).

ⁱⁱ No information on sex of 5 accomplices.

ⁱⁱⁱ Fatality reviews analyze cases to identify the warning signs of intimate homicide, homicide-suicide, familicide, etc., to refine policies and procedures to prevent such killings.

Recommendations to Researchers

1. Integrate gender analysis into research on intimate homicide because this is not a gender-neutral issue.
2. Analyze how domestic violence related homicides in Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander families are similar or different from other communities and what this implies for intervention and prevention.
3. Assess trauma of children exposed to homicides, homicide attempts/threats, and post-homicide custody disputes to inform policies that minimize custody battles.
4. Collect disaggregated data on ethnicity of victims and perpetrators and make it available even if such information is deemed statistically insignificant.
5. Carry out multi-variable analysis to identify characteristics such as age and gender of victims and perpetrators, to understand homicide risk and preventative factors.
6. Identify protective factors and strategies that can prevent domestic violence survivors and children from becoming homicide victims.
7. Investigate what distinguishes batterers who commit homicide, from those who commit familicide.



I. INTRODUCTION

The Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum identified domestic violence related homicides as a critical issue affecting Asian and Pacific Islander battered women in 2001. *Shattered Lives: Homicides, Domestic Violence and Asian Families* establishes the complexity of the problem and its far-reaching effects on women, children, families and communities. This report's goals are to raise awareness of the problem in order to counter denial and victim-blaming; generate discussions that will inform culturally-specific intervention, prevention and community organizing strategies; influence the field so safety for battered women takes into account an expanded definition of domestic violence related homicides; and develop questions for future research.

Terms such as femicide, intimate homicide, or domestic homicide are used in the field to describe killings perpetrated within an abusive and intimate relationship. We have used the term domestic violence related homicides because in addition to intimate, romantic partners; victims may include a couple's young or adult children, ex-partners, family members such as parents or other relatives, extended family members such as in-laws, non-intimates, and bystanders. All such killings are referred to as domestic violence related homicides whether their stories publicly detailed a history of battering prior to the killing or not. We do want to iterate that contrary to media and public opinion, domestic violence related homicides are not 'crimes of passion' where killers suddenly 'snapped' but are by and large, carefully executed plans that involve deliberation and extensive monitoring of intimate relationships.

We have paid equal attention to victims and perpetrators, for different reasons. Victims' ages, ethnicities, their relationships to their killers and the circumstances of their killings are carefully detailed. Looking at domestic violence related fatalities through the lens of who gets killed is crucial to understanding the struggles of battered women to survive their abusive relationships. "Who did the killing?" is also a critical question. It reminds us who is responsible for these deaths; bringing into sharp focus the relationships that batterers hijack for the final time when they transition from abusers to killers.

1. Research Data

We analyzed data from a total of 160 cases of domestic violence related homicides in Asian and Pacific Islander families, from 2000-2005, spanning 23 states. However, the total number of domestic violence related homicides may be higher than the number of cases we found and reviewed.

2. Data Sources

Newspaper clippings on domestic violence related homicides were the primary data source for this report, obtained from the following:

- a. National Domestic Violence Fatality Review Initiative¹ which maintains a database of newspaper clippings;
- b. Advocates and service providers across the country who collect local or ethnic-specific data and responded to a call on the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence's listserv;
- c. Femicide reports from the state coalitions of Minnesota, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin; and
- d. Clippings on file at the office of the Asian & Pacific Islander Institute on Domestic Violence.

3. Criteria for Inclusion in Study

We included cases where domestic violence or family violence was explicitly mentioned or could reasonably be inferred. The following deaths and victims were included:

- a. Homicide by an abusive, intimate, romantic partner;
- b. Homicide by a victim of domestic violence;
- c. Homicide that resulted in the death of all or some of the intended victims and/or bystanders;
- d. Victims who were current or previous intimate partners; their biological, adopted or step-children; family members of a victim or perpetrator; and non-family bystanders;
- e. Victims with a familial, but non-intimate relationship to the killer – these include homicides of members of the extended family, the marital family, and/or the family of origin;
- f. Victims and perpetrators of Asian and Pacific Islander ethnicity; and
- g. Killings between January 2000 and December 2005 in the United States.

We excluded four cases of attempted but unsuccessful adult homicides² and four child homicides.³

4. Limitations of the Study

This report does not claim to be an exhaustive study of all the domestic violence related homicides in the Asian and Pacific Islander population from 2000-2005 in the U.S. There were the following limitations to the data available for review:

- a. National, state and local data was gathered almost entirely from press clippings and we could have missed several stories.
- b. Case information is limited because it depended on what was presented in newspaper articles. In fatality reviews, extensive, multi-sourced information is reviewed and analyzed but that was not within the scope of this project. Fatality reviews have access to extensive information, like coroner's reports, interviews with family and/or community members, and system responses, such as police reports.
- c. The process of identifying the ethnicity of victims and perpetrators relied on (i) names that were recognizably Asian and Pacific Islander, (ii) references in a newspaper article to the ethnicity or country of origin of either victim or perpetrator, and (iii) information from advocates in community-based-organizations and state coalitions. When we were uncertain about ethnicity, we omitted the case from the study.
- d. The data is on deaths in the continental U.S. and Hawai'i; we could not unfortunately get data from the Pacific Island territories or jurisdictions.
- e. Domestic violence related homicides may not be identified as such in same-sex or same-gender relationships and that we have only one case in this study reflects on the paucity of data, not on the number of such homicides.
- f. Status of cases and what happened to perpetrators is limited by available data at the time of research.
- g. This report does not compare Asian and Pacific Islander homicides to data about other ethnic groups.
- h. Finally, from a strictly research point of view, some of the results represent small numbers and are not statistically significant, but we have presented them because they are socially meaningful.

We have been extremely careful in describing the victims – their names, ages, and ethnicities; and the locations, dates and means of the homicides; and cross checked these details against the information in the newspaper clippings. We apologize for any errors, especially to family and friends of victims who may see this report.

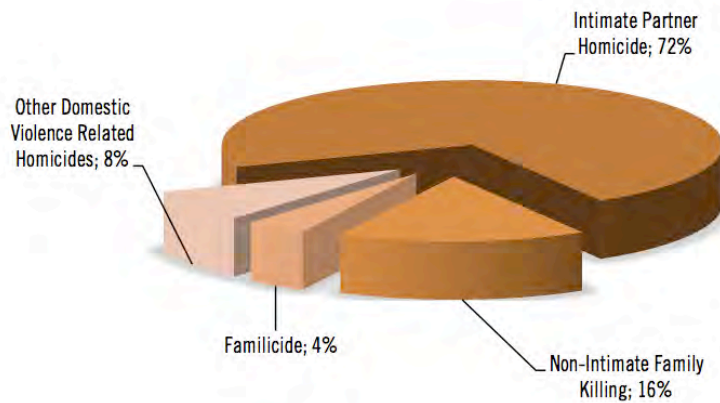
II. TYPES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED HOMICIDES

In a six-year period, there were 160 cases and 14 types of domestic violence related homicides, resulting in 226 fatalities. Types of homicides were defined by the perpetrator's relationship to the victim(s).

Types of homicides were further differentiated into homicides and homicides-suicides to calculate the number of cases in each type.

TABLE 1. TYPES OF HOMICIDES AND TOTAL CASES	
TYPE	NUMBER OF CASES (%)
A. Intimate Partner Homicide	115 (72%)
1. Intimate Partner Homicide	81
2. Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide	34
B. Non-Intimate Family Killing	25 (16%)
3. Child Killing	4
4. Child Killing-Suicide	2
5. Extended-Family Killing	10
6. Extended-Family Killing-Suicide	2
7. Matricide	4
8. Parricide	3
C. Familicide	7 (4%)
9. Familicide	3
10. Familicide-Suicide	4
D. Other Domestic Violence Related Homicides	13 (8%)
11. Collateral Killing	3
12. Sexual Competitor Killing	6
13. Contract Killing	3
14. Honor Killing	1
TOTAL	160 (100%)

DIAGRAM 1. TYPES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED HOMICIDES



Finally, we differentiated between single and multiple killings, i.e. two or more victims killed by a single perpetrator. In multiple killings, we classified each victim – based on her/his relationship to the perpetrator – into a separate type of homicide. For example, in one event a wife, her sister and her mother were killed by the wife’s husband; the wife killed in this event was counted as one case under Intimate Partner Homicide and her sister and mother (the perpetrator’s sister-in-law and mother-in-law respectively) were counted as one case under Extended-Family Killing

Across all 14 types of homicides, there were three groups of fatalities: adult homicide victims (72%), child homicide victims, (10%) and suicide deaths (18%).

DIAGRAM 2. FATALITIES



TYPE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Adult Homicide Victims ^a	162	72%
Child Homicide Victims	22	10%
Adult Suicide Deaths (Perpetrators)	42	18%
TOTAL	226	100%

TYPES OF KILLINGS	NUMBER OF CASES	VICTIMS				PERPETRATORS		TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES	
		Number of Child Victims Specific to Type of Killing	Number of Adult Victims Specific to Type of Killing	Number of Additional Victims Specific to Type of Killing	Total Number of Victims	Number of Suicides	Number of Perpetrators	Duplicated Individuals	Unduplicated Individuals
A. Intimate Partner Homicide	115	0	115	13*	128	34	119	13	149
1. Intimate Partner Homicide	81	0	81	8*	89	0	85	8	81
2. Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide	34	0	34	5*	39	34	34	5	68
B. Non-Intimate Family Killing	25	9	24	4*	37	4	26*	4	37
3. Child Killing	4	6	0	0	6	0	4	0	6
4. Child Killing-Suicide	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	0	4
5. Extended-Family Killing	10	1	12	4*	17	0	10*	4	13
6. Extended-Family Killing-Suicide	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	4
7. Matricide	4	0	4	0	4	0	5	0	4
8. Parricide	3	0	6	0	6	0	3	0	6
C. Familicide	7	13	7	0	20	4	7	0	24
9. Familicide	3	4	3	0	7	0	3	0	7
10. Familicide-Suicide	4	9	4	0	13	4	4	0	17
D. Other Domestic Violence Related Homicides	13	0	16	5*	21	3*	17*	8	19
11. Collateral Killing	3	0	6	3*	9	2*	3*	5	6
12. Sexual Competitor Killing	6	0	6	2*	8	1*	6*	3	6
13. Contract Killing	3	0	3	0	3	0	7	0	3
14. Honor Killing	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
TOTALS[†]	160	22	162		184	42	160		226

* Numbers represent **duplicated** individuals who appear twice in the table: as a primary victim in a one category, and as an additional victim in another category.

† Numbers represent unduplicated totals within the entire study.

a Two girlfriends were minors, but are counted as intimate partner victims and not child homicide victims.

A. Intimate Partner Homicide

1. Intimate Partner Homicide

One intimate partner kills the other. At the time of the killing, the couple could have been actively together in a relationship, temporarily or permanently separated, in the process of filing for divorce, or divorced.

TABLE 4. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: 81 CASES			
PARTNER VICTIMS		KILLED BY	
Wife	32	Husband	32
Estranged Wife	9	Estranged Husband	9
Girlfriend	14	Boyfriend	14
Ex-Girlfriend	11	Ex-Boyfriend	12*
Husband	6	Wife	6
Other	9	Other	12
<i>Sub-Total (Partner Victims)</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>Sub-Total (Perpetrators)</i>	<i>85</i>
ADDITIONAL VICTIMS (NON-PARTNERS)			
Extended-Family Killing	5		
Collateral Killing	2		
Sexual Competitor Killing	1		
<i>Sub-Total (Other Victims)</i>	<i>8</i>		
TOTAL FATALITIES	89	TOTAL PERPETRATORS	85

* One case included a same-sex couple, where an ex-boyfriend killed his ex-boyfriend.

Intimate Partner Homicide: Results

51% or 81 of 160 cases in this study were intimate partner homicides in which 81 partners and an additional 8 victims were killed by 85 perpetrators (81 intimate partners and 4 accomplices), resulting in a total of 89 fatalities.

- Of the 81 partners killed, 86% (70) were women and 14% (11) were men.
- Of the 81 partner victims there were:
 - 40% (32) wives
 - 17% (14) girlfriends
 - 14% (11) ex-girlfriends
 - 11% (9) estranged wives
 - 7% (6) husbands
 - 11% (9) others: of which there were 3 ex-wives, 2 boyfriends, 1 ex-husband, 1 estranged husband, 1 ex-boyfriend (same-sex) and 1 female ex-fiancé
- Of the 8 non-partner victims, there were:
 - 5 extended-family members
 - 2 collateral victims
 - 1 sexual competitor
- Of the 85 perpetrators, 86% (73) were men and 14% (12) were women.
- Of the 85 perpetrators in intimate partner homicides, there were:^b
 - 38% (32) husbands
 - 17% (14) boyfriends
 - 14% (12) ex-boyfriends
 - 11% (9) estranged husbands
 - 7% (6) wives
 - 14% (12) others: of which there were 3 ex-husbands, 2 girlfriends, 1 ex-wife, 1 estranged wife, 1 male ex-fiancé, 4 accomplices (one husband had three accomplices, 2 women, including his mother and 1 man; and another husband had one accomplice).

^b All percentages in this report are rounded to the nearest whole number and therefore, do not always add up to 100%. When percentages are not rounded (added from the tenth or thousandth decimal), all percentages equal 100%.

TABLE 5. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS
DeArmond, Zaleha ⁴	31	F	Malay	HI	6/10/02	Bludgeoned in her naval base home by her husband, White, 32. Killer also fatally stabbed her mother. He turned himself in. Couple had three children, 5, 3, and 2. Additional Victim: Ghani, Saniah <i>Extended Family Killing</i>
Balagangadhar, Dinesh ⁵	29	M	Indian	MI	7/1/01	Stabbed in his home by his wife, Indian, 28, who testified that she was trying to defend herself while her husband was beating her. Killer was sentenced to 15 years in prison for voluntary manslaughter.
Baldado, Gaylon ⁶	51	M	Filipino	HI	10/18/01	Gunned down in his home by his ex-wife, Pacific Islander, 50. Victim sought help from neighbors and later died in hospital. Perpetrator was charged with second degree murder.
Birbilis, Marietta Cordero ⁷	46	F	Filipina	CA	2/15/00	Shot multiple times in her home by her boyfriend, 51 (unknown ethnicity). Killer was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison.
Bunyou, Raynna ⁸	No Info	F	Thai	NV	1/12/05	Gunned down outside a karaoke bar by her ex-boyfriend, Thai, (age unknown). Killer was convicted six months earlier for holding victim hostage with a gun. He is serving a life sentence.
Campos, Darlene ⁹	24	F	Filipina	WA	0/00/01	Killed by her ex-boyfriend, 19 (unknown ethnicity), who dumped her body in a creek. Road crew found victim's remains four years later. Perpetrator was arrested in California.
Caoyonan, Nichole ¹⁰	31	F	Filipina	CA	10/31/03	Strangled with a scarf and electric cord in her home, then left on a hillside by her husband, Filipino, 35. Killer was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. Couple's 4-year old child was sleeping next to mother when she was killed.
Corpuz, Marisa ¹¹	32	F	Filipina	CA	9/24/04	Throat was slashed in her home by her husband, Filipino, 31. Killer turned himself in to police. Couple had two children, one living outside the country.
Dabas, Renu ¹²	20	F	Indian	NJ	8/24/04	Run down with the family minivan in the parking lot of a shopping center by her husband, Indian, 37. Perpetrator's first wife had restraining order against him for domestic violence. He faces murder charges.
Dancel, Lorena ¹³	27	F	Filipina	CA	5/11/02	Stabbed in her apartment by her husband, Filipino, 39, who then called 911. Couple's two children, ages 3 and 5, saw the killing.
Deng, Ying ¹⁴	30	F	Chinese	CA	6/25/03	Killed in her home and left in the swimming pool by her husband, Chinese, 44. Perpetrator was tried for murder.
Domingo, Cherry Ann ¹⁵	25	F	Filipina	HI	1/13/01	Gunned down in the family SUV by her ex-boyfriend, Filipino, 26, who was killed by police while trying to escape. Couple had one child, age 1.
Esoso-Aguiar, Mui Lan ¹⁶	39	F	Filipina	HI	3/12/00	Set on fire in her home by her husband, Filipino, 49, who splashed her with gasoline, started the fire with a lighter, then drove away. Killer was sentenced to 60 years in prison. The victim had five children.
Fiaai, Abe ¹⁷	36	M	Pacific Islander	HI	2/7/00	Stabbed in his home by his wife, Pacific Islander, 36. Killer had been physically battered by victim for at least 10 years. She was sentenced to 20 years in prison for manslaughter. Couple's 9-year old son, sleeping on nearby couch, found the body. They had three other children, ages 11, 2 and 1.

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VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Garperio, Mercy ¹⁸	47	F	Filipina	HI	9/29/01	Stabbed in her home by her husband, Filipino, 54. Killer was sentenced to life in prison. Couple had three children. Two of the children saw the killing.
Gorospe, Gloria Mayos ¹⁹	27	F	Filipina	HI	7/30/02	Bludgeoned in her home by her husband, Filipino, 38. Perpetrator awaits trial. Couple had one child, 4 years.
Griggs, Munye Rejun ²⁰	22	F	Filipina	TX	9/7/00	Gunned down by her boyfriend, White, 20. They had lived together until a few weeks before her death. Perpetrator was charged with murder.
Ham, Rocky ²¹	19	M	Vietnamese	MA	5/15/05	Stabbed multiple times by his girlfriend in an apartment he shared with her and her parents. Perpetrator, Vietnamese, 16, was 8 ½ months pregnant with his child. She pled guilty and was sentenced to prison.
Hang, Azalea ²²	24	F	Hmong	WI	10/8/05	Strangled in her home by her boyfriend, White, 22. Killer confessed. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison and additional 20 years to supervised release. Victim had two children, ages 1 and 7.
Hang, Zhao ²³	34	F	Chinese	NY	2/15/05	Clubbed with a rum bottle and stabbed multiple times in her home by her husband, White, 22. Perpetrator was arrested.
Hasegawa, Jan ²⁴	48	F	Japanese	CA	9/8/05	Punched, stomped and bludgeoned in her home by her boyfriend, 36 (unknown ethnicity). Perpetrator was arrested.
Hassan, Marlyn ²⁵	29	F	Guyanese Indian	NJ	7/30/02	Stabbed in the family home by her husband, Guyanese Indian, 31. Perpetrator also killed victim's mother and sister. Two boys, ages 5 and 3, asleep during the time of the killing, discovered their mother's (Sharon), aunt's (Marlyn), and grandmother's (Seajatan) bodies. Two Additional Victims: Seajatan, Bernadette and Yassim, Sharon. <i>Extended Family Killing</i>
Her, Pao ²⁶	43	M	Hmong	MN	2/12/02	Stabbed multiple times in his home by his wife, Hmong, 44. Killer attempted suicide by consuming a cleaning agent but failed. Couple had seven children. Killer plead guilty.
Heu, Marie H. ²⁷	34	F	White	MN	8/22/00	Gunned down in her home by her estranged husband, Hmong, 38. Couple had three children, ages 19, 14 and 9.
Jun, Eunsoon ²⁸	45	F	Korean	CA	5/00/02	Received blow to the head in her home by her boyfriend, White, 66. Killer buried her body under odor-masking kitty litter in the basement where it was discovered several months later. He is serving 15 years to life.
Kim Yi, Kathleen ²⁹	35	F	Korean	TX	7/23/05	Stabbed 88 times in her home by her husband, Korean, 41, who hid her body in a closet.
King, Anastasia ³⁰	20	F	Kyrgyz	WA	9/22/00	Strangled in her home by her husband's accomplice while her husband, White, 38, sat on her chest. Killers buried her body in a dump where her remains were found several months later. Husband was sentenced to 29 years in prison; accomplice received 20 years. Husband had prior history of domestic violence assaults. Additional Perpetrator: Accomplice
Koo, Eun Ju ³¹	46	F	Korean	IL	2/26/05	Bludgeoned with a hammer by her husband, White, (age unknown). Perpetrator wrapped victim's body in plastic wrap and duct tape. He faces first-degree murder charges.
Kualapai, Patricia ³²	34	F	White	CA	2/22/01	Shot in the head in a park close to home by her ex-husband, Pacific Islander, 51. Killer is serving 30 years to life. Couple had 1 child, 9 yrs. Victim also had one other child, 13 yrs.

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VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Lam, Melody ³³	41	F	Chinese	HI	6/11/05	Bludgeoned with a hammer in her home by husband, Chinese, 50. Perpetrator called 911. He was charged with second-degree murder. Couple had two children.
Lao, Alicia ³⁴	40	F	Latina	MA	5/17/00	Strangled, beaten and stabbed in her apartment by her estranged husband, Filipino, 41 after she served him with divorce papers. Couple had three children. Killer was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole.
Le, Kimtuyet Thi ³⁵	56	F	Vietnamese	TX	7/30/02	Shot in the head at the restaurant where she worked, by her estranged husband, Vietnamese, 60. He also killed two customers. Killer is serving three life sentences. Victim had one child. Two Additional Victims: Nguyen, Polaris; Vinh, Nuoi. <i>Collateral Killing.</i>
Lee, Mai Yia ³⁶	22	F	Hmong	MN	3/26/05	Stabbed multiple times in her relatives' home by her ex-fiancé, Hmong, 27, after their marriage was called off. Killer attacked a relative who tried to intervene. He was sentenced to a psychiatric facility and to prison for 35 years.
Lee, Myung Yeo ³⁷	48	F	Korean	OR	7/2/01	Stabbed seven times in her home by her husband, Korean, 53, who called 911. He was charged with murder.
Loseo, Lorelei Miso ³⁸	26	F	Filipina	NJ	1/24/03	Stabbed in her home by her boyfriend, White, 43. Perpetrator was charged with first degree murder.
Loza, Alicia ³⁹	27	F	Latina	CA	7/28/04	Strangled in a hotel room by her boyfriend, Pacific Islander, 33, who hid her body under a pile of clothes in his car. Perpetrator was jailed without bail.
Mabanag, Ruby ⁴⁰	53	F	Filipina	HI	7/27/02	Stabbed in her home by her boyfriend, Filipino, 44. Perpetrator was charged with second-degree murder.
Mandanapu, Divya ⁴¹	28	F	Indian	VA	6/12/04	Slashed by husband, Indian, 32, who decapitated her body and hid it in a suitcase placed inside a dumpster in a nearby apartment complex. He disposed of her arms and legs separately. Killer confessed.
Martin-Bergen, Tawanna ⁴²	43	F	No Info	CA	3/27/04	Murdered by her ex-boyfriend, Filipino, 23, who dumped her body on a gravel roadway. Killer pled guilty.
Medina, Memory Joy ⁴³	30	F	Filipina	HI	11/27/02	Stabbed in her home by her boyfriend, 34 (unknown ethnicity). Perpetrator was charged with second-degree murder.
Mendez, Anne G. ⁴⁴	23	F	Bangladeshi	NJ	10/11/01	Stabbed on campus by her ex-boyfriend, Indian, 34. Killer was sentenced to 50 years in prison.
Meunsaveng, Lone ⁴⁵	52	F	Laotian	WA	8/28/02	Strangled at her residence by her estranged husband, Laotian, 54. Her body was found a week later. Perpetrator was charged with second-degree murder.
Millon, Erlinda ⁴⁶	37	F	Filipina	HI	3/18/00	Stabbed in her home by her husband, Filipino, 37. Killer called 911. He was sentenced to life in prison. Couple had six children, ranging from 1 to 13 years.
Mollena, Olakalani ⁴⁷	22	F	Pacific Islander	HI	5/28/05	Punched in the head at a hotel where she had attended a concert and then dragged to a nearby highway by her boyfriend, Pacific Islander, 24. He was sentenced to 21 years in prison. Victim had three children; the killer was the father of two of them.

TABLE 5. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Mosier Jr., Harbin "Dickie" ⁴⁸	44	M	Pacific Islander	HI	4/6/00	Stabbed in his home by his wife, White, 45. Killer attempted suicide by stabbing herself several times. She was found lying next to the body of the victim. Killer received 20 years in prison. Couple had two children, 16 and 18.
Nakamura, George ⁴⁹	68	M	Japanese	HI	2/7/01	Stabbed in his home by his wife, Japanese, 68. Killer called the police. She had long history of mental illness and violence and was found not guilty by reason of insanity and committed to a state psychiatric hospital.
Nguyen, Kim Loan Thi ⁵⁰	41	F	Vietnamese	VA	11/18/04	Stabbed outside her workplace by her ex-husband, Vietnamese, (age unknown). A male acquaintance of the victim was also stabbed but survived. The victim and perpetrator had one child, age 10.
Nguyen, Kristy ⁵¹	No Info	F	Vietnamese	TX	11/29/05	Stabbed to death in her home by her husband, Vietnamese, (age unknown). Killer attempted suicide. Victim's four children and their two friends were on site during the killing.
Nguyen, Lena Kim ⁵²	19	F	Vietnamese	TX	4/6/05	Stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend, Vietnamese, 20.
Nguyen, Nancy ⁵³	16	F	Vietnamese	CA	9/1/05	Shot in the head by her boyfriend, Cambodian, 20, when she told him to stop firing his pistol in the air during a street fight between two groups of people. Killer received 50 years in prison.
Nyce, Michelle ⁵⁴	34	F	Filipina	NJ	1/16/04	Head beaten repeatedly into the concrete floor of their garage by her husband, White, 54. Perpetrator placed victim's body inside a Land Cruiser and steered it into a half-frozen creek. Couple had three children.
Pacheco, Cathalene ⁵⁵	No Info	F	Filipina	HI	1/4/02	Vehicle rammed into by husband, Filipino, 48, who then shot her 13-14 times in the head and neck inside her vehicle. Killer pled guilty. Victim had 5 adult children and grandchildren.
Patel, Lataben ⁵⁶	63	F	Indian	TX	9/1/01	Run down by her husband's car after an argument with her husband, Indian, 73. Perpetrator was indicted for murder.
Patel, Sejal ⁵⁷	28	F	Indian	OH	7/1/05	Strangled and beaten to death by her husband, Indian, 31, her mother-in-law, and 2 accomplices. Her decomposed body was found in her husband's SUV. Couple had 2 children, ages 2 and 5. All four killers were sentenced to life in prison with possibility of parole. Three Additional Perpetrators: Mother-in-Law and 2 Accomplices.
Persaud, Moonku Marissa ⁵⁸	40	F	Guyanese Indian	MN	2/18/05	Strangled in her apartment by her boyfriend, Guyanese Indian, 37. Killer received a life sentence with possibility of parole in 30 years. She had called police a month earlier when he tried to strangle her.
Pham, Hanh ⁵⁹	32	F	Vietnamese	MA	5/5/00	Stabbed multiple times in her home, by her husband, Vietnamese 39. Killer attempted suicide by slitting his wrists. Couple had one child, aged 2. Killer was sentenced to life in prison.
Pittman, Keo ⁶⁰	33	F	Laotian	IA	9/23/01	Stabbed in the heart in her home by her husband, White, 33, who was discharged from prison four days prior to killing her. Perpetrator called 911. Couple had 4 young children.
Ros, Chanthy ⁶¹	33	F	Cambodian	WA	6/26/00	Stabbed in her home by her ex-boyfriend, 29, Cambodian, who then took their children ages 2 and 7 to his parents, who persuaded him to surrender. Perpetrator was charged.

TABLE 5. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Sangha, Narinder ⁶²	30	F	Indian	IL	4/9/03	Strangled by her husband, Indian, 29. Killer dumped her body in a storm sewer, where it was found six weeks later. Victim had cerebral palsy. The couple had one child, age 2. Killer was sentenced to 40 years in prison.
Sarkaria, Virinderjit ⁶³	58	M	Indian	CA	7/14/02	Gunned down in his residence by his estranged wife, Indian, 48, who broke into the home. Couple's 20-year old son heard shots and confronted his mother who was shot in the altercation. She survived.
Sayeed, Shahpara ⁶⁴	33	F	Pakistani	IL	8/24/00	Burned inside her husband's taxicab when her husband, Pakistani, (age unknown), doused her with gasoline and set the vehicle on fire.
Shironoshita, Fumiko ⁶⁵	27	F	Japanese	CA	9/23/02	Stabbed eight times and strangled in her boyfriend's home by her boyfriend, Latino, 26. Killer attempted suicide by slitting his wrists. He was charged.
Singh, Nalini ⁶⁶	28	F	Indian	TX	10/30/02	Gunned down at her daughter's daycare center, by her estranged husband, White, 31. Killer turned the gun on himself but survived with serious injuries. He was sentenced to life in prison.
Sukto, Pranee ⁶⁷	39	F	Thai	WA	10/22/04	Stabbed to death in her home, by her husband, Thai, 36. Their son, 8, was also stabbed but survived with critical injuries.
Sutariya, Ramesh ⁶⁸	28	M	Indian	MI	1/22/00	Stabbed in his home, by his wife, Indian, 20, one month after they were married. She was sentenced to 11 years in prison.
Tang, Nikita ⁶⁹	15	F	Mixed Heritage: Chinese and Latina	WI	1/13/02	Strangled behind City Hall by her boyfriend, Latino, 17. He received a life sentence with the possibility of parole after 35 years and 11 months.
Tao, Huong ⁷⁰	32	F	Vietnamese	TX	4/22/03	Ambushed and beaten to death in her car while on the way to work by her ex-husband, Vietnamese, 43.
Tempongko, Claire Joyce ⁷¹	28	F	Filipina	CA	10/22/00	Stabbed to death at her residence by her ex-boyfriend, Latino, 27, who was at large for several years before being finally apprehended, convicted of 2nd degree murder and imprisoned in 2008. The victim's two children, ages 5 and 10 saw the killing.
Thi Ha Le, Quyen ⁷²	33	F	Vietnamese	OR	4/2/01	Killed (no details) by her husband, Vietnamese, (age unknown). Victim's body was found in a national forest six weeks later. Victim had one child, age 3. Perpetrator was arrested.
Ubis, Raymond ⁷³	54	M	White	WA	10/14/03	Shot in the back of the head while at home by his girlfriend, Chinese, 46. Killer faces 40 years in prison for second-degree murder.
Valerio, Hong Tuyet ⁷⁴	33	F	Vietnamese	TX	3/21/02	Strangled with an electric cord by her estranged husband, White, 48. Killer confessed.
Vang, Deane ⁷⁵	19	F	Hmong	CA	6/6/02	Stabbed in her parent's home by her ex-boyfriend, Hmong, 23. Killer also stabbed victim's mother. He was shot and killed by police when he confronted them with the knife. Couple had one child, age 1. Several children (presumably from extended family), ages 13 to 18 were on site during the killing. Additional Victim: Vang, Jennie. <i>Extended Family Killing.</i>
Vang, Sheng ⁷⁶	21	F	Hmong	MN	7/18/04	Stabbed 63 times by her estranged husband, Hmong, 22, when she was retrieving legal documents from his garage. Killer was sentenced to life in prison. Couple had one child, 2 years.

TABLE 5. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Vasudeva, Pooja ⁷⁷	23	F	Indian	CA	1/9/03	Repeatedly stabbed and slashed in her parents' home by her estranged husband, Indian, 30. Perpetrator also stabbed and slashed victim's mother. He remains at large. Additional Victim: Narula, Neeraj. <i>Extended Family Killing</i>
Vue, Mee ⁷⁸	60	F	Hmong	MN	9/2/03	Killed (no details) in her home by her husband, Hmong, 53. Killer attempted suicide. He was sentenced to 25 years in prison.
White, Lori Ann ⁷⁹	24	F	White	WA	9/10/02	Shot multiple times in the lobby of her apartment building by her ex-boyfriend, Korean, 26. Perpetrator fled the state and later surrendered to police.
Whitney, Thomas ⁸⁰	60	M	White	CA	0/00/04	Stabbed multiple times in the face by his same-sex ex-boyfriend, Chinese, 36. Current partner of victim was also killed. Additional Victim: Wong, Lawrence. <i>Sexual Competitor Killing</i> .
Xu, Gin Hua ⁸¹	30	F	Chinese	MA	1/27/01	Stabbed and bludgeoned by her estranged husband, Chinese, 37, when she went to his apartment to discuss a divorce. Killer tried to kill himself. Couple had two children.
Yim-Mortier, Isabelle ⁸²	38	F	Chinese	HI	3/12/01	Stabbed in her home by her ex-boyfriend, Filipino, 32, who broke into her home. Killer was sentenced to life in prison. Victim's 8-year old child was on site during killing and tried to get help for his mother.
Yokotake, Lisa ⁸³	38	F	Japanese	HI	3/21/01	Died in her home following gross neglect and malnutrition by her husband, Japanese, 43, who confessed to neglect. Victim was bedridden for seven years following a stroke. Killer was indicted for second-degree murder for failing to seek medical treatment.
Zathang, Hlawntial ⁸⁴	35	F	Burmese	MD	1/22/05	Stabbed in her home by her husband, Burmese, 45. Couple had 3 children, ages 20, 11 and 10. The two young children saw the killing. Perpetrator was charged with first-degree murder.

2. Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide

One intimate partner kills the other and the killer then commits suicide.

TABLE 6. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE-SUICIDE: 34 CASES				
PARTNER VICTIMS		KILLED BY		TOTAL FATALITIES
Wife	20	Husband	20	40
Estranged Wife	6	Estranged Husband	6	12
Girlfriend	4	Boyfriend	4	8
Ex-Girlfriend	2	Ex-Boyfriend	2	4
Husband	0	Wife	0	0
Estranged Husband	1	Estranged Wife	1	2
Boyfriend	1	Girlfriend	1	2
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>34</i>		<i>34</i>	<i>68</i>
ADDITIONAL VICTIMS (NON-PARTNERS)				
Collateral Killing	4			4
Sexual Competitor	1			1
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>5</i>			<i>5</i>
TOTAL	39		34	73

Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide: Results

21% or 34 of 160 cases in this study were intimate partner homicide-suicides in which there were 39 victims^c (34 partners, 4 collateral victims, and 1 sexual competitor) and 34 perpetrators, all of whom committed suicide; resulting in a total of 73 fatalities.

- Of the 34 partner victims of intimate partner homicide-suicide, 94% (32) were women and 6% (2) were men.
- Of the 32 female partner victims, 62% (20) were wives, who comprised the largest group of victims.
- Of the 34 perpetrators of intimate partner homicide-suicides, 94% (32) were men and 6% (2) were women.
- Of the 32 male partner perpetrators, 62% (20) were husbands, who comprised the largest group of perpetrators.

^c In some fatality reviews, both deaths in a intimate partner homicide-suicide may be referred to and/or counted as victims. We have only referred to those who were killed as victims.

TABLE 7. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Belcina-Dequito, Andrea ⁸⁵	27	F	Filipina	HI	2/3/00	Gunned down in her home by her husband, Filipino, 27. He also shot and injured a police officer who responded to a 911 call. Killer turned the gun on himself. Couple's 2-year old child was on site during the shooting.
Bernal-Magallon, Winilyn ⁸⁶	35	F	Filipina	OR	7/16/01	Gunned down in her car by her estranged husband, Filipino, 30. Killer took kids from the car, drove to his apartment, called 911, and then turned the gun on himself. Two young children were in the car during the killing and in the apartment during the suicide.
Bounlangsy, Phordy ⁸⁷	39	F	Laotian	MN	1/12/01	Gunned down in her home by her boyfriend, Laotian, (age unknown). Killer took his own life. Man's 12-year old daughter and 19-year old son were in the house at the time of killing and found the bodies.
Chen, Franny ⁸⁸	41	F	Chinese	WA	10/20/01	Gunned down by her husband, Chinese, 42. Killer turned gun on himself. Two children saw the homicide-suicide. 10-year old son called 911.
Chung, Kwang Ja "Annie" ⁸⁹	41	F	Korean	WA	10/29/04	Stabbed multiple times in the restaurant where she worked by her husband, Korean, 50. Killer turned the knife on himself. Couple had two children, 14 and 11.
Desilets, Sylvie ⁹⁰	31	F	White	MA	4/25/05	Shot in the head in her home, by her husband, Indian, 33. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Enayati, Amanda ⁹¹	51	F	Iranian	CA	12/2/03	Shot and stabbed multiple times during a marriage counseling session at their therapist's office by her husband, Iranian, 57. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Her, Diane ⁹²	No Info	F	Hmong	CA	8/6/03	Killed by her boyfriend, Hmong, (age unknown). Killer took his life. Victim had one child, 2 ½ years.
Her, Yang ⁹³	32	F	Hmong	MN	1/31/00	Gunned down in her home by her husband, Hmong, (age unknown). Killer turned gun on himself. Couple had 8 children; 4-year old saw the homicide-suicide.
Hironaga, Dorothy ⁹⁴	84	F	Japanese	HI	6//16/03	Decapitated by her husband, Japanese, 89. Killer hung himself. He left a suicide note indicating he was overcome with the burden of caring for his wife who was in late stages of dementia.
Kim, Theodore ⁹⁵	57	M	Korean	WA	7/01/03	Gunned down in his apartment by his girlfriend, Korean, 55. Killer turned gun on herself.
Kree, Poly ⁹⁶	41	F	Cambodian	CA	1/7/02	Shot in the head during a wedding reception at a restaurant by her estranged husband, Cambodian, 46. Victim's current boyfriend was also killed. Killer committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Victim had three children, 21, 18, and 14. Additional Victim: Chit, Vichekka. <i>Sexual Competitor Killing.</i>
Lall, Geetanjali Seema ⁹⁷	26	F	Guyanese Indian	NY	10/5/02	Stabbed in her parents' home by her estranged husband, Guyanese Indian, 48. Victim's father tackled killer but he had already stabbed himself. Couple had two children, 6 and 5, who were asleep in the bedroom when their mother was killed.
Lancaster, Anchana U. ⁹⁸	27	F	Thai	TX	11/8/00	Gunned down in her home by her husband, White, 26. Killer turned the gun on himself.

TABLE 7. INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Lecaroz, Emerenciana ⁹⁹	47	F	Filipina	CA	10/28/03	Stabbed in her home by her boyfriend, Filipino, 41. Killer disappeared for a week, then was found dead in an apparent suicide.
Lee, Ching ¹⁰⁰	65	F	Chinese	MA	9/16/02	Blow to the head by her husband, Chinese, 65, who left a telephone message for their son, announcing that they would both be dead. Killer shot himself in the head.
Lee, Pa Moua ¹⁰¹	35	F	Hmong	MN	3/15/04	Gunned down in her home by her husband, Hmong, 35. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Park, Byong Sun ¹⁰²	42	F	Korean	TX	1/9/01	Gunned down in the family-owned store by her estranged husband, Korean, 54. Killer then gunned down three family friends (who were at a different location), a man, his wife and their daughter. He believed the man was having an affair with his wife. Killer turned the gun on himself. Couple had three children, aged 16 to 21. Three Additional Victims: Chang, Chung; Chang, Hyun; Chang, Kathy. <i>Collateral Killings</i>
Ramos, Michelle ¹⁰³	26	F	Filipina	HI	12/15/00	Stabbed 17 times at her workplace by her ex-boyfriend, Japanese, 32. Killer hung himself. Couple had one child, 22 months.
Reyes, Stephanie ¹⁰⁴	34	F	Filipina	HI	9/17/03	Gunned down in her home by her estranged husband, Filipino, 39. Killer turned gun on himself. Victim's three children from another relationship, ages 13 to 16, were on site during the killing.
Saeteurn, Chanh ¹⁰⁵	41	F	Laotian	CA	12/31/03	Gunned down in her home by her husband, Laotian, 47. Killer turned the gun on himself. 18-year old son found bodies.
Sanchez-Kekoa, Rebecca ¹⁰⁶	33	F	Pacific Islander	HI	9/28/00	Found dead (no other details) in her home with her husband, Pacific Islander, 40. Bodies were discovered by their three school-age children.
Sandhu, Guljit "Rosie" Kaur ¹⁰⁷	36	F	Indian	CA	7/21/03	Gunned down in the couple's former home by her estranged husband, Indian, 39, while she was getting the house appraised for a divorce settlement. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Singh, Baljinderjit ¹⁰⁸	53	F	Indian	MI	10/10/04	Hit on the head by her husband, Indian, 53, who then set fire to the basement and was himself killed. The couple's three children, two in their 20s and one 12-year old, were on site during the homicide-suicide. The older children tried to douse the flames on their father.
Taylor, Jong Ja ¹⁰⁹	61	F	Korean	WA	2/28/04	Gunned down in her home by her husband, White, 69. Killer also gunned down his wife's co-worker/friend who was helping her move out. He then turned the gun on himself. Additional Victim: Sun, Joy Meei Shang. <i>Collateral Killing</i>
Thao, Lou ¹¹⁰	35	F	Hmong	MN	12/2/03	Pursued in a high-speed chase by her husband, Hmong, 46, who then deliberately rammed victim's car into a tree. Killer also died in the accident. Couple had nine children, ages 7-18.
Thao, Zoua ¹¹¹	31	F	Hmong	MN	12/3/00	Shot in her home by her husband, Hmong, 47. Killer turned the gun on himself. Couple had 13 children who were on site during the shooting; oldest called 911, two other children tried to stop father from committing suicide.
Vang, Pachia ¹¹²	29	F	Hmong	CO	10/5/00	Shot multiple times in front of the family home by her husband, Hmong, 34. Killer shot himself in the head. Four children, ages 7, 6, 5, and 4 were on site during shooting.
Visathep, Chitavanh ¹¹³	41	F	Laotian	OR	5/16/05	Shot in her home by her husband, Laotian, 54. Killer turned the gun on himself. Couple had three teenage children.

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VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS
Wang, Sun ¹¹⁴	47	F	Chinese	HI	5/12/04	Gunned down at her work place by her ex-boyfriend, Korean, 52. Killer turned gun on himself.
Williams, Eiko ¹¹⁵	74	F	Japanese	CA	12/13/03	Single gunshot wound at a hospital intensive care unit, inflicted by her husband, White, 68. Wife was terminally ill with lung cancer. Husband turned the gun on himself. Investigators later discovered that the husband had been straightening out his financial matters and had left different amounts of money in labeled envelopes, and a note for his wife's adult son. Police called the case a "mercy-type killing." ^d
Yang, Bin ¹¹⁶	44	M	Chinese	CA	1/1/03	Shot by his estranged wife, Chinese, 46, in the killer's home. Killer turned the gun on herself.
Name Unknown ¹¹⁷	No Info	F	White	CA	2/00/03	Killed (no details) in her home by her husband, Chinese, 40. Killer committed suicide later in a hotel room.
Name Unknown ¹¹⁸	47	F	Filipina	CA	4/00/03	Stabbed and strangled in her home by her boyfriend, Filipino, 41. Killer committed suicide by drug overdose a few days later.

^d In general, mercy killings and suicide pacts require careful review to establish if domestic violence was present in the relationship. If there was a history, an abuser may have convinced a partner to agree to a suicide pact but without any intention of going through with their own suicide. Similarly, a mercy killing in the context of an abusive relationship could involve an abuser manipulating or coercing an ill partner into accepting a unilateral decision. Furthermore, in suspected cases of domestic violence related homicides, the adult children of a couple can be unwilling to have an elderly parent investigated for homicide.

B. Non-Intimate Family Killing

In this group of homicides, members of the family of origin or of the extended family are killed. In some situations, it is unclear if there was any family violence prior to the killing or if it was unreported.

Child Killing: Refers to the killing of children or step-children by a parent or step-parent, within a domestic violence context. Child killings caused by long-term neglect or child abuse are not included in this report.

Extended-Family Killing: Killing members of one’s extended family, including in-laws

Patricide: Killing of a father by his child(ren)

Matricide: Killing of a mother by her child(ren)

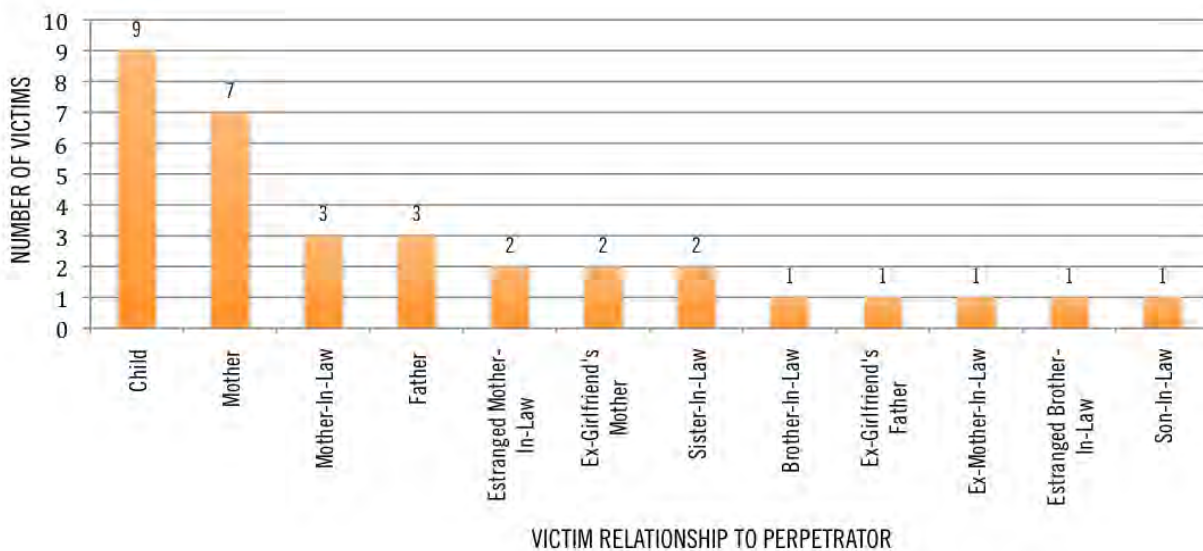
Parricide: Killing of both parents by their children^e

NON-INTIMATE FAMILY KILLING: TYPE OF KILLING	NUMBER OF CASES	NUMBER OF VICTIMS SPECIFIC TO TYPE OF KILLING	NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL VICTIMS	NUMBER OF TOTAL VICTIMS	NUMBER OF SUICIDES	NUMBER OF TOTAL FATALITIES
Child Killing	4	6	0	6	0	6
Child Killing-Suicide	2	2	0	2	2	4
Extended-Family Killing	10	13*	4	17	0	17
Extended-Family Killing-Suicide	2	2	0	2	2	4
Matricide	4	4	0	4	0	4
Parricide	3	6	0	6	0	6
TOTAL	25	33	4	37	4	41

*One of the 13 victims of extended-family killings was a child; this child is not double counted as a child killing or child killing-suicide victim.

^e Researchers identify three kinds of perpetrators who kill their parents: “severely abused children, severely mentally ill children, and dangerously antisocial children.” More than 90 percent of youth who kill their parents were abused by their parents. Websdale, pp. 12-13, citing Paul Mones, 1991. *When A Child Kills: Abused Children Who Kill Their Parents*, New York: Pocket Books; Kathleen Heide, 1995. *Why Kids Kill Parents: Child Abuse and Adolescent Homicide*, Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Press.

DIAGRAM 3. NON-INTIMATE FAMILY KILLING VICTIMS



Non-Intimate Family Killing: Results

16% or 25 of 160 cases in this study were non-intimate family killings, i.e. the killing of family of origin or extended family, with 37 victim deaths and 4 perpetrator suicides, resulting in a total of 41 fatalities.

- Of the 25 non-intimate family killing cases, there were:
 - 10 extended-family killings
 - 4 child killings
 - 4 matricides
 - 3 parricides
 - 2 child killings, followed by suicide
 - 2 extended-family killings, followed by suicide
 - There were no recorded patricides
- Of the 33 victims, there were 17 women, 9 children (6 girls, 3 boys) and 7 men.
- Of the 26 perpetrators (one matricide case had 2 perpetrators, a son and his wife), there were 19 men and 7 women.

TABLE 9. NON-INTIMATE FAMILY KILLING: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
CHILD KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
Haque, Alstan ¹¹⁹ Haque, Aisha	8 5	M F	Bangladeshi Bangladeshi	NJ	3/29/03	Throats cut by their step-mother, Bangladeshi, 30. Killer was being battered by the victims' father. She was sentenced to 40 years in prison.
Ocampo, Nora Linda ¹²⁰	14mos	F	Filipina	CA	10/23/04	Bludgeoned in her mother's house by her mother's boyfriend, Filipino (age unknown). Perpetrator was battering the child victim's mother.
Singh, Kawaldeep ¹²¹	9	M	Indian	MO	11/7/02	Shot in the school parking lot by his father, Indian, 41, when he came between his parents during an incident. Mother was injured in the attack.
Yang, Lisa Mai ¹²² Yang, Pa Houa	3 16mos	F F	Hmong Hmong	MN	7/17/01	Stabbed by their mother, Hmong, 27, with long history of mental illness and as a victim of domestic violence. Killer survived attempted suicide and was committed to a state mental hospital indefinitely. Victims were the youngest of 8 children.
CHILD KILLING-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Thongratsamy, Katelyn ¹²³	3	F	Laotian	MN	10/31/04	Shot in her home by her father, Laotian, 42, after he assaulted and attempted to kill the victim's mother, his ex-girlfriend. Mother escaped and called the police. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Vazirani Komunyakaa, Jehan ¹²⁴	2	M	Mixed Heritage: Indian and African	DC	7/16/03	Wrists cut by his mother, Indian, 40. Killer committed suicide by slashing her own wrists.
EXTENDED-FAMILY KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
Barrigan, Zenaida ¹²⁵ Lomeli, Fernando	58 22	F M	No Info No Info	CA	10/19/05	Estranged mother-in-law and estranged brother-in-law shot and killed in former's home by estranged son-in-law / brother-in-law, Iraqi, 49. Perpetrator's estranged wife survived the shooting. He was arrested abroad.
Begum, Farida ¹²⁶	74	F	Bangladeshi	NY	8/23/03	Mother-in-law stabbed in her home by her daughter-in-law, Bangladeshi, 32, who allegedly had a mental illness.
Ghani, Saniah ¹²⁷	66	F	Malay	HI	6/10/02	Mother-in-law fatally stabbed in her daughter's naval base home by her son-in-law, White, 32. Perpetrator also bludgeoned his wife. He turned himself in. Couple had three children, 5, 3, and 2. Additional Victim: DeArmond, Zaleha. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide</i>
Kim, Hun J. ¹²⁸	56	M	Korean	OR	6/14/04	Brother-in-law stabbed in his home by his brother-in-law, Korean, 42. Killer attempted suicide with the knife. He was sentenced to a state psychiatric hospital for the rest of his life. Victim's wife was present during killing.
Le, Tuyet ¹²⁹ Cu, Jennifer	51 15	F F	Vietnamese Vietnamese	CA	12/16/04	Sister-in-law gunned down with assault rifle in her home by her brother-in-law, Vietnamese, 60. He believed she was not adequately caring for his parents, but there were no signs of neglect or abuse. Killer also shot and killed the victim's daughter, his niece.

TABLE 9. NON-INTIMATE FAMILY KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Seajatan, Bernadette ¹³⁰ Yassim, Sharon	49 30	F F	Guyanese Indian Guyanese Indian	NJ	7/30/02	Mother-in-law and sister-in-law stabbed in the family home by son-in-law / brother-in-law, Guyanese Indian, 31. Perpetrator also killed his wife; these victims were the mother and sister of the killer's wife. Two boys, ages 5 and 3, asleep during the time of the killing, discovered their mother's (Sharon), aunt's (Marlyn), and grandmother's (Seajatan) bodies. Additional Victim: Hassan, Marlyn. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide</i>
Narula, Neeraj ¹³¹	43	F	Indian	CA	1/9/03	Estranged mother-in-law stabbed and slashed in her home by her estranged son-in-law, Indian, 30. Perpetrator also repeatedly stabbed and slashed victim's daughter, his estranged wife. He remains at large. Additional Victim: Vasudeva, Pooja. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide.</i>
Park, Gum Soon ¹³²	76	F	Korean	WA	04/09/03	Ex-mother-in-law stabbed at place of business by her former son-in-law, Korean, 52. Perpetrator was her daughter's ex-husband. He was charged with first-degree murder.
Thachil, Joseph ¹³³	50	M	Indian	NY	11/21/01	Son-in-law stabbed in his in-laws' home by his father-in-law (no details) who tried to stop son-in-law from assaulting the mother-in-law. Victim had threatened to kill all members of the household. He and his wife had one child, age 3. Case was considered self-defense and father-in-law was not charged. ¹³⁴
Vang, Jennie ¹³⁵	39	F	Hmong	CA	6/6/02	Ex-girlfriend's mother stabbed in her home by her daughter's ex-boyfriend, Hmong, 23. Killer also stabbed victim's daughter. He was shot and killed by police when he confronted them with the knife. The couple had one child, age 1. Several other children, ages 13 to 18 were on site during the killing. Additional Victim: Vang, Deane. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide.</i>
EXTENDED-FAMILY KILLING-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
McDonald, John C. ¹³⁶	62	M	White	HI	10/19/03	Ex-girlfriend's father gunned down in his home by his daughter's ex-boyfriend, Pacific Islander, 33. Killer also shot his ex-girlfriend's mother but she survived. Killer's body was found the next day with a self-inflicted gun shot wound to the head. Killer's ex-girlfriend and couple's 3-year old child were present during the homicide.
Pak, Yang Suk ¹³⁷	66	F	Korean	HI	10/21/02	Ex-girlfriend's mother gunned down in her daughter's home by her daughter's ex-boyfriend, Japanese, 50. He also shot his girlfriend several times but she survived. Killer turned gun on himself. Girlfriend's 8-year old child saw the shooting and telephoned for help.
MATRICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Aung, Nyien ¹³⁸	66	F	Burmese	CA	2/13/04	Mother killed in her home by her son, Burmese, 37, whom she was dependent on for care. Perpetrator pushed his father, 69, with such force that father's head smashed into the mother's face, killing her. Perpetrator was arrested for involuntary manslaughter, elder abuse and false imprisonment.

TABLE 9. NON-INTIMATE FAMILY KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Balasubramaniam, Saroja ¹³⁹	53	F	Indian	OH	7/25/05	Mother strangled in her home by her daughter, Indian, 28, who concealed the body inside a car and left it in a parking lot. Killer confessed that she had made two earlier attempts to kill mother (with an overdose of anti-anxiety medication and suffocation). She stated she was trying to protect younger siblings from the mother's abuse following the death of their father. She faces 20 years to life in prison.
Kadian, Kiran V. ¹⁴⁰	52	F	Indian	VA	3/24/05	Mother stabbed 23 times in her home by her son, Indian, 20. Killer admitted he had also planned to kill his father but he was not home at the time. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison, investigators concluded that hatred, not mental illness motivated the killings. Victim had two other college age children.
Ng, Pik ¹⁴¹	81	F	Chinese	CA	2/17/04	Mother starved and subjected to severe long-term neglect in the home of her son, Chinese, 49, whom she was dependent on for care. Perpetrator and his wife, Chinese, 44, were charged with elder abuse. Additional Perpetrator: Daughter-in-Law
PARRICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Basra, Harinder Singh ¹⁴² Basra, Balvinder	60 50	M F	Indian Indian	TX	12/31/00	Parents bludgeoned with a baseball bat in their home by their son, Indian, 19. Killer doused the bodies with ignitable fluid and set them on fire. He confessed and was indicted on capital murder charges.
Phadnis, Ravindra ¹⁴³ Phadnis, Surekha	53 49	M F	Indian Indian	WA	8/24/02	Parents shot in execution-style killing in their home by their son, Indian, 24. Killer called 911. He was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole.
Name Unknown ¹⁴⁴ Name Unknown	No Info	M F	Chinese Chinese	MA	5/00/03	Parents killed by their daughter, Chinese, 18. There were no details, however, according to family and friends, the daughter may have killed because parents prevented her from attending college; pointing to possible history of coercive control by parents. There is no data to ascertain if perpetrator was abusing her parents or they were abusing her before the homicides.

C. Familicide

1. Familicide

Familicide is a killing in which a parent or step-parent kills a current or ex-partner and one or more of the couple's children and/or children from a previous relationship.

According to researchers, familicides are overwhelmingly carried out by men.¹⁴⁵

2. Familicide-Suicide

In a familicide-suicide, the familicide perpetrator commits suicide. Three separate studies confirm that almost all (97%, 94% and 92%) familicides-suicides are perpetrated by men.¹⁴⁶

Familicide and Familicide-Suicide: Results

4% or 7 of 160 cases in the study were familicides and familicides-suicides, in which 20 victims were killed by 7 perpetrators, resulting in a total of 24 fatalities (including 4 suicides).

- Of the 20 victims of familicide, 13 (65%) were children (including 2 unborn), and 7 (35%) were adults (6 wives and 1 husband).
- Of the 7 perpetrators of familicide, there were 6 husbands and 1 wife.

TYPE OF KILLING	NUMBER OF CASES	NUMBER OF CHILD VICTIMS	NUMBER OF ADULT VICTIMS	NUMBER OF TOTAL VICTIMS	NUMBER OF SUICIDES	NUMBER OF TOTAL FATALITIES
Familicide	3	4	3	7	0	7
Familicide-Suicide	4	9	4	13	4	17
TOTAL	7	13	7	20	4	24

TABLE 11. FAMILICIDE AND FAMILICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
FAMILICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Acedo, Maila Handog ¹⁴⁷ - Duke	30 8	F M	Filipina Filipino	CA	8/3/05	Stabbed in her home by her husband, Filipino, (age unknown). Child smothered by father who then set both bodies on fire. Perpetrator escaped with burn injuries but was arrested later.
Matsen, Evelyn ¹⁴⁸ - Wahren, Agonoy	34 13	F M	Filipina No Info	WA	11/4/05	Gunned down in her home by her husband, White, 35. Perpetrator also killed his stepson (victim's son). He was charged with 2 counts of 1st degree murder.
Rapoza, Raye Lynn ¹⁴⁹ - Tehani - Unborn child	34 4 N/A	F F N/A	Filipina Filipina Filipino	CA	10/6/02	Driven off a sea cliff in their SUV by her husband, Filipino, 35. Couple's child, also in the car, was killed. The killer survived the car crash and is serving a life sentence for 3 murders (his wife was 7 months pregnant; the child died with her).
FAMILICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Chiang, Cheng Chih ¹⁵⁰ - (Lee) Iris - (Lee) Jeremy	42 9 4	F F M	Chinese Chinese Chinese	CA	11/16/02	Gunned down in the family home by her husband, Chinese, 47. Killer also shot their two children. He turned the gun on himself.
Fernandez, Roselle ¹⁵¹ - Kalena - Roman	26 3 11mos	F F M	Filipina Filipina Filipino	CA	12/30/03	Stabbed in her home, by her husband, Filipino 34. Killer also stabbed their two children. A third child was stabbed and survived with severe injuries. Killer committed suicide with a gun.
Saib, Noorjehan ¹⁵² - Ameena - Harif - Unborn child	40 16 5 N/A	F F M N/A	Bangladeshi Bangladeshi Bangladeshi Bangladeshi	KS	12/29/00	Gunned down in her home by her husband, Bangladeshi, 46, who also killed two children (no details on how) from victim's previous marriage. The mother was about to give birth and her unborn baby died with her. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Schiefer, Ulrich ¹⁵³ - Elsa - Jessica	38 12 5	M F F	White Korean Mixed Heritage: Korean & White	CA	4/1/02	Shot by his wife, Korean, 42, after he moved out of the family home. Killer also shot their daughter and her daughter from a previous marriage. She turned the gun on herself.

D. Other Domestic Violence Related Homicides

Four types of other domestic violence related homicides are included here: collateral killing, sexual competitor killing, contract killing, and honor killing. These killings may occur in conjunction with other types of homicides. Results and case details are presented separately under each type of killing.

Other Domestic Violence Related Homicides: Results

8% or 13 of 160 cases in this study are other domestic violence related homicides that include collateral killing, sexual competitor killing, contract killing, and honor killing, in which 21 victims were killed by 17 perpetrators.

- Of the 16 victims of other domestic violence related homicides, there were 7 women, 7 men and no information on 2 victims.
- Of the 17 perpetrators of other domestic violence related homicides, all were men, of which two committed suicide after collateral killings and one after a sexual competitor killing.

TABLE 12. OTHER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED HOMICIDES: 13 CASES				
OTHER HOMICIDES: TYPE OF KILLING	NUMBER OF CASES	NUMBER OF VICTIMS SPECIFIC TO TYPE OF KILLING	NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL VICTIMS	NUMBER OF TOTAL FATALITIES
1. Collateral Killing	3	6	3	11*
2. Sexual Competitor Killing	6	6	2	9*
3. Contract Killing	3	3	0	3
4. Honor Killing	1	1	0	1
TOTAL	13	16	5	25

*Two perpetrators of collateral killings committed suicide and one after a sexual competitor killing.

1. Collateral Killing

An incidental killing done in the commission of another domestic violence related homicide aimed at a targeted victim. Collateral victims do not have an intimate or romantic relationship with the targeted victim and can include unknown bystanders or individuals known to the targeted victim, such as friends.

Collateral Killing: Results

- There were 3 cases of collateral killings in which there were 6 victims (3 women, 1 man, 2 unknown), and 3 perpetrators (all men).
- In all 3 cases, perpetrators had also killed their partners.

TABLE 13. COLLATERAL KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Chang, Chung ¹⁵⁴ Chang, Hyun Chang, Kathy	58 54 23	M F F	Korean Korean Korean	TX	1/9/01	Three family friends—a man, his wife and their adult daughter—were shot by an estranged husband, Korean, 54 who believed the man was having an affair with his wife. He killed his wife in the family-owned store, killed the Chang family at a different location, and turned the gun on himself. Additional Victim: Park, Byong Sun. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide</i>
Sun, Joy Meei Shang ¹⁵⁵	54	F	Chinese	WA	2/28/04	Friend killed (no details) by the husband, White, 69, when she was helping perpetrator’s wife, her friend and co-worker, move out of the marital home. Killer also killed his wife and turned the gun on himself. Additional Victim: Taylor, Jong Ja. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide</i>
Nguyen, Polaris ¹⁵⁶ Vinh, Nuoi	44 50	No Info	Vietnamese Vietnamese	TX	7/30/02	Two customers were killed when a woman was shot in the head at the restaurant where she worked, by her estranged husband, Vietnamese, 60. Killer is serving three life sentences. Additional Victim: Le, Kimtuyet Thi. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide</i>

2. Sexual Competitor Killing

A new romantic partner is killed by an estranged or ex-partner, who is seen as a ‘competitor.’ The term is coined from the phrase, “killing the competition” which refers to eliminating a sexual or romantic rival.¹⁵⁷ In some instances, the killer murders the estranged partner along with the ‘competitor’. Such deaths are sometimes called love-triangle killings, but that does not adequately capture the danger and intimidation involved in these situations; and it implies that a person who has separated from an abusive partner is still in love with this ex-partner.

Sexual Competitor Killing: Results

- There were 6 cases of sexual competitor killings in which there were 6 victims (all men) and 6 perpetrators (all men).
- In two cases, perpetrators had also killed their partners.

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Amaya, Juan ¹⁵⁸	24	M	Latino	NV	11/24/04	Gunned down by his wife’s ex-boyfriend, Filipino, 46. The victim recently married perpetrator’s ex- girlfriend. Perpetrator was charged.
Chit, Vichekka ¹⁵⁹	44	M	Cambodian	CA	1/7/02	Shot at a wedding reception at a restaurant by his girlfriend’s estranged husband, Cambodian, 46. Victim’s girlfriend was shot in the head and also killed. Killer shot himself in the head. Victim had three children, 21, 18, and 14. Additional Victim: Kree, Poly. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide-Suicide</i>
Han, Zhong Wang ¹⁶⁰	No Info	M	Chinese	NY	09/23/05	Stabbed in his ex-girlfriend’s home, during a fight with her current boyfriend, Chinese, 34. Case was considered justifiable homicide and the boyfriend was not charged.
Li, Sichang “Michael” ¹⁶¹	35	M	Chinese	IL	9/11/01	Bludgeoned with a hammer in his home by his wife’s lover, Indian, 29. Killer then set fire to the house. He was convicted of first-degree murder.
Salle, Siwin ¹⁶²	26	M	Pacific Islander	HI	06/14/04	Stabbed in his girlfriend’s home by her estranged husband, Pacific Islander, 29. Perpetrator was arrested. Estranged couple’s four children, ages 7, 3, 1 and 8 months were on site during the killing.
Wong, Lawrence ¹⁶³	No Info	M	Chinese	CA	0/00/04	Killed (no details provided) by his partner’s same-sex ex-boyfriend, Chinese, 36. Current partner of victim was also killed. Additional Victim: Whitney, Thomas. <i>Intimate Partner Homicide</i>

3. Contract Killing

A family member or abuser hires a contract killer to murder a relative, an intimate partner or other targets. (Also referred to as Murder for Hire)

Contract killings can be hard to identify because they can appear as homicides committed by strangers rather than domestic violence related homicides. Failed domestic violence related contract killings may not show up in the data, although one killing did show up in our data.¹⁶⁴ With immigrant battered women, contract killings may be ordered and executed in their home country when the victim is there on a visit, and would not show up in the data here.

Contract Killing: Results

- 3 cases were contract killings in which 7 perpetrators^f killed 3 female victims.
- Of the 3 male perpetrators who hired the 4 contract killers, there was one fiancé, one estranged husband, and one father-in-law.

TABLE 15. CONTRACT KILLING: CASE DETAILS

VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Rai, Sparkle Reid ¹⁶⁵	22	F	African American	GA	4/26/00	Strangled and stabbed in her home one month after marriage by two contract killers, hired by her father-in-law, Indian 67, who disapproved of his son's inter-racial marriage. Father-in-law and accomplices were charged with murder. Couple's 7-month old child saw the killing. Two Additional Perpetrators: 2 Contract Killers
Swiderski, Leona ¹⁶⁶	33	F	White	NJ	2/8/03	Suffocated and strangled inside a car by a contract killer, hired by fiancé, Indian, 41. Victim was traveling with her soon-to-be-husband in India. He confessed. Although found not guilty by an Indian court, victim's mother sued him in the U.S. for civil damages and won \$4 million. ^g Additional Perpetrator: Contract Killer
Vang, Xia Mee ¹⁶⁷	22	F	Hmong	MN	11/25/00	Shot in the head by a hired gunman while in the park with her estranged husband, Hmong, 21. Killer was contracted by the husband and his friends. All were charged with second-degree murder. Couple's 2-year old daughter saw the killing. Additional Perpetrator: Contract Killer

^f For our study, we only counted the victims' relatives and their hired contract killers, and not the additional accomplices about whom there was no information.

^g Victim was killed in India, but a civil suit was filed in New Jersey, the victim's place of residence.

4. Honor Killing

A young or adult woman is killed because her family perceives her to have brought dishonor to their family. In their view, dishonor is caused when women behave in ways that go against cultural norms (e.g., deciding to leave an abusive husband); when women disobey familial expectations or assert their own wishes in opposition to their family's (e.g., having an unauthorized romantic relationship); or when women are raped or sexually violated. Family honor is supposedly "restored" by killing her for the transgression. Honor killings are typically carried out by male members of a woman's immediate family, often with the active or tacit complicity of the victim's mother and/or her participation.

Accurate data is hard to obtain because a family in the U.S. planning an honor killing could have the intended victim return to the home country and carry it out there.

Honor Killing: Results

- There was one honor killing case, with one female victim and one male perpetrator.

The newspaper report states that the husband in this case told investigators that he "attacked his wife and daughters to restore family honor that was lost when his wife and oldest daughter were sexually assaulted by his brother, and his youngest daughter was sullied by a medical exam."¹⁶⁹ The man did not attempt to punish his brother who perpetrated the incest. His two sons, aged 17 and 19, were not around when he carried out the attacks on his wife and daughters.

TABLE 16. HONOR KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Peltek, Hatice ¹⁶⁸	39	F	Turkish	NY	4/15/04	Stabbed with a knife and beaten to death with a hammer in her home by her husband, Turkish, 41. Perpetrator also attacked their two daughters, 22 and 4 with the hammer. They survived with serious injuries. Perpetrator was indicted on second-degree murder. Couple also had two grown sons, ages 17 and 19.

III. CHILDREN: FATAL AND NON-FATAL VICTIMS

We identified a total of 182 children (aged 0-17) in this study. Twenty-two children were killed, 63 were victims of failed homicide attempts or were present at a family homicide in various ways. There was no information on the remaining 97 children.

A. Fatal Victims

Child fatalities were found across all 4 types of homicides: non-intimate family killings, familicides and extended family killings; in some cases followed by the perpetrator's suicide.

Results: Child Fatalities

9% or 14 of 160 cases in the study involved child fatalities across all types of homicide.

DIAGRAM 4. FATAL CHILD VICTIMS

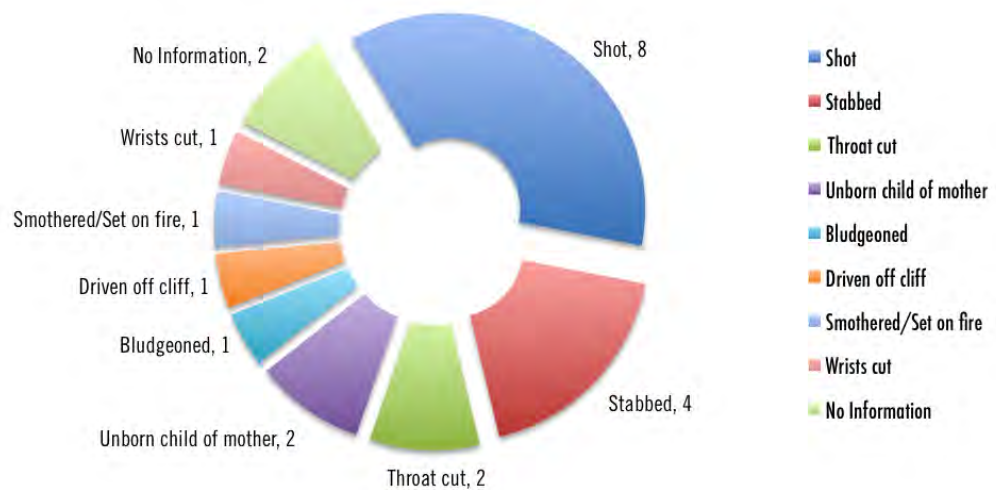


TABLE 17. CHILD HOMICIDES ACROSS ALL TYPES OF HOMICIDES: 14 CASES						
TYPE OF CHILD HOMICIDE	NUMBER OF CASES	NUMBER OF CHILD VICTIMS	NUMBER OF ADULT VICTIMS	NUMBER OF TOTAL VICTIMS	NUMBER OF PERPETRATOR SUICIDES	TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES
Child Killing	4	6	0	6	0	6
Child Killing -Suicide	2	2	0	2	2	4
Familicide	3	4	3	7	0	7
Familicide-Suicide	4	9	4	13	4	17
Extended-Family Killing	1	1	1	2	0	2
TOTAL	14	22	8	30	6	36

- 14 perpetrators across types of child homicides were counted in this study. Of the 10 men and 4 women, there were:
 - 7 fathers (one father also killed two step-children and is also counted below as a step-father)
 - 3 mothers
 - 2 step-fathers (one killed two step-children and his own child, and one killed only his step-child)
 - 1 step-mother
 - 1 male partner of a mother
 - 1 uncle
- In the 10 cases where men killed children:
 - 7 killed the children’s mothers
 - 1 attempted to but failed to kill the mother
 - 1 injured the mother
 - 4 committed suicide
 - 1 survived his suicide attempt
- In the 4 cases where women killed their children:
 - 1 killed her partner
 - 2 committed suicide
 - 1 survived her suicide attempt
- Children were mostly killed in the parental home or in the maternal home that they had moved to after their mother had left her batterer.
- Child victims were bludgeoned, driven off a cliff, drowned, shot, smothered and set on fire, stabbed, and had their throat or wrists cut.

TABLE 18. CHILD HOMICIDES ACROSS ALL TYPES OF HOMICIDES: CASE DETAILS						
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
CHILD KILLING: CASE DETAILS						
Haque, Alstan ¹⁷⁰ Haque, Aisha	8 5	M F	Bangladeshi Bangladeshi	NJ	3/29/03	Throats cut by their step-mother, Bangladeshi, 30. Killer was being battered by the victims' father. She was sentenced to 40 years in prison.
Ocampo, Nora Linda ¹⁷¹	14mos	F	Filipina	CA	10/23/04	Bludgeoned in her mother's house by her mother's boyfriend, Filipino (age unknown). Perpetrator was battering the child victim's mother.
Singh, Kawaldeep ¹⁷²	9	M	Indian	MO	11/7/02	Shot in the school parking lot by his father, Indian, 41, when he came between his parents during an incident. Mother was injured in the attack.
Yang, Lisa Mai ¹⁷³ Yang, Pa Houa	3 16mos	F F	Hmong Hmong	MN	7/17/01	Stabbed by their mother, Hmong, 27, with long history of mental illness and as a victim of domestic violence. Killer survived attempted suicide and was committed to a state mental hospital indefinitely. Victims were the youngest of 8 children.
CHILD KILLING-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Thongratsamy, Katelyn ¹⁷⁴	3	F	Laotian	MN	10/31/04	Shot in her home by her father, Laotian, 42, after he assaulted and attempted to kill the victim's mother, his ex-girlfriend. Mother escaped and called the police. Killer turned the gun on himself.
Vazirani Komunyakaa, Jehan ¹⁷⁵	2	M	Mixed Heritage: Indian & African	DC	7/16/03	Wrists cut by his mother, Indian, 40. Killer committed suicide by slashing her own wrists.
FAMILICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Acedo, Duke ¹⁷⁶	8	M	Filipino	CA	8/3/05	Smothered in his mother's home by his father, Filipino, (unknown age) who also stabbed victim's mother. He then set fire to both bodies. Perpetrator escaped with burn injuries but was arrested later. Additional Victim: Acedo, Maila Handog. <i>Familicide.</i>
Rapoza, Tehani ¹⁷⁷ Unborn child	4 N/A	F N/A	Filipina Filipino	CA	10/6/02	Driven off a sea cliff in the family car by her father, Filipino, 35. The mother was also killed along with her unborn baby. Killer survived car crash and is serving a life sentence for 3 murders. Additional Victim: Rapoza, Raye Lynn. <i>Familicide.</i>
Wahren, Agonoy ¹⁷⁸	13	M	Filipino	WA	11/4/05	Gunned down at home by his stepfather, White, 35. Killer also shot and killed victim's mother. Additional Victim: Matsen, Evelyn. <i>Familicide.</i>
FAMILICIDE-SUICIDE: CASE DETAILS						
Fernandez, Kalena ¹⁷⁹ Fernandez, Roman	3 11mos	F M	Filipina Filipino	CA	12/30/03	Stabbed in their home by their father, Pacific Islander, 34, who also stabbed and killed their mother. Another sibling was also stabbed but survived with severe injuries. Killer turned the gun on himself. Additional Victim: Fernandez, Roselle. <i>Familicide-Suicide</i>
Lee, Iris ¹⁸⁰ Lee, Jeremy	9 4	F M	Chinese Chinese	CA	11/16/02	Shot in the family home by their father, Chinese, 47. Killer also shot their mother. He turned the gun on himself. Additional Victim: Chiang, Chen Chih. <i>Familicide-Suicide</i>

TABLE 18. CHILD HOMICIDES ACROSS ALL TYPES OF HOMICIDES: CASE DETAILS

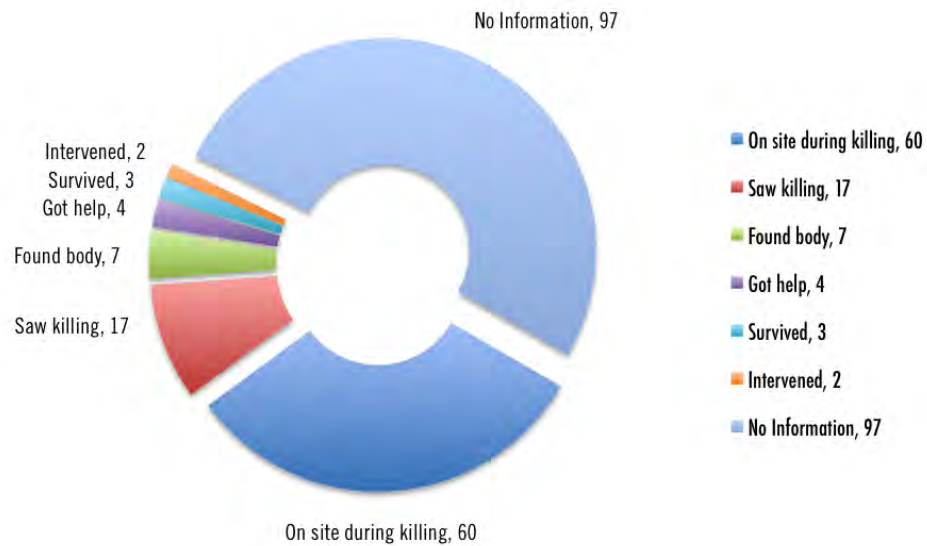
VICTIMS	AGE	M/F	ETHNICITY	STATE	DATE	CASE DETAILS
Saib, Ameena ¹⁸¹ Saib, Harif Unborn child	16 5 N/A	F M N/A	Bangladeshi Bangladeshi Bangladeshi	KS	12/29/00	Killed (no details on how) in their home by their stepfather, Bangladeshi, 46, who gunned down the children's mother. She was a few days away from giving birth and her unborn child died with her. Killer turned the gun on himself. Additional Victim: Saib, Noorjehan. <i>Familicide-Suicide</i>
Schiefer, Elsa ¹⁸² Schiefer, Jessica	12 5	F F	Korean Mixed Heritage: Korean & White	CA	4/1/02	Gunned down by their mother, Korean, 42, who also gunned down the younger child's father after he moved out of the family home. Killer turned the gun on herself. Additional Victim: Schiefer, Ulrich. <i>Familicide-Suicide</i>
EXTENDED-FAMILY KILLING – CASE DETAILS						
Cu, Jennifer ¹⁸³	15	F	Vietnamese	CA	12/16/04	Gunned down in her home by her uncle, Vietnamese, 60. Perpetrator also shot and killed the victim's mother, his sister-in-law. He then called 911. Additional Victim: Le, Tuyet. <i>Extended Family Killing</i>

B. Non-Fatal Victims

Non-fatal victims include children of the victim or perpetrator or both, who may have survived a homicide attempt aimed directly at them, children with non-fatal physical injuries, and/or children with psychological injuries resulting from the domestic violence related homicide of, or by, a parent or step-parent.

Results: Surviving Children

- There were a total of 160 non-fatal child victims.
- No information was available for 97 of the surviving children.
- Of the 63 surviving children for whom information was available:
 - 60 were on site when the homicides occurred
 - 17 saw the killing
 - 7 found their mother's dead body and/or bodies of other victims
 - 4 children, some under 10 years of age, either called police or went to neighbors for help
 - 3 survived attempted killings but were severely wounded
 - 2 children intervened to try to prevent perpetrator from committing suicide
- Children exposed to homicide or homicide-suicide ranged in age from 7 months to 12 years.
- Large family size increased the number of children exposed to homicides. During an intimate partner homicide-suicide, 13 children in one Hmong family were home.¹⁸⁴ Eight children in another Hmong family were home when their father killed their mother, then turned the gun on himself in front of his 4-year-old.¹⁸⁵

DIAGRAM 5. NON-FATAL CHILD VICTIMS

Harm Done to Surviving Children

Surviving children of domestic violence related homicides often become invisible. We draw attention to the issues that affect them so that appropriate advocacy is provided to meet their short-term and long-term needs. Children suffer physical and psychological harm resulting from dealing with the grief and traumatic loss of their siblings, mother, both parents, and extended family members.

Being present when a homicide is committed exposes children to the double trauma of witnessing^h a parent's –typically their mother's– violent death and witnessing the other parent mount a homicidal attack and/or commit suicide. Discovering their parent's body and/or the bodies of other victims and the body of a perpetrator who commits suicide can inscribe indelible memories. Children and teens may be overwhelmed by guilt, helplessness or failure because they feel they should have tried or been able to stop the homicide. Testifying in court if they were present or in the house during the killing can re-ignite many of the original traumas.

Children who survived an attempted homicide have to deal with their own physical and psychological injuries. They may harbor fears about being in further danger, especially if the killer has not been apprehended. If they were living in a household of multiple batterers who had victimized their mother, their fear and lack of trust in caregivers will be heightened. Victim-blaming by community and family members can confuse and outrage children.

^h The term 'witnessing' has a range of meanings that can include being an eye witness, an ear witnesses, hearing a re-telling of the event by family or third party members, discovering the bodies, viewing the crime scene, and being present at domestic violence incidents historically or just before the homicide.

When there is a wide age range among siblings, they will have different reactions to loss. Older siblings may be expected to look after the younger ones, and their own emotional needs get overlooked. Children will have fears and anxieties about their future: whom they will live with and if there are teen or young adult children, they worry about how they will provide for the family and keep it together. If it is a large family, the siblings can be split up and placed in different homes. Finally, children can and do become the focus of custody battles between the maternal and paternal families. Cultural prescriptions about whose family the children belong to and access to resources and/or immigration status can affect custody determinations. For example, a murdered woman's family members can lose custody of their grandchildren because they reside outside the U.S. in their home country, because they are uninformed of legal procedures in the U.S., or because they have less power and financial resources than the perpetrator's family.

IV. VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS

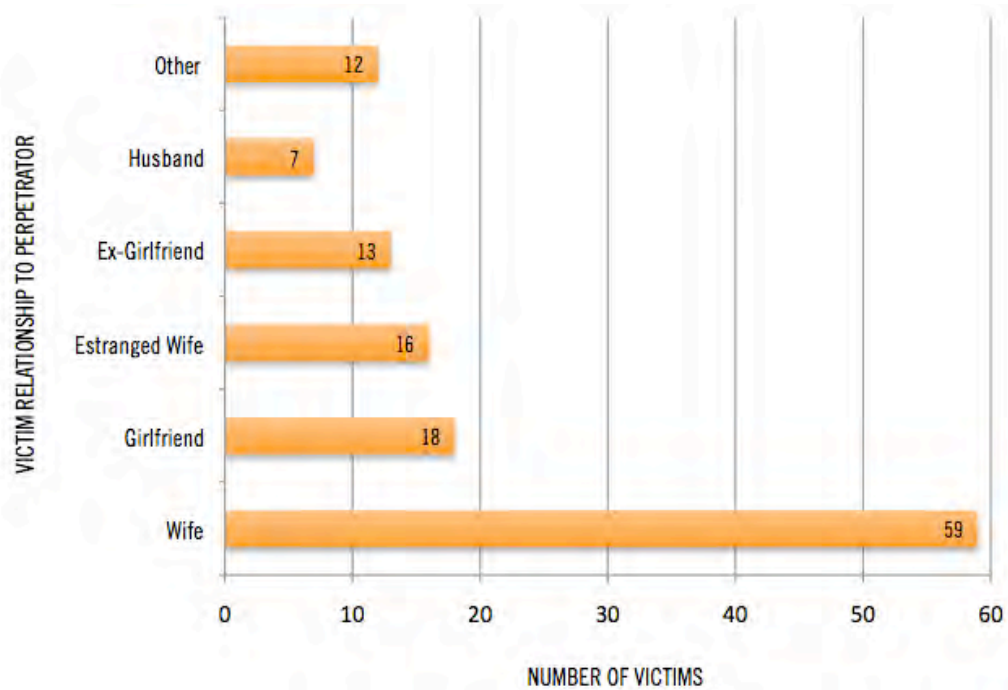
Two hundred and twenty-six fatalities resulted from the 160 domestic violence related homicide cases in this study. Of the 226 deaths, 184 fatalities were victims of killings and 42 fatalities were suicides committed by perpetrators. 58% (93 of 160) of the cases were single killings and 42% (67) involved multiple killings.

A. Victims

Of the total of 185 victims in this study, female intimate partners killed by their abusers are the largest group of victims.

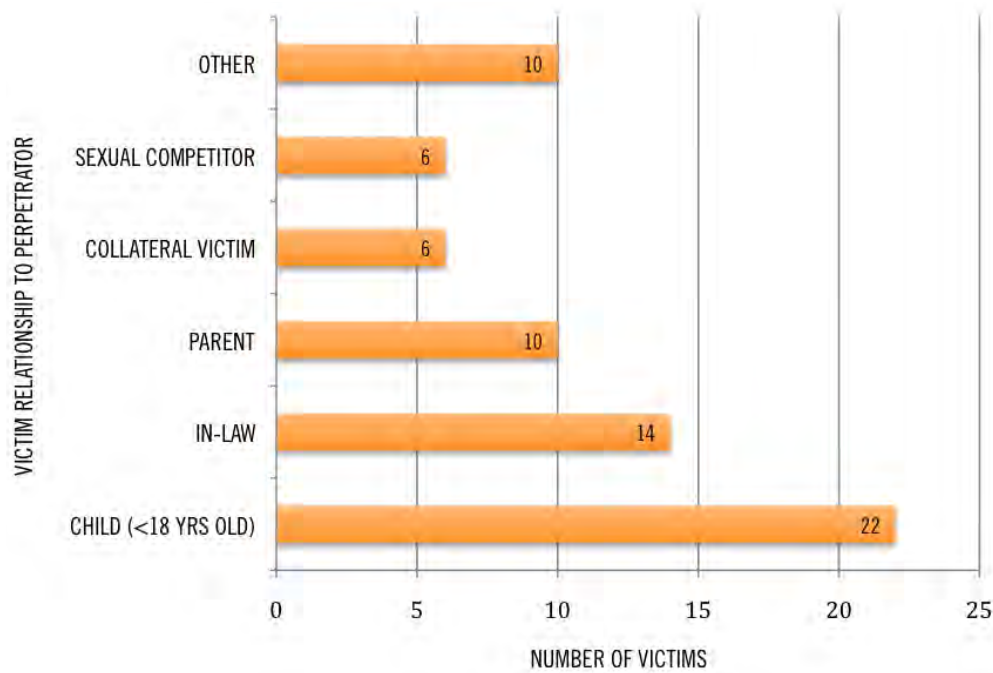
Of the total of 185 homicide victims, there were 125 intimate partners and 59 other victims.

DIAGRAM 6. INTIMATE PARTNER VICTIMS



All other victims total 59 individuals, but represent 68 relationships. When there were multiple perpetrators, there were multiple relationships. For example, Pik Ng (single victim) was neglected and starved to death by her son and her daughter-in-law (multiple perpetrators), so she is counted as a mother and a mother-in-law; representing a duplicated number. Six victims were killed by more than one perpetrator.¹⁸⁶

DIAGRAM 7. ALL OTHER VICTIMS



Although it is not uncommon in Asian families for women to be abused also by their fathers-in-law, mothers-in-law, brothers-in-law, and/or sisters-in-law; in the time period of this study we found two cases where in-laws killed a daughter-in-law.¹⁸⁹ Instead, there were several cases where battered women’s natal family members were killed by her intimate partner, i.e. their son-in-law.

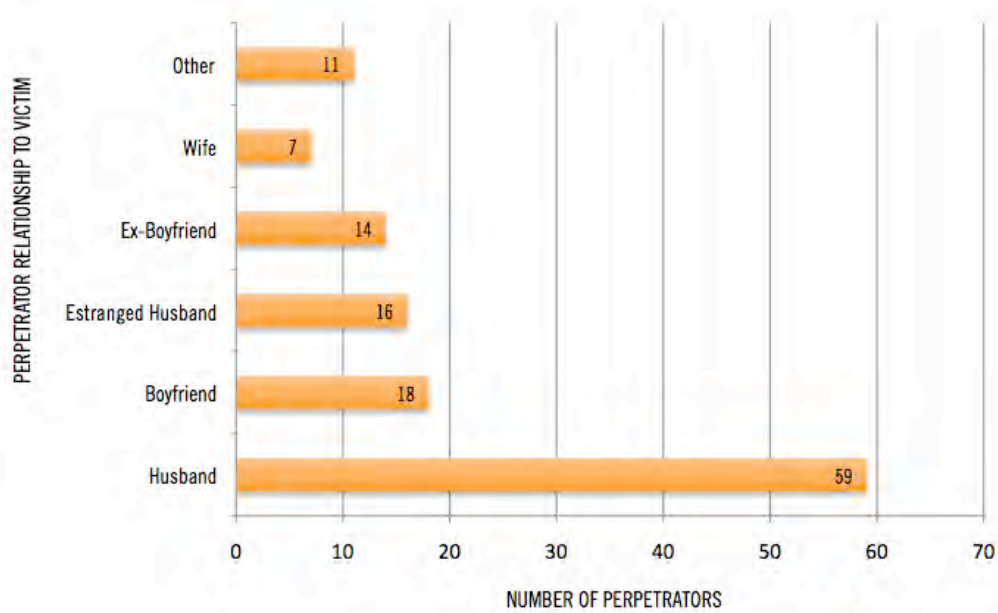
TABLE 19. INTIMATE PARTNER VICTIMS: 125 TOTAL	
Wife	59
Girlfriend*	18*
Estranged Wife	16
Ex-Girlfriend	13
Husband	7
Other	12
<i>Boyfriend</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Ex-Wife</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Estranged Husband</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Ex-Boyfriend</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ex-Fiance (Female)</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ex-Husband</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Fiance (Female)</i>	<i>1</i>
*Two girlfriends were minors, but are counted as intimate partner victims and not child homicide victims. ^{187, 188}	

TABLE 20. ALL OTHER VICTIMS: 59 TOTAL (UNDUPLICATED)			
Child (<18 Yrs Old)	22	Parent	10
<i>Daughter</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>Mother</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Son</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Step-Son</i>	<i>3</i>	Sexual Competitor	6
<i>Step-Daughter</i>	<i>2</i>	Collateral Victim	6
<i>Unborn Child</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Targeted</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Niece</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Bystander</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Partner's Daughter</i>	<i>1</i>		
In-Law	14	Other	10
<i>Mother-In-Law</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Victim of Contract Killer</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Estranged Mother-In-Law</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Victim of Accomplice</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Daughter-In-Law</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Ex-Girlfriend's Mother</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Sister-In-Law</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Ex-Girlfriend's Father</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Brother-In-Law</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Estranged Brother-In-Law</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Ex-Mother-In-Law</i>	<i>1</i>		
<i>Son-In-Law</i>	<i>1</i>		

B. Perpetrators

There were a total of 160 perpetrators for the 160 cases in this study: 78% (125) were intimate partners of their victims from the following types of killings: intimate partner homicide, intimate partner homicide-suicide, extended-family killing, familicide, familicide-suicide, contract killing, and honor killing.

DIAGRAM 8. INTIMATE PARTNER PERPETRATORS



Perpetrators were related to their victims as follows:

Relationship	Number of Perpetrators
Husband	59
Boyfriend	18
Estranged Husband	16
Ex-Boyfriend	14
Wife	7
Other	11
<i>Girlfriend</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Ex-Husband</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Estranged Wife</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Ex-Fiancé (Male)</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ex-Wife</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Fiancé (Male)</i>	<i>1</i>

All other perpetrators total 35, but represent 68 relationships because 23 of the 35 perpetrators killed more than one victim. For example, in one familicide case (Rapoza, Raye Lynn), a husband killed his wife, child, and unborn child. Below, the perpetrator is counted as a husband and father twice, since he was the father of two children. Thus the individual perpetrator represents a duplicated number.

DIAGRAM 9. ALL OTHER PERPETRATORS

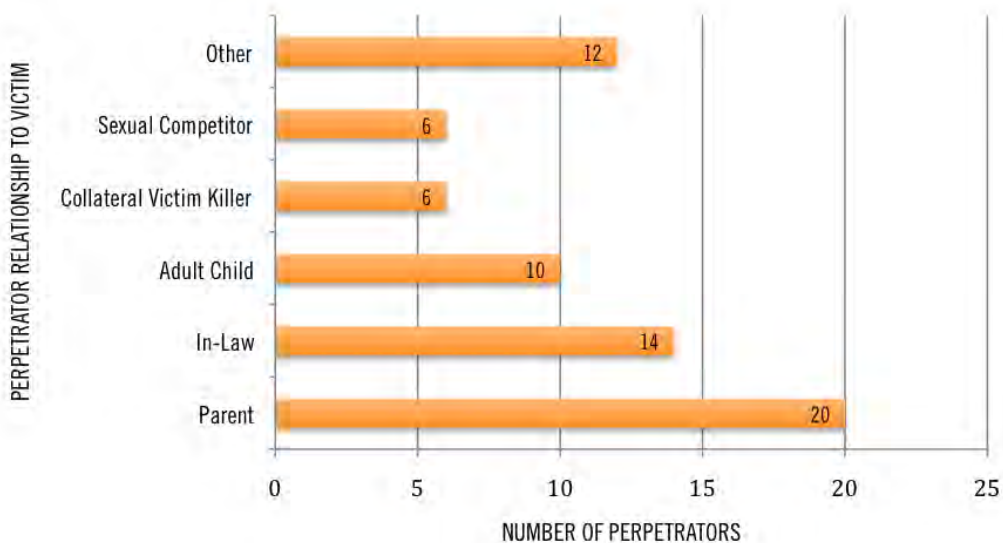


TABLE 22. ALL OTHER PERPETRATORS: 35 TOTAL (UNDUPLICATED)			
Parent	20	Adult Child	10
<i>Father</i>	10	<i>Adult Son</i>	7
<i>Mother</i>	5	<i>Adult Daughter</i>	3
<i>Step-Father</i>	3	Collateral Victim Killer	6
<i>Step-Mother</i>	2	Sexual Competitor	6
In-Law	14	Other	12
<i>Brother-In-Law</i>	3	<i>Contract Killer</i>	4
<i>Daughter-In-Law</i>	2	<i>Accomplice</i>	3
<i>Estranged Son-In-Law</i>	2	<i>Daughter's Ex-Boyfriend</i>	2
<i>Father-In-Law</i>	2	<i>Mother's Boyfriend/Male Partner</i>	1
<i>Son-In-Law</i>	2	<i>Daughter's Estranged Boyfriend</i>	1
<i>Estranged Brother-In-Law</i>	1	<i>Uncle</i>	1
<i>Ex-Son-In-Law</i>	1		
<i>Mother-In-Law</i>	1		

C. Demographics

1. Sex

Victims' Sex

- Of the 184 adult and child victimsⁱ of domestic violence related homicides, there were:
 - 72% (132) female adults^j
 - 15% (28) male adults
 - 7% (12) female children
 - 4% (8) male children
 - 2% (4) no information on sex (2 unborn children and 2 adult collateral killing victims)

Perpetrators' Sex

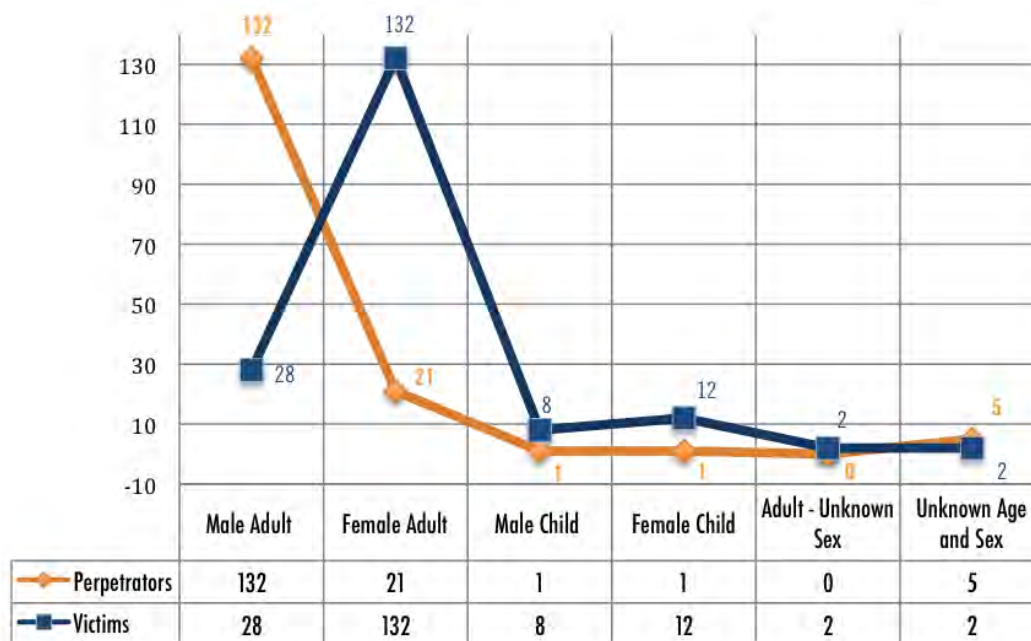
- Of the 160 perpetrators of domestic violence related homicides, there were:
 - 83% (133) males^k
 - 14% (22) females
 - 3% (5) no information on sex (4 perpetrators of contract killings and 1 perpetrator of a intimate partner homicide; all 5 were accomplices to killings)

ⁱ Although no information was available on the age of 10 victims, it was safe to assume based on case details, that all of them were adults.

^j Two girlfriends were minors, but are counted as intimate partner victims and not child homicide victims.

^k Although no information was available on the age of 12 of the male perpetrators, it was safe to assume based on case details, that all of them were adults.

DIAGRAM 10. GENDER OF VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS



2. Ethnicity

Domestic violence and domestic violence related homicides occur in all ethnic populations and in all Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander ethnic groups. The Asian ethnic groups that showed up in the study's 160 cases included victims and perpetrators who were Bangladeshi, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Iraqi, Japanese, Korean, Kyrgyz, Laotian, Malay, Pakistani, Thai, Turkish and Vietnamese.^l There was no specific ethnic breakdown for Pacific Islanders except in two cases where the data indicated one perpetrator was from Guam and the other from Micronesia. Except where noted, perpetrators were of the same ethnicity as victims. We caution against drawing conclusions about risk or prevalence rates based on ethnicity data presented in this report.

Victims' Ethnicity

The 184 homicide victims in our study were:^m

- 86% (158) Asian¹⁹⁰
- 8% (14) Other Ethnicityⁿ (African American, Latino, or White)
- 3% (5) Pacific Islander
- 2% (3) Mixed Heritage
- 2% (4) Unknown Ethnicity

^l Iraqis and Turks are included as West Asians, Kyrgyz as Central Asians.

^m All percentages in this report are rounded to the nearest whole number and therefore do not always add up to 100%. When percentages are not rounded (added from the tenth or thousandth decimal) all percentages equal 100%.

ⁿ In the study, we included victims of other ethnicities who were killed by an Asian or Pacific Islander partner.

Perpetrators' Ethnicity

The 160 perpetrators of domestic violence homicides in this study were:

- 76% (122) Asian¹⁹¹
- 13% (20) Other (African American, Latino, or White)
- 5% (8) Pacific Islander¹⁹²
- 6% (10) Unknown Ethnicity

DIAGRAM 11. ETHNICITY OF VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS

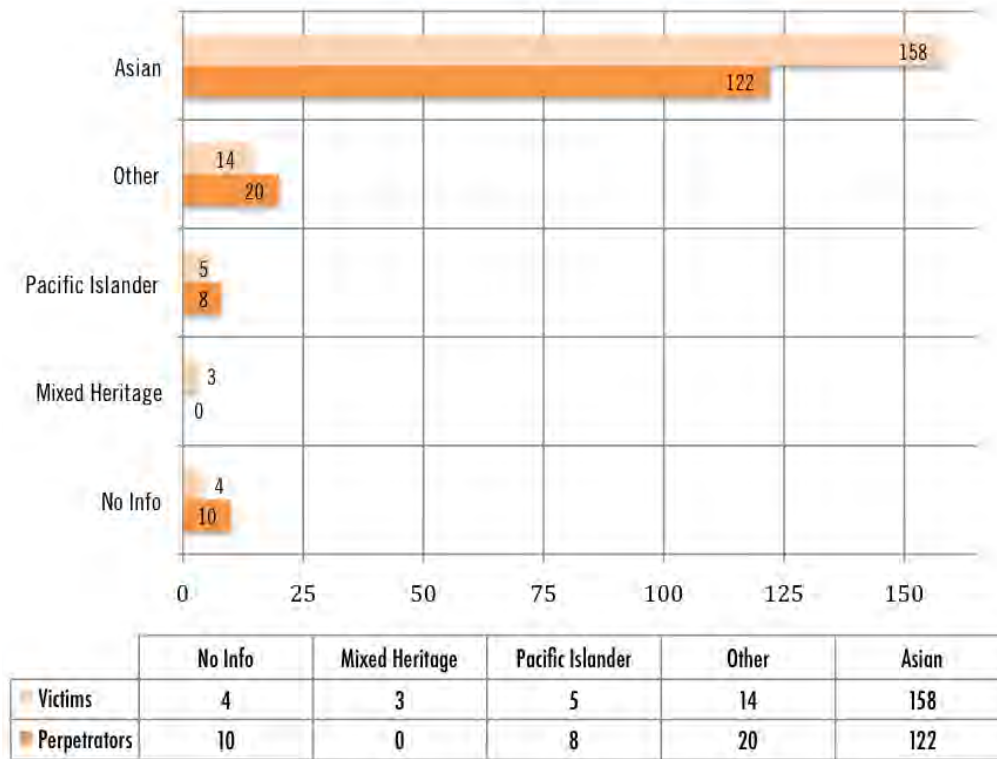


TABLE 23. ASIAN ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN			
	VICTIMS	PERPETRATORS	TOTAL
BANGLADESHI	8	3	11
BURMESE	2	2	4
CAMBODIAN	3	3	6
CHINESE	19	14	33
FILIPINO	34	23	57
GUYANESE INDIAN	5	3	8
HMONG	16	14	30
INDIAN	21	25	46
IRANIAN	1	1	2
IRAQI	0	1	1
JAPANESE	6	5	11
KOREAN	15	10	25
KYRGYZ	1	0	1
LAOTIAN	6	5	11
MALAY	2	0	2
PAKISTANI	1	1	2
THAI	3	2	5
TURKISH	1	1	2
VIETNAMESE	14	9	23
TOTAL	158	122	280

3. Age

Age information was available for 95% (174) of victims and 92% (147) of perpetrators. Young women and older women were equally vulnerable to being killed.

- Of the 144 female victims, 14 female victims were above 55 years of age and 20 females were between 15 to 24 years old.
- Young men were as likely as old men to kill their partners: 14 perpetrators were under 25 years of age and 10 perpetrators were above 55 years of age.

There was a wide age spectrum of victims and perpetrators, as illustrated by some examples: a 19-year-old Indian son bludgeoned and set fire to his 60- and 50-year old father and mother;¹⁹³ a 49-year-old Chinese son starved to death his 81-year-old elderly mother;¹⁹⁴ a 16-year-old Vietnamese girl stabbed and killed her 19-year-old boyfriend;¹⁹⁵ a 41-year-old Turkish husband fatally stabbed and bludgeoned his 39-year-old wife with a hammer and also attacked his two daughters, ages 4 and 22.¹⁹⁶

DIAGRAM 12. AGE OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS

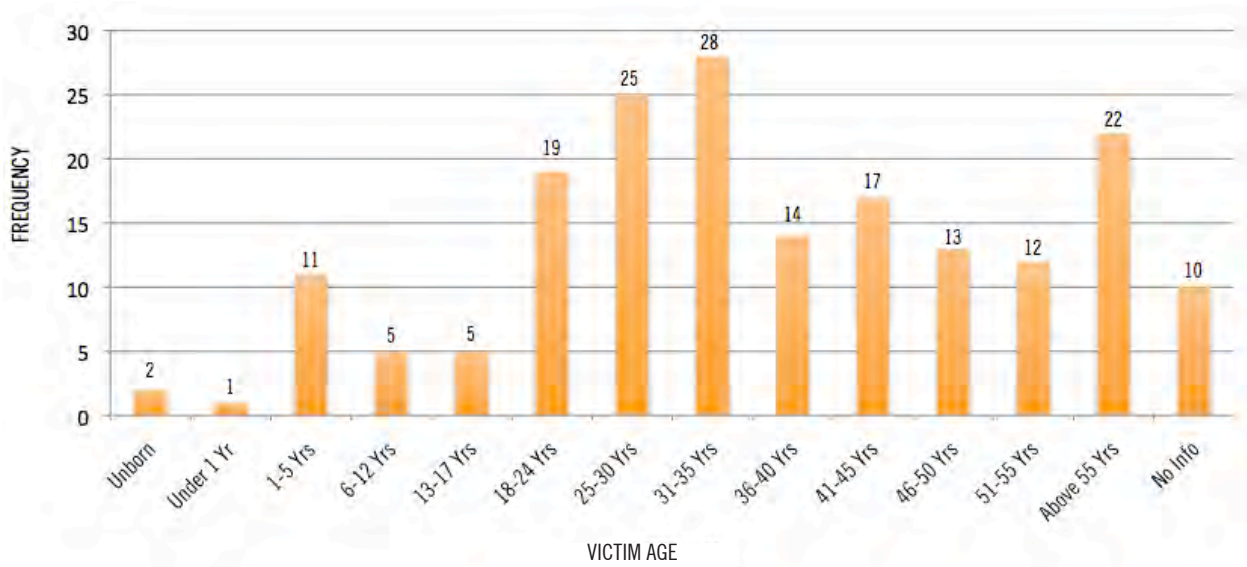
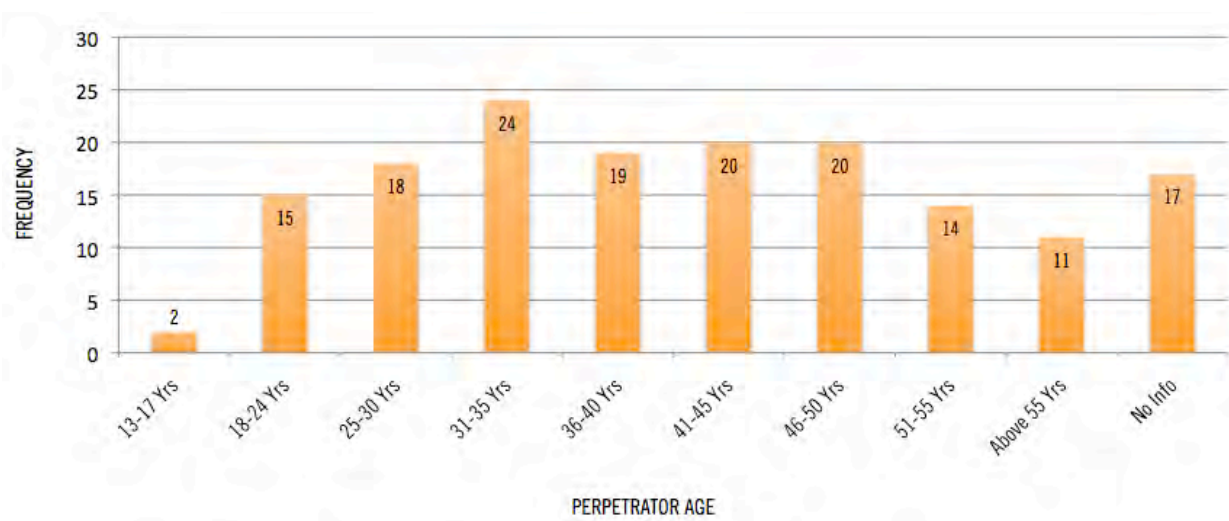


DIAGRAM 13. AGE OF HOMICIDE PERPETRATORS



D. Method and Location of Homicides and Suicides

1. Homicide Methods

Stabbing and shooting were the two most common methods used.

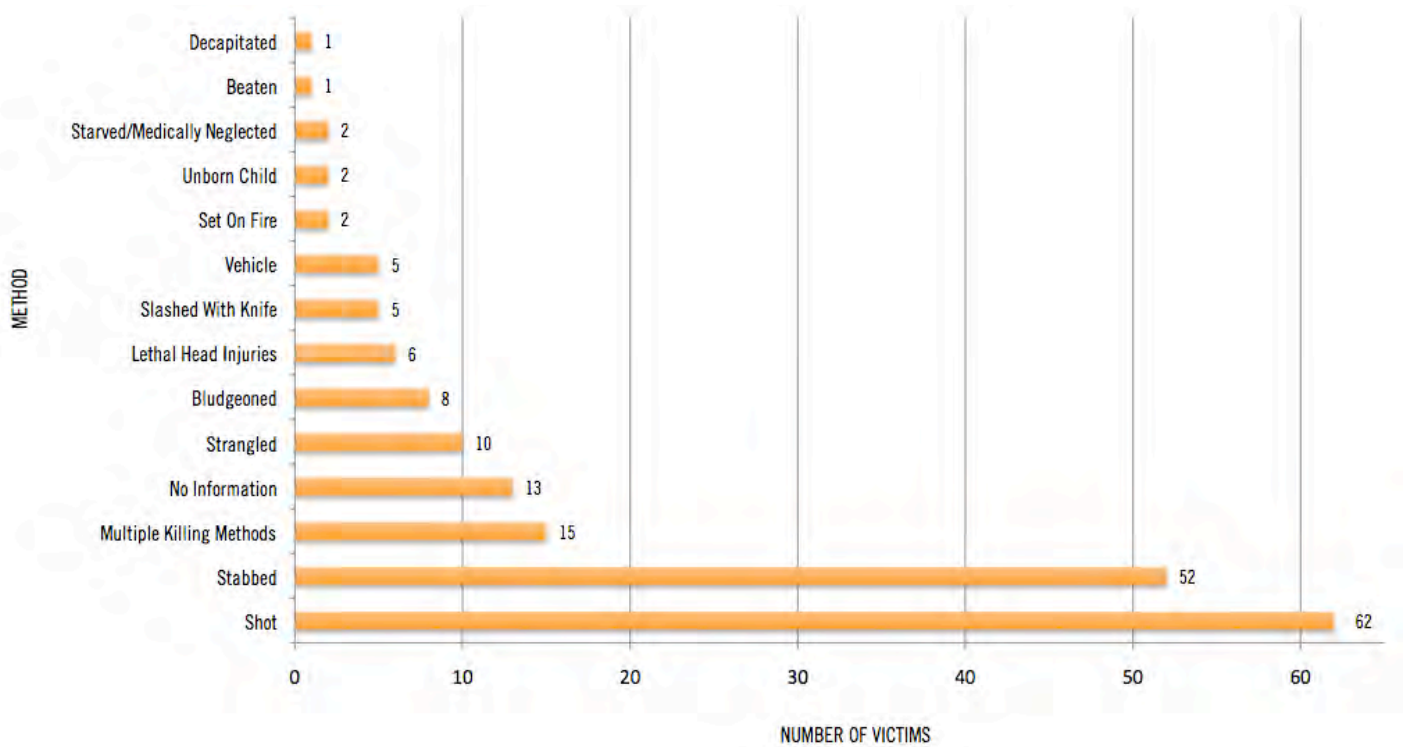
- 33% (62) victims were shot
- 29% (52) victims were stabbed
- 6% (15) victims were killed by perpetrators using multiple methods^o
- 5% (10) victims were strangled
- 4% (8) victims were bludgeoned with an object
- 13% (24) victims were killed by other means, as follows:
 - inflicted with lethal head injuries (6)
 - slashed with a knife, including having wrists and throats cut (5)
 - vehicles used to kill (5)^p
 - set on fire (2)
 - starved and medically neglected (2)
 - killed with mothers (unborn children) (2)
 - beaten (1)
 - decapitated (1)
- No information was available for remaining 9% (13) of individuals.

Perpetrators attempted to conceal their victims' bodies post-homicide. For instance: a White boyfriend of a Korean woman buried her body under odor-masking kitty litter in the basement of their home where it was found several months later by police responding to friends' concerns;¹⁹⁷ an Indian husband hid his wife's corpse in a suitcase left inside a dumpster in a nearby apartment complex where it was discovered by police, along with her decapitated head and severed arms and legs;¹⁹⁸ a 19-year old man (ethnicity unknown) dumped the body of his Filipina ex-girlfriend in a creek where a road crew found her remains four years later;¹⁹⁹ a newly married Chinese husband hid his wife's body under the cover of their swimming pool;²⁰⁰ a White husband beat his wife's head into the floor, left her body inside a Land Cruiser and drove it into a half frozen creek;²⁰¹ a White husband of a Korean woman concealed her body in plastic wrap and duct tape after killing her with a hammer.²⁰²

^o Multiple methods included beating and strangling; beating and stabbing; clubbing and stabbing; stabbing and bludgeoning; shooting and stabbing; smothering and setting on fire; stabbing and setting on fire; stabbing and strangling; strangling and suffocating; strangling, beating and stabbing; punching, stomping and bludgeoning.

^p A Filipino husband drove his wife and 4-year-old child off a sea cliff in their family vehicle (he survived);¹⁴⁹ an Indian husband chased his wife with the family minivan after she refused to ride with him, then ran her over in the parking lot of a shopping center;¹² a Hmong husband ran his wife off the road in a car chase, then rammed her car into a tree, killing both of them;¹¹⁰ an Indian husband ran his wife down with his car after an argument⁵⁶.

DIAGRAM 14. HOMICIDE METHODS



2. Suicide Methods

- 42 (26%) of 160 perpetrators committed suicide
- Of the 42 perpetrators who committed suicide:
 - 69% (29) perpetrators turned a gun on themselves
 - 19% (8) used other methods: hanging, drug overdose, stabbing, wrist cutting, setting fire^q, and using a vehicle
 - No information was available for 5 (12%) of the suicides

3. Location of Killings

- 184 victims were killed in the following locations^r:
 - 64% (118) within the sanctuary of a home
 - 10% (19) in public places including hotels, parks, restaurants, parking lots, and other public places
 - 5% (10) inside a vehicle
 - 3% (5) at a victim’s work place
 - 1% (2) at service facilities, a hospital and a psychotherapist office
 - No information was available for remaining 30 (16%) individuals

^q One husband set fire to the basement after bludgeoning his wife. He and his wife died in the fire.

E. Actions Taken By Domestic Violence Victims

Victims of domestic violence make covert or overt attempts for help to minimize danger. Since we are relying solely on the data from newspaper clippings, we have limited information. Actions such as seeking help from family, calling domestic violence hotlines, going to shelter or non-shelter programs, turning to religious personnel, and/or seeking medical or mental health services do not appear in the data – some of these actions are likely to be kept private by battered women and are kept confidential by service programs.^s Fatality reviews reveal a series of actions to give a more accurate picture, but such review is beyond the scope of this study.

A total of 94 actions taken by 61 victims fell largely into two categories: turning to the legal system for help and separating from an abuser.

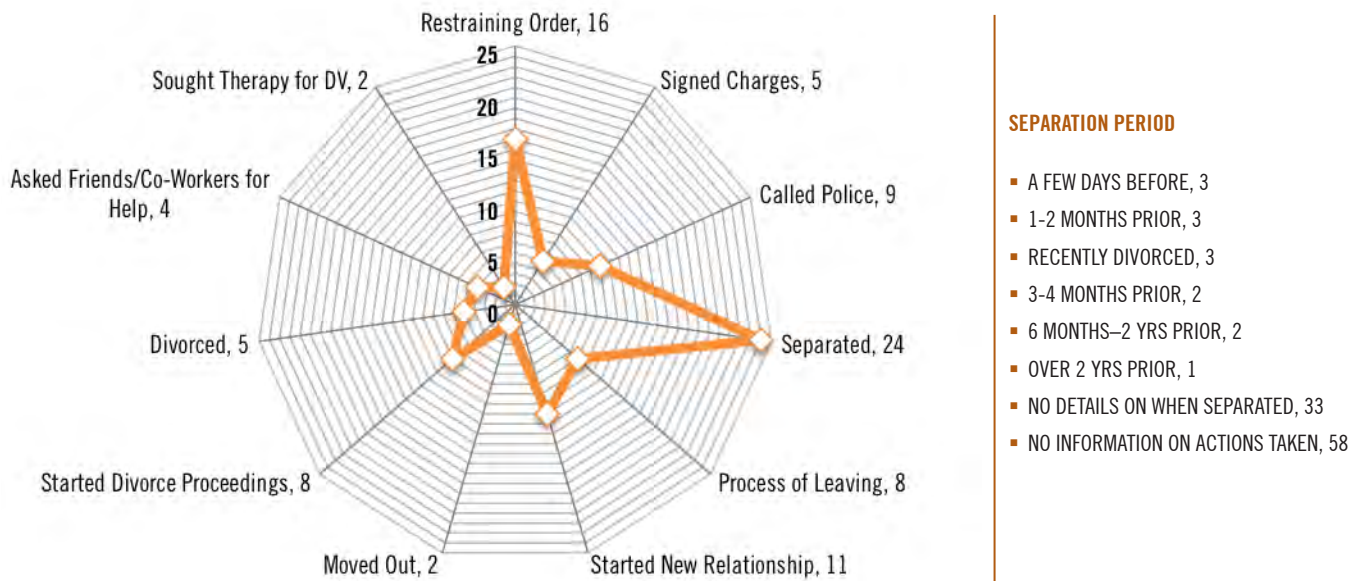
- 30 actions involved the criminal and civil legal system: 16 victims obtained restraining orders,^t 9 called the police, 5 cooperated with the District Attorney’s office pressing charges.
- 47 actions involved separating from an abusive partner: 24 victims had separated, 8 were in the process of leaving, 8 started divorce proceedings, 5 had divorced, and 2 had moved out.
- 11 actions involved individuals starting a new relationship.
- 6 other actions included 4 victims asking friends and co-workers for help and 2 sought therapy.

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s In Washington state, battered women residing in shelters have an option to sign a confidentiality waiver in the event of their death, which permits advocates to disclose that the victim had sought their services.

t Three homicide victims had rescinded their restraining order (one when she moved with her husband from Hawai’i to California and two when their partners went to a counseling program for batterers).

DIAGRAM 15. ACTIONS TAKEN BY VICTIMS PRECEDING HOMICIDE



Utilizing the Legal System

Thirty victims (27 women, 3 men) used the civil and criminal legal system, resulting in the following sanctions against batterers (some faced more than one sanction):

- 20 batterers were served with protection orders^u
- 9 batterers had police called on them (in one case several times)
- 8 faced other sanctions: 3 were court mandated to batterer intervention programs, 2 were arrested but not charged for domestic violence, 2 were sent to jail for prior domestic violence

Separating from Abuser

Leaving a violent relationship is a process,^v not a single event, and can be marked with increased risk and levels of endangerment for battered women. Stalking and surveillance are present in many abusive relationships and can intensify following a temporary or permanent separation.^w Several narratives clearly show that estranged or former husbands and boyfriends

^u We did not include three protection orders that were rescinded on the request of victims who attempted reconciliation. They were all subsequently killed (Erlinda Millon, 2000; Raye Rapoza 2002; Marisa Corpuz, 2004.)

^v For example: two women stopped living with a boyfriend but stayed in the relationship; one woman had tried to leave her boyfriend several times before he killed her child.

^w We refer to this as post-separation violence (instead of separation violence) because it emphasizes the batterer's use of violence, rather than the victim's decision to separate.

were monitoring their ex-partners' activities. A Vietnamese woman was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend who had stalked her prior to killing her.²⁰³ An Indian woman was shot and killed by her estranged husband while she was dropping off her five-year old daughter at day-care. Although his wife had a protection order against him, he followed her to the day-care and killed her inside the center.²⁰⁴ A Vietnamese woman was shot at work by her estranged husband. They had been living apart for five years.²⁰⁵ A Filipina woman was shot and killed by her ex-husband seven years after they were divorced. He continued to harass and threaten her if she dated other men. On the day of the killing, he monitored her from a park outside her residence.²⁰⁶ A Chinese woman was gunned down at her workplace by her Korean ex-boyfriend a month and a half after she obtained a restraining order prohibiting him from coming within hundred yards of her. The killer called the victim every night, slept in the parking lot of her apartment building, and followed her. He also called her friends and threatened them if they refused to take his calls.²⁰⁷ A Filipina woman was stabbed to death in front of her 5- and 10-year-old children by her Mexican ex-boyfriend²⁰⁸ even though she had secured protection from law enforcement and the courts.^x

F. What Happened to Perpetrators/Killers

Suicides

- 42 killers committed suicide after they killed their partners and/or families
- 11 killers attempted suicide and failed

Criminal Justice Interventions

Given the data limitations, we could not gather a full picture of criminal justice system interventions; *hence, at the time of data collection for this report:*

- Of the 118 perpetrators/killers who did not commit suicide:
 - 45 were convicted
 - 33 were charged
 - 10 were arrested
 - 3 were sent to a psychiatric facility
 - 2 were considered self defense killings and were not charged²⁰⁹
 - 2 were killed by police
 - 1 was held civilly liable²¹⁰
 - 1 remained at large
- No information was available for 21 perpetrators/killers

x Her family, particularly her mother, Clara Tempongko, her community, and domestic violence advocates in San Francisco galvanized around her murder, raised public awareness and demanded public accountability. The family sued the city and police department and got a \$500,000 settlement four years later.



V. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Findings

Shattered Lives: Homicides, Domestic Violence and Asian Families details findings from newspaper clippings collected in a six-year period from 2000 to 2005. The findings quantitatively summarize key data on the types of domestic violence related homicides in Asian families and on its victims and perpetrators. They do not analyze or compare data to findings about other population groups or to broader research on this topic.

Fatalities

One hundred and sixty homicide cases resulted in 226 fatalities: 184 individuals were killed and 42 perpetrators committed suicide after killing their victims.

Types of Domestic Violence Related Homicides

- Three types of homicides dominated: intimate partner homicide with 81 cases, intimate partner homicide-suicide with 34 cases, and non-intimate family killing with 25 cases.
- The remaining homicide types – familicide, familicide-suicide, collateral, competitor, contract, and honor killings, totaled 20 cases.

Gendered Killings: Victims and Perpetrators

- 78% of victims were women and girls, 20% were men and boys, 2%^y unknown.
- 83% of perpetrators were men, 14% were women, 3%^z unknown.
- Women intimate partners, at 60%, were the largest group of victims.
- 70% (7 out of 10) of men who killed children also killed the children's mother compared to 25% (1 out of 4) of women who killed their children and their partner.
- Men were by far the largest group of perpetrators. They comprised 133 of 160 perpetrators in all types of domestic violence related homicides, clearly establishing the gendered nature of such crimes.

Relationships

- 68% of victims were intimate partners (current, estranged, or ex-partners).
- Of 125 intimate partner victims, 70% were current partners (78 women, 10 men) and 30% were estranged or ex-partners (33 women, 4 men).
- Almost one-third (59 out of 184) of total homicide victims were wives.

^y No information available on sex of 4 victims (2 victims in a collateral killing, 2 unborn children).

^z No information on sex of 5 accomplices.

Shattered Lives

- Of the 32% (59) of non-intimate victims, 37% were children, 20% were in-laws, 17% were parents, 25% were others.^{aa}
- Perpetrators' in-laws and parents of girlfriends comprised the third largest group of victims.^{bb}

Child Victims

- Children were the second largest group of homicide victims.
- Children were the primary victims of familicides (13 out of 20 victims).
- Over one-third (60) of the 160 non-fatal child victims identified in this study were on the premises during the killing of their mothers or other family members.
- Children's exposure to violence ranged from watching a killing and/or a suicide, finding bodies of victims, to being seriously injured in the attacks.^{cc}

Other Data

Age

- 48% (72 out of 150) of adult victims, for whom age information was available, were between the ages of 18 and 35.
- Over two-thirds (14 out of 22) of all children killed were age 5 and below.

Methods of Killing

- Two-third of the victims (114 out of 184) were killed by shooting or stabbing.
- Over two-thirds of the killers (29 out of 42) used guns to commit suicide.

Location of Killing

- 118 out of 184 victims were killed in the home regardless of the type of killing and whether a victim had children, a new partner, or had moved out into her/his own residence or into her/his parents' home.

aa All percentages in this report are rounded to the nearest whole number and therefore, do not always add up to 100%. When percentages are not rounded (added from the tenth or thousandth decimal), all percentages equal 100%.

bb A significant number of battered women's family members and other people in her life became the killers' targets. We expected to see victims' in-laws involved in homicides because in the extended family home, there can be multiple domestic violence perpetrators. However, we did not expect to see the victims' family members, i.e., the perpetrators' in-laws as homicide victims.

cc The extent of non-fatal injuries, the exposure to killings and suicides, and the presumed pre-homicide exposure to domestic violence, imply significant psychological and physical harms to children.

B. Recommendations

Recommendations for Service Providers

1. Use this report to increase awareness of the problem and its gendered nature in order to discuss risks and safety with domestic violence survivors.
2. Learn to recognize risk factors for homicide victimization and perpetration, incorporating cultural differences.
3. Use danger assessment tools and discussions at several stages of the relationship to gauge victims' risks; particularly before and after leaving an abuser.
4. Assess danger to a victim's family and friends, especially if they are providing emotional and other support to her/him.
5. Develop safety plans for clients, children and extended family members.
6. Screen batterers for homicidal and/or suicidal risks regularly.
7. Screen survivors for homicidal and/or suicidal risks regularly.
8. Address physical and psychological harms caused to children by injuries, exposure to homicide and suicide, and post-homicide custody battles.
9. Educate family and community members to take victims' stories and fears seriously.
10. Conduct a fatality review^{dd} that groups together Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander victims in states with a high density of these populations.
11. Improve identification of domestic violence related homicides so events such as mercy killings, car accidents, contract killings of immigrants in their home countries, and intimate homicide in same-sex couples are properly categorized as intimate killings.

Recommendations for Researchers

1. Integrate gender analysis into research on intimate homicide because this is not a gender-neutral issue.
2. Analyze how domestic violence related homicides in Asian, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander families are similar or different from other communities and what this implies for intervention and prevention.
3. Assess trauma of children exposed to homicides, homicide attempts/threats, and post-homicide custody disputes to inform policies that minimize custody battles.
4. Collect disaggregated data on ethnicity of victims and perpetrators and make it available even if such information is deemed statistically insignificant.
5. Carry out multi-variable analysis to identify characteristics such as age and gender of victims and perpetrators, to understand homicide risk and preventative factors.
6. Identify protective factors and strategies that can prevent domestic violence survivors and children from becoming homicide victims.
7. Investigate what distinguishes batterers who commit homicide, from those who commit familicide.

^{dd} Fatality reviews analyze cases to identify the warning signs of intimate homicide, homicide-suicide, familicide, etc., to refine policies and procedures to prevent such killings.

C. Concluding Remarks

This study offers a glimpse into a serious and complex problem. Male power and patriarchal control are clearly implicated in domestic violence; in homicides, they reach egregious depths. Despite women's attempts to leave their abusive relationships, to utilize the legal recourses available to them, to turn to service programs, friends and families for help, batterers determined to kill do not seem deterred by legal, familial, or community sanctions.

The findings from this study can be applied to further our knowledge, build prevention and community organizing strategies, design culturally-sensitive assessments, and inform public policies. *Shattered Lives: Homicides, Domestic Violence and Asian Families* can mobilize communities to counter denial, confront victim-blaming, and see the enduring harms of domestic violence. We are confident that advocates and activists armed with this information can strategize anew to intervene and prevent domestic violence; and with training, identify victims at risk of homicide. We hope it can embolden victims' families to step forward in their communities when, all too often to avoid community shame, they refrain from speaking up and publicly mourning their loss. We hope that batterers' families and friends are also spurred to make their private condemnations of domestic violence public. For the victim-blamers, we hope they will see how their support for perpetrators increases the social costs of domestic violence. Above all, we honor the victims. We ask that their names, ages, dates and places of death, and their relationships to their killers remind us all of the work that remains to be done.

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Citations for a homicide begin with the victim's last and first name (in bold font), city and state of killing, and year of homicide.

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