

# Arizona Domestic Violence Fatality Report:

A Review of Domestic Violence Related  
Deaths from 2005 – 2007

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## Introduction

Not a day goes by in this country without the tragic, and preventable, death of a victim of domestic violence. In fact, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that approximately three women are killed by their intimate partners each day in America. Sadly, the number of people who lose their lives in domestic violence related deaths in Arizona has climbed steadily in the past three years. In 2005, 95 people were killed; in 2006, 111 people died; and in 2007, there were 126 domestic violence related deaths across our state. The Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence (AzCADV) compiles the details of stories reported in news outlets throughout Arizona, so we know that our report may not accurately reflect the total number of domestic violence related fatalities.

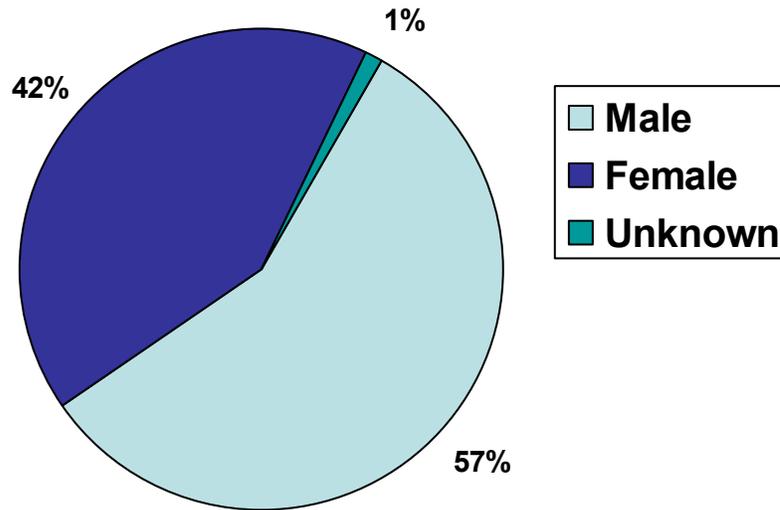
Some of the people described in the following report are victims of domestic violence, or people who are subjected to a pattern of coercive control by an intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical abuse, sexual violence, threats, emotional insults, economic deprivation, or any other pattern of behavior that someone uses to dominate their partner and get their way. Other people who died in a domestic violence-related death in Arizona were the abusers themselves. Still others described below were innocent bystanders, police involved in a domestic violence call, or family members killed by a domestic violent perpetrator. They are diverse in age, ethnicity, location, and background; however, the one thing they all have in common is that their deaths were preventable.

Of the deceased presented in this report, 42% were women and 57% were men. However, the Bureau of Justice Statistics acknowledges that women are more likely than men to be murdered by an intimate partner. Our statistics reflect that research. Of the men over age 18 who died in domestic violence related deaths from 2005 to 2007, 90% were killed by someone other than an intimate partner. Many took their own lives, were killed when law enforcement officers responded to a domestic violence call, or were murdered by another family member. Of the women who were over age 18, 68% were killed by a current or former intimate partner. This difference supports the research stating that women are usually the victims of domestic violence crimes.

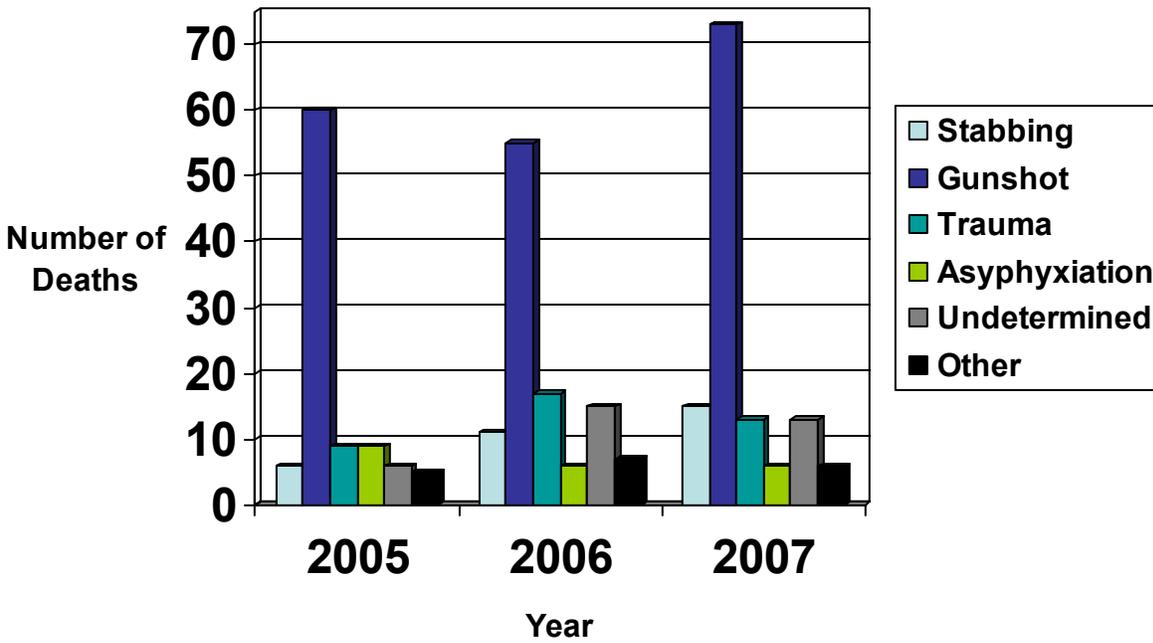
Domestic violence programs around the state are doing their best to keep victims safe and healthy. With 18 out of 37 Arizona agencies reporting, 1,055 victims of domestic violence were helped in one 24-hour period last year, according to a survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence. This data provides a snapshot of which domestic violence services in Arizona, including emergency shelter or transitional housing (761 victims), non-shelter services (294 victims) such as legal advocacy, individual counseling, group counseling, and childcare, meet the demand.

Although many victims were connected with services, over 100 requests were denied for reasons such as staff shortages and lack of emergency bed space at domestic violence organizations. These unmet requests point to the continued need for increased funding for agencies throughout the state. However, we know that these numbers do not represent all the victims in a 24 hour period because not all people seek help from domestic violence organizations.

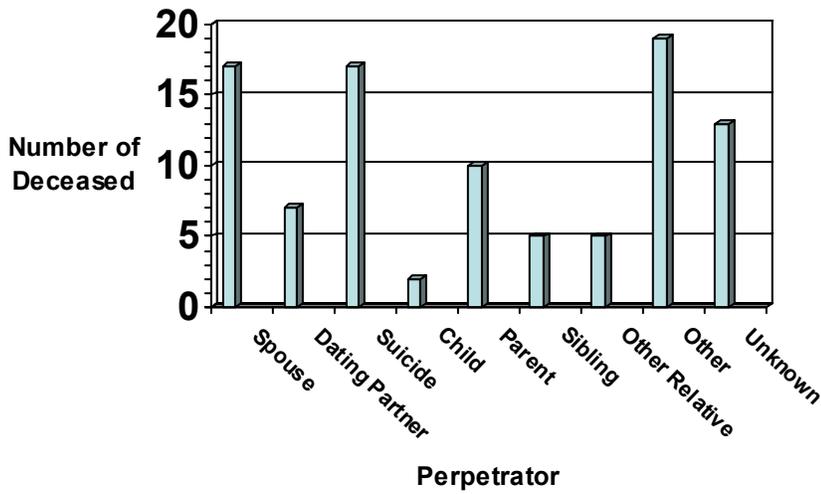
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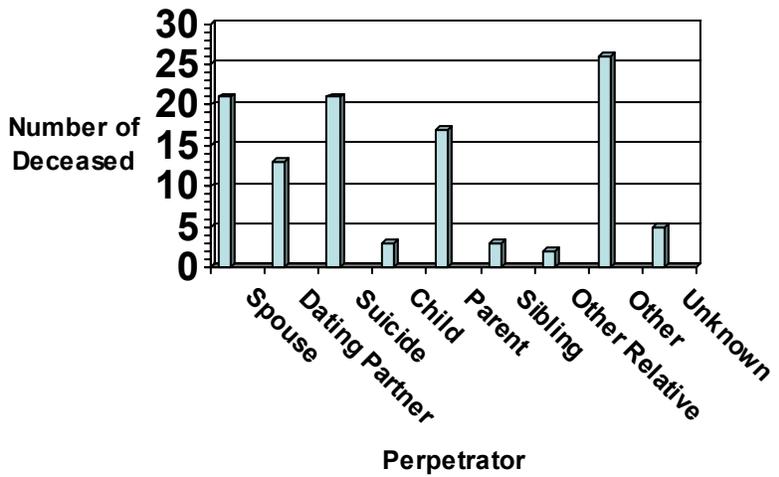
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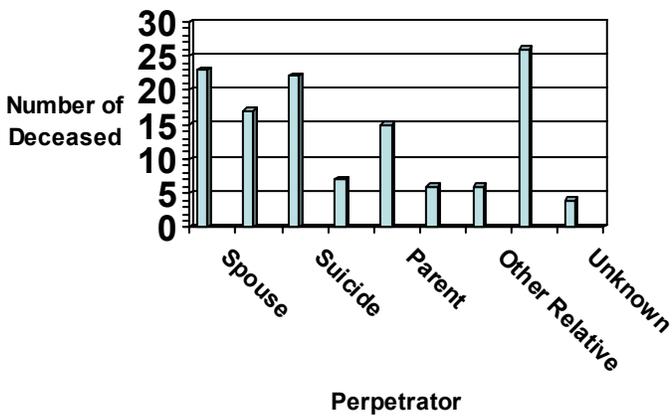
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### Relationship Between Deceased and Perpetrator 2007



## Domestic Violence Related Deaths, 2005

Location	Date	Description	
Bullhead City	March	A woman is charged in the death of her five-month old son.	
Casa Grande	March 25	A male toddler was murdered by his mother's fiancé.	
Chandler	August	A 61 year old woman was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend, who had a history of domestic violence.	
	October 25	A man, 42, shot his 39 year old wife before taking his own life.	
	November 3	A woman, 54, was shot and killed by her husband while waiting in a doctor's office.	
Eloy	August	A 21 year old woman was stabbed multiple times in her home.	
Gilbert	May 16	After holding his girlfriend and her daughter hostage, a man, 38, shot himself.	
	December 14	A woman was charged in the disappearance and presumed death of her husband, 40.	
Glendale	March	A man, 45, was shot while trying to protect his mother from his stepfather.	
	March 13	A 26 year old male was shot and killed by his cousin.	
	March 30	A man committed suicide after shooting and wounding his stepfather.	
	December 21	A woman, 31, was found dead in her car and police suspect her husband.	
Globe	June 7	A man shot and killed his girlfriend, 29, and the father of her children, 42.	
Goodyear Mesa	August 2	A woman, 27, was beaten by her husband and died from her injuries.	
	January 2	A woman, 64, and her husband, 77, were found dead in their car in an apparent murder-suicide.	
	April 22	A 36 year old woman was stabbed repeatedly by her husband.	
	June 10	After a fight with his girlfriend and declaring his intent to commit suicide, a man drove his car into oncoming traffic, killing an innocent driver, 52.	
	July 7	A newborn was drowned in the toilet and left in a closet by her mother.	
	July 20	A man, 29, was shot twice by his girlfriend's estranged husband.	
	August 13	A 61 year old man was killed by his neighbor, 32, when he tried to intervene in a domestic fight with his mother. The 32 year old was later killed by police responding to a domestic violence call.	
	September 4	A pregnant woman, 22, was punched in the stomach by her boyfriend. Both she and her unborn baby died.	
	Peoria	February 15	A man, 21, committed suicide after killing his ex-wife's boyfriend.
	December 6	A man killed his girlfriend's son, 15 months.	
Phoenix	January 9	An infant, 16 months, died after being beaten by his mother.	
	January 12	A 15 year old girl was shot by her boyfriend.	
	January 17	A man shot his girlfriend, 24, during a fight.	
	January	A police officer jailed on suspicion of domestic violence hanged himself.	
	February	A man, 21, was shot and killed by his girlfriend's ex-husband.	
	February 24	A woman, 50, and her boyfriend, 54, were found murdered; police suspect her estranged husband.	
	March 5	A 24 year old woman was charged in the death of her daughter, 2.	
	March	Police killed a man, 35, when responding to a domestic abuse call.	
	April	A 49 year old woman was shot and killed by her boyfriend.	
	April	A man, 22, was shot by his brother.	
	June 21	A woman and her boyfriend were charged in the murder of her 2 year old son.	
	June 24	A man, 72, was shot and killed by his wife after a fight.	
	July 10	A man shot and killed his ex-girlfriend's brother, 17, and parents, 51 and 63.	
July 28	A man, 49, was shot by his wife during an argument.		
July	One man, 23, was killed and another injured following a shoot-out over a family feud.		
December 31	A man, 24, shot and killed his ex-wife, 26, and wounded her boyfriend before turning the gun on himself.		

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Prescott	February 13	A boy, 5, died after his mother and her boyfriend beat him.	
Rillito	April 11	A woman, 72, and her husband, 76, were stabbed to death by their grandson.	
Scottsdale	March 10	A 21 year old man was fatally stabbed by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend.	
	March 26	A man, 25, was shot and killed by an acquaintance who believed he was stealing his girlfriend.	
	March 29	A woman, 75, was shot by her husband, 78, before he took his own life.	
	May 1	A 50 year old man was killed by his girlfriend's estranged husband, who later killed himself.	
	July	A woman in her 50s was found dead in her bed and her husband, also in his 50s, was found hanged in their home.	
	August 4	A man, 64, was killed when his ex-daughter-in-law shot him.	
	Sierra Vista	May 3	A woman, 31, was fatally shot by her husband.
	Springerville	September	A woman, 44, was found dead in her home after being killed by her husband.
	Sun City West	April 15	A man fatally shot his mother, 74.
	Tempe	July 30	A woman, 45, shot and killed her husband, 45, multiple times in self-defense.
Three Points	December	A 12 year old boy was fatally shot by his half-brother.	
	Tucson	February 25	A woman, 36, was killed by her boyfriend's wife.
	April 1	Before shooting himself, a man, 41, strangled and then shot his wife, 40.	
	May 18	A baby, 1, was killed by her mother's boyfriend.	
	June 11	After shooting his wife, a man, 42, committed suicide. His wife survived.	
	June 19	A 35 year old man fatally shot his brother, 39, and his half-brother, 49, before shooting himself.	
	July 18	After a long argument, a man, 21, was shot by his uncle.	
	August 24	Two foster parents were charged in the death of their daughter, 16 months.	
	September 14	A man fatally shot his wife, 36, after killing their dog.	
	September 23	After beating 2 family members with a club, police shot and killed the man, 43, when responding to a call.	
	September 23	A woman, 21, was shot and killed by her cousin, 22.	
	September 29	Law enforcement killed a man, 40, who would not put down his weapon when they responded to a domestic disturbance call.	
	November 10	A 54 year old woman killed her 56 year old husband, called the police, and then killed herself before they arrived.	
November	A woman, 46, was killed by her ex-husband in her home.		
November 25	A man killed his infant daughter, 5 months, when she would not stop crying.		
November	After stabbing his father, a 35 year old man fatally shot himself. His father survived.		
December 31	Following an argument, a man shot his 25 year old son in the head.		
Queen Creek	April 20	A 45 year old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend.	
Yuma	June 24	Police indicate fowl play and a possible "love triangle" resulted in the death of a 30 year old woman, her four children (ages 6, 9, 12, and 13), and her boyfriend, 35.	

## Domestic Violence Related Deaths, 2006

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Avondale	September 11	A 1 year old boy was suffocated by his father.
	December 18	A man, 77, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head following a domestic violence incident with his wife.
Chandler	January 26	A man, 29, was shot and killed by his uncle.
	March 6	A 41 year old man fatally shot himself after threatening his wife and barricading himself in his home for ten hours.
Cornville	July 20	A man, 46, was shot by his brother-in-law.
	October 17	A 19 year old woman was found stabbed to death in a home she shared with her boyfriend.
Cottonwood	May 11	A woman was charged with negligent homicide in her daughter's death, 5.
Farmington	June 10	A 21 year old man was fatally shot by police, who were responding to a domestic disturbance call.
Flagstaff	May 1	A woman, 43, was found dead in her home and her estranged boyfriend was charged with her murder.
	June 18	A husband and wife in their 60s were found dead in their home. Police have not determined who was the victim and who was the shooter.
	August	A young woman, 16, was charged in the death of her newborn baby.
	November 6	A man, 22, shot his wife, 19, and stabbed his infant daughter to death before killing himself.
Gallup, New Mexico	June 7	A young woman, 17, was stabbed multiple times by her ex-boyfriend and died in a Phoenix hospital.
Gilbert	June 5	A 15 year old girl was shot multiple times while staying the night at a friend's house. The friend's mother rented a room to a man who shot the girl.
Glendale	March 28	An uninvolved bystander, 20, was stabbed to death when he tried to intervene in a fight between a man and his girlfriend.
	April 27	A woman, 40, was discovered stabbed to death in a friend's home.
	November 20	A man in his thirties shot and killed his 17 year old step-daughter before killing himself.
Gold Canyon	December 8	A woman, 28, was killed by her former roommate.
	June 9	A man, 28, committed suicide by running into oncoming traffic after being accused of attempting to murder his new wife.
Johnson Ranch	November 28	A woman, 36, was found dead in her home after being killed by her husband.
Kingman	June 9	A girl, 14, was stabbed to death by her uncle in a hotel room.
Lake Havasu City	July 8	A man, 38, was shot by his father, 73, who later committed suicide.
	November 9	A man was fatally shot by another man over a possible falling out over a woman.
Marana	October 15	A 26 year old woman was shot and killed by her boyfriend, 20. He also committed suicide.
Maryvale	March 17	A man, 44, shot his wife, 38, three times before killing himself.
Mesa	March 17	A woman, 32, was stabbed to death by her boyfriend.
	March 31	A 35 year old man was killed by police when he struck an officer responding to a domestic violence call.
	April 3	A 10 year old boy was beaten to death by his adoptive mother.
	May 18	A woman, 36, was killed by her ex-husband, who later injured both her parents.
	June 7	A woman told police she shot and killed her son, 19, in self-defense.
August 4	An infant, 7 months, died while in the care of his mother's boyfriend.	
August 24	A 39 year old man was fatally stabbed by another man when he tried to intervene in a domestic dispute.	

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
	September	Law enforcement discovered an elderly couple's bodies in an apparent murder-suicide.
	November 21	A 22 year old woman was found stabbed to death in a bedroom at her home.
Payson	December 5	Two parents were charged in the death of their son, 2 months.
Peoria	March 18	A man, 34, killed his ex-girlfriend's 17 year old son before hanging himself.
Phoenix	February 25	A man admitted to strangling his wife to death.
	April 3	A man, 46, says he acted in self-defense when he stabbed his roommate, 30, to death.
	April 15	A woman fatally shot her husband, 41.
	April 26	Police say a man in his seventies shot his wife, who suffered from multiple sclerosis, before shooting himself.
	June 19	An infant, 2 months, was killed by his mother's boyfriend.
	June 25	A 21 year old man was fatally shot by his sister and her husband.
	July 14	Police shot a man, 49, after he kidnapped his ex-wife, robbed a store, and led officers on a chase. He was killed after taking his wife as a hostage.
	July 14	A man was killed by police after they saw him shoot a woman.
	September 20	A fight between two roommates left one man, 26, dead.
	September 21	A man, 32, was killed by police during a domestic violence call. He returned to the scene of the crime with weapons and ignored police instructions.
	October 16	A young woman, 18, was killed by a dating partner.
	November 15	An infant died in the care of her mother's boyfriend.
Safford	March 28	A woman was strangled by her ex-boyfriend.
Santan	January 26	The body of a woman, 19, was found in the trunk of a car.
Scottsdale	May 14	A man, 36, fatally shot his ex-girlfriend before committing suicide.
	September 21	Police officers shot and killed a man who was in violation of a protective order and was armed.
	November 1	A man was named in the poisoning death of his wife, 40.
	December 27	A man, 54, fatally shot his wife, 44, his daughter, 17, and was later stabbed to death by his wounded son, 18.
Sierra Vista	August	A woman, 43, was killed by police who were responding to a domestic dispute call.
Spring Valley	June 3	Police killed a man, 44, who was armed and threatened his brother's life.
Tempe	March 2	After police pulled him over in his car, a man, 32, was charged with the death of his girlfriend, 31, whose body was discovered in his trunk.
	July 10	A man stabbed his roommate, 20, to death before sexually assaulting her.
Thatcher	December 30	A woman committed suicide and killed her son, 2.
Three Points	July 17	A 59 year old woman was discovered in her home when firefighters responded to a call.
Tolani Lake	September 17	A man, 57, died after his ex-wife hit him with their car.
Tucson	March 27	A 52 year old woman was strangled by her roommate, to whom she was romantically linked. He later hanged himself.
	April 7	A woman, 24, died when her boyfriend pushed her off an embankment.
	April 9	A man, 72, killed his wife, 70, before committing suicide.
	April 14	A former Sheriff's Deputy shot his wife, 44, before turning the gun on himself.
	April 21	A father was charged in the death of his young son, 5 months.
	May 1	A 43 year old man was fatally shot by his son.
	July	A 27 year old woman was shot and killed by her roommate.
	July	When police responded to a domestic violence call, they found a woman, 45, dead.

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	September	Officials discovered the bodies of two children, 4 and 5, and charged their father in the deaths.
	October 1	Officials found a man, 36, dead after he kidnapped his ex-girlfriend, fired shots at her family, barricaded himself, and committed suicide.
	October 5	A 47 year old woman was killed by her husband.
	November 24	A man, 85, was hit and killed by his roommate's car after an argument.
	December 13	A 42 year old man was shot and killed by his brother.
	December 19	A woman, 21, apparently committed suicide after an argument with her boyfriend.
Wadell	June 10	A man was arrested for killing his mother, 54.
Whiteriver	July 23	A man has been charged in the murder of his 20 year old girlfriend.
Windowrock	September 24	A young child, 2, was killed by his father.
Winslow	June	A 64 year old woman was found fatally shot by her boyfriend.
	October 2	A 17 month old infant was killed while in the care of his mother's boyfriend.
Youngtown	October 19	A woman and her husband were found dead in an apparent murder-suicide.
Yuma	January 14	A 71 year old woman was killed by her husband.
	January 22	Officials have charged a mother in the death of her child, 22 months.
	March 3	A man, 66, was fatally shot when his wife was defending herself during a domestic dispute.
	June 11	Police officers shot a man, 27, who refused to drop his weapon when they responded to a domestic violence call.
	August 11	A man, 53, was killed by his wife, 52, in their home.
	September 5	After shooting his wife, a 39 year old man committed suicide. His wife survived.
	November 18	A young mother, 19, and her daughter, 5 months, were killed by her husband, 22. He later committed suicide.

## Domestic Violence Related Deaths, 2007

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Arizona City	July 4	A young child, 21 months, died while in the care of her mother's boyfriend.
Avondale	June 1	A man died after his brother wounded him.
	November 25	A man, 67, and his wife, 52, were discovered shot in an apparent murder-suicide.
Buckeye	February 12	A woman, 34, was killed by her husband.
	June 5	A 23 year old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend, 27. He later committed suicide.
Bullhead City	April 3	A man stabbed his wife, 27, and his mother-in-law, 67, to death.
Camp Verde	June 17	A man being held in jail for attempted murder charges (domestic violence-related) committed suicide in his cell.
Chandler	May 8	Police responded to a domestic violence call that ended when the suspect committed suicide.
	May 13	A man killed his wife before fatally shooting himself.
	November 11	A man, 43, killed his two children, ages 4 and 6, before committing suicide.
Cottonwood	November 17	A 22 year old woman was fatally shot by her ex-boyfriend.
	January 9	A woman, 52, was stabbed by her estranged husband.
	Eloy	February 1
Flagstaff	August 7	A man, 40, was killed by his wife.
Florence	June 22	A pregnant 17 year old girl was found murdered in the desert. Two classmates were charged in her death, and one might have been an ex-boyfriend.
Gilbert	January 29	A young woman, 19, was killed by a man on their first date together.
	June 18	After attempting to break into his estranged wife's home, a man, 44, fired shots and killed himself.
Glendale	January 17	A man, 26, fatally shot his ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend.
	February 10	A man plead guilty to the murder of his girlfriend, 32.
	December 13	A woman, 30, was gunned down by her husband before he kidnapped their children. He later committed suicide.
Goodyear	January 11	A woman, 38, killed her husband, 39, before committing suicide.
Green Valley	January 7	A man, 62, stabbed his mother to death and was later killed by police when he would not disarm.
	June 29	One man in his forties was killed during a fight with his brother.
	October 4	A woman, 60, died while traveling with her husband, who was charged with first-degree murder.
Greenlee County	July 28	After ongoing fights, a man was killed by his girlfriend's ex-husband.
Kingman	July 4	A man convicted of killing his girlfriend's daughter died in prison.
Lake Havasu City	March 5	A man, 22, was killed when three others intervened when he was abusing his girlfriend.
	September 2	A man, 73, was fatally shot by his wife.
	April 12	A man, 22, killed his girlfriend, 21, and their daughter, 15 months, before killing himself.
Lakeside	January 30	Police found a 50 year old woman dead after a fight with her husband, who was arrested in connection with her death.
Mesa	January 22	A 19 year old woman was charged in the death of her newborn son.
	February 24	A woman in her 20s was killed by her live-in boyfriend.
	March 27	After being released from jail 11 days early, a man killed his cousin, 23, who was trying to protect his ex-girlfriend.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
	March 28	A child, 3, was killed by his father's fiancée.
	May 5	A man, 21, was killed by police when he refused to drop his weapon. Police were responding to a domestic violence call.
	July 8	After beating his wife, a man committed suicide.
	July 15	A woman, 22, died of injuries after being beaten by her boyfriend.
	July 17	A man was arrested after admitting to strangling his roommate, 60.
	August 24	A young child, 2 months, died after injuries sustained from his father.
	November 4	A woman called police when her ex-boyfriend, 44, violated a protective order. He was killed by police when they arrived and he would not put down his weapon.
	November 14	Police officers killed a man, 20, when he answered the door with a knife. They were responding to a domestic violence call.
Navajo	April 9	Just days before their divorce was finalized, a man, 53, fatally shot his wife, 48, before committing suicide.
Payson Peoria	January 28	An man, 65, was killed when he intervened to help a woman being abused by her boyfriend.
	November 26	A 37 year old man was killed by police responding to a domestic violence call. He refused to put down his weapon.
Phoenix	January 19	A man, 45, shot and killed his two sons, ages 10 and 11, before killing himself.
	February 12	A man, 84, shot a young teen, 16, staying in his home before shooting his granddaughter, 18. Police later shot the man, who would not disarm at their request.
	February 22	A woman, 33, was shot at her workplace by her estranged husband, who later committed suicide.
	March 25	A man stabbed his girlfriend to death.
	March 29	A man strangled his wife, 30, after she asked for a divorce.
	April 5	One man, 22, was fatally shot by his brother, 21, who later killed himself.
	April 13	After holding his girlfriend hostage, a man, 38, was killed by police responding to a domestic violence call.
	April 17	A mother and father were charged in the death of their infant son, 4 months.
	May 14	A couple was found dead in an apparent murder-suicide.
	July 4	A 22 year old woman was stabbed to death by her boyfriend.
	July 15	A woman was shot and killed when her son-in-law broke into her home.
	August 1	An 18 year old man stabbed his girlfriend, 15, to death before killing himself.
	August 6	A man, 88, killed his wife, 82, and committed suicide.
	September 8	Police responded to a home when a man, 21, was threatening his mother with a knife. He refused to drop his weapon and was killed by police.
	September 30	A 42 year old woman was stabbed multiple times by her boyfriend.
	October 31	An infant, 17 months, died when his mother left him in a hot car.
	November 5	A woman, 55, and her ex-husband, 57, were found dead in their home in an apparent murder-suicide.
	November 8	The body of a girl, 12, was found in her parents' home.
	November 19	A man was killed after he and his son-in-law shot one another.
	December 15	A 23 year old man was stabbed by his brother when he tried to intervene to protect his mother.
Prescott	January 24	A man, 40, was shot and killed by his girlfriend's ex-husband.
	July 29	A man, 40, reportedly beat his wife before committing suicide.
Rimrock	September 25	A 32 year old woman was killed by her husband.
Safford	August 11	Police found one man dead after a fight with his brother.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
Scottsdale	April 28	A newborn girl was drowned by her mother.
	November 9	A 57 year old man admitted to fatally shooting his girlfriend, 56.
Sierra Vista	January 10	Police are investigating the suspicious death of a 4 month old boy.
	April 3	A man, 25, was fatally shot by his wife's suspected boyfriend.
Spring Valley	December 12	An 11 month old girl died while in the care of her mother's boyfriend.
	February 18	A 22 year old man murdered his ex-girlfriend's two friends, both 20, before committing suicide.
Tempe	March 23	A man was killed by his son, who confessed the crime to police.
	July 28	A man has been charged in the death of his 7 week old daughter.
Tonopah	November 19	A 21 year old woman was strangled to death by her ex-boyfriend.
	February 7	A man was arrested in the murder of his ex-wife, 35, who had an order of protection against him.
Tucson	February 15	After wounding his ex-girlfriend, a man, 30, committed suicide.
	February 27	A woman was killed by her 63 year old grandson.
	March 11	A 27 year old woman was killed by her boyfriend in a hotel room
	March 20	A man, 60, shot his wife before committing suicide.
	March 22	After severe abuse, a 5 year old boy died when his mother gave him too many pain killers.
	March 23	A 20 year old man was shot to death when trying to intervene in a fight his roommate was having with his girlfriend.
	April 7	A woman, 38, was killed by her cousin and left on a road.
	May 12	A man fatally shot his roommate, 27.
	July 3	Police believe a 17 year old boy shot and killed his father, 40.
	July 13	A 43 year old man was killed by his girlfriend.
	July 13	A 13 month old boy died while in the care of his mother's boyfriend.
	August 15	A man, 25, shot and killed his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend, 27.
	September 26	A 14 year old boy fatally shot his twin brother.
October 26	A 3 week old boy was killed while in the care of his mother's boyfriend.	
November 29	An 8 year old boy was found dead in a hotel room after his mother gave him prescription painkillers.	
Windowrock	December 14	A man, 40, was convicted in the murder of his ex-wife, 35.
	February 24	During a fight with family members, a man was killed.
Winterhaven	October 11	A woman admitted to killing her nephew and hiding him in a freezer.
	February 14	A woman was charged in the shooting death of her 25 year old son.
Yuma	March 17	A man killed his wife before fatally shooting himself.
	September 14	A 36 year old man admitting to strangling a woman, 46, during sex.
	December 21	A man turned himself in to police for the murder of his step-father, 66.

## Conclusions

According to the Arizona Department of Economic Security, 2007 was the first year that the state served more domestic violence victims in emergency shelter than it turned away. Approximately 52% of callers needing a safe place to escape to were assisted; 48% of callers were turned away due to lack of available shelter space.

We must work to build a comprehensive safety net for victims of domestic violence, including more shelter beds, available health care, economic empowerment services, and prevention programs, if we want to save the lives of our fellow Arizonans.

For more information and a complete list of domestic violence related fatalities, please visit [www.azcadv.org](http://www.azcadv.org).

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