

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TAKES ITS TOLL – ONE LIFE AT A TIME

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY (CONTINUED)	August 7	A 20-year-old man was stabbed to death by his ex-girlfriend in Philadelphia.
	August 30	A 23-year-old man was stabbed to death by his step-father in Philadelphia.
	September 5	A 37-year-old mother of two daughters was strangled by her husband in Philadelphia. He then committed suicide.
	September 6	A 20-year-old mother of one was fatally shot by her brother in Philadelphia.
	September 7	A 23-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia.
	September 7	A 21-year old mother of two was stabbed to death by her ex-boyfriend in Philadelphia. Her 21-year-old boyfriend was also stabbed to death.
	October 15	A 37-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her boyfriend in Philadelphia.
December 10	A 28-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. Her 31-year-old male friend was also fatally shot.	
PIKE COUNTY	September 9	A 40-year-old woman was suffocated to death by her boyfriend in Palmyra Township.
SCHUYKILL COUNTY	June 26	A 63-year-old woman was beaten to death by her son in Pottsville.
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY	August 7	A 37-year-old mother of two, ages 5 and 10, was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Bridgewater Township. Her 29-year-old boyfriend was also fatally shot.
WARREN COUNTY	March 29	A 43-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Phillipsburg. He also fatally shot the woman's 52-year-old boyfriend and then committed suicide.
WESTMORELAND COUNTY	September 18	An 84-year-old man was stabbed to death by his grandson in Allegheny Township.
	October 3	A 40-year-old mother of two, ages 5 and 9, was suffocated by her estranged husband in Ligonier.
	December 5	A 47-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in West Newton.
WYOMING COUNTY	June 17	A 35-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Mehoopany. He then committed suicide.
YORK COUNTY	March 23	A 33-year-old mother of a 9-year-old son was fatally shot by her husband in Peach Bottom Township. He then committed suicide.
	August 2	A 38-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Goldsboro.
	August 6	A 32-year-old mother of three was beaten to death by her boyfriend in York.
	September 11	A 45-year-old man was fatally shot by his son in York City.
	October 17	A 20-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend in Fairview Township. She then committed suicide.
	December 10	A 43-year-old mother of two boys was fatally shot by her husband in Loganville. He then committed suicide.

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1999 Year-End

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN PA CLAIMS 129 LIVES IN 1999

ALLEGHENY COUNTY	January 1	A 24-year-old mother and her 3-year-old daughter were killed in a pipe bomb explosion in Connellsville. Her boyfriend is charged with the bombing. She was 8-months pregnant.
	January 27	A 78-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her grandson in Pittsburgh.
	February 14	A 21-year-old mother of an 8-month-old daughter was fatally shot by her husband in Robinson Township.
	April 3	A 42-year-old mother of one was stabbed to death by her husband in Pittsburgh. Their 11-year-old son witnessed the stabbing.
	April 25	A 32-year-old man was shot April 17 by his girlfriend and died April 25 in Baldwin Borough.
	May 2	A 32-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Robinson Township.
	May 3	A 42-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Plum Borough. He also fatally shot a 33-year-old man who was staying at the woman's home. He then committed suicide.
	May 14	A 34-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Coraopolis. He then committed suicide.
	August 13	A 53-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her husband in Crafton. An autopsy showed that she was then decapitated and dismembered.
	September 27	A 44-year-old woman was strangled by her son in Pittsburgh.
November 6	A 36-year-old mother of two, ages 6 and 8, was fatally shot by her husband in Pittsburgh. He then committed suicide.	
November 30	A 39 year-old mother was fatally shot by her husband in Baldwin Borough. He also killed their two sons, ages 5 and 8, and then committed suicide.	
ARMSTRONG COUNTY	MAY 2	A 28-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in Gilpin Township.

PA Death Toll...

This homicide report details domestic violence homicides, as reported in PA newspapers. Although it does NOT reflect the total number of domestic violence deaths, this report offers a strong indication of the scope and lethality of the crime. (NOTE: Data about homicides attributed to child abuse are not included.) During 1999, at least 91 domestic violence incidents resulted in 129 deaths.

WHO DIED

- 102 victims
 - 64 women
 - 29 men
 - 9 children
- 25 male perpetrators who committed suicide
- 1 female perpetrator who committed suicide
- 1 male batterer whose killing was ruled justified

WHO DID THE KILLING

- 76 men
 - 1 was a neighbor trying to intervene and accidentally killed a woman
- 15 women
 - 1 was not charged – the DA declared the killing justified

HOW THE VICTIMS DIED

- 63 were shot
- 24 were stabbed
- 5 were strangled
- 4 were beaten to death
- 1 was beaten and strangled
- 1 was stabbed and beaten
- 2 were suffocated
- 2 were killed by a pipe bomb

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BEAVER COUNTY	April 4	A 17-year-old female was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Aliquippa. He then committed suicide.
	November 14	A 59-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Hopewell Township. He then committed suicide.
BEDFORD COUNTY	August 23	A 60-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Kimmel Township. He then committed suicide.
BERKS COUNTY	March 17	A 41-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her boyfriend in Muhlenberg Township. She had a <i>Protection From Abuse</i> order against him.
	November 7	A 21-year-old man was stabbed to death by his wife in Reading.
	November 7	A 31-year-old mother of two, ages 3 and 7, and her 20-year-old male friend were fatally shot by her ex-husband in Reading. He later committed suicide.
BRADFORD COUNTY	January 31	A 45-year-old man was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in New Albany.
BUTLER COUNTY	June 25	A 75-year-old woman was strangled by her husband in Cranberry Township.
CAMBRIA COUNTY	March 11	A 35-year-old father of two, ages 2 and 7, was fatally shot by his estranged girlfriend's boyfriend in Johnstown.
CARBON COUNTY	January 24	A 22-year-old woman was stabbed and beaten to death by her boyfriend in Jim Thorpe.
CENTRE COUNTY	FEBRUARY 27	A 37-year-old man was fatally shot by his wife in Marion Township.
	August 23	A 36-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Liberty Township. He then committed suicide.
	October 20	A 48-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend's estranged husband in Gregg Township. He then committed suicide.
CHESTER COUNTY	January 23	A man was stabbed to death by his ex-girlfriend in Caln Township.
COLUMBIA COUNTY	April 24	A 40-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her estranged boyfriend in Berwick. She had a <i>Protection From Abuse</i> order against him.
CRAWFORD COUNTY	November 29	A 34-year-old man was fatally shot by his brother in Titusville.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY	February 3	An 18-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Newville.
DELAWARE COUNTY	February 5	A 29-year-old father of three was stabbed to death by his girlfriend in Coatesville.
	March 23	A 6-year-old girl and her 22-year-old brother were fatally shot by their father in Media. Their mother, who had recently filed for divorce, escaped but a 14-year-old neighbor boy was also fatally shot. The man then committed suicide.
	April 25	A 44-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Upper Darby.
	November 25	A 67-year-old man was beaten and strangled by his girlfriend in Upper Darby.
ERIE COUNTY	May 31	A 27-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in McKean Township.
	August 5	A 15-year-old female was fatally shot by her estranged boyfriend in Erie.
FAYETTE COUNTY	January 15	A 40-year-old woman and her 16-year-old daughter were fatally shot by her brother-in-law in Redstone Township. He then committed suicide.
	April 2	A 20-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend in Uniontown.
	July 23	A 26-year-old mother of a 7-year-old son was fatally shot by her husband in Dunbar Township.
GREENE COUNTY	February 4	A 64-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Bobtown. He then committed suicide.
	June 18	A 24-year-old mother of one was fatally shot by her neighbor in Dunkard Township. (Her husband was beating her and the neighbor tried to stop it. After firing two warning shots, the third one hit her in the shoulder killing her. The husband is incarcerated, and the neighbor was not charged.)

LACKAWANNA COUNTY	February 13	A 40-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Carbondale.
	July 5	A 47-year-old mother of five children was stabbed to death by her boyfriend in Scranton. Her 9-year-old son was bound and gagged in another room during the stabbing.
	December 26	A 28-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her brother in Dunmore.
LANCASTER COUNTY	April 24	A 33-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Lancaster County. (She was from Levittown, Bucks County, and her body was discovered in Lancaster)
	October 23	A 32-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Lancaster. He then committed suicide.
	November 23	A 22-year-old mother of a young daughter was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Manor Township.
LEBANON COUNTY	January 9	A 61-year-old man was fatally shot by his wife in Union Township.
	October 12	A 26-year-old mother of three was fatally shot by her ex-boyfriend in Lebanon. He then committed suicide.
LEHIGH COUNTY	September 24	A 9-year-old girl and 2-year-old girl were fatally stabbed to death by their father in Emmaus. Their 58-year-old grandmother was also stabbed to death. Their mother had a <i>Protection From Abuse</i> order.
	October 11	A 45-year-old woman was beaten to death by her boyfriend in Allentown.
LUZERNE COUNTY	November 24	A 17-year-old female was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Wilkes-Barre. He then committed suicide.
LYCOMING COUNTY	June 12	A 21-year-old man was stabbed to death by his father in Williamsport.
MONROE COUNTY	February 7	A 49-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Marshalls Creek. He then committed suicide.
	May 5	A 26-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Stroudsburg. He then committed suicide.
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	January 13	A 30-year-old father of two was fatally shot by his wife in West Conshohocken. The couple's 5-year-old son witnessed the shooting. The Montgomery County District Attorney has declared the shooting justified.
	July 23	A 25-year-old mother of a 19-month-old daughter was strangled by her boyfriend in Upper Moreland.
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	February 8	A 55-year-old woman was stabbed to death by her daughter in Easton.
NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY	January 26	A 54-year-old woman was fatally shot by her husband in Elysburg. He then committed suicide.
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY	January 16	A 42-year-old woman was fatally shot by her estranged husband in Philadelphia. He then committed suicide.
	January 30	A 35-year-old mother of two, ages 5 and 7, was fatally shot by her husband in Philadelphia.
	February 1	A 41-year-old mother of a 13-year-old son was strangled by her husband in Philadelphia.
	February 1	A 34-year-old man was stabbed to death by his former girlfriend in Philadelphia.
	February 7	A 47-year-old man was fatally shot by his brother in Philadelphia.
	March 27	A 20-year-old woman was fatally shot by a male friend in Philadelphia. She was nine months pregnant.
	May 11	A 33-year-old woman was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia.
	May 28	A 35-year-old woman was beaten to death by her estranged boyfriend in Philadelphia.
	June 2	A 30-year-old man was fatally shot by his girlfriend in Philadelphia.
	June 9	A 27-year-old mother of three was fatally shot by her boyfriend in Philadelphia. Her three children witnessed the shooting.

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