

2016 ARIZONA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITIES

In 2016, ACESDV tracked 100 known domestic violence related incidents across Arizona. By using an online media monitoring service that uses topical keywords to produce articles from around the state we can locate articles that contain words or phrases relating to domestic violence homicides. While this method of data collection creates a fairly comprehensive list of domestic violence related fatalities, the data contained in this report is limited in a variety of ways including a lack of reliable data, access to people, organizations and documents and the use of online publications only.

Arizona consistently ranks among the states with the highest homicide rates of women murdered by men; in fact, between 2005 and 2015, there were 1,255 domestic violence related deaths. These tragedies represent a small fraction of those individuals who use violence in intimate and family relationships. They also remind of us of the potential for lethality in these relationships and highlight the importance of working with victims to seek safety. This report is dedicated to those who directly lost their lives as a direct result of domestic violence and it is with great sadness we honor those who tragically passed away.

100

People Lost Their Lives Due to Domestic Violence

33

PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY A CURRENT OR FORMER PARTNER

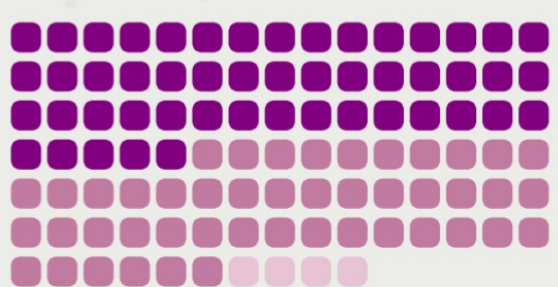
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AVERAGE NUMBER OF FATALITIES PER MONTH

15

CHILDREN WERE KILLED BY THEIR PARENTS

FATALITIES



■ Women (50%) ■ Men (46%) ■ Unknown (4%)

78%

Of Perpetrators Were Male

16

Perpetrators Killed Themselves

2

Bystanders Killed

METHOD OF FATALITY



■ Firearm (72%) ■ Blunt Force Trauma (11%) ■ Stabbing (5%)
■ Drowning (1%) ■ Unknown/Unreleased (7%) ■ Other (4%)

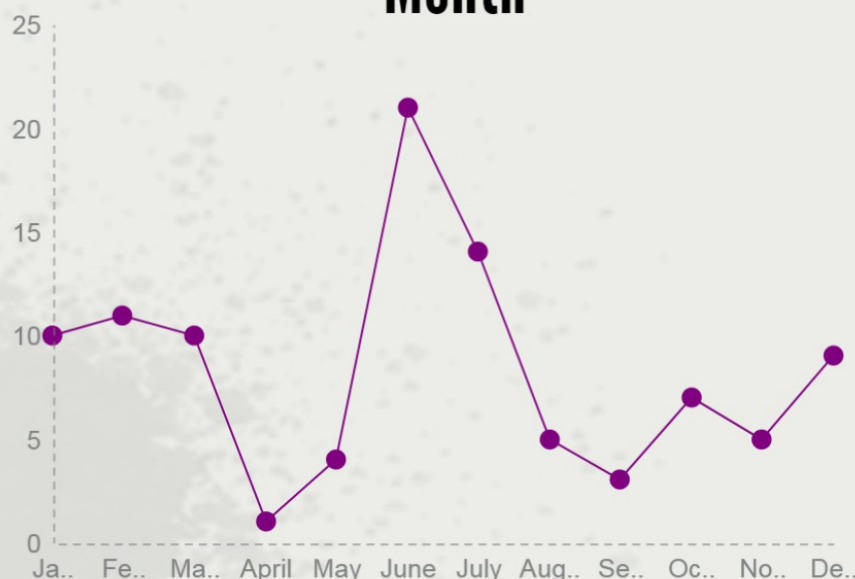
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of all fatalities were as the result of a firearm

Age of Fatalities

Youngest Fatality
2 Months

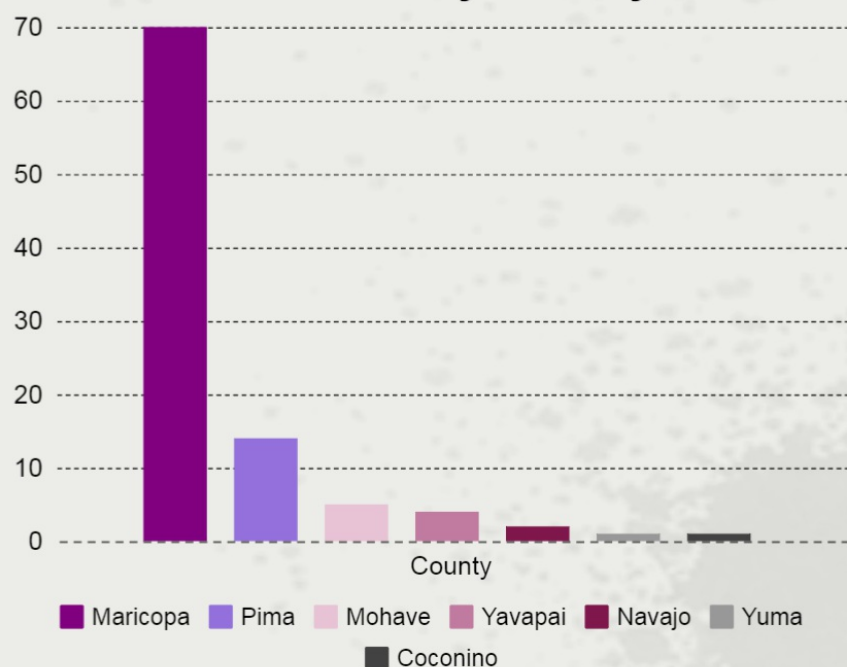
Oldest Fatality
71



Month

■ Month

Fatalities by County



7 Perpetrators Were Killed By Law Enforcement

11 Victims Were Killed By Their Children

Pets

13

Pets Killed By Perpetrators

VICTIMS' STORIES

Nabash Laverne Wright, 41
Tomas Olivas Ornelas, 50

Christopher Glen Wright, shot and killed his wife and a bystander attempting to help on May 31st 2016. The incident started when Nabash Wright called police early in the morning to report a fight but the line was quickly disconnected. Nabash called the police a third time at about 3:33 a.m. and told police that she was on Loop 202 just west of Wright and that he had a rifle in the car and was threatening to kill her. Wright accused his wife of cheating and in an attempt to kill her he intentionally crashed his Range Rover on the northbound section on the Loop 202. Both Wright and his wife survived the crash but afterwards, when Tomas Olivas Ornelas, a Good Samaritan pulled over to help, Wright shot and killed him before shooting and killing his wife. Wright later told police that he had been verbally and physically abusive with his wife "on a regular basis" in the past. He disclosed to police that he thought his wife and the other man, whom he did not know, "deserved to die" and that "he would do it all again,".

Audrey Arismendez, 5
Ariah Arismendez, 4

Jerad Joseph Arismendez, shot and killed his two young daughters on October 16th, 2016. The Phoenix Police Department says officers responded to the home near 91st Avenue and Broadway Road just before 10 p.m. on Sunday after receiving reports of gunshots fired in the area. Upon responding to the area, police received a second call for a welfare check at the home after a caller informed police she was concerned about her ex-husband and their two daughters. When officers entered the home, they found a 36-year-old man and his 5-year-old daughter Audrey dead. 4-year-old Ariah was transported to a nearby hospital where she later died. Investigators believe the father shot his two daughters before taking his own life inside the home.