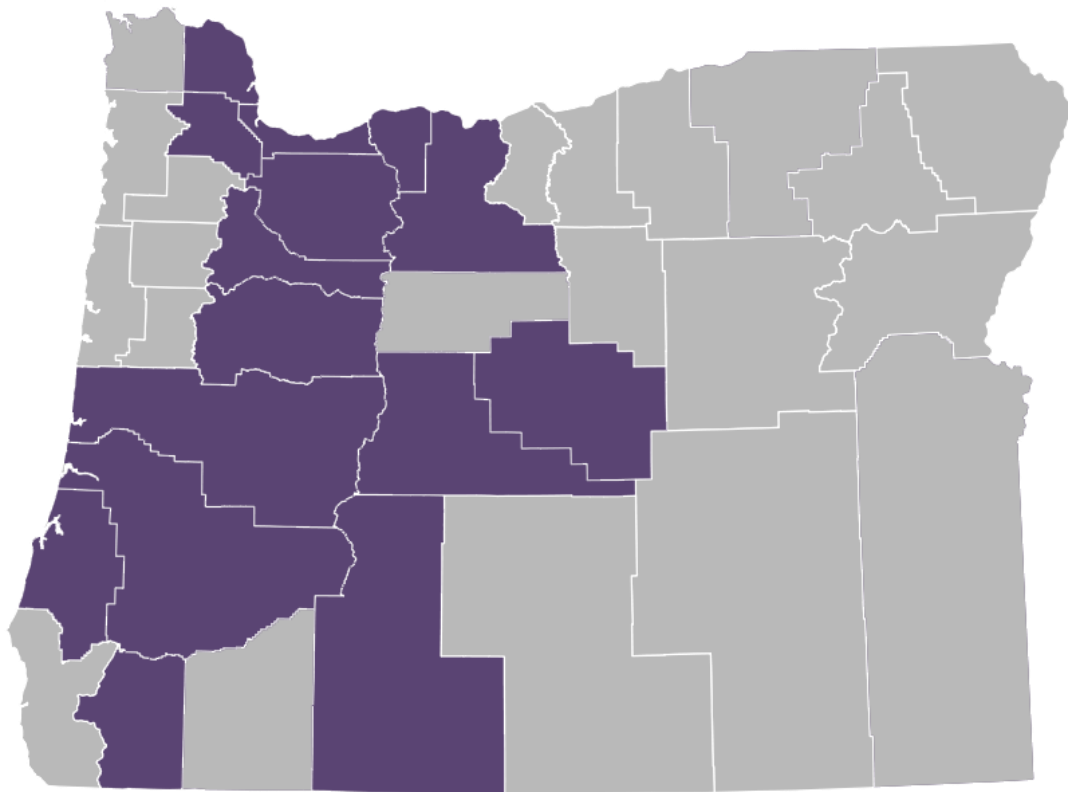


Fatal Domestic Violence in Oregon: Demographics Related to Victims, Perpetrators, and Incidents

2015 Report



Oregon Coalition
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

9570 SW Barbur Blvd., Suite 214, Portland, OR • 503.230.1951 • www.ocadsv.org

For more information about this report, please contact:

Chloe Massarello
Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
9570 SW Barbur Blvd., Suite 214
Portland, OR 97219
503-230-1951 x. 300
chloe@ocadsv.org

Published 2016

Table of Contents

Introduction	1
Definitions	2
Overview: Domestic Violence Incidents across Oregon	3
A Look at Victims and Perpetrators	
Overview of Victims	4
Age and Gender of Victims	5
Number of Victims Killed by Age and Gender.....	5
Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator	6
Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator.....	6
Number of Victims by Type of Relationship to Perpetrator	6
Relationship of Victim Killed to Perpetrator	7
Number of Victims Killed by Type of Relationship to Perpetrator	7
Manner of Victim Deaths	7
Overview of Perpetrators	8
Age and Gender of Perpetrators	8
Number of Perpetrators Killed by Age and Gender.....	8
Manner of Perpetrator Deaths	9
A Closer Look at the Incidents	
Location of Incident	9
Narrative Summaries by County	10
Intimate Partner Violence Supplement	13

Introduction

In 2015, Oregon lost 60 people in fatal domestic violence incidents. In this report, the Coalition has utilized a broad definition of domestic violence, including a wide variety of incidents that take place in the context of a family or household. We track incidents involving care providers, people related by blood or marriage including extended family, current and former intimate partners, the extended family of current and former intimate partners, and cases of prostitution (covered under the term intimate partner). The term victim as used in this report refers to any individual who was killed, sustained injury, or was otherwise involved in an episode of fatal domestic violence, including bystanders. You will find tables and graphs with data pertaining to all victims, and tables and graphs specifically providing data pertaining to victims who lost their lives (the header of these tables and graphs will refer to “victims killed”). Perpetrator data are provided in the same manner.

This report includes a section dedicated to intimate partner violence (IPV) fatalities that is identical in form to the larger report. The Coalition received feedback on the need for IPV-specific data to be presented separately due to some grant reporting requirements. You will find a broad look at IPV fatality incidents in the state, including in which counties they occurred, frequency per month, and types of incidents. This overview is followed by victim and perpetrator data, including age, gender, relationship, and manner of death. The IPV section concludes with location information.

Definitions

Domestic violence- a pattern of coercive tactics that can include physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and/or emotional abuse, perpetrated by one person against a family member, intimate partner, or person in their care, with the goal of establishing and maintaining power and control.

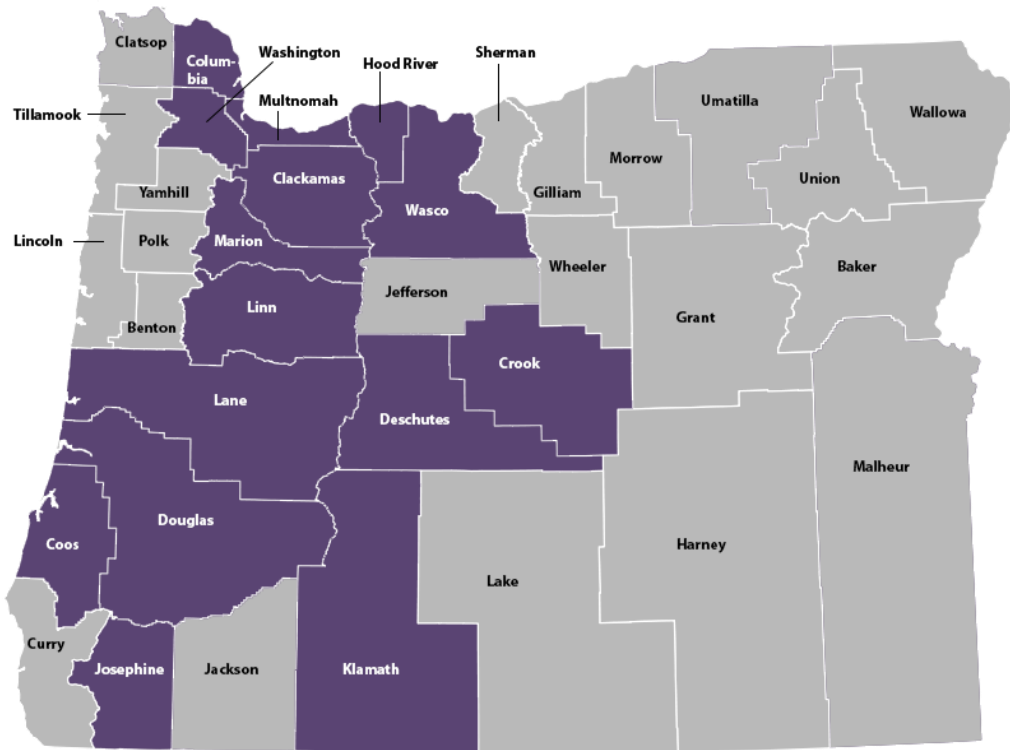
Intimate partner violence- a pattern of coercive tactics that can include physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and/or emotional abuse, perpetrated by one person against a current or former intimate partner, with the goal of establishing and maintaining power and control. It is a subcategory of domestic violence.

Victim- any individual who was killed, sustained injury, or was otherwise involved in an episode of fatal domestic violence, including bystanders.

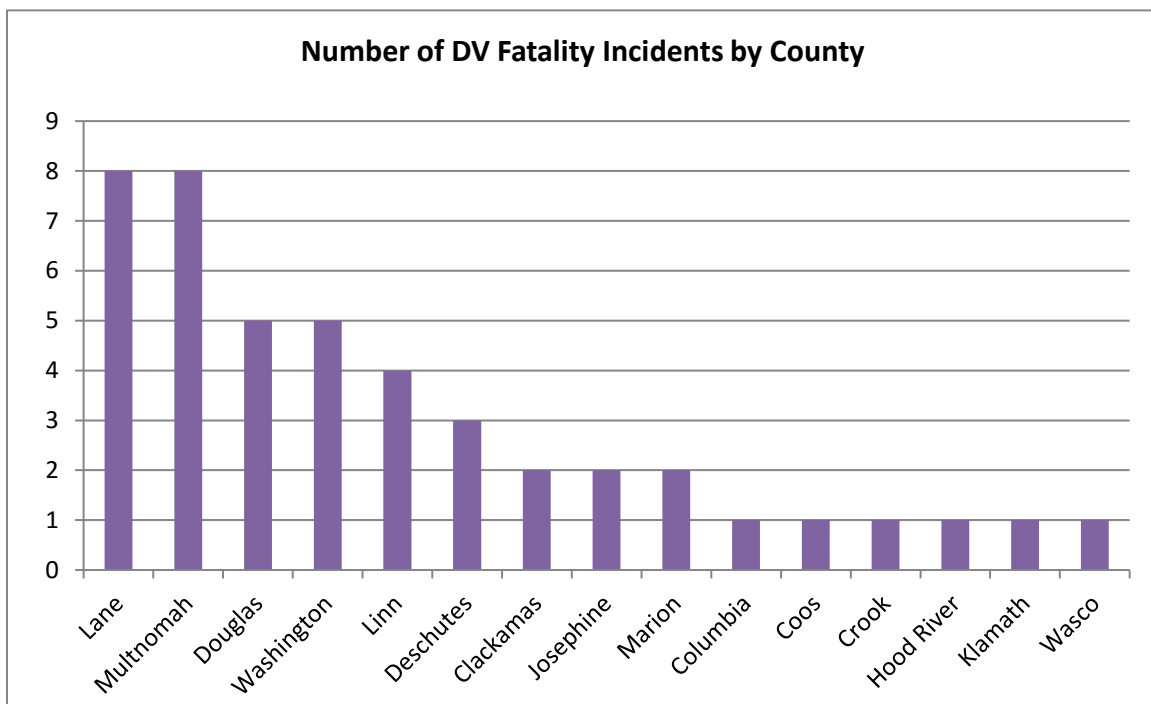
Overview: Domestic Violence Incidents across Oregon

A total of **60** people—victims and perpetrators—lost their lives in 2015.

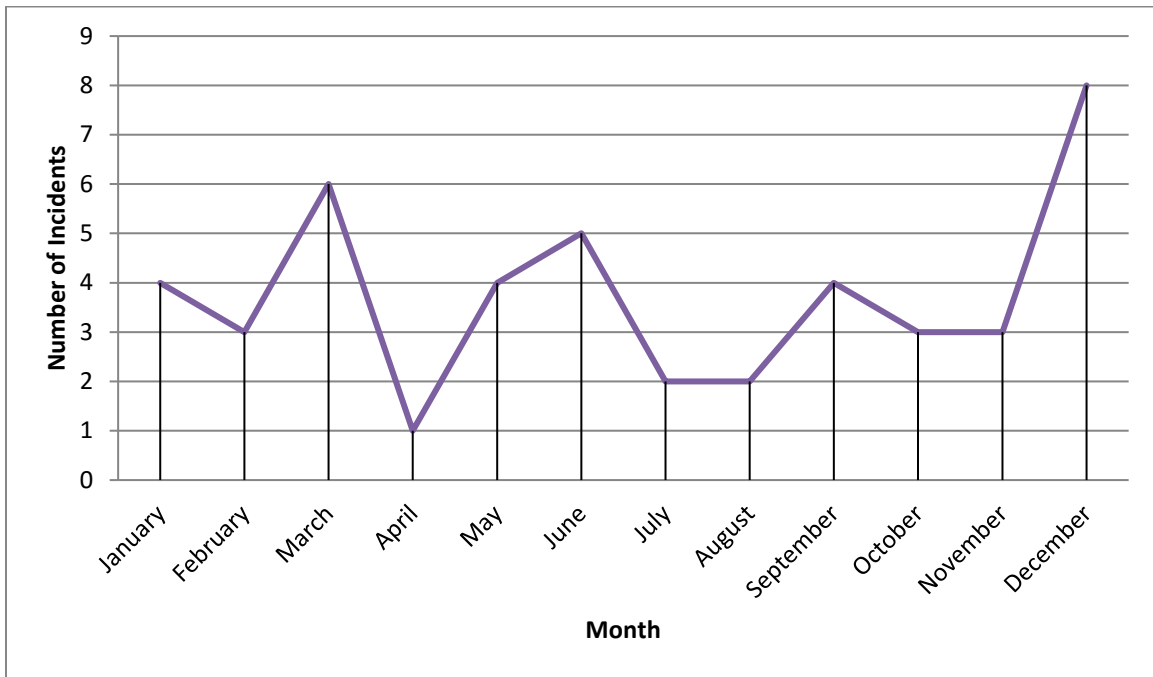
Fifteen out of thirty-six Oregon counties had at least one fatal domestic-violence incident.



The state suffered a **total of 45** separate incidents of fatal domestic violence, with the highest number concentrated in Lane and Multnomah Counties.



The highest number of fatal DV incidents in a one-month period occurred in **December**.



Types of Incidents

Murder (including self-defense)	29
Murder-suicide or attempted murder-suicide	13
Other DV-related death	3
Total	45

A Look at Victims and Perpetrators

Overview of All Victims

Total number of victims	57
Total number of victims killed	42
Total number of female victims	31
Number of female victims killed	18
Number of female victims physically injured	7
Total number of male victims	25
Number of male victims killed	23
Number of male victims physically injured	1
Total number of victims of unknown gender	1*
Number of victims of unknown gender killed	1

*Due to an unclear victim/perpetrator dynamic in one incident, it is unknown whether the victim was the wife or husband.

Out of a total of fifty-seven victims, **74%** were killed.

Of thirty-one female victims, **58%** were killed.

Of twenty-five male victims, **92%** were killed.

Age and Gender of All Victims				
Age of Victim	Female	Male	Unknown	Total by Age
0-6	0	0	0	0
7-17	1	1	0	2
18-30	6	5	0	11
31-40	2	3	0	5
41-50	8	4	0	12
51-60	3	5	0	8
61-70	6	3	0	9
71-80	0	2	0	2
81-90	1	1	0	2
Unknown	4	1	1	6
Total by Gender	31	25	1	57

Number of Victims Killed by Age and Gender				
Age of victim	Female	Male	Unknown	Total by Age
0-6	0	0	0	0
7-17	0	1	0	1
18-30	3	4	0	7
31-40	1	3	0	4
41-50	7	4	0	11
51-60	1	5	0	6
61-70	5	3	0	8
71-80	0	2	0	2
81-90	1	0	0	1
Unknown	0	1	1	2
Total by Gender	18	23	1	42

Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator*

When perpetrator was male, victim was:

Wife	10	Ex-wife	1
Ex-husband of perpetrator's current intimate partner	1	Estranged wife	1
Current intimate partner	5	Former intimate partner	5
Current intimate partner of perpetrator's ex-wife	1	Daughter or son of victim and/or perpetrator	5
Mother	3	Father	4
Stepfather	1	Brother	1
Aunt	1	Uncle	1
Grandmother	1	Cousin	1
Roommate	2	No relation	3
Unknown	2		

Total: 49

*One person has been excluded from all relationship tables and graphs due to the unclear victim/perpetrator dynamic in one incident.

Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator

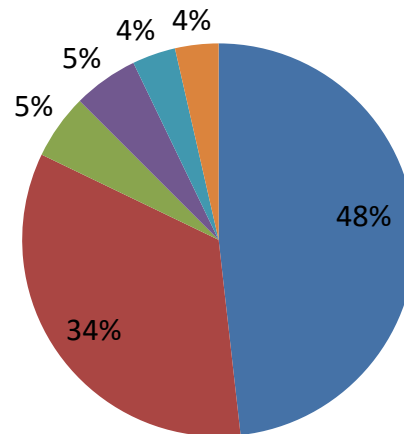
When perpetrator was female, victim was:

Husband	3	Estranged husband	1
Current intimate partner	1	Grandmother	1
Unknown	1		

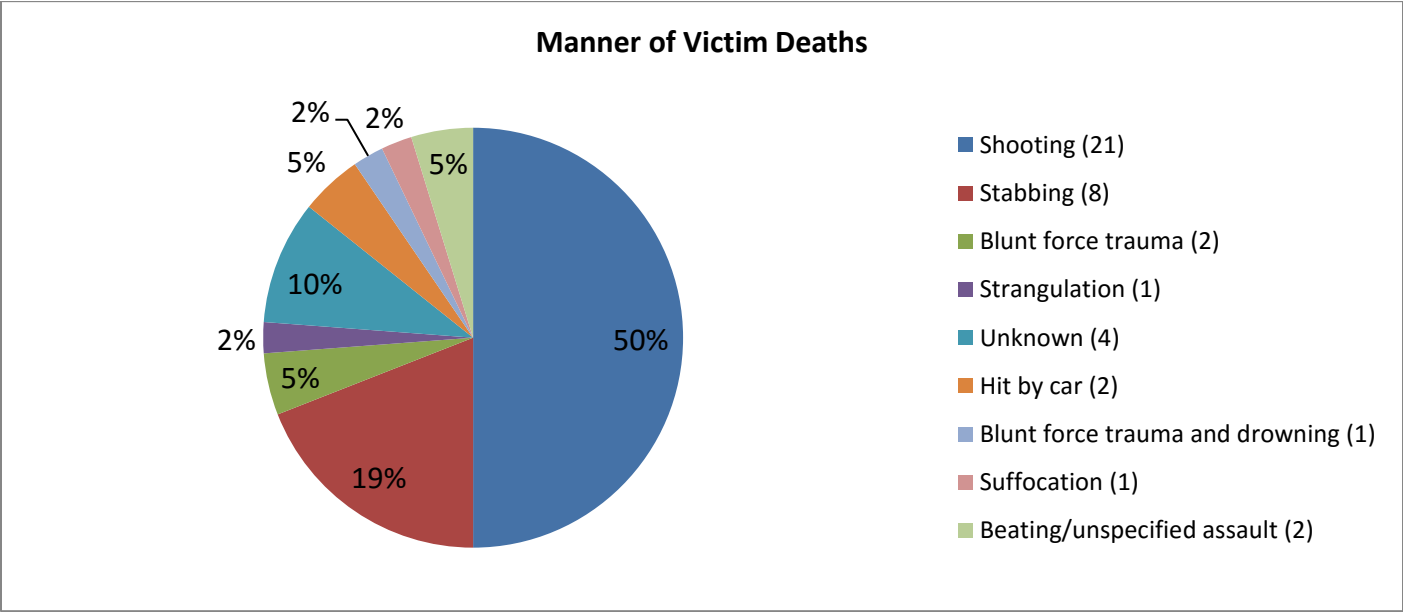
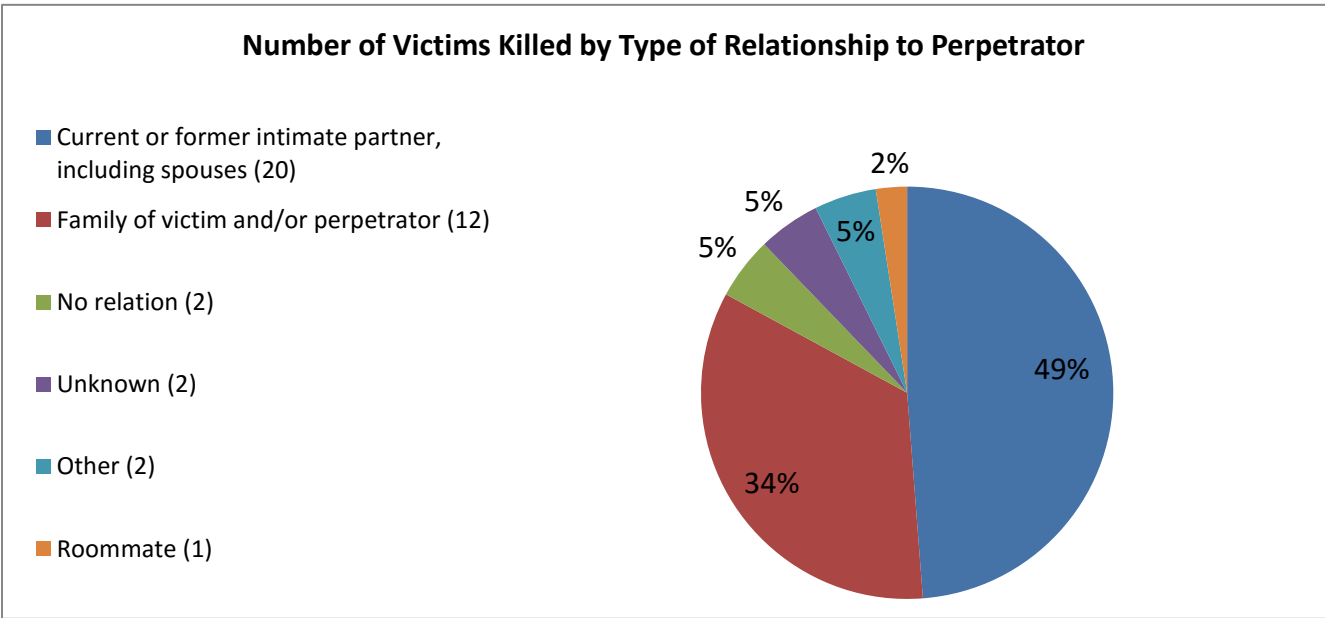
Total: 7

Number of Victims by Type of Relationship to Perpetrator

- Current and former intimate partners, including spouses (27)
- Family of victim and/or perpetrator (19)
- No relation (3)
- Unknown (3)
- Roommate (2)
- Other (2)



Relationship of Victim Killed to Perpetrator			
Wife	7	Ex-wife	1
Husband	3	Estranged husband	1
Ex-husband of perpetrator's current intimate partner	1	Estranged wife	1
Current intimate partner	5	Former intimate partner	2
Current intimate partner of perpetrator's ex-wife	1	Daughter or son of victim and/or perpetrator	3
Mother	2	Father	4
Stepfather	1	Brother	1
Uncle	1	Cousin	1
Roommate	1	No relation	2
Unknown	2	Grandmother	1
Total: 41			



Overview of Perpetrators

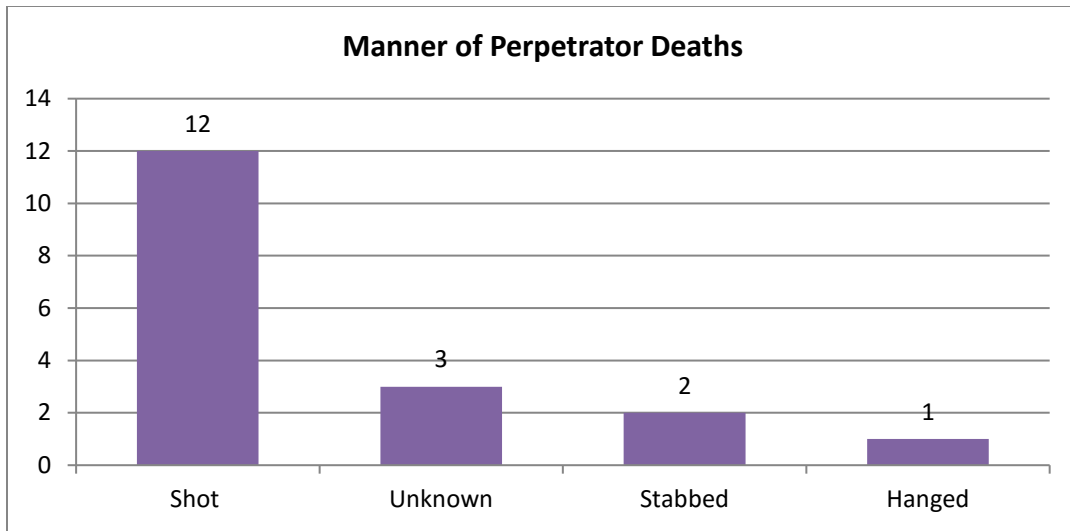
Total number of perpetrators	47
Total number of perpetrators killed	18
Total number of male perpetrators	39
Number of male perpetrators killed	16
Number of male perpetrators physically injured	1
Total number of female perpetrators	7
Number of female perpetrators killed	1
Number of female perpetrators physically injured	0
Total number of perpetrators of unknown gender	1
Number of perpetrators of unknown gender killed	1

Age and Gender of Perpetrators

Age of Perpetrator	Male	Female	Unknown	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-30	10	1	0	11
31-40	7	0	0	7
41-50	6	2	0	8
51-60	11	1	0	12
61-70	3	3	0	6
71-80	2	0	0	2
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	1	1
Total	39	7	1	47

Number of Perpetrators Killed by Age and Gender

Age of Perpetrator	Males	Females	Unknown	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-30	1	0	0	1
31-40	3	0	0	3
41-50	4	0	0	4
51-60	5	1	0	6
61-70	2	0	0	2
71-80	1	0	0	1
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	1	1
Total	16	1	1	18



A Closer Look at the Incidents

Location

Overview of Incident Locations*	
Residence, immediate vicinity of residence, or personal property	41
Street	3
Assisted living facility	2
Public park	2
Parking lot	1

*Some incidents involved multiple locations.

Narrative Summaries by County

Clackamas

Beaver Creek- A man called his stepdaughter to report killing his wife before killing himself.

Oregon City- A man chased his wife in his truck, crashed into her SUV, and shot her, seriously injuring her. He then fatally shot himself in the head.

Columbia

Rainier- A man fatally stabbed his estranged wife and their son when she came to pick the child up at his home. He then stabbed himself to death.

Coos

Coos Bay- A woman stabbed her husband to death in their home.

Crook

Post- A man shot his adult son to death in their home.

Deschutes

Bend- A woman smothered her elderly grandmother to death.

Redmond- A man shot and killed his intimate partner, who was attempting to break up with him.

Terrebonne- A woman shot and killed her housemate (who was possibly her intimate partner), then herself in an apparent murder-suicide.

Douglas

Canyonville- A man shot and killed his uncle.

Drain- A man stabbed his intimate partner to death at a residence.

Rice Hill- A man murdered his intimate partner via asphyxiation.

Roseburg- A man shot his wife to death in their home and surrendered to police after negotiations lasting several hours.

Yoncalla- A man died by self-inflicted gunshot wound in an attempted murder-suicide. His girlfriend suffered non-fatal injuries.

Hood River

Hood River- A divorcing couple died via murder suicide. The wife died from blunt force trauma inflicted by her husband, who later killed himself.

Josephine

Grants Pass- A man shot and killed his wife before fatally shooting himself in their home.

Grants Pass- Police officers shot and killed a man after responding to his home following a report that he had assaulted his adult daughter. The man had threatened officers

with a handgun.

Klamath

Klamath Falls- A woman fatally shot her intimate partner, claiming he had committed suicide.

Lane

Cottage Grove- A man fatally shot his wife and then himself.

Eugene- A man fatally shot his ex-wife's intimate partner before killing himself.

Eugene- A man murdered his intimate partner before killing himself.

Florence- A man fatally shot his brother and then himself following a long-running feud.

Florence- A man assaulted his elderly stepfather, killing him.

Springfield- A man murdered his parents and stored their bodies in a freezer. He was taken into custody after a tip from a family member caused police to search the family home. He later hanged himself in his cell.

Springfield- A man stabbed his intimate partner to death.

Springfield and Eugene- A man murdered his father, assaulted his mother, killed two of the family dogs, set fire to the family home, stole the family car, and then intentionally ran down three pedestrians, killing two of them.

Linn

Albany- A man stabbed his father to death.

Albany- A man fatally shot his ex-wife at her home.

Albany- A man shot his mother multiple times, killing her in their home.

Millersburg- A woman fatally shot her husband after intending to commit suicide by shooting herself.

Marion

Lyons- A woman fatally shot her husband.

Salem- A man was shot and killed by his roommate while he was attempting to prevent his fiancée from leaving following an argument.

Multnomah

Gresham- An elderly couple died in a murder-suicide. No further information is available.

Gresham- A man shot and killed his wife in their home.

Gresham- A man shot the mother of his child twice, fatally shot the father of one of her other children, and then shot another man at the scene.

Kelley Point Park- A woman's body was recovered by police from the Willamette River. An autopsy revealed cause of death

to be blunt force trauma and drowning. Her intimate partner was arrested for the murder.

Portland- A man shot his cousin to death during an argument.

Portland- A man shot his wife to death in their home.

Portland- A woman fatally stabbed her former intimate partner when he broke into her home.

Portland- A man stabbed his adult son to death in his apartment.

Wasco

The Dalles- An elderly woman fatally stabbed her husband at the assisted living facility where he resided.

Washington

Aloha- A woman called police after her husband assaulted her. Once police arrived, her husband threatened them with a handgun and was shot to death.

Forest Grove- A man committed suicide with a handgun in his home after police arrived to serve him with a restraining order sought by his former intimate partner.

Tigard- A man shot his intimate partner's ex-husband to death when he came to pick his children up from his ex-wife's house.

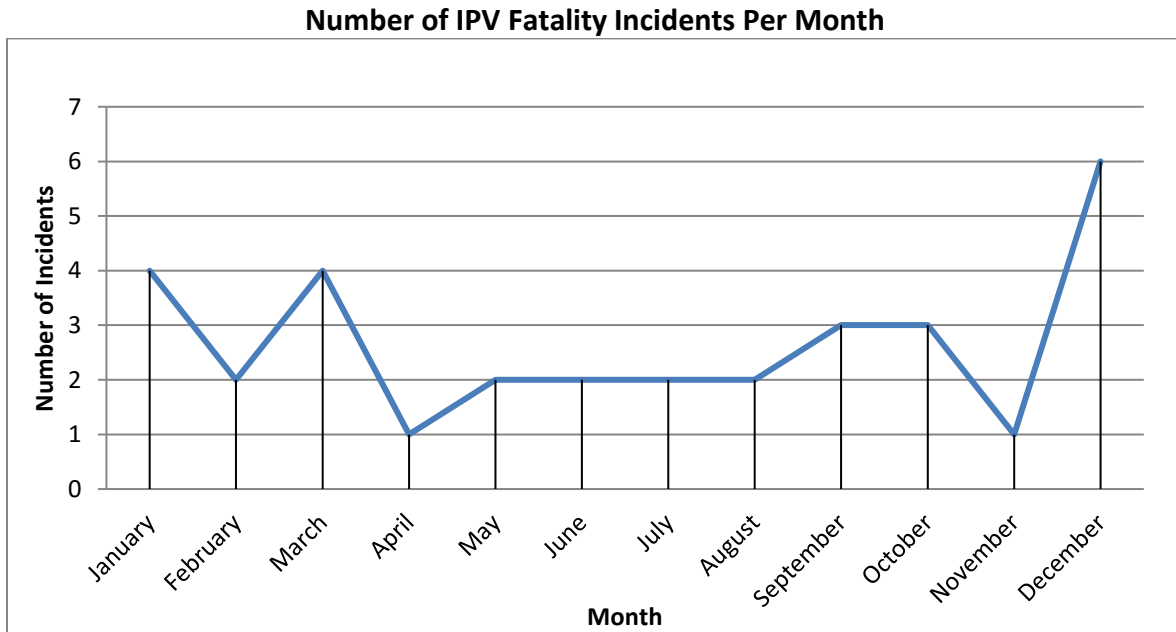
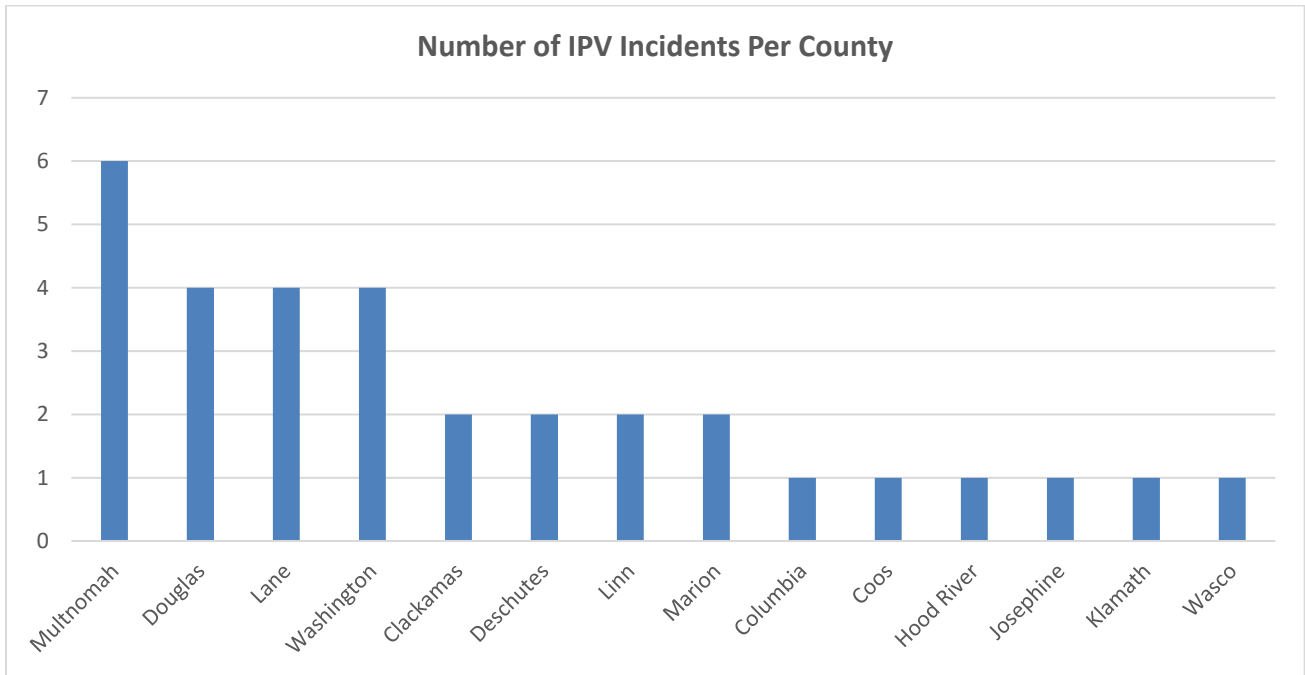
Tigard- A man beat his father to death at the father's home.

Tigard- A woman plotted with two others to kill her estranged husband with whom she was engaged in a child custody battle. He was fatally shot in the head.

2015 IPV Supplement

This supplement examines intimate partner violence (IPV) fatalities, a subcategory of domestic violence fatalities (see definitions on page 2 of this report).

There were a total of 32 IPV and IPV-related fatality incidents in 2015.



Types of Incidents

Murder (including self defense)	19
Murder-suicide or attempted murder-suicide	11
Other DV-related death	2
Total	32

Overview of Victims

Total number of victims	38
Total number of victims killed	27
Total number of female victims	24
Number of female victims killed	15
Number of female victims physically injured	4
Total number of male victims	13
Number of male victims killed	11
Number of male victims physically injured	1
Total number of victims of unspecified gender	1
Number of victims of unspecified gender killed	1

Age and Gender of Victims

Age of Victim	Female	Male	Unknown	Total by Age
0-6	0	0	0	0
7-17	1	2	0	3
18-30	5	4	0	9
31-40	2	2	0	4
41-50	7	2	0	9
51-60	3	2	0	5
61-70	4	1	0	5
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	2	0	1	3
Total by Gender	24	13	1	38

Number of Victims Killed by Age and Gender

Age of victim	Females Killed	Males Killed	Unknown	Total by Age
0-6	0	0	0	0
7-17	0	1	0	1
18-30	3	3	0	6
31-40	1	2	0	3
41-50	7	2	0	9
51-60	1	2	0	3
61-70	3	1	0	4
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	0	0	1	1
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total by Gender	15	11	1	27

Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator*

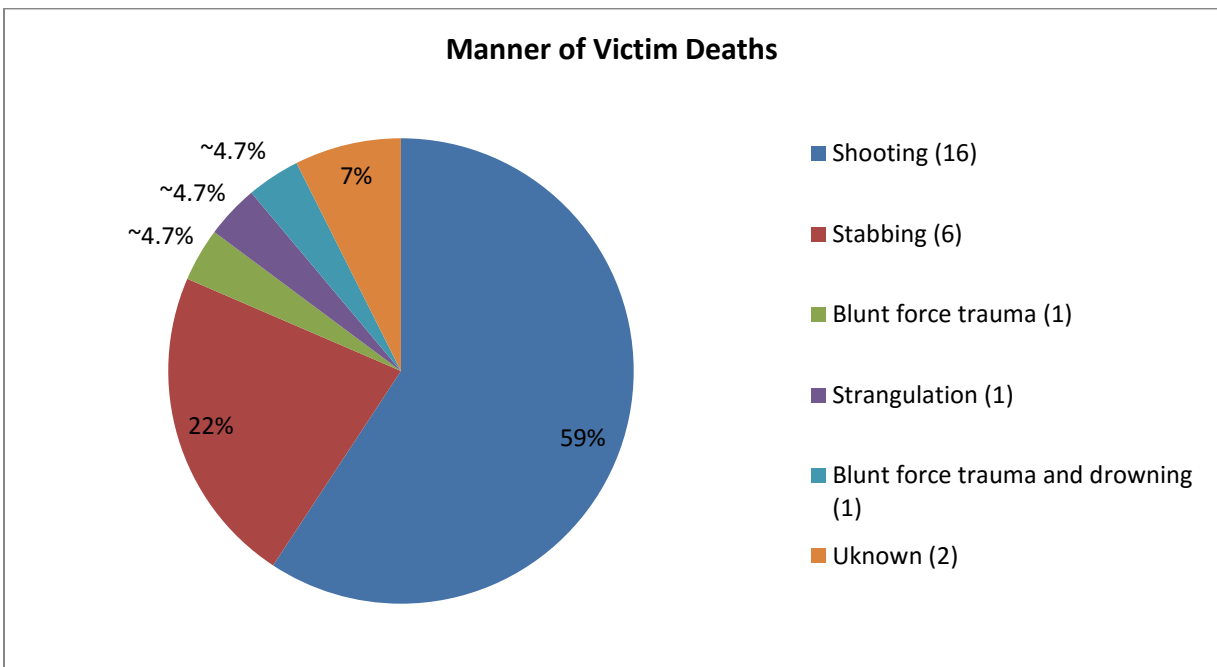
When perpetrator was male, victim was:	
Wife	10
Ex-wife	1
Ex-husband of perpetrator's current intimate partner	1
Estranged wife	1
Current intimate partner	5
Former intimate partner	5
Current intimate partner of perpetrator's ex-wife	1
Daughter or son of victim and/or perpetrator	3
Roommate	2
Unknown	2

*One person has been excluded from all relationship tables and graphs due to the unclear victim/perpetrator dynamic in one incident.

Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator

When perpetrator was female, victim was:	
Husband	3
Estranged husband	1
Current intimate partner	1
Unknown	1

Relationship of Victim Killed to Perpetrator	
Wife	7
Husband	3
Ex-wife	1
Ex-husband of perpetrator's current intimate partner	1
Estranged wife	1
Estranged husband	1
Current intimate partner	5
Former intimate partner	2
Current intimate partner of perpetrator's ex-wife	1
Daughter or son of victim and/or perpetrator	1
Roommate	1
Unknown	2



Overview of Perpetrators

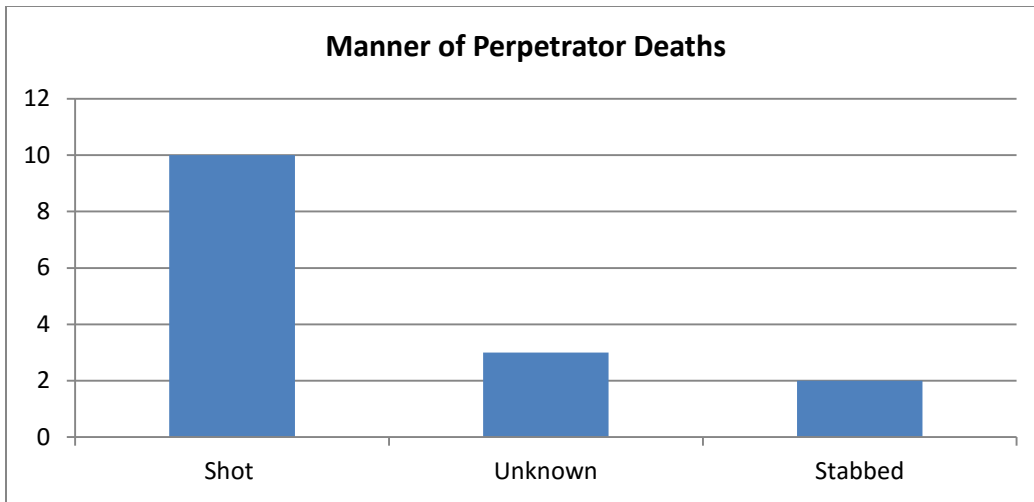
Total number of perpetrators	34
Total number of perpetrators killed	15
Total number of male perpetrators	27
Number of male perpetrators killed	13
Number of male perpetrators physically injured	0
Total number of female perpetrators	6
Number of female perpetrators killed	1
Number of female perpetrators physically injured	0
Total number of perpetrators of unspecified gender	1
Number of perpetrators of unspecified gender killed	1

Age and Gender of Perpetrators

Age of Perpetrator	Male	Female	Unknown	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-30	8	1	0	9
31-40	3	0	0	3
41-50	5	1	0	6
51-60	7	1	0	8
61-70	3	3	0	6
71-80	1	0	0	1
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	1	1
Total	27	6	1	34

Number of Perpetrators Killed by Age and Gender

Age of Perpetrator	Males Killed	Females Killed	Unknown	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-30	1	0	0	1
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	4	0	0	4
51-60	3	1	0	4
61-70	2	0	0	2
71-80	1	0	0	1
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	1	1
Total	13	1	1	15



A Closer Look at the Incidents

Location

Location of Incident	
Residence or immediate vicinity of residence	28
Park	2
Street	1
Assisted living facility	1