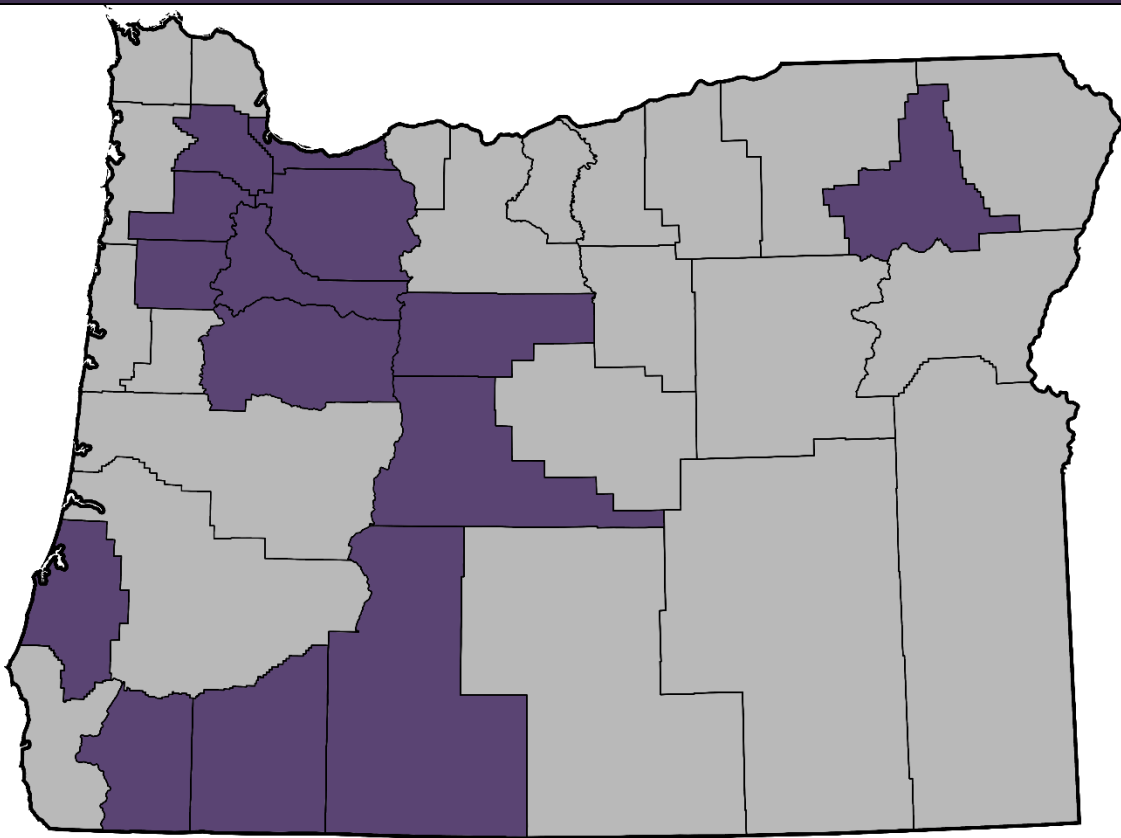


# Fatal Domestic Violence in Oregon: Demographics Related to Victims, Perpetrators, and Incidents

## 2018 Report



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## Introduction

In 2018, Oregon lost 28 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.

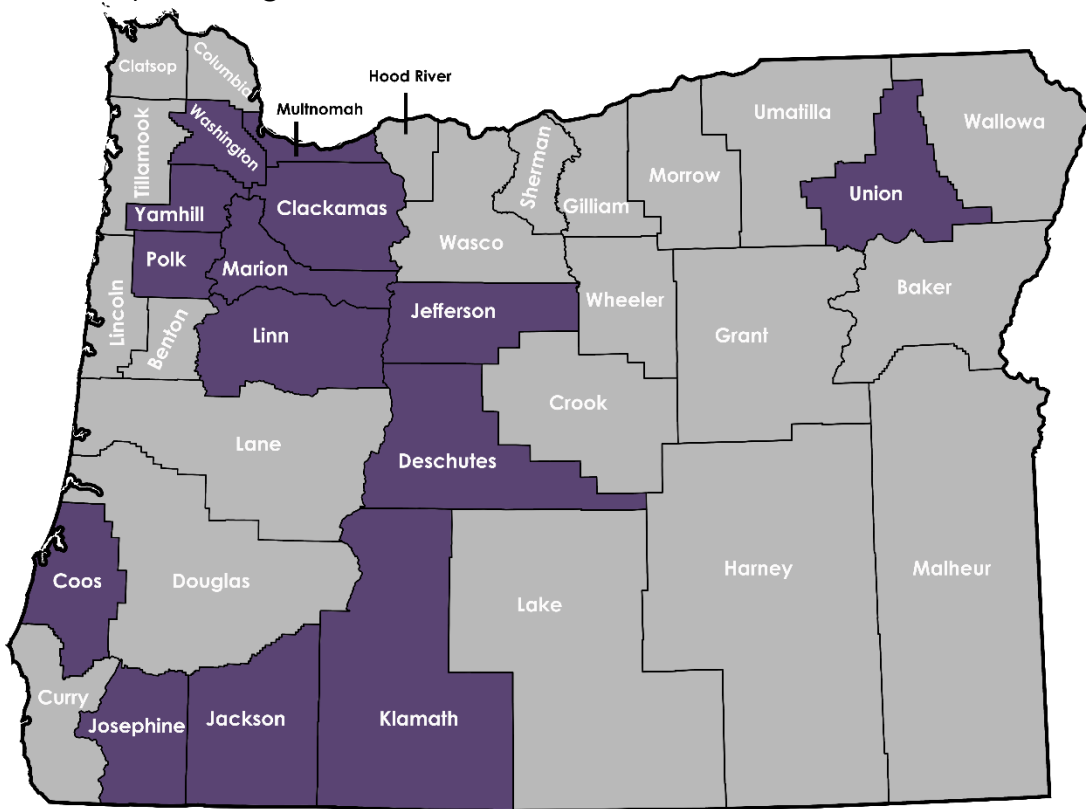
**Intimate partner violence-** a pattern of coercive tactics that can include physical, psychological, sexual, economic, and/or emotional abuse, perpetrated by one person against a current or former intimate partner, with the goal of establishing and maintaining power and control. It is a subcategory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

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

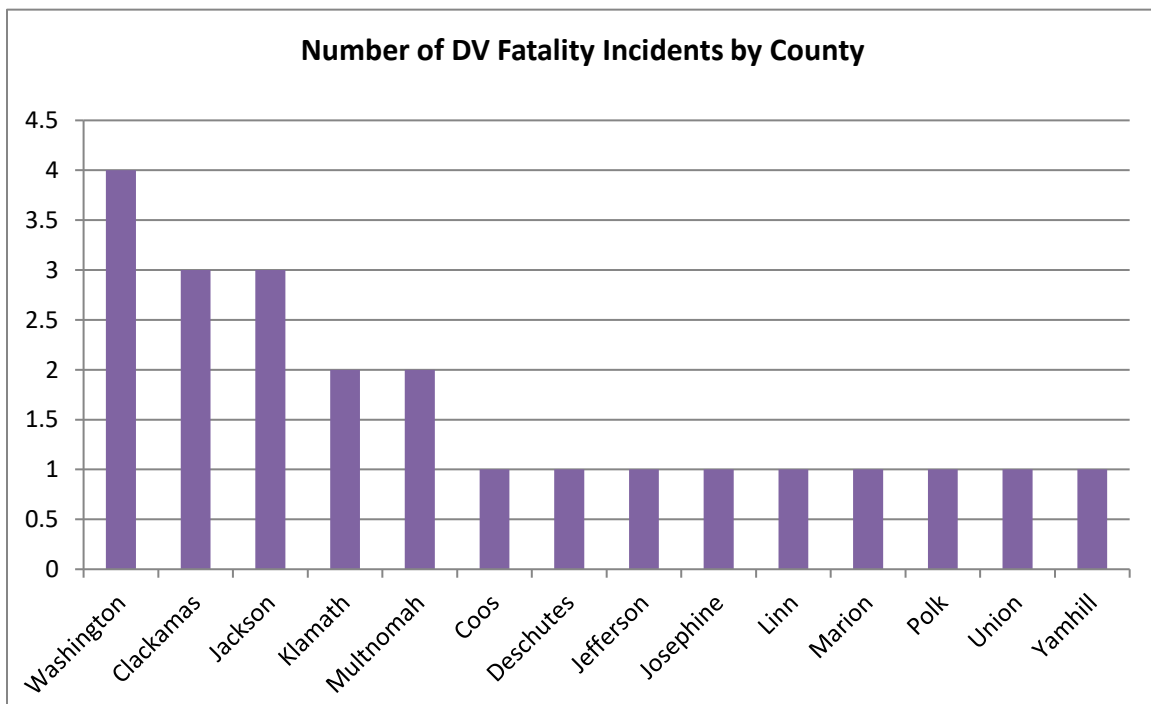
## Overview: Domestic Violence Incidents across Oregon

A total of **28** people—victims and perpetrators—lost their lives in 2018.

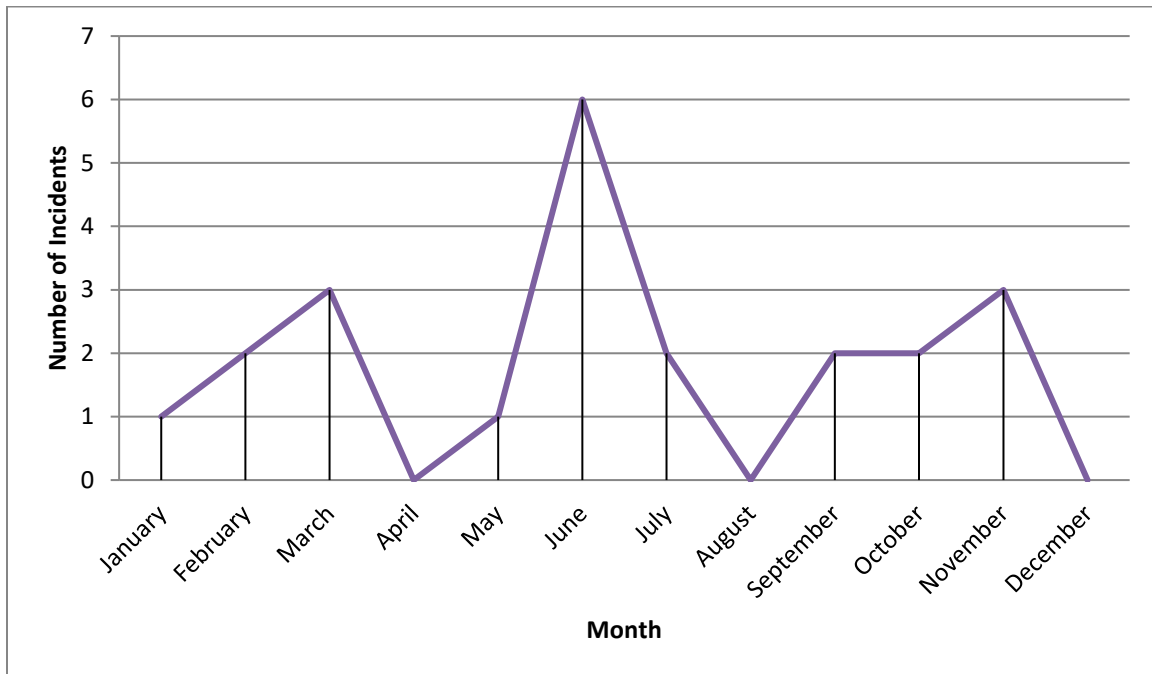
**Fourteen** out of thirty-six Oregon counties had at least one fatal domestic-violence incident.



The state suffered a **total of 22** separate incidents of fatal domestic violence, with the highest number concentrated in Washington County. One incident involved two counties.



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



### Types of Incidents

Murder (including self-defense)	15
Murder-suicide or attempted murder-suicide	6
Police intervention death	1
Total	22

## A Look at Victims and Perpetrators

### Overview of All Victims

Total number of victims	31
Total number of victims killed	20
Total number of female victims	19
Number of female victims killed	15
Number of female victims physically injured	2
Total number of male victims	8
Number of male victims killed	5
Number of male victims physically injured	2
Total number of victims of unknown gender	4
Number of victims of unknown gender killed	0

Out of a total of thirty-one victims, **65%** were killed.

Of nineteen female victims, **79%** were killed.

Of eight male victims, **63%** 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	0	0	0	0
18-30	3	1	0	4
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	3	1	0	4
51-60	3	0	0	3
61-70	2	3	0	5
71-80	3	2	0	5
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	3	1	4	8
Total by Gender	19	8	4	31

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	0	0	0
18-30	3	0	0	3
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	3	0	0	3
51-60	3	0	0	3
61-70	2	3	0	5
71-80	2	2	0	4
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total by Gender	15	5	0	20



### Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator\*

When perpetrator was male, victim was:

No relation	4	Child	1
Current intimate partner	3	Estranged wife	3
Ex-wife	1	Father	2
Former intimate partner	4	Grandchild	3
Grandfather	1	Grandmother	1
Mother	4	Sibling	2
Uncle	1	Wife	2

Total: 32

### Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator\*

When perpetrator was female, victim was:

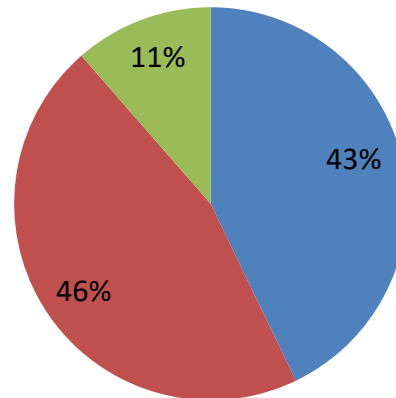
Current intimate partner	1	Husband	1
Father	1		

Total: 3

\*In three incidents, there were two perpetrators.

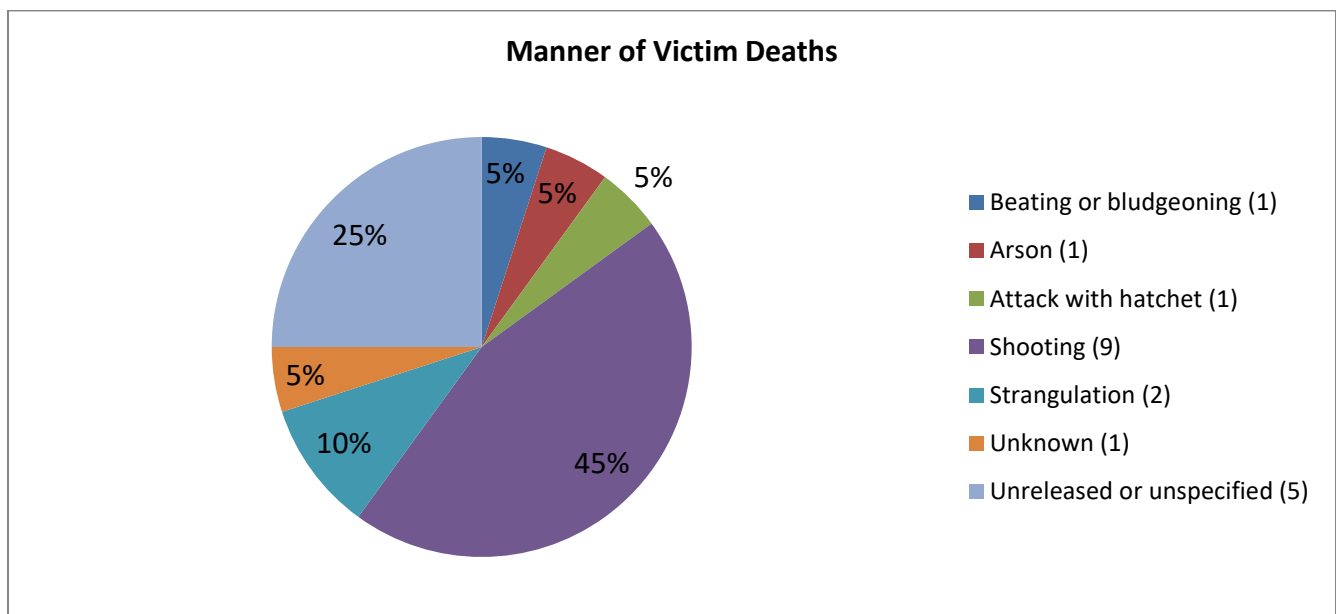
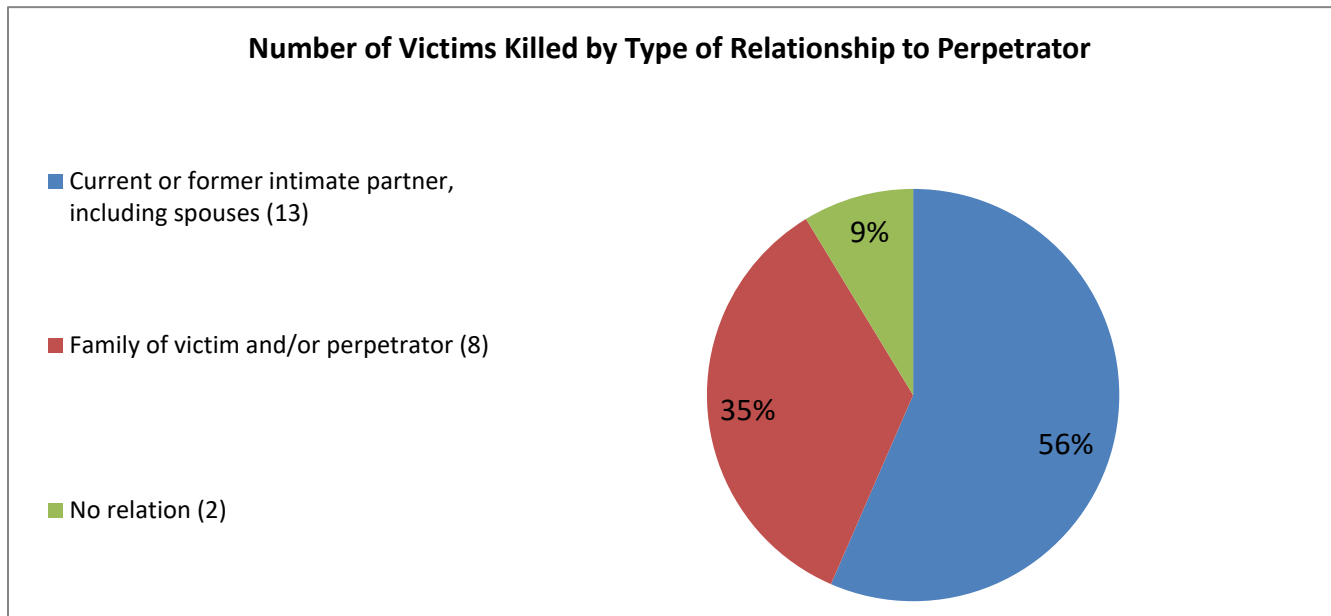
### Number of Victims by Type of Relationship to Perpetrator

- Current and former intimate partners, including spouses (15)
- Family of victim and/or perpetrator (16)
- No relation (4)



Relationship of Victim Killed to Perpetrator*			
Grandfather	1	No relation	2
Father	2	Mother	4
Current intimate partner	2	Estranged wife	3
Ex-wife	1	Former intimate partner	4
Husband	1	Wife	2
Uncle	1		
Total: <b>23</b>			

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## Overview of Perpetrators

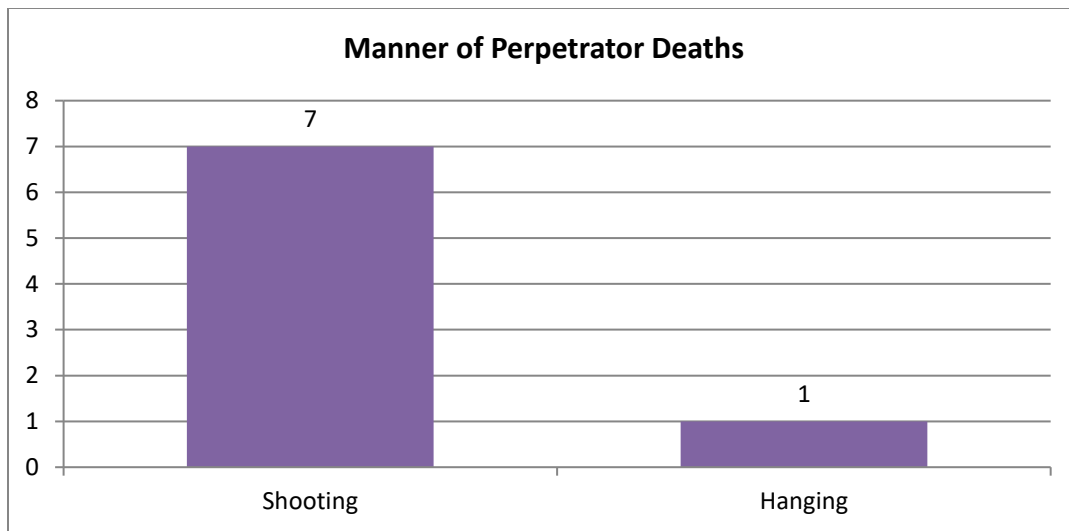
Total number of perpetrators	25
Total number of perpetrators killed	8
Total number of male perpetrators	22
Number of male perpetrators killed	8
Number of male perpetrators physically injured	1
Total number of female perpetrators	3
Number of female perpetrators killed	0
Number of female perpetrators physically injured	0

### Age and Gender of Perpetrators

Age of Perpetrator	Male	Female	Unknown	Total by Age
Under 18	2	0	0	2
18-30	5	0	0	5
31-40	3	1	0	4
41-50	4	0	0	4
51-60	5	1	0	6
61-70	1	1	0	2
71-80	1	0	0	1
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	0	0	1
Total	22	3	0	25

### 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	2	0	0	2
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	1	0	0	1
51-60	2	0	0	2
61-70	0	0	0	0
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	0	0	1
Total	8	0	0	8



## A Closer Look at the Incidents

### Location

Overview of Incident Locations*	
Residence, immediate vicinity of residence, or personal property	18
Street and/or vehicle	1
Workplace	1
Store	1
Motel/hotel	1
Unknown or unreleased	3

\*Some incidents involved multiple locations.

### Narrative Summaries by County

#### Clackamas

**West Linn-** A man fatally shot his ex-girlfriend before fatally shooting himself. She had obtained a restraining order against him, but it was never served.

**Sandy-** A woman fatally shot her boyfriend in his home.

**Sandy-** A man murdered his wife at an unspecified location and left her body outside of a summer camp in Sandy.

## Coos

**North Bend-** A man fatally shot his estranged wife in her home. He also shot her daughter, who survived. The daughter's three children were present during the incident.

## Deschutes

**Bend-** A man murdered his ex-girlfriend and left her body wrapped in a tarp outside of Bend. Before the discovery of her body, he was taken into custody for violating a restraining order she had against him, and hanged himself.

## Jackson

**Medford-** A man fatally shot his girlfriend before fatally shooting himself.

**Central Point-** A man strangled his estranged wife to death before setting her home on fire. He was arrested at the scene.

**Medford-** A man fatally shot his girlfriend in her apartment.

## Jefferson

**Crooked River Ranch-** A man murdered his mother in their home.

## Josephine

**Merlin-** A man fatally shot his ex-girlfriend before fatally shooting himself in his car.

## Klamath

**Klamath Falls-** A man attacked his girlfriend in their home. She fatally shot him in self-defense.

**Klamath Falls-** A man attacked his mother and father with a hatchet. His brother stabbed him and stopped the attack. The mother died from her injuries.

## Linn

**Tangent-** A man attacked his uncle, seriously injuring him. The victim's daughter and nephew left him outside overnight, where he died from his injuries.

## Marion

**St. Paul-** A man fatally strangled his estranged wife and left her body outside of St. Paul. He then fatally shot himself at his home in Hillsboro. (This incident is also listed under Washington County.)

## Multnomah

**Portland-** Police fatally shot a man who was holding his girlfriend hostage in a motel. Prior to entering the hotel, he had threatened someone at a store with a knife.

**Portland-** A woman fatally shot her husband at his workplace.

## Polk

**Salem-** A man fatally shot his wife and himself in their home.

## **Union**

**Cove-** A man fatally shot his ex-wife at her home. He was arrested along with another man, details of whose involvement have not been disclosed at the time of this report.

## **Washington**

**Tualatin-** A man murdered his mother and injured his brother in their home.

**Rock Creek-** A man fatally beat his father in their home.

**Tualatin-** A man murdered his mother in their home.

**Hillsboro-** A man fatally strangled his estranged wife and left her body outside of St. Paul. He then fatally shot himself at his home in Hillsboro. (This incident is also listed under Marion County.)

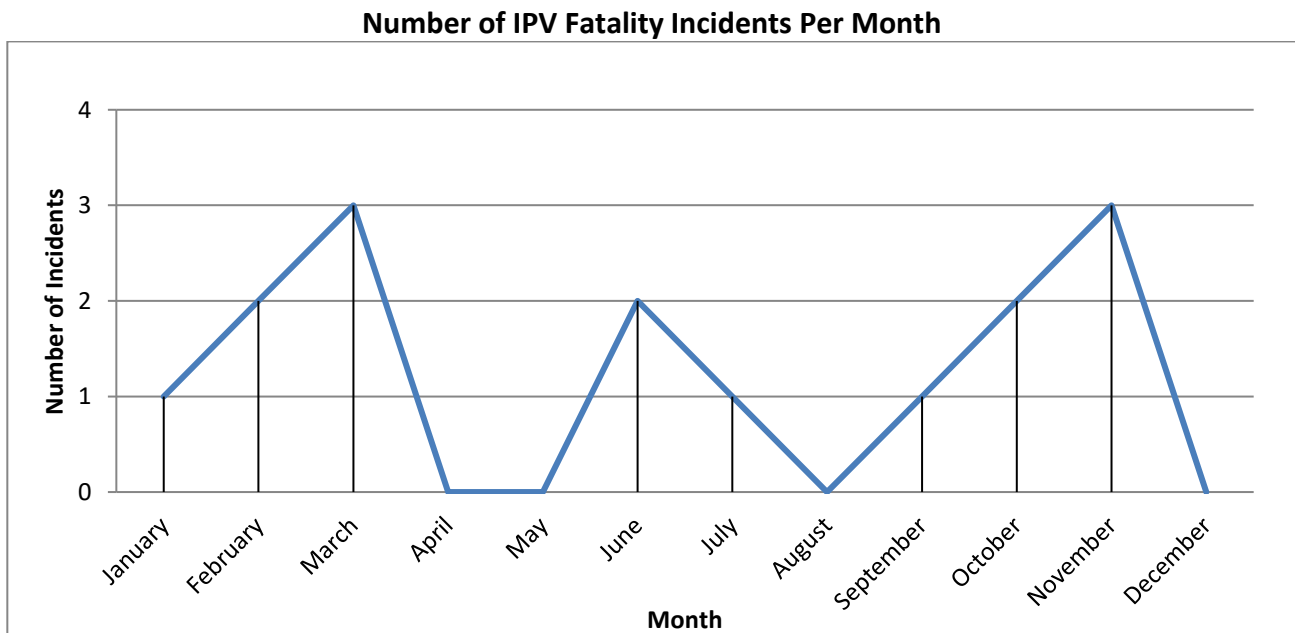
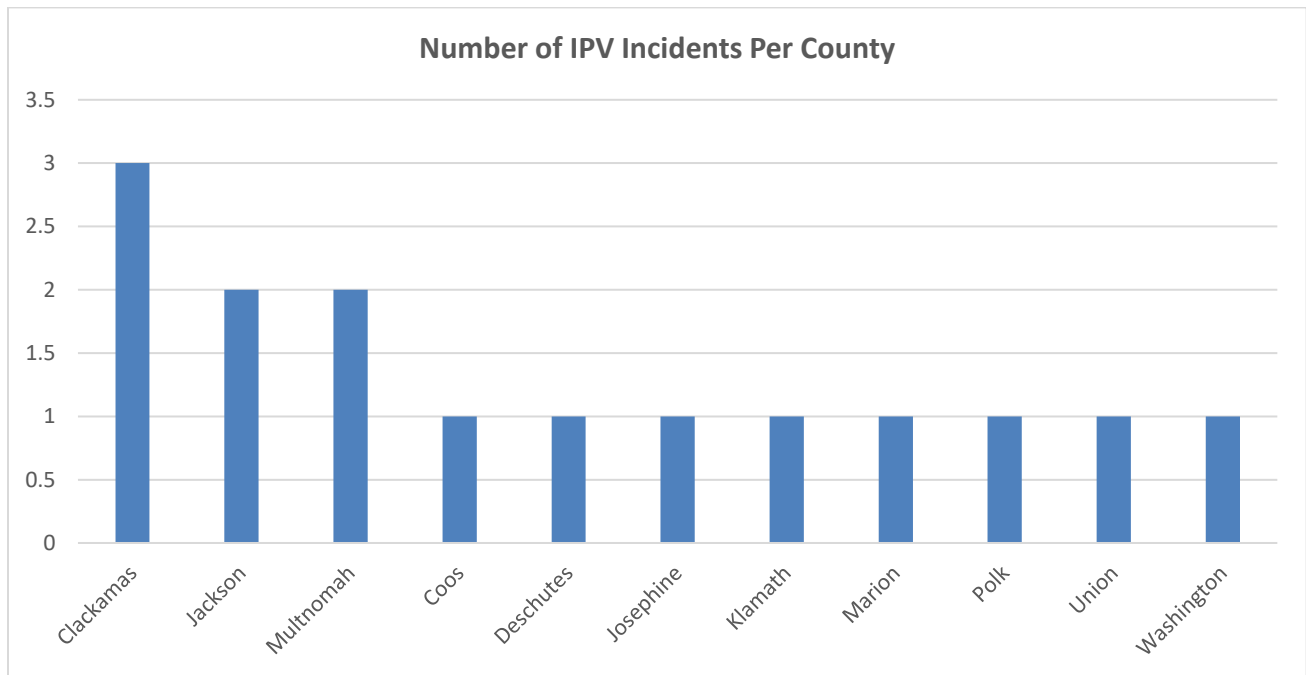
## **Yamhill**

**Willamina-** A teenage boy and his friend set his grandparents' home on fire, killing his grandfather and injuring his grandmother.

## 2018 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 was a total of 15 IPV and IPV-related fatality incidents in 2018.



## Types of Incidents

Murder (including self-defense)	8
Murder-suicide or attempted murder-suicide	6
Police intervention death	1
Total	15

## Overview of Victims

Total number of victims	20
Total number of victims killed	13
Total number of female victims	14
Number of female victims killed	11
Number of female victims physically injured	1
Total number of male victims	2
Number of male victims killed	2
Number of male victims physically injured	0
Total number of victims of unknown gender	4
Number of victims of unknown gender killed	0

## Age and Gender of Victims

Age of Victim	Female	Male	Unknown	Total by Age
0-6	0	0	0	0
7-17	0	0	0	0
18-30	3	0	0	3
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	3	0	0	3
51-60	2	0	0	2
61-70	1	2	0	3
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	3	0	4	7
Total by Gender	14	2	4	20



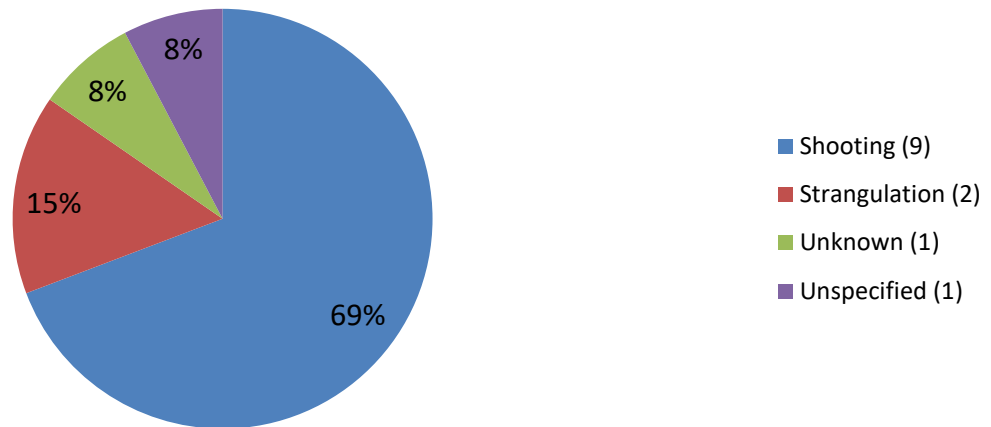
Number of Victims Killed by Age and Gender				
Age of victim	Females Killed	Males Killed	Unknown	Total by Age
0-6	0	0	0	0
7-17	0	0	0	0
18-30	3	0	0	3
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	3	0	0	3
51-60	2	0	0	2
61-70	1	2	0	3
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0
Total by Gender	11	2	0	13

Relationship of Victim to Male Perpetrator*	
When perpetrator was male, victim was:	
Child	1
Current intimate partner	3
Estranged wife	3
Ex-wife	1
Former intimate partner	4
Grandchild	3
Wife	2
No relation	2
Total:	19

Relationship of Victim to Female Perpetrator*	
When perpetrator was female, victim was:	
Current intimate partner	1
Husband	1
Total:	2

Relationship of Victim Killed to Perpetrator	
Current intimate partner	2
Estranged wife	3
Ex-wife	1
Former intimate partner	4
Husband	1
Wife	2
No relation	1

**Manner of Victim Deaths**



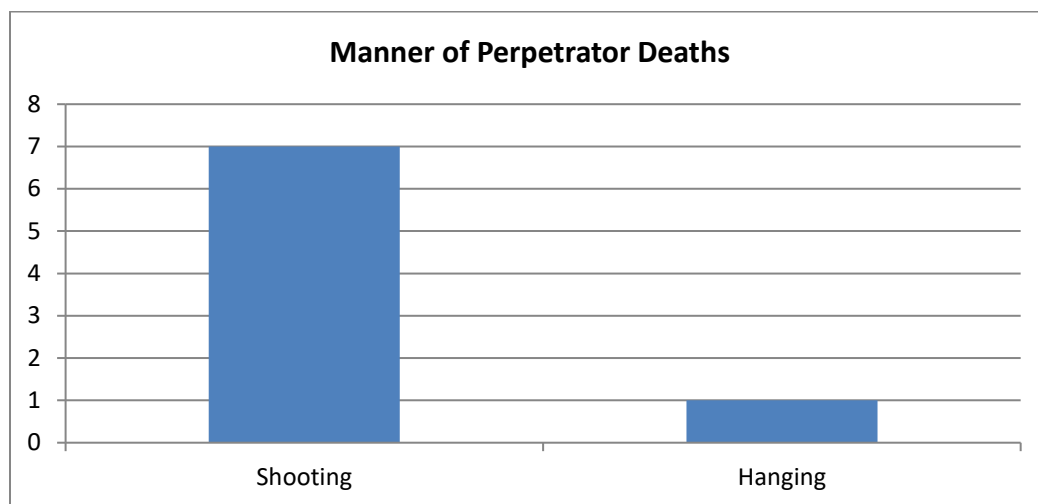
### Overview of Perpetrators

Total number of perpetrators	16
Total number of perpetrators killed	8
Total number of male perpetrators	14
Number of male perpetrators killed	8
Number of male perpetrators physically injured	0
Total number of female perpetrators	2
Number of female perpetrators killed	0
Number of female perpetrators physically injured	0

### Age and Gender of Perpetrators

Age of Perpetrator	Male	Female	Unknown	Total by Age
Under 18	0	0	0	0
18-30	3	0	0	3
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	2	0	0	2
51-60	4	1	0	5
61-70	1	1	0	2
71-80	1	0	0	1
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	0	0	1
Total	14	2	0	16

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	2	0	0	2
31-40	2	0	0	2
41-50	1	0	0	1
51-60	2	0	0	2
61-70	0	0	0	0
71-80	0	0	0	0
81-90	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	0	1	1
Total	8	0	0	8



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### Location

Location of Incident*	
Residence or immediate vicinity of residence, or personal property	11
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