#CallItFemicide 2021 Report

173 Women & Girls Violently Killed in Canada in 2021
When accused was identified (N=149), 133 were male (89%)

Rate and number of women & girls killed involving male accused

*Rate per 100,000 women/girls in province/territory, 2021

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Overview

- Geographic patterns
  - NFLD, MB, SK, AB, YK, NU have rates above the national average for killings of women & girls involving male accused; NU and YK having the highest rates.
  - 45% of victims were killed in rural areas/small towns (N=60)
    - 33% (N=44) in rural (<10,000 population)
    - 12% (N=16) in small towns (10,000-49,000 population)

- Situational factors
  - 47% of women/girls were killed in their own home or the home they shared with accused; 23% killed in unspecified residence; 15% killed in public area.
  - When information known (41%), the most common method of killing was stabbing (45%) followed by shooting (38%)

Age Distribution of the Victims*

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<th>Women and Girls Killed</th>
<th>General Population</th>
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<td>&lt;18</td>
<td>9%</td>
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*Age unknown for 9 victims

Women aged 18-54 overrepresented as victims

Average age of Victims: 42 years old
Youngest: <1 year old
Oldest: 97 years old

Victim-Accused Relationship

- Current/former intimate partner: 35%*
- Relationship not yet specified: 34%
- Familial femicide: 20%**
- Friends/acquaintance: 7%
- Stranger: 5%

*22% of which involved a reported history of physical or non-physical violence (N=10)
**69% of which involved accused who were sons of the victims (N=18)

Race/Ethnicity

- Indigenous victims: 19%
- Racialized victims: 32%
- White victims: 50%
**Intimate Partner Femicide (N=46)**

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- 6.5% unspecified spouse
- 6.5% ex-common law spouse
- 6.5% ex-legal spouse

**Accused Suicide**

- 15% of all male accused died by suicide
- 24% of males accused of intimate partner femicide died by suicide

**Focusing on Male Accused Only:**

- Current Annual Number (as of Feb 28, 2022): 187 (projected)
- Yearly increase in number over time: **14 ****

**157 Total Accused**

- 137 males
- 16 females
- 4 sex not publicly identified (3 police officers, 1 young offender)

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**Number of women and girls violently killed in Canada, 2018-2021**

- More than 164 children left without a mother
- 4 women were pregnant

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**‘26% increase in killings of women and girls from 2019 to 2021’**

**Compared to pre-pandemic year 2019, using number recorded by Dec. 31 each year:**

- 23 more deaths in 2020 (17% increase)
- 36 more deaths in 2021 (26% increase)

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**Year** | **Annual number (as of Dec 31 each year)** | **Yearly increase in number over time ***** | **Current Annual Number (as of Feb 28, 2022)**
---|---|---|---
2018 | 148 * | 19 | 167
2019 | 137 | 13 | 150
2020 | 160 ** | 11 | 171
2021 | 173 | 14 **** | 187 (projected)

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*This includes 11 women killed in the Toronto Van Attack on April 23, 2018.
**This includes 13 women killed in the Nova Scotia Mass Killings on April 18-19, 2020.
***Numbers increase over time as investigations completed, suspicious deaths become homicide, or new deaths recorded.
****Projected increase based on average increase over previous three years.