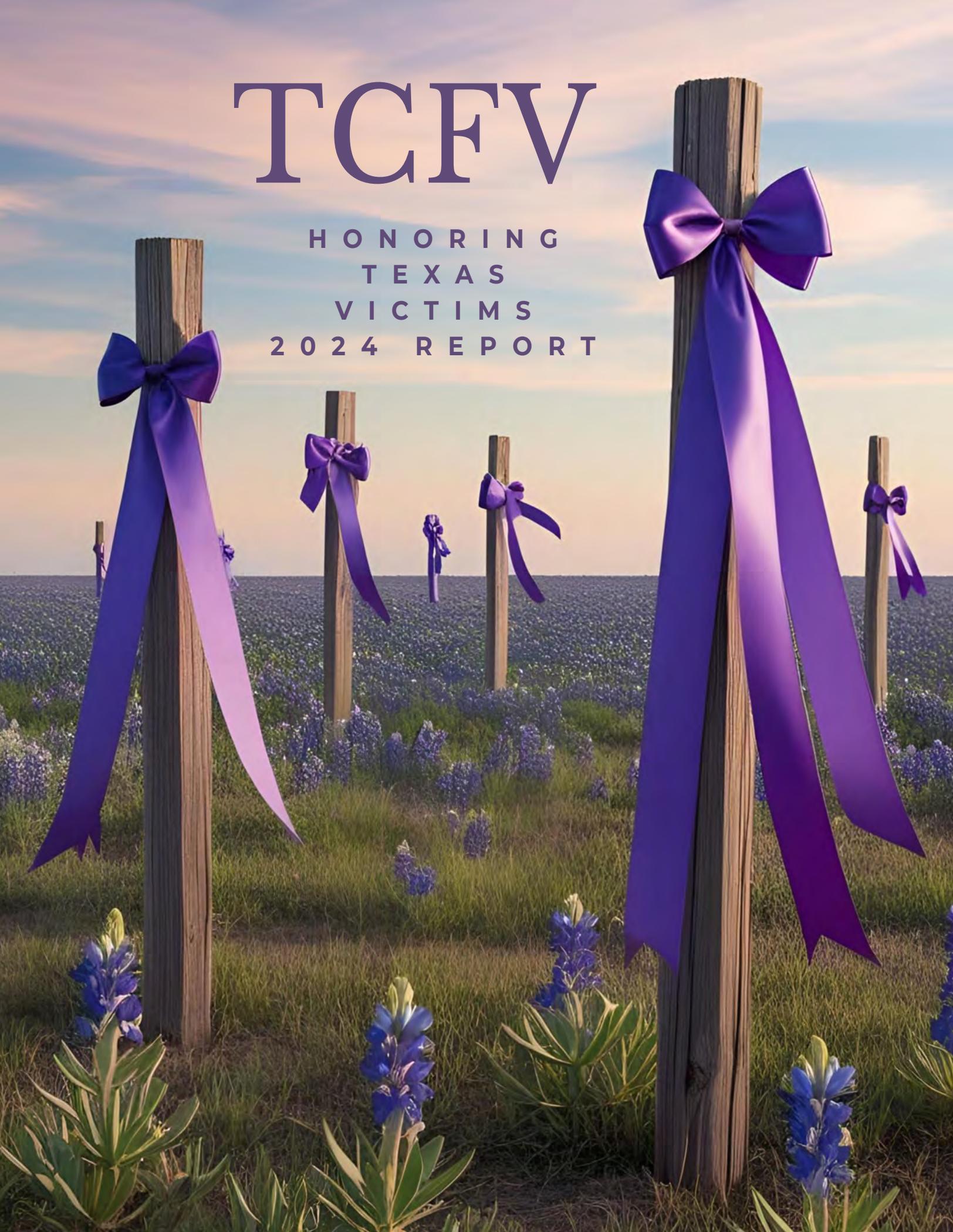


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2024 REPORT



*In memory of the Texas women, men, and minors
killed by their intimate partners in 2024*





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“She kept everyone laughing.”

These are the words of a grieving sister remembering her loved one, taken too soon by domestic violence. Words like this echo across our state as families mourn, communities rally, and advocates demand change.

Each year, we come together to honor the lives of Texans lost to domestic violence. These names, these stories, are not statistics; they are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, and friends whose absence leaves an ache in families and communities across Texas.

In 2024, 161 Texans were killed by their intimate partners. Each life stolen is a solemn reminder of the urgency of our work.

This report is both a memorial and a mandate. It bears witness to the devastating reality of domestic violence homicides in Texas, but it also carries forward the voices of survivors, advocates, and communities who refuse to accept this violence as inevitable. Each life remembered here calls us to act with courage, with compassion, and with unwavering commitment.

At the Texas Council on Family Violence, we know that every tragedy told on these pages is a reminder of what is at stake. Yet within this heartbreak, there is also resilience and hope. Communities are rising to support survivors. Advocates are innovating and expanding life-saving services. Lawmakers and partners are listening and responding. These are seeds of change that require all of us, working together, to grow into lasting safety and justice.

As you read this year’s *Honoring Texas Victims* report, I ask you not only to hold each name with reverence but also to let their memory compel you to action. Speak out. Support survivors. Challenge systems that allow violence to persist. Join us in building a Texas where *every person* can live free from fear.

We cannot bring back the lives we have lost; however, together we can ensure fewer names are added to these pages in the years to come. That is the charge for us. That is how we honor them.

For policymakers and community leaders: your decisions, investments, and leadership can and will save lives.

For every Texan: your compassion, your voice, and your willingness to stand with survivors can change the future of our communities.

With remembrance and determination,



Gloria Aguilera Terry

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Honoring Texas Victims 2024

The Texas Council on Family Violence promotes systemic changes to prevent and end intimate partner abuse and uplift healthy, safe, respectful relationships.

We pause each year to reflect on the victims of intimate partner violence homicides and honor those whose lives ended at the hands of their partners. We examine the conditions related to each homicide to identify potential systemic gaps for survivor safety and offer holistic approaches to addressing domestic violence in Texas communities.

The pages of this report bring remembrance and honor the lives our state lost in 2024 due to intimate partner violence. We will continue to advocate for the victims of domestic violence in our state and will keep the memory of those lives we lost. Each victim of intimate partner homicide represents the men, women, and children who daily survive domestic violence and abuse. At TCFV, we strive to equip state agencies, local domestic violence centers, law enforcement, and prosecutorial jurisdictions to continue the task of decreasing the number of deaths due to intimate partner violence. Together, our efforts are creating change in our state towards a safer community and healthy relationships.

In 2024, homicides due to intimate partner violence caused the deaths of 161 Texans.



This includes 137 women and 24 men who lost their lives due to intimate partner violence. This also includes 4 LGBTQIA+ victims killed by their same-sex partners. From these homicides, a total of 104 children lost at least one parent. In 2024, 16 friends, family, and bystanders were also killed by homicide perpetrators, and an additional 8 people were injured. In the following sections, we provide further data, statistics, and analysis. With honor and respect, each victim's story is included, reflecting on the lives we lost.

TCFV documents intimate partner homicides within our Texas communities on the following pages. Each confirmed fatality represents an individual killed in Texas by an intimate partner or a stalking perpetrator between January 2024 and December 2024. To offer communities an effective response to enhance future survivor safety, TCFV highlights lethality risk factors within each narrative when the information is available.

Information regarding criminal charges and bond conditions in this report represents what was known about the status of criminal cases at the time of publishing. We hope that a thoughtful examination of each case shines much-needed light on improved prevention and intervention strategies to reduce domestic violence.

With gratitude, we recognize the communities and agencies throughout our state who have consistently worked in the prevention and response of intimate partner violence and homicides. It is our agency's goal to see all of Texas without any IPV homicides.

TCFV respectfully lists the names of each of the 161 victims of intimate partner homicide in 2024 and joins their families, friends, and communities in mourning them all.



SECTION II

Landscape of Domestic Violence in Texas: Data & Impact

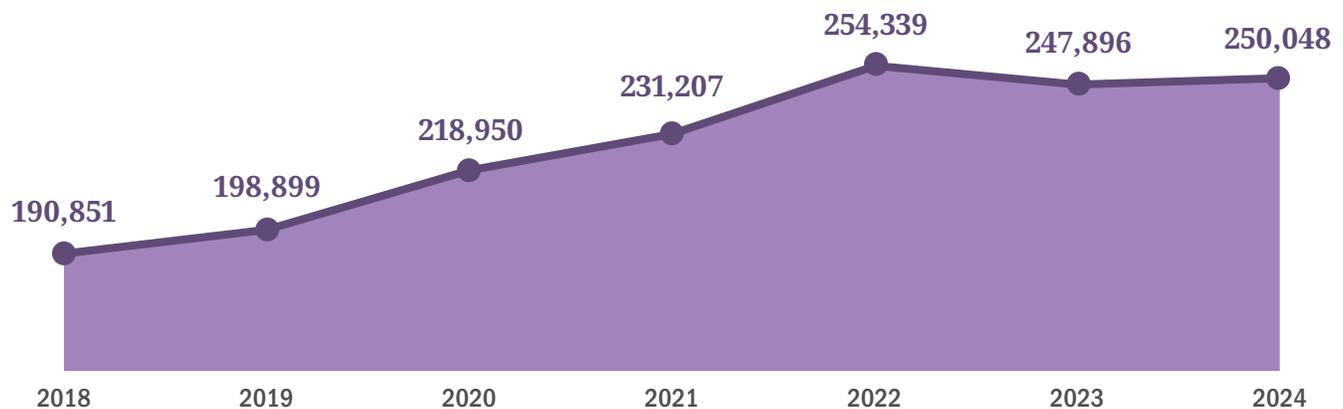
■ **In 2024**, Texas continued to confront the ongoing crisis of family and intimate partner violence. Reported incidents and service demands demonstrate both the resilience of survivors and the efforts of communities to respond effectively. At the same time, the data underscores the persistent challenges in ensuring survivor safety, expanding access to shelter, and sustaining prevention and intervention initiatives across the state.

To provide a comprehensive understanding of these issues, it is critical to examine not only the cases included in the primary analysis but also those excluded, as well as the limitations inherent in the available data. The following sections outline these exclusions and methodological considerations, offering the context necessary for interpreting the statewide landscape of domestic violence in 2024.

FAMILY VIOLENCE TRENDS

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), 250,048 family violence offenses were reported in 2024, compared to 247,896 in 2023, a slight increase of less than one percent.¹

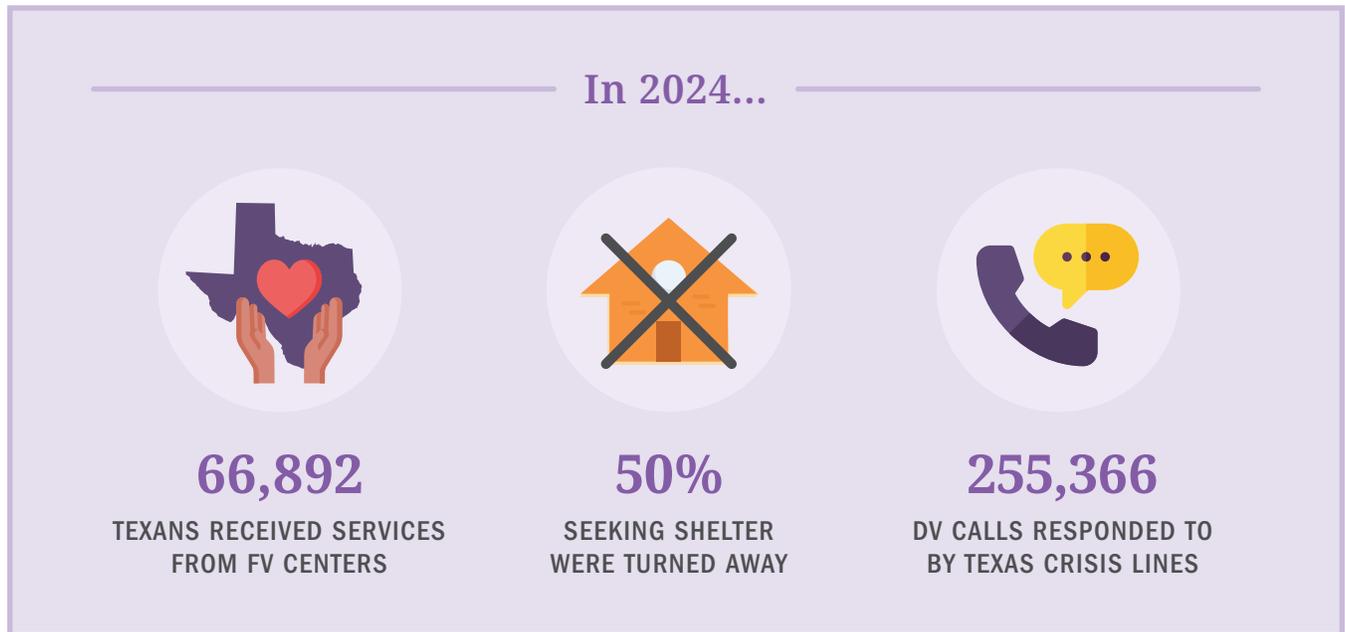
Since 2018, reported incidents of family violence in Texas have increased by 31 percent, underscoring the persistent and growing nature of this issue statewide.



¹ Texas Department of Public Safety. (2025). *Crime in Texas: 2024 Annual Report*. Retrieved from <https://www.dps.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/crimereports/24/2024cit.pdf>.

In 2024, 117,119 incidents involved current or former intimate partners. Of these, 17 percent (19,913 cases) were classified as aggravated assaults, typically involving weapons, strangulation, or other serious injuries. This data reflects the enduring prevalence and severity of intimate partner violence across Texas communities.

SURVIVOR SERVICES AND SHELTER CAPACITY



Family violence centers across Texas continued to respond to survivors' urgent needs through shelter, crisis lines, and advocacy services. In 2024, 66,892 Texans received services, a 2 percent increase from 2023. Notably, centers provided over 200,000 more services than the prior year, demonstrating both the scope and intensity of survivor needs.

Despite this significant outreach, 50 percent of survivors seeking shelter were turned away solely because of capacity, evidence of the continuing gap between demand and available services.

Calls to family violence hotlines remain a critical measure of help-seeking behavior. In 2024, Texas crisis lines in domestic violence organizations responded to 255,366 calls, a decrease of 37,840 from the prior year. The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) answered 444,178 contacts, with Texas accounting for 27,889 contacts. While state-level calls decreased slightly, the overall number of contacts underscores the continued demand for survivor support.

INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Texas continues to expand interventions focused on accountability and behavioral change for individuals who use violence. Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs) serve as an alternative to incarceration and an intervention for men who harm their intimate partners to critically examine their behavior and belief systems connected to their choices to use violence and promote positive behavioral change. System partners, including pretrial services, probation, and parole, made 2,661 BIPP referral placements for domestic violence offenders.

This reflects a 5.4% increase from FY23, primarily due to the addition of a TDCJ-CJAD-funded program, the introduction of regulated virtual group sessions, and a likely increase in referral placements resulting from the clearance of court backlogs.

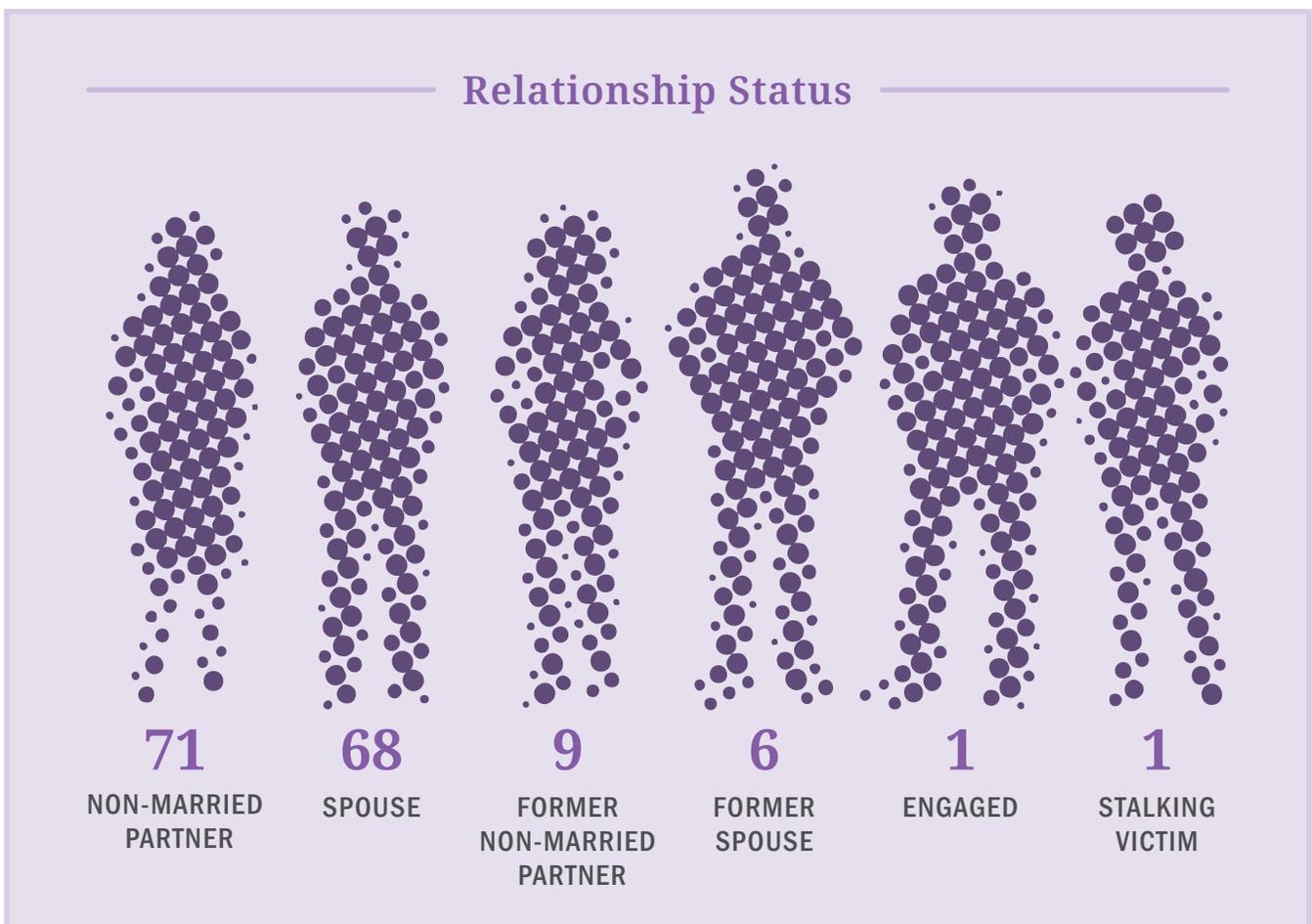
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This collective data from 2024 illustrates both progress and persistent challenges. While more Texans are accessing lifesaving services and intervention programs continue to expand, shelters remain over capacity and incidents of violence remain high. Addressing the landscape of domestic violence in Texas demands continued collaboration, sustained investment, and a shared commitment to ensuring safety and justice for every survivor.

SECTION III

An Analysis of Intimate Partner and Stalking Homicides in 2024

■ In 2024, the number of women killed by a male intimate partner decreased by 2% compared to 2023. The number of males killed by a female intimate partner in 2024 was 14.5%, a slight increase of 2.8% from the 2023 report. Additionally, there were 4 victims of LGBTQIA+ relationships who were killed, 2.5% of 2024 victims. In 2024, there were no findings of male-male LGBTQIA+ homicides.



In 2024, 128 males and 4 females shot and killed their female intimate partners. Twenty men stabbed and killed their female intimate partners, and 14 men physically assaulted their female victims to death; 10 men killed their female partners by strangulation; 5 men used a vehicle, another 7 men used a blunt weapon/force, and 3 men used fire to kill their female partners.

WOMEN KILLED

A total of 137 women were killed in 2024 by a current or former intimate partner, a 2% decrease from 2023. Of the 137 women killed in 2024, 133 were killed by a male intimate partner. Additionally, 4 female victims were killed by their female intimate partners.

The overall age range of female victims is 17 to 70 years old. Women between 30 and 39 had the highest count of deaths, comparable to last year's report. Women in the age range of 20 to 29 had the second-highest deaths in 2024. There were 4 female victims under the age of 19, and 3 were 70 years old.

In 2024, 95 women lost their lives to gun violence, 20 were fatally stabbed, 14 died from physical assault, 10 were strangled, 7 were killed by blunt force trauma, 5 were struck by a vehicle, and 3 died because of arson or fire.

The highest age groups represented were female victims between 30–39 and 20–29, respectively.



Female Victim Race/Ethnicity



The female victims in 2024 included 7 Asian, 46 Black or African American, 84 White, with 34% of Hispanic Ethnicity. The report did not identify any female victims of American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or other ethnicities; however, 7% had unreported ethnicities.

MEN KILLED

In 2024, twenty-four men were killed by their female intimate partner. For 2024 in Texas, no men were killed by their male partners.

The age range of the male victims in 2024 is 18 to 69 years old. The age group with the most male victims of homicide was men between the ages of 30 and 49, with the age group 60 to 69 in the second highest.

Of the men who were killed in 2024 by IPV homicides, 79% of them were killed by a firearm. Three female perpetrators killed their male victims by stabbing, 1 female perpetrator used a vehicle, and 1 female perpetrator used blunt force to kill their male intimate partner.

The highest age groups represented were male victims between 30–39 and 40–49, followed by those between 60–69.



Male Victim Race/Ethnicity



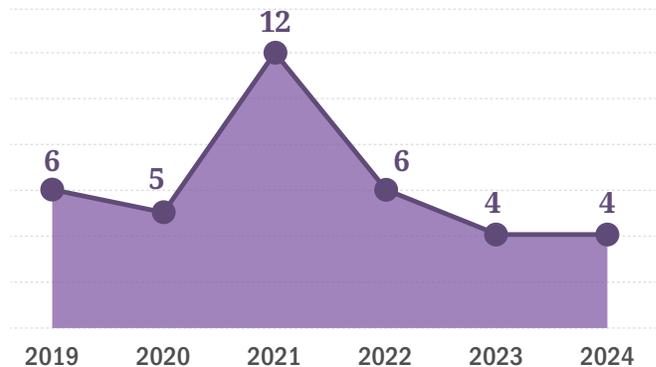
Of the male victims in 2024, 8 were Black or African American males, 1 was a Native Hawaiian male, 15 were white males, and 8 men were of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. The report did not identify any male victims of American Indian or Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander, or other ethnicities.

LGBTQIA+ VICTIMS

Among the homicide deaths in 2024 were 4 LGBTQIA+ Texans who were killed by an intimate partner. All four victims were women who died at the hands of a current or former female partner, each involving the use of a firearm.

Often, LGBTQIA+ survivors of intimate partner violence tend to face higher levels of both barriers to help-seeking and the ability to report violence due to the potential for discrimination and systemic intolerance one would face. Keeping this in mind, the fear the LGBTQIA+ survivors face limits available data researchers use to recommend preventative strategies, making it difficult to avoid encountering bias when attempting to alleviate one's lack of understanding regarding someone's gender identity and sexual orientation. Through tailoring systems-based, equitable, and accessible services to these communities, we can find a means to reduce victimization and potential lethal cases while providing a foundation of support.

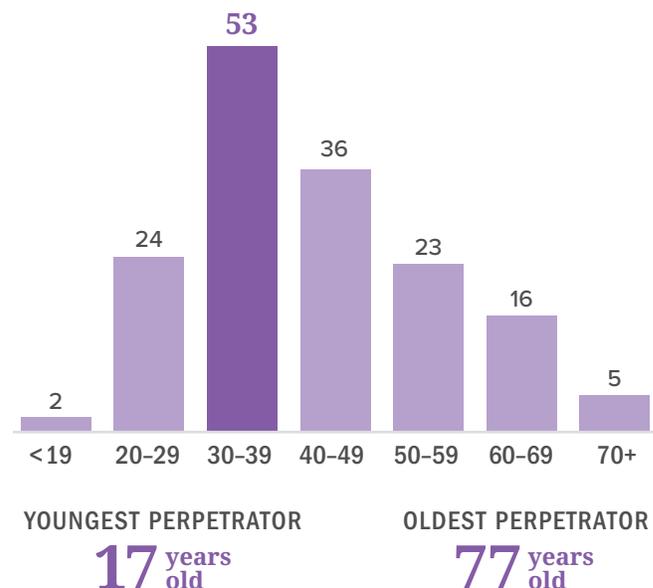
Between 2019 and 2024, a total of 37 LGBTQIA+ victims have been documented in this report.



HOMICIDE PERPETRATORS

Of the 2024 homicide perpetrators, 28 were women and 133 were men. The youngest perpetrator was a 17-year-old male. The oldest perpetrator was a 77-year-old male who shot and killed his wife. Perpetrators within the age range of 30 to 39 had the highest count, with those in the 40 to 49 age range leading in second. There are three cases in which the ages of the perpetrators are unreported.

The most prevalent age group represented are perpetrators between 30-39.



Of the 161 homicide perpetrators in 2024, 66% had a known history of violence, an increase from 19% in 2023 cases. Of those in 2024, 13 had either a current or prior MOEP (Magistrate Order of Emergency Protection, also known as Emergency Protection Order, EPO), and one had an active Protective Order. The cases included in this report include only those in which the perpetrator has been formally charged with murder, manslaughter, homicide, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault of a family member with serious bodily injury with a weapon, or if it resulted in a murder-suicide.

HOMICIDE-SUICIDES

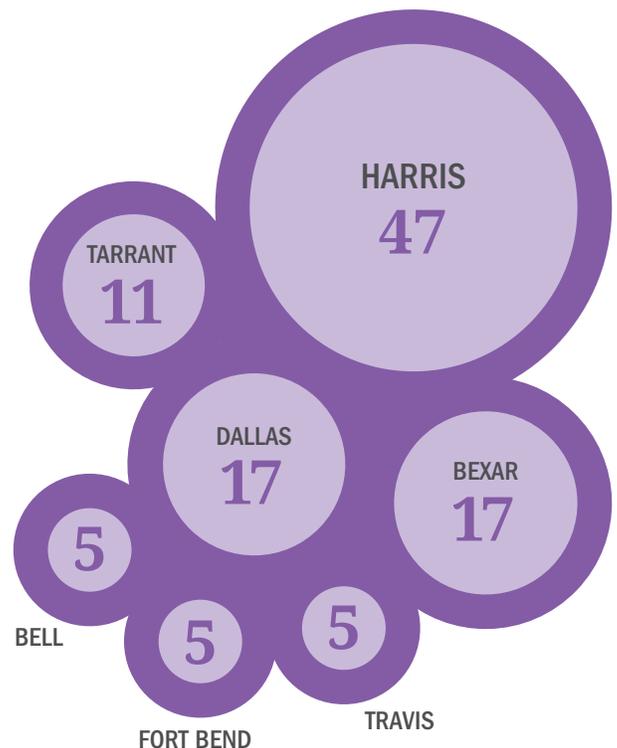
Of the 2024 IPV homicides, 55 resulted in murder-suicide, in which both the victim and perpetrator lost their lives. Compared to the 2023 report, this reflects an increase from 32% in 2023 to 34% in 2024. In 2024, three perpetrators were killed by law enforcement responding to the homicide.

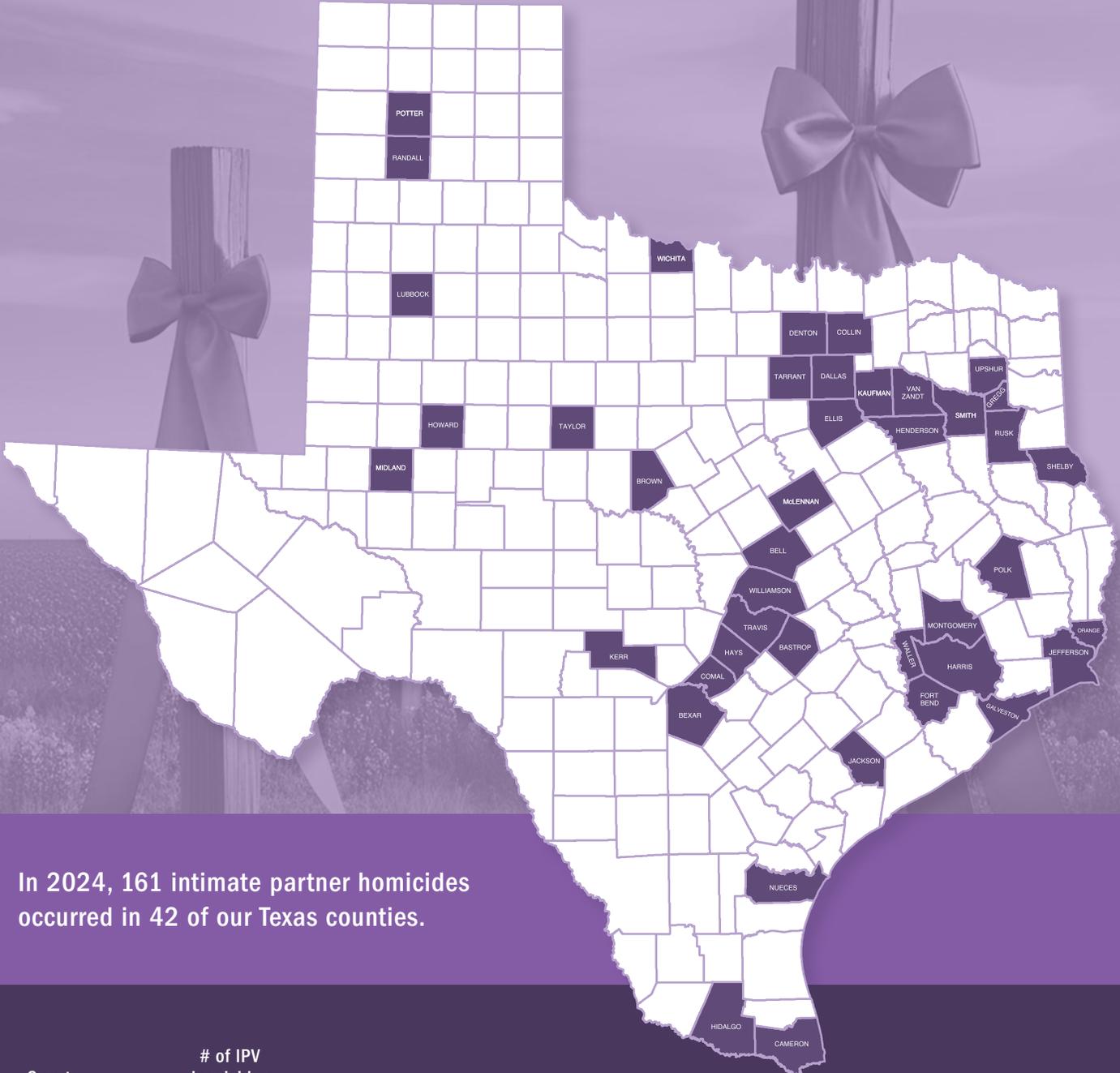
INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES ACROSS TEXAS COMMUNITIES

In 2024, 161 homicides occurred in 42 of our Texas counties. In Harris County, 47 intimate partner homicides occurred; 17 occurred in Bexar County, 17 in Dallas County, and 11 occurred in Tarrant County. There were also 5 cases in each of the following counties: Bell, Fort Bend, and Travis. Sixty-six percent of the 161 intimate partner homicides occurred in these 7 counties. A total of 107 homicides occurred in these most populous counties.

Compared to the 2023 report, Harris County saw an increase in intimate partner homicides from 18% in 2023 to 29% in 2024. Dallas County had a 1.7% decrease from the 2023 report. Bexar County had an increase of 4.2% from 2023.

The top 7 counties below account for 66% of all Texas intimate partner homicides in 2024, with Harris County accounting for 29% of the total.





In 2024, 161 intimate partner homicides occurred in 42 of our Texas counties.

| County | # of IPV homicides |
|------------|--------------------|
| BASTROP | 1 |
| BELL | 5 |
| BEXAR | 17 |
| BROWN | 1 |
| CAMERON | 1 |
| COLLIN | 3 |
| COMAL | 2 |
| DALLAS | 17 |
| DENTON | 3 |
| ELLIS | 2 |
| FORT BEND | 5 |
| GALVESTON | 2 |
| GREGG | 1 |
| HARRIS | 47 |
| HAYS | 1 |
| HENDERSON | 2 |
| HIDALGO | 1 |
| HOWARD | 1 |
| JACKSON | 2 |
| JEFFERSON | 2 |
| KAUFMAN | 1 |
| KERR | 1 |
| LUBBOCK | 2 |
| McLENNAN | 2 |
| MIDLAND | 1 |
| MONTGOMERY | 2 |
| NUECES | 1 |
| ORANGE | 1 |
| POLK | 1 |
| POTTER | 2 |
| RANDALL | 1 |
| RUSK | 1 |
| SHELBY | 1 |
| SMITH | 2 |
| TARRANT | 11 |
| TAYLOR | 2 |
| TRAVIS | 5 |
| UPSHUR | 1 |
| VAN ZANDT | 1 |
| WALLER | 3 |
| WICHITA | 1 |
| WILLIAMSON | 1 |

LINE OF DUTY DEATH AND INJURIES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Domestic violence calls are one of the most dangerous calls for a law enforcement officer.² These incidents are often unpredictable and may carry a high risk of serious injury or death for officers. In Texas, the frequency and severity of such incidents have steadily increased over the past several years, underscoring the ongoing risks law enforcement officers face on the front lines. This section highlights trends in family violence offenses, with a focus on intimate partner incidents, aggravated assaults, and the implications for officer safety. By examining the latest data from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), this analysis provides critical insight into the evolving challenges confronting law enforcement in responding to domestic violence.

Each year, our state law enforcement responds to over a quarter of a million of these dangerous calls. In 2024, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) reported 250,048 family violence offenses, with 250,131 victims affected, compared to 247,896 in 2023.³ This represents a slight increase of less than 1% in family violence offenses reported. Since 2018, however, family violence incidents have increased by 31%.

Although the statutory definition of family violence is inclusive of violence beyond intimate partners, data indicate this radiation of danger is present in just under half of these calls. In 2024, current or former intimate partners accounted for 117,139 incidents reported to DPS through the NIBRS. Nearly 20% of these calls also had markers that research shows indicate a high risk of fatality. In fact, seventeen percent (17%) of family violence assaults involving intimate partners (n=19,913) were classified as aggravated assault, typically



² Breul, N., & Luongo, D. (2017). *Making It Safer: A Study of Law Enforcement Fatalities between 2010–2016*. US Department of Justice. Retrieved from <https://cops.usdoj.gov/RIC/Publications/cops-w0858-pub.pdf>.

³ *Id.*

involving weapons, strangulation, or other serious and injurious assaults. The number of family violence offenses in Texas remains significantly higher than in prior years.

The threat posed by these calls endangers not only survivors and their children, but also the first responders who come to help them. Law enforcement officers, EMS providers, and firefighters routinely respond to these calls, which can pose serious safety risks to them as well. According to the *2024 Crime in Texas Annual Report* (Texas Department of Public Safety), law enforcement officers sustained 1,917 assaults statewide while responding to disturbance calls, a category that includes family quarrels and domestic violence situations. Of these, 151 involved firearms, 74 involved knives, 227 involved other dangerous weapons, and 1,465 involved hands, fists, or feet.⁴

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA)

2024 CRIME IN TEXAS ANNUAL REPORT | SECTION 11 OFFICER(S) ASSAULTED BY CIRCUMSTANCE AND WEAPON TYPE

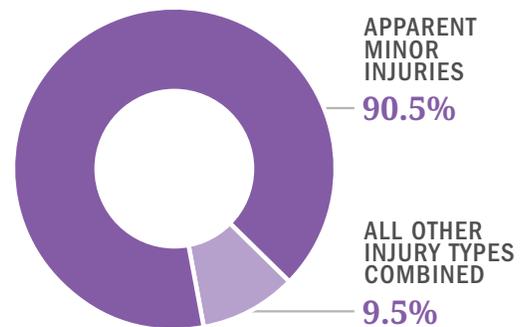
| Circumstance/type of activity | Firearm | Knife or other cutting instrument | Other dangerous weapon | Hands, fists, feet, etc. | Total assaults |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Responding to disturbance call (family quarrels, person with firearm, etc.) | 151 | 74 | 227 | 1,465 | 1,917 |
| Burglaries in progress or pursuing burglary suspects | 12 | 2 | 10 | 44 | 68 |
| Robberies in progress or pursuing robbery suspects | 61 | 1 | 16 | 14 | 92 |
| Attempting other arrests | 124 | 32 | 150 | 1,438 | 1,744 |
| Civil disorder (riot, mass disobedience, etc.) | 3 | 1 | 6 | 49 | 59 |
| Handling, transporting, custody of prisoners | 37 | 29 | 126 | 1,102 | 1,294 |
| Investigating suspicious persons or circumstances | 96 | 9 | 86 | 473 | 664 |
| Ambush / no warning | 8 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 35 |
| Handling persons with mental illness | 24 | 7 | 21 | 159 | 211 |
| Traffic pursuits and stops | 115 | 1 | 173 | 363 | 652 |

⁴ Texas Department of Public Safety. (2025). *Crime in Texas: 2024 Annual Report*. Retrieved from <https://www.dps.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/crimereports/24/2024cit.pdf>.

Injuries

Beyond law enforcement deaths, officers often sustain injuries of varying severity during family violence incidents. When personnel are dispatched to these dangerous situations, single incidents may result in multiple officers being injured. In 2024, the injuries sustained by police officers ranged from minor to severe bodily harm; however, all injuries reflect the inherent risk and volatility in responding to family violence calls.

In total, 828 law enforcement officers were assaulted, with 47% sustaining some form of injury.⁵ Out of the 389 injured officers, 90.5% sustained apparent minor injuries, 2.8% experienced possible internal injuries, 2.3% faced other major injuries, 2.1% sustained severe lacerations, 1.5% had broken bones, and <1% experienced a loss of consciousness.



While all this data paints a broad picture of risk, individual cases reveal a life-threatening and lasting impact beyond the numbers. In April 2024, officers from the San Antonio Police Department were subjected to physical violence while responding to a domestic violence call.⁶ A man deliberately struck a woman, identified as his roommate, with a vehicle, leaving her critically injured. After fleeing the scene and later returning, the suspect drove into the officers, injuring three of them. Some faced serious injuries that required medical attention.

Similarly, in late 2024, San Juan police officers sustained severe injuries from violent outcomes during a domestic violence call.⁷ An 18-year-old who assaulted his mother stabbed three responding officers and although no fatalities resulted from the attack, they all required medical attention. Together, these examples reveal how quickly domestic violence calls can escalate into dangerous, injury-inducing confrontations for law enforcement.

5 Texas Department of Public Safety. (2025). *Ad-hoc query tool: Law enforcement assaults involving family violence by weapon and injury* [Dataset]. Uniform Crime Reporting System, National Incident-Based Reporting System. Retrieved on November 11, 2025, from <https://txucr.nibrs.com/AdvancedSearch/AdvancedSearch>.

6 SBG San Antonio Staff. (2024, April 22). Suspect dead after domestic violence incident escalates to officer-involved shooting. *News 4 San Antonio*. Retrieved on November 12, 2025, from <https://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/domestic-violence-incident-escalates-to-officer-involved-shooting-suspect-dead-san-antonio-texas-crime-suspect-struck-assault>.

7 Alund, N. N. (2024, December 5). 3 police officers stabbed in Texas; 18-year-old man faces attempted capital murder charges. *USA Today*. Retrieved on November 11, 2025, from <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2024/12/04/san-juan-police-officers-stabbed-texas/76761328007/>.

Weapons

Although a majority of assaults on officers (33%) involved personal weapons (hands, feet, and fists), the presence of firearms introduces a far more lethal threat.⁸ Nationally, firearms pose a significant threat to law enforcement, accounting for 52 officer fatalities in 2024.⁹ Within the context of family violence incidents, 184 assaults on law enforcement officers were reported under the aggravated assault and homicide circumstance.¹⁰ Firearms were present in many of these cases, with 7% of the weapons used in assaults being firearm-related. Among those weapons include handguns (27), followed by other types, such as firearms (16), rifles (7), and shotguns (3).

Firearms pose a significant threat to law enforcement, accounting for 52 officer fatalities across the nation in 2024.

Deaths

Occupational homicides remain a serious concern for law enforcement, and research over the year has highlighted their connection to family violence responses. Domestic disturbance calls accounted for 14.1% of officer encounters prior to experiencing an occupational homicide, with 10.2% of those disturbances being tied to intimate partner violence (IPV).¹¹ As domestic disturbance calls consistently present a heightened danger to officer safety, they often lead to more assaults and injuries than other types of assignments.

For offenders known to possess a firearm, make death threats, or who have a documented history of violence, the risk to law enforcement is higher, even when officers are aware of these details in advance. A 2018 analysis revealed that in five out of eight such cases, officers were fatally shot while responding to incidents where offenders met these conditions.¹² Moreover, the studies on officer outcomes in family violence scenarios,

8 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. (2016). *Glossary: Type of weapon*. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. Retrieved on November 11, 2025, from <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/statistical-briefing-book/data-analysis-tools/ezanibrsvd/glossary#injury>; Texas Department of Public Safety. (2025). *Ad-hoc query tool: Law enforcement assaults involving family violence by weapon and injury* [Dataset]. Uniform Crime Reporting System, National Incident-Based Reporting System. Retrieved on November 11, 2025, from <https://txucr.nibrs.com/AdvancedSearch/AdvancedSearch>.

9 National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. (2025). *2024 end-of-year law enforcement officers fatalities report*. Retrieved from <https://nleomf.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2024-Fatalities-Report-FINAL.pdf>.

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11 Blair, J. M., Fowler, K. A., Betz, C. J., & Baumgardner, J. L. (2016). Occupational Homicides of Law Enforcement Officers, 2003-2013: Data from the National Violent Death Reporting System. *American journal of preventive medicine*, 51(5 Suppl 3), S188–S196. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2016.08.019>

12 Breul, N. & Keith, M. (2018). *Deadly calls and fatal encounters: Analysis of U.S. law enforcement line of duty when officers responded to dispatched calls for service and conducted enforcement (2010-2014)*. LEO Near Miss. https://www.leonearmiss.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Deadly-Calls-and-Fatal-Encounters_2010-2014.pdf.

referenced above, consistently point to elevated rates of injuries and fatality among those responding to provide lifesaving assistance to survivors.

In Texas, four law enforcement officers were killed in 2024, including one who died from a firearm injury when responding to a domestic violence call.¹³ These numbers underscore the elevated danger that officers face when intervening in domestic and family violence calls. National studies provide further context. Between 1996 and 2010, 116 officers in the United States were feloniously killed while responding to domestic disturbance calls, representing roughly 15 percent of all officers killed in the line of duty during that period. Nearly all these deaths (95%) involved firearms, and more than half of the officers were fatally struck in the head or neck, even though most were wearing body armor. Importantly, the risk was highest in intimate partner violence cases, where in 21% of incidents the civilian victim was also killed, compared with 5% in other domestic disturbance situations.¹⁴

While research specific to EMS and firefighters is more limited, both professions face well-recognized risks when dispatched to domestic violence scenes. National fire service safety guidance directs firefighters not to enter active domestic disturbance scenes until law enforcement secures the area.¹⁵ Similarly, EMS providers report gaps in training and protocols for responding to intimate partner violence, despite being called to these emergencies regularly.¹⁶ This reinforces the importance of coordinated response models and survivor-centered scene protocols that safeguard all those present.

At the forefront of our mind is always the survivors and their families, but as we continue to assess best practices for homicide prevention, it is imperative that we evaluate the support and safety of these critical first responders as well. Taken together, the Texas data and national research demonstrate that domestic violence not only devastates families and communities but also places first responders at significant risk of injury and death. These findings highlight the need for specialized training, strong interagency coordination, and evidence-based risk assessment tools to protect survivors and the professionals who put themselves in harm's way to serve them.

13 Texas Department of Public Safety. (2025). *Crime in Texas: 2024 Annual Report*; Officer Down Memorial Page. *Police Officer Kyle Hicks*. Retrieved on November 11, 2025, from <https://www.odmp.org/officer/27026-police-officer-kyle-hicks>.

14 Kercher, G., Pollack, E., Swedler, D., & Webster, D. "Homicides of Law Enforcement Officers Responding to Domestic Disturbance Calls, United States 1996–2010." *Violence and Victims*, 2013.

15 U.S. Fire Administration. *Operational Safety Guidance for Responding to Domestic Disturbance Incidents*. Federal Emergency Management Agency.

16 Taylor, E., et al. "Prehospital Providers' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Training Needs on Intimate Partner Violence." *Journal of Emergency Medical Services*, 2020.

Lives Lost That Were Excluded from 2024 Report

■ **The 2024 *Honoring Texas Victims* report** documented 161 confirmed intimate partner homicides across the state. In addition to these confirmed cases, 17 additional deaths were identified during the data collection and verification process, but did not meet the established inclusion criteria. These excluded cases represent approximately 9.5% of all fatality cases reviewed during the 2024 reporting period.

The excluded cases involved various legal and procedural circumstances. One case was shifted from Homicide to Aggravated Assault – Family Member Serious Bodily Injury with a Weapon (Agg. Assault FM SBI w/weapon); in this case, a boyfriend and girlfriend were in a vehicle when an argument escalated, the boyfriend fired a gun at the window, and a ricocheting bullet struck and killed the victim. Another case involved a sorricide, the killing of a sister by her brother, which was classified as non-intimate partner violence. Among the remaining exclusions are:

- » Four (4) cases were determined to be self-defense, where the shooter was not charged. The male victims' ages were 24, 37, 39, and 68, and the female perpetrators' ages were 20, 39, 51, and one with an unknown age.
- » Three (3) cases were part of ongoing investigations at the time of review, with records withheld or incomplete. Two female victims aged 23 and 50, and 1 male victim aged 24. The ages of the perpetrators were not disclosed.
- » Three (3) cases were either dismissed or no-billed. No-bill is when the grand jury, a panel of citizens that reviews felony cases to determine if there is enough evidence to formally charge a defendant, found insufficient evidence to proceed with prosecution and therefore no-billed the cases. Victims in these cases were female, ages 17, 32, and 47, and perpetrators were male, ages 21, 22, and 40.
- » Three (3) cases had charges pending or referred to a grand jury and thus were excluded from pending final adjudication.
- » Two (2) cases lacked sufficient information about the perpetrator, despite multiple records requests. Preliminary evidence suggested the incidents may have involved self-defense; however, no official determinations were made, and the circumstances could not be fully verified. The absence of perpetrator information limits the ability to fully assess the context of the incidents, understand risk factors, and accurately classify the cases for reporting and prevention purposes. Documenting these exclusions ensures transparency, supports methodological rigor, and enhances consistency in statewide data collection and reporting. Understanding the reasons for exclusion also informs interpretation of findings and highlights the limitations inherent in available homicide data.

The dataset relies primarily on official investigative, judicial, and National Incident-Based Reporting System records, which may be incomplete or delayed due to ongoing investigations or information restrictions. Variations in case classification, such as charge reductions, self-defense determinations, or dismissed cases, reflect jurisdictional differences that complicate consistency in case inclusion.

Despite these limitations, the *Honoring Texas Victims* dataset remains the most comprehensive statewide accounting of intimate partner homicides in Texas. Awareness of these exclusions underscores the importance of continued collaboration between agencies, improvements in data sharing, and consistent classification practices to strengthen future reporting and analysis.

SECTION V

25 Years of Understanding Lethality

■ **Since 1998**, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) has published *Honoring Texas Victims* to both memorialize individuals lost to family violence and analyze the circumstances surrounding intimate partner homicides (IPH). Over the past 25 years, this ongoing analysis has highlighted systemic challenges in Texas’s response to family violence and identified key lethality factors strongly correlated with IPH. By understanding these risk indicators, such as prior incidents of strangulation, stalking, and firearm use, TCFV and its partners can better anticipate potential homicides and strengthen prevention and intervention strategies, ultimately enhancing survivor safety across the state of Texas.

STRANGULATION

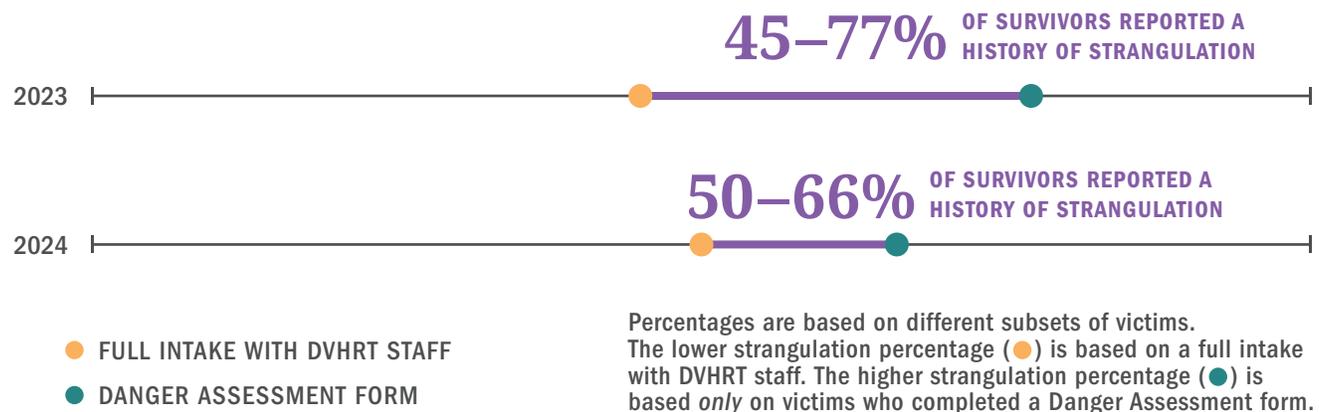
National research shows that the presence of strangulation increases the odds of being a homicide victim by over 750%.^{17,18} In fact, one study of 1,542 victims of domestic violence

¹⁷ Strack, G. B., & Gwinn, C. (2011). On the edge of homicide: Strangulation as a prelude. *Crim. Just.*, 26, 32.

¹⁸ Douglas, H., & Fitzgerald, R. (2014). Strangulation, domestic violence and the legal response. *Sydney L. Rev.*, 36, 231.

and sexual assault found that 38% of survivors had been strangled by their partner, and over one-third of those had been strangled multiple times.¹⁹ Additional research from Domestic Violence High Risk Teams (DVHRT) in Texas indicates that this statistic is much higher. In 2024, 66.4% of all survivors who completed Dr. Campbell’s Danger Assessment with a DVHRT reported that their offender strangled them.²⁰

DVHRT research indicates high incidences of strangulation among domestic violence victims. Danger Assessment reporting yields even higher disclosure.



One strangulation survivor described her experience as follows: *“The first time he strangled me, he put his hands around my neck and held it for 5-10 seconds. The second time I blacked out... I felt like I was gonna die.”*²¹

The effects of strangulation are often minimized or overlooked by victims and responding professionals, especially since over half of strangulation victims show no external physical signs.²² The high lethality of strangulation, the missed indicators of physical signs, and the frequency of its occurrence necessitate a swift, strong response. As a result, in the 86th Legislative Session, TCFV worked with Senator Huffman to ensure strangulation was added as a required training component for law enforcement officers. However, even with this enhanced training, much work remains to support victims at this vulnerable moment of danger.

19 Mcquown, C., Frey, J., Steer, S., Fletcher, G. E., Kinkopf, B., Fakler, M., & Prulhiere, V. (2016). Prevalence of strangulation in survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. *American Journal of Emergency Medicine*, (7), 1281.

20 Texas Council on Family Violence. (2023). Data Reports from Texas Domestic Violence High Risk Teams.

21 Rabel, J. (2018). *Serving Survivors of Domestic Violence Strangulation*. Battered Women’s Justice Project (accessed Dec. 2, 2018). Retrieved from <https://bwjp.org/site-resources/serving-survivors-of-domestic-violence-strangulation/>.

22 Volochinsky, B. P. (2012). Obtaining Justice for Victims of Strangulation in Domestic Violence: Evidence Based Prosecution and Strangulation-Specific Training. *Inquiries Journal*, 4(10).

STALKING

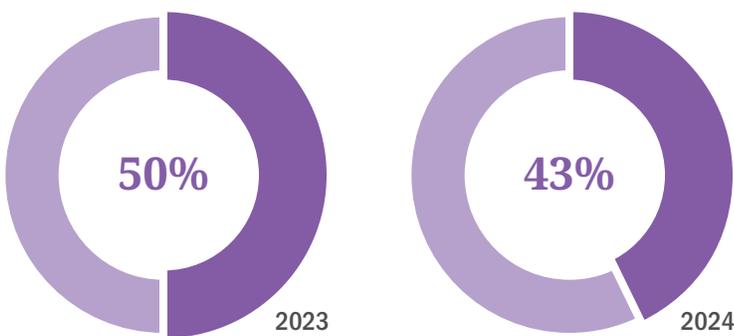
Stalking is also a known lethality indicator correlated with a high prevalence of intimate partner homicide. Research indicates that stalking will triple the risk of IPH.²³ This risk is, in fact, very high: among female victims of attempted intimate-partner homicide by male partners, in the 12 months prior to the attack, 85% were stalked.²⁴ Given that the most common use of the criminal justice system prior to attempted or completed IPH was reporting stalking, the need to invest in enhanced responses to stalking in Texas is clear.²⁵

It is also imperative that we note the role of technology in stalking. Technology is ever-expanding, including via the use of online harassment, such as doxing, and new tools emerging frequently that allow abusive partners to more easily track, monitor, and stalk their victims.

In the 88th Legislative Session, two major legislative initiatives were passed to support victims of stalking. The first was a measure TCFV partnered with Senator Zaffirini on to clarify Texas' stalking statute (Sec. 42.072, Texas Penal Code)

to expand the description of how a victim perceives the stalker's actions beyond harassment, including feeling terrified or intimidated. It also ensured, among other provisions, that the reasonable-person standard applied to circumstances like the victims. Additionally, in that session, Representative Capriglione passed a bill that created a new Section 42.074 of the Texas Penal Code, making doxing a crime. Even with these important changes, the high correlation between stalking and IPH necessitates further examination.

Doxing is the stalking and publishing of private or identifying information without the owner's consent, and often with ill intentions.



According to DVHRT data, close to half of domestic violence survivors report repeated contact/stalking behaviors.

23 Spencer, C. M. (2018). Risk Factors for Male Perpetration and Female Victimization of Intimate Partner

24 McFarlane, J., Campbell, J.C., Wilt, S., Ulrich, Y., & Xu, X. (1999). Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide. *Homicide Studies*, 3(4), 300-316.

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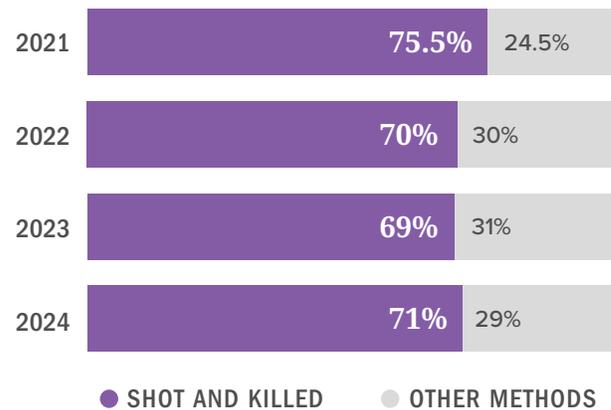
FIREARMS

Each year, TCFV reports on the alarmingly high number of IPH victims who are shot and killed. Consistently, this is over 70% of all IPH deaths in our state. This year, 114 were shot and killed by their intimate partner. This knowledge is underscored by studies that have shown a devastating relationship exists between lethality, firearms, and family violence: the presence of a gun where there is family violence increases the risk of homicide by up to 500%.²⁶

This risk extends to their children and families as well as to law enforcement, where domestic violence response calls are widely known to law enforcement as inherently dangerous. A 2016 study of 812 incidents of fatal police shootings in 17 states underscored this finding that 13.9% were related to intimate partner violence.²⁷ This lethal connection between family violence and firearms is also known to create a risk for violence in communities as well. Research shows that nearly a third of mass shooters have a history of domestic violence.²⁸ The staggering loss of life connected to firearms and family violence indicates a major breakdown in our state's response to victims of family violence who face a high lethality risk.

Responses to enhance safety and address this top lethality risk have long existed in Texas law, but for years have lacked implementation. The Texas Legislature enacted firearm prohibitions for family violence offenders in 2001. However, nearly twenty-five years later,

The number of intimate partner homicide victims shot and killed consistently falls around 70% from year to year.



The staggering loss of life connected to firearms and family violence indicates a major breakdown in our state's response to victims of family violence who face a high lethality risk.

26 J.C. Campbell, et al., "Risk Factors for Femicide in Abusive Relationships: Results from a Multisite Case Control Study," *American Journal of Public Health* 93, no. 7 (2003): 1089–1097

27 Deaths Due to Use of Lethal Force by Law Enforcement DeGue, Sarah et al. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, Volume 51, Issue 5, S173 - S187 <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC6080222/>

28 Lisa B. Geller, Marisa Booty, Cassandra K. Crifasi, "The role of domestic violence in fatal mass shootings in the United States, 2014-2019," *Injury Epidemiology* 8, no. 38 (2021); April M. Zeoli and Jennifer K. Paruk, "Potential to Prevent Mass Shootings Through Domestic Violence Firearm Restrictions," *Criminology & Public Policy* (2020)

most communities lack sufficient transfer processes to meaningfully ensure these dangerous individuals do not possess a firearm when the lethality risk is highest. This inconsistency is, at best, a serious safety risk for a survivor who has bravely interacted with the criminal justice system or sought a protective order and has been told their abusive partner is prohibited from possessing a firearm, yet retains one. At worst, it is the single leading cause of death among victims in our state.

In 2023, firearm prohibitions took the national stage when the Supreme Court heard the *United States v. Rahimi* case. At issue in *Rahimi* was whether current federal laws prohibiting possession of firearms by someone subject to a domestic violence protective order were constitutional. In June of 2024, the Supreme Court issued their near majority opinion, 8-1, clearly upholding the import of the current law stating in part that “*when a restraining order contains a finding that an individual poses a credible threat to the physical safety of an intimate partner, that individual may – consistent with the Second Amendment – be banned from possessing firearms while the [protective] order is in effect.*”²⁹ The Court’s strong statement in support of survivor safety underscores that survivor safety remains a bipartisan issue, setting the stage for TCFV to continue its efforts to work with lawmakers to implement Texas’s laws.

²⁹ *United States v. Zackey Rahimi* (2024).

Promising Practices

■ **Every life lost** to intimate partner violence could be a preventable tragedy. The Best Practices in this report highlight how Texas is responding with purpose, coordination, and research-driven action. Created by the 89th Legislative Session, the Honoring Texas Victims (HTV) Task Force allows for a statewide study of intimate partner homicides to better understand and prevent this crime. The Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) funds nine Domestic Violence High-Risk Team (DVHRT) sites across the state to identify high-risk cases and prevent potential homicides. Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs) work to change the behavior of those who use violence and reduce repeat offenses, while in rural areas, non-law enforcement first responders often serve as victims' first lifeline. Together, these initiatives demonstrate that collaboration, evidence-based strategies, and timely intervention can save lives and strengthen communities across Texas.

THE HONORING TEXAS VICTIMS TASK FORCE

The Honoring Texas Victims Task Force represents a critical step forward in Texas's ongoing efforts to prevent intimate partner homicides (IPH) and honor those whose lives have been tragically lost. Despite legislative initiatives and prevention efforts over the years, the number of Texans murdered by intimate partners has remained largely unchanged, underscoring the urgency of targeted, data-driven action. Guided by research identifying key lethality factors such as strangulation, stalking, and firearms, the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) recognized the need for a coordinated, statewide response to address these preventable tragedies.

It is imperative, as we seek to honor Texas's victims, that we remain committed to our work to utilize all that we have learned about risk factors that precipitate IPH. For the Texans who lose a loved one to this knowable, predictable, and preventable violence, many express their hope that their loss will bring about change. Although many efforts have been made to prevent and reduce these homicides via legislative measures, the number of victims in Texas who are murdered by their intimate partner has not meaningfully changed. With that in mind, along with the research that has clearly shown these top lethality factors,

it was clear heading into the 89th Legislative Session that TCFV must take concerted action to create change towards a safer Texas.

As a result, this past regular session, TCFV partnered with Senator Zaffirini (Sponsor: Representative Manual) to create a task force housed in the Office of the Governor of Texas with a wide range of members, such as statewide law enforcement representatives, state agencies, family violence centers, survivors, and others, to foster understanding across systems and work towards the charges outlined in the bill, SB 1946. This includes making systemic and legislative recommendations to reduce this preventable violence and address the top lethality factors of strangulation, stalking, and firearms.

In addition to policy recommendations for the 90th legislative session, the task force will provide recommendations for training and service coordination efforts and will also review data on prevention, investigation, and prosecution of family violence homicides, as well as services provided to survivors. Together, this task force will attempt to honor all the victims who have lost their lives in our state and strive to prevent these knowable and predictable homicides.

“It will lead to real, meaningful recommendations that can stop this violence before it happens.”

— Mariah Gardner, Survivor

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGH-RISK TEAMS

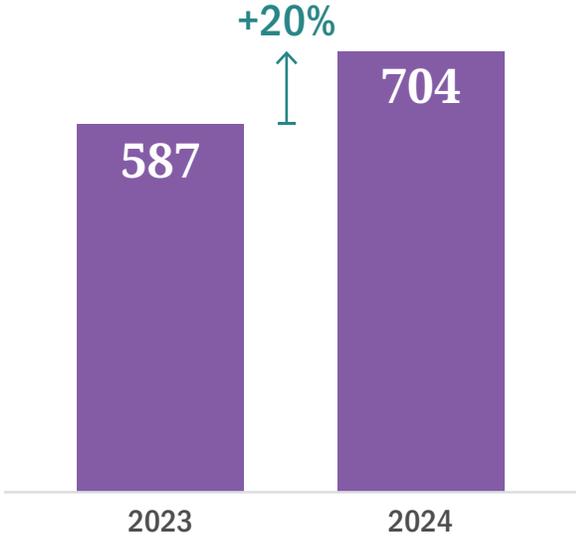
Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams (DVHRTs) play a crucial role in identifying, assessing, and intervening in cases of intimate partner violence that pose the greatest risk of lethality. Alongside the *Honoring Texas Victims* report, the Texas Council on Family Violence compiles statewide findings from DVHRTs to better understand the factors contributing to domestic violence fatalities and near-fatal incidents. This report analyzes data collected from September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024, highlighting trends, risk factors, and the impact of coordinated, data-driven interventions.

In 2024, 704 victims were referred to seven different DVHRT sites. This is a 20% increase in just one year, with 587 cases reported in 2023. The multi-year upward trend in cases, when considered in conjunction with the simultaneous increase in IPH, paints an alarming picture. Although the increased focus on prevention and identification of fatal and near-fatal intimate partner violence may account for the steady increase, it calls into

question how many survivors across our state need urgent support. With only seven sites participating in the DVHRT grant program and its required reporting, this number is potentially staggering and indicates a need for enhanced emphasis on these cases and additional funding support for DVHRTs statewide.

DVHRTs in Texas can represent best practices because they provide data-driven risk assessments for actionable safety planning. By tracking patterns and lethality indicators such as threats of weapons, strangulation, stalking, and firearm possession, DVHRTs can offer support systems to survivors in high-risk situations more effectively. Going forward, the ability to work at the intersection between the DVHRT data and the findings from the *Honoring Texas Victims* report offers a powerful tool for best practices in prevention. This intersection allows practitioners and policymakers to examine how early identification, coordinated intervention, and multiagency communication can disrupt the progression from high-risk abuse to homicide.

The number of victims referred to DVHRT sites grew 20% in just one year, highlighting the need for additional funding support.



Lethality Indicators

Threats of weapons

Strangulation

Stalking

Firearm possession

As the Texas Council on Family Violence continues to expand and strengthen Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams across the state, these teams hold considerable potential to enhance survivor safety, reduce the risk of future intimate partner homicides, and advance Texas’s statewide strategy to prevent domestic violence fatalities.

BATTERING INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS (BIPPs) – THEY WORK

As demonstrated throughout this report, intimate partner violence (IPV) continues to pose a significant threat to public safety in Texas, resulting in physical, emotional, and often lethal harm. In 2024 alone, domestic violence offenders caused 161 deaths among Texans, with additional victims among friends, family, and bystanders. Research shows that participation in Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs (BIPPs) can reduce offender recidivism and promote behavioral change.

In 1989, the Texas legislature established funding and BIPP under the authority of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Justice Assistance Division (TDCJ-CJAD) and appropriated \$400,000 to fund thirteen BIPPs. This funding was the first state-funded civilian program for battering intervention. The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.141, defined the nature and consequences of family violence and established the BIPP parameters. The mission of Texas BIPPs is to eliminate male-to-female intimate partner violence by providing services to individuals who cause harm, promoting safety for survivors, and bringing about social change necessary to end all forms of abuse and battering. The Texas BIPPs address IPV by reducing offender recidivism, ensuring survivor safety, and promoting behavioral change.

BIPPs address intimate partner violence by reducing offender recidivism, ensuring survivor safety, and promoting behavioral change.

In the 88th Regular Session, TCFV successfully advocated for the \$1.5M increase to BIPP funds at \$5M over the FY 2024-2025 biennium. Today, TDCJ-CJAD funds 26 BIPPs and oversees over 100 accredited BIPPs. The state guidelines for BIPPs were first established in 1989 and have been updated throughout the years, with the most recent revisions set to be published in 2026.

Facilitators working in BIPPs must receive specialized initial and ongoing training, undergo criminal background checks, and follow a curriculum based on an intervention model that recognizes battering as the result of one person in an intimate relationship systematically using tactics of emotional and physical abuse to maintain power and control over the other. BIPPs must encourage positive behavioral change without shaming, as well as utilize approaches that create dialogue and do not solely lecture. Individuals participating in BIPPs must attend weekly group sessions for no more than 2 hours a week for at least

18 weeks. BIPPs are required to work closely and communicate regularly with referral sources. Most importantly, BIPPs must promote survivor safety.

It appears that none of the offenders who committed the homicides were referred to or completed a Texas BIPP. While it cannot be known if a referral and completion of BIPP would have changed the outcome of the homicides, referrals to and completion of BIPPs could be a lifesaving referral, as BIPPs aim to reduce domestic violence offender recidivism and transform abusive controlling behaviors.

Evidence from studies shows that individuals completing a BIPP have significantly lower future rates of offending. Three Texas independent studies conducted in the last thirteen years in Houston,³⁰ Dallas,³¹ and Austin³² examined recidivism rates among domestic violence offenders and provided evidence that BIPP completion is associated with lower recidivism rates, particularly for family violence-related offenses. A fourth study in Arlington considered programmatic features but not recidivism.³³

While these studies are significant, TCFV recognized the need to evaluate the efficacy of BIPPs by utilizing a statewide analysis. In 2025, TCFV commissioned the University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) Institute for Urban Policy Research (IUPR) researchers Dr. Denise Paquette Boots and Dr. Timothy Bray to conduct a statewide study to analyze data from accredited and funded Texas BIPPs. These organizations were representative of urban, suburban, and rural contexts. The study sought to evaluate the efficacy of Texas BIPPs and contribute to the larger literature, focusing on program impact on reducing recidivism among intimate partner violence offenders at both one year and three years post-program completion. The study represents one of the largest and most comprehensive Texas BIPP datasets to date, incorporating survey data from 14 agencies, program information from 7 selected partner sites, and complete criminal history records for over 1,600 program participants who participated in BIPP fiscal years of 2018 and 2021.

None of the offenders who committed intimate partner homicides in 2024 were referred to or completed a Texas BIPP.

30 James Miciak, Program Report: Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) (Texas Institute for Measurement, Evaluation, and Statistics, 2012), accessed September 16, 2025, <https://tcfv.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-TCFV-Battering-Intervention-and-Prevention-Program-Toolkit.pdf>.

31 Denise Paquette Boots et al., "A Comparison of the Batterer Intervention and Prevention Program With Alternative Court Dispositions on 12-Month Recidivism," *Violence Against Women* 22, no. 9 (2016): 1134–57, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801215618806>.

32 Travis County Justice Planning, Travis County Batterer's Intervention and Prevention Program Recidivism Study for Years 2014-2016 (2018), https://www.traviscountytx.gov/images/criminal_justice/Doc/-intervention-prevention-program-report.pdf.

33 Christopher D. Kilgore et al., "Discourse After a Batterer Intervention Program: A Qualitative Analysis of 'Letters From the Future,'" *Violence Against Women* 25, no. 5 (2019): 593–613, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801218794296>.

After controlling for demographic characteristics and prior offenses, program non-completers were 1.4 times as likely to be rearrested within one year compared to completers. Family violence recidivism was also notably lower among completers, with those who completed 1/3 less likely to be arrested at one year and less than half as likely to be arrested at three years. Felony family violence rearrests were rare but significantly lower among completers. The likelihood of rearrest for felony family violence was three times higher for program non-completers when compared to completers.

Looking across general family violence, and felony family violence at one-year and three-year post-program, completers were 1.3 to 11 times less likely to reoffend across all recidivism types, controlling for demographics and prior offenses.

In summary, this study contributes to our knowledge about BIPP efficacy with a mixed-methods approach and a large participant sample size across multiple regions and localities within the state of Texas. The report concludes with recommendations for next steps to further expand the study and collect more information from survivors, programs, and BIPP clients that may help us to understand the mechanisms and program components that most impact positive outcomes. Limitations are offered, and policy implications are considered.

As the work on fidelity of programming in BIPP continues to become more reliable and impactful in the state's efforts to prevent intimate partner violence, this study is a vital contribution to the larger goal of preventing intimate partner violence, holding offenders accountable, and creating healthy communities with coordinated community responses.

The Efficacy of BIPPs

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Completers were

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We believe that each referral and BIPP completion saves lives. View the complete report, *The Efficacy of Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs*, [here](#).³⁴

NON-LE FIRST RESPONDERS ARE OFTEN THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT IN RURAL TEXAS

Family violence remains one of the most dangerous and complex situations first responders face across Texas. Firefighters, EMS personnel, paramedics, dispatchers, and law enforcement are often the first and sometimes the only point of contact for victims seeking help. In many rural areas, emergency medical responders arrive before law enforcement, making their role critical in identifying and addressing family violence.³⁵

Recognizing the unique position of first responders, specialized training is essential to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to safely identify, respond to, and support victims.³⁶ Communities such as Alton and Stephenville are leading the way, implementing programs that provide comprehensive, trauma-informed training to frontline personnel.³⁷

Alton’s initiative, “First Eyes on the Front Line,” led by Fire Chief Gustavo “Gus” Ramirez, exemplifies this effort. The program emphasizes early identification of abuse, understanding the barriers victims face, and fostering cross-sector collaboration with healthcare, social services, and law enforcement.³⁸ By equipping first responders with the tools to recognize red flags, respond safely, and coordinate support, the initiative addresses a critical gap in Texas’ response to family violence.³⁹

Initiatives like “First Eyes on the Front Line” provide specialized training for first responders, emphasizing early identification of abuse, understanding the barriers victims face, and fostering cross-sector collaboration.

34 <https://tcfv.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Efficacy-of-Battering-Intervention-and-Prevention-Programs.pdf>

35 “Rural Communities Are Not Immune from Domestic Violence.” Transformation House, 2024.

36 Harrell, A., Newmark, L., & Adams, W. P. (1995). Evaluation of family violence training programs. U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.

37 Lalani, K., O’Neal, M., Joannou, S. L., Gopal, B., & Champagne-Langabeer, T. (2023). Helping frontline workers in Texas—A framework for resource development. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

38 “Ending Domestic Violence: How a Rural Texas Town Built...” Rural Health Information Hub, 2024.

39 Smithey, M., Green, S. E., & Giacomazzi, A. L. (2006). Evaluation of law enforcement training for domestic violence cases in a southwestern city in Texas, 1997-1999. ICPSR Study 3400.

This program underscores a vital truth: early intervention saves lives.⁴⁰ Through specialized training, first responders can break cycles of abuse, protect vulnerable individuals, and strengthen community safety.⁴¹

Why This Initiative Is Important:

- » **First Responders are often the first and sometimes the only point of contact for victims of family violence.** Victims frequently encounter emergency services but may not identify themselves as victims due to fear of retaliation, immigration status, and not knowing their victims' rights. First responders are uniquely positioned to observe red flags that others may miss.^{42,43}
- » **Family Violence knows no boundaries.** It affects individuals of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds. Abusers use physical abuse, threats, intimidation, and coercion to control victims, making detection difficult without specialized training.⁴⁴
- » **Victims may exhibit telltale physical and behavioral signs.** Unexplained injuries, untreated medical issues, signs of malnutrition, depression, anxiety, and fearfulness, especially in the presence of a controlling companion, can all indicate signs of abuse. First responders must be trained to notice and interpret these cues.³⁸
- » **Misidentification is common.** Research shows that officers with longer tenure are less likely to identify victims of family violence, especially when coercion isn't explicitly visible.³⁹ Without training, first responders may mistakenly view victims as criminals (e.g., arresting both as aggressors, victim blaming, and not recognizing predominant aggressors), leading to further victimization.⁴⁰
- » **Early intervention saves lives.** Prompt identification allows for early engagement with victim services, legal support, and medical care, thereby breaking the cycle of abuse. First responders play a vital role in this chain of intervention.⁴⁰

40 Wood, L., Backes, B. L., McGiffert, M., Wang, A., Thompson, J., & Wasim, A. (2019). Texas State Plan 2018: Availability of services at Texas family violence programs and assessment of unmet needs of survivors of family violence.

41 Cox, M. (2022). Public safety personnel for family resilience: A narrative review. *Frontiers in Psychology*.

42 "Rural Communities Are Not Immune from Domestic Violence." Transformation House, 2024.

43 Harrell, A., Newmark, L., & Adams, W. P. (1995). Evaluation of family violence training programs. U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice.

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- » **Outdated perceptions are dangerous.** Current materials and training often fail to reflect the latest research or complexities of family violence scenarios. This initiative, "First Eyes on the Front Line," includes updated case studies, trauma-informed approaches, and practical guidance tailored to today's family violence landscape.^{45,46}
- » **It encourages interdisciplinary collaboration.** Training emphasizes partnerships with healthcare providers, social workers, and law enforcement. Coordination leads to stronger support systems for victims and better outcomes.⁴⁷

Key Training Components:

- » Recognizing physical, emotional, and situational indicators of family violence.⁴⁸
- » Understanding the role of coercion, fear, and retaliation that hinder victims from asking for help.⁴⁸
- » Responding safely and respectfully to victims without blaming the victims.⁴⁹
- » Coordinating with healthcare and social service providers.⁴⁷
- » Legal obligations and reporting protocols.⁴⁹
- » Scenario-based learning enhances critical thinking.⁴⁵
- » Addressing the effects of implicit bias and tenure-related blind spots.⁴⁹

Family violence hides in plain sight, but first responders are uniquely positioned to intervene. Programs like "First Eyes on the Front Line" demonstrate that with the right training, awareness, and coordination, emergency personnel can spot abuse, act safely, and connect victims to the help they need.⁴⁵ Every informed, compassionate response has the power to save lives. The "First Eyes on the Front Line" initiative is not just training. It's a life-saving tool that empowers first responders to act with awareness, compassion, and impact.⁴⁸

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Family violence hides in plain sight.







2024 VICTIM NARRATIVES

*In memory of the Texas women,
men, and minors killed by their
intimate partners in 2024*

BASTROP COUNTY

Gustavo Gonzalez Nuñez, 42

FEBRUARY 15, 2024 · DALE

Gustavo Gonzalez Nuñez was shot and killed by his girlfriend, Alma Yesenia Hernandez Jaimes, 44. She then shot and killed herself. Roommates discovered their bodies days later. A suicide letter revealed she had planned the deaths since December 2023.

BELL COUNTY

Jasmine Y. Goldring-Armstrong, 36

MARCH 23, 2024 · TEMPLE

Jasmine Y Goldring-Armstrong died after her husband, Britain Armstrong, 38, shot her with a handgun inside their home. Temple officers responded to a shooting report and found Jasmine deceased. Belton officers soon located Britain's vehicle. Armstrong led a brief pursuit on I-35, crashed, and died by suicide from a self-inflicted gunshot. Jasmine had filed for divorce in June 2023 and again in February 2024. Records show Armstrong was formally served in mid-February. Authorities had charged Armstrong with second-degree felony sexual assault on March 15, 2024; he was out on bond with conditions set days before the killing. Jasmine is survived by two children.

Ta'nisha Dee Haywood-Sedwick, 28

JULY 22, 2024 · KILLEEN

Ta'nisha Dee Haywood-Sedwick died after her husband, Walter Anthony Sedwick, 29, shot her inside their shared home before turning the gun on himself. Authorities identified the case as a murder-suicide. Ta'nisha's family described her as an angel whose life ended too soon.

Leah Arianna Mills, 21

AUGUST 8, 2024 · KILLEEN

Leah Arianna Mills died after her boyfriend, Noah Elijah Nerio, 22, shot her with a handgun inside a residence. Officers responding found both Leah and Nerio deceased. Authorities identified Nerio as the suspect in the murder-suicide.

Elizabeth "Liz" Rosario Quick, 53

SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 · KILLEEN

Elizabeth "Liz" Rosario Quick died after her husband, William Charles Quick, 54, shot her in their home. Officers conducted a welfare check and found Liz with a gunshot wound. Elizabeth was pronounced dead the next day. Authorities arrested Quick and charged him with murder; a Bell County grand jury indicted him in November 2024, and his jury trial is set for December 1, 2025.

Kyong "KC" Cha Carcano, 66

DECEMBER 4, 2024 · KILLEEN

Kyong "KC" Cha Carcano died after her boyfriend, Sang Keun Lee, 76, shot her at a barber shop. First responders transported both to the hospital, where Kyong Cha died later that day. Lee later died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound on January 22, 2025. Community members remember Kyong Cha for her decades of mentorship in the local barbering community.

BEXAR COUNTY

Lisa Ortiz, 48

JANUARY 23, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Lisa Ortiz died after her boyfriend, John Garcia, 46, shot her with a shotgun inside their home. Garcia then fled the residence, and when officers later confronted him, he was shot and killed by police gunfire. Records show Garcia had multiple prior arrests, including violent crimes, and was out on bail at the time of the homicide. Lisa was the mother of two daughters. Her family described her as "the life of the party," kind, loving, and outspoken. She was a die-hard Cowboys fan who married in a Cowboys jersey and traveled to games with her tailgating group.

Sheila-Jo Portillo Hanks, 51

JANUARY 29, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Sheila-Jo Portillo Hanks died after her husband, Carlos Portillo, 44, shot her inside their home. One week before her death, Sheila-Jo had posted on social media asking for help. Loved ones remembered her as a devoted mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, cousin, and friend who was deeply cherished by her family. Authorities charged Portillo with murder, and he was convicted and sentenced to 45 years.

BEXAR COUNTY *continued...*

Richard Byrd Evans, 61

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Richard Byrd Evans died after his wife, Melissa Johnson Byrd, 61, shot him inside their shared home. Authorities charged Byrd with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The bail was set at \$400,000.

Jewel Garcia, 20

FEBRUARY 9, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Jewel Garcia died after her husband, Josiah Moton, 20, shot her inside their home before dying by suicide. The couple's two young children, ages one and two, were present. Loved ones remembered Jewel as a wonderful person with a big heart who was always willing to help others.

Tanya Lynn Boulding, 33

APRIL 30, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Tanya Lynn Boulding died after her husband, Jaevel Andrew Boulding, 33, shot her inside their home. After the shooting, Boulding was killed in a law enforcement officer-involved shooting. The family remembers Tanya as someone who worked full-time, made time for activities like face painting on weekends, and cared for her parents in addition to raising her son. Tanya is survived by her 12-year-old son.

Damian Crow, 49

MAY 16, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Damian Crow died after his wife, Veronica Crow, 51, shot him inside their shared home. Reports indicated the couple had begun the process of separation. Authorities charged Crow with murder, and she was released on bond. Loved ones remember Damian as the best father anyone could ask for and deeply loved in his community. Damian is survived by his 21-year-old daughter.

Magin Hernandez, 66

MAY 29, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Magin Hernandez died after her husband, Dexter Reyes, 64, shot her inside their home. Five months earlier, authorities had responded to the residence when Magin requested help to retrieve her belongings during a separation. Authorities charged Reyes with murder, and he was released on a \$200,000 bond. Magin is survived by her two adult children.

Joshua Maciel Maldonado, 30

JUNE 22, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Joshua Maciel Maldonado died after being shot multiple times by his girlfriend, Alexis Salazar, 24, at their home. Two children were at home. Salazar initially told police the shooter was unknown, but then later confessed. First responders took Joshua to the hospital, where he died. Salazar is out on bond with a GPS monitor and a no-contact order.

Tonya Davis, 32

JULY 2, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Tonya Davis died after her boyfriend, Roger Jordan Conway, 34, shot her inside their shared home. Authorities charged Conway with murder and noted his prior criminal history, including a 2022 aggravated assault with a deadly weapon case in Bexar County. Bond was set at \$350,000. Tonya was the mother of three children.

Yeqin Huang, 62

AUGUST 17, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Yeqin Huang died after her husband, Qing Xing, 59, shot her inside their home before dying by suicide. Neighbors reported hearing loud noises before the shooting.

Jerry Hernandez, 61

AUGUST 21, 2024 · SHAVANO PARK

Jerry Hernandez died after his wife, Sonia Hernandez, 52, shot him at their home. She then died by suicide. Police discovered both deceased during a welfare check. Jerry is survived by his two adult daughters.

Kenya Joy Bland, 28

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Kenya Joy Bland died after her boyfriend, Tevin Marquis Hall, 30, shot her inside their home before dying by suicide. Court records show Hall had a prior history of domestic violence arrests and was under firearm prohibitions. Family and friends remember Kenya for her love of travel, shopping for unique shoes and purses, working out, developing her cooking skills, and spending time with loved ones.

BEXAR COUNTY *continued...*

Azucena Cruz Limon, 64

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Azucena Cruz Limon died after her husband, Manuel Osvaldo Limon, 63, shot her inside their home before dying by suicide. Limon committed the homicide as Azucena celebrated her 64th birthday. Azucena is survived by her four adult children.

Ronald Seinwill Jr., 63

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 · UNIVERSAL CITY

Ronald Seinwill Jr. died after his wife, Constance Seinwill, 61, struck him with a blunt object at their residence. Authorities arrested Seinwill and charged her with murder and aggravated assault family/household member with a weapon, causing serious bodily injury; bond was set at \$150,000.

Suzanne Simpson, 51

OCTOBER 7, 2024 · OLMOS PARK

Suzanne Simpson was last seen the night of October 7, 2024. Neighbors reported hearing violent behavior at the home she shared with her husband, Brad Simpson, 54. Her body has not been recovered; authorities allege she died from blunt-force trauma and that her remains were moved and hidden. According to court records, Suzanne had previously disclosed to her banker that Simpson was physically abusive, often taking her phone and misleading their children about it. She warned that if she ever went missing, people should “look for her in a lake.” On the night of her disappearance, she called her mother to say Simpson had hurt her. Authorities charged Simpson with unlawful restraint, assault causing bodily injury, tampering with evidence, possession of a prohibited weapon, and later murder. Bond was set at \$3 million with conditions including no contact with his youngest daughter. Suzanne is survived by her four children, ages 5, 15, 18, and 20.

Andrea Teresse Anzaldúa, 44

OCTOBER 18, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Andrea Teresse Anzaldúa died after being beaten and strangled by her boyfriend, Philip Agustine Ramirez, 40, inside an apartment. Ramirez called 9-1-1 and initially claimed Andrea was overdosing and then hung up. First responders found Andrea deceased in a running bathtub with multiple injuries. Authorities arrested Ramirez six months later and charged him with murder. His bond was set at \$150,000.

Tomas Donard T. Calavera Jr., 30

DECEMBER 23, 2024 · SAN ANTONIO

Tomas Donard T. Calavera Jr. died after his wife, Faith Paige Goynes, 40, shot him inside their home. Authorities charged Goynes with murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, arson, and two counts of tampering with evidence. She was initially held on a \$200,000 bond. Bond was later denied. Tomas is survived by his son.

BROWN COUNTY

Nancy Jasmine Sanchez, 31

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 · BROWNWOOD

Nancy Jasmine Sanchez died after her partner, Troy Lee Daniel Jr., 35, strangled her. Officers responded to a call and found her deceased at their residence. Authorities arrested Daniel and charged him with murder and family violence. Daniel remains in jail with his bond set at \$550,000. Nancy is survived by her two children.

CAMERON COUNTY

Amanda Hernandez, 34

FEBRUARY 7, 2024 · HARLINGEN

Amanda Hernandez died after injuries sustained when she jumped from a moving vehicle driven by her husband, Juan Antonio Hernandez, 41. He then drove away and later reported what had occurred to law enforcement. Investigators upgraded Hernandez’s charges after Amanda died. Hernandez had a history of family violence. Authorities charged Hernandez with criminally negligent homicide, collision involving death, and violation of a protective order. He was sentenced to 8 years in prison.

COLLIN COUNTY

David Gene Nunley, 55

APRIL 19, 2024 · PLANO

David Gene Nunley died after being shot by his ex-wife, Merridith Simone Nunley, 38, inside his home. He called 9-1-1 after being shot and later died. Nunley then fled and afterwards admitted to a family friend that she shot David in self-defense. Authorities arrested and charged Nunley with murder. David had a prior protective order in place. David is survived by his three children.

Delisha Evans, 30

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 · PRINCETON

Delisha Evans died after her boyfriend, Ryan Phillips, 33, abducted her from her home. Investigators later located Phillips in St. Louis County, Missouri, where he fled from troopers, crashed, and exchanged gunfire. Officers found Delisha deceased in the vehicle. Phillips died at the scene. Friends said Delisha had recently ended the relationship and had reported Phillips' threats and abuse. In April 2025, authorities arrested Travis Allen Mitchell, 27, and charged him with assisting Phillips in the murder and with tampering/fabricating physical evidence involving a human corpse. Mitchell is in custody on a \$150,000 bond awaiting trial. Delisha is survived by her daughters. Family and friends remember Delisha as the best person to be around and as devoted to her daughters.

Stacey White, 53

DECEMBER 5, 2024 · FRISCO

Stacey White was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Ronald K. Morris, 54, at their home. Morris also shot and killed his 15-year-old son, Gavin Morris, and then killed himself. Police responded to a welfare check and found all three deceased. Co-workers and neighbors remember Stacey as gentle and kind.

COMAL COUNTY

Edward Canales, 62

MARCH 12, 2024 · CANYON LAKE

Edward Canales died after being shot by his girlfriend, Cynthia Schubert, 63, at a residence. Schubert called 9-1-1 and told deputies she had been in a fight with

Edward. Authorities found Edward deceased with a gunshot wound. Authorities arrested Schubert and charged her with murder. She is currently out on bond.

Michael Burrer, 45

JULY 3, 2024 · NEW BRAUNFELS

Michael Burrer died after his girlfriend, Abigail Garza, 32, shot him inside a residence. Garza then died by suicide. The family requested a welfare check after days without contact. Officers found both deceased.

DALLAS COUNTY

Ikea Imari Hood, 17

JANUARY 7, 2024 · DALLAS

Ikea Imari Hood died after her boyfriend, Trevon Darnell Wright, 17, shot her inside her home. Their three-week-old son was home. Authorities charged Wright with murder and convicted and sentenced Wright to life in prison.

Melonie Frye, 44

JANUARY 17, 2024 · DENTON

Melonie Frye was killed by blunt-force trauma. Her former partner, Tommy Bays III, 39, was charged with murder, and his bond was set at \$2.5 million. A trial is scheduled for October 20, 2025.

Nayeli Bolaños Medina, 23

JANUARY 19, 2024 · IRVING

Nayeli Bolaños Medina was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Hector Paguada, 33, also known as Hector Matute, at an apartment. Paguada then fled. Medina's young son and mother were at the residence. Paguada has a history of sexual assault of a minor. Authorities charged Paguada with capital murder; he remains at large. Family and friends remember Nayeli as a beloved family member and mother.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued...*

Dassa Alvarez, 24

FEBRUARY 5, 2024 · DALLAS

Dassa Alvarez died after her ex-boyfriend, Daqualan Hicks, 23, shot her. Hicks then crashed into a vehicle while fleeing. He died later from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers and medics found Dassa deceased and transported Hicks to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Friends said Dassa had ended the relationship about a month earlier. Loved ones remember Dassa as kind and full of life.

Corinna Johnson, 27

APRIL 14, 2024 · DALLAS

Corinna Johnson died after her boyfriend, Omar Lucio, 34, beat her inside their home. Family members reported that Lucio had previously assaulted Corinna and that they had seen her with black eyes and bruises. Authorities charged Lucio with murder, and his bond was set at \$1,000,000. He remains in custody awaiting trial. Corinna is survived by her seven-year-old son. Corinna's sister described her as full of joy and a ray of sunshine.

Christopher Sye, 36

APRIL 27, 2024 · MESQUITE

Christopher Sye was shot and killed by his partner, Amy Louise Vance, 38. Authorities arrested and charged Vance with murder in December 2024. Her bond was set at \$50,000, and a hearing was scheduled for October 2, 2025.

Regina Phillips, 55

MAY 6, 2024 · DUNCANVILLE

Regina Phillips died after her boyfriend, James Rias, 63, shot her inside their shared home. Responding officers found Regina deceased and the residence on fire. Authorities determined that Rias had also set the fire and attempted to destroy evidence. Authorities charged Rias with murder and tampering with physical evidence with intent to impair a human corpse. Authorities convicted Rias, and he was sentenced to 40 years.

Jalisa Lockett, 22

MAY 18, 2024 · DALLAS

Jalisa Lockett died after her boyfriend, Saadiq Shabazz, 25, shot her inside their home. Shabazz also killed Jalisa's sister, Amaya Lockett, 22, and injured another man before being arrested. Jalisa's two-year-

old daughter survived. Authorities charged Shabazz with capital murder of multiple persons, and he was convicted and sentenced to life.

Amy Decker-Fox, 46

JUNE 24, 2024 · MESQUITE

Amy Decker-Fox was fatally stabbed by her husband, Jody Wayne Fox, 55, inside the home they shared. Authorities charged him with murder and theft of property. His bond was set at \$1.5 million for the murder charge and \$1,500 for the theft charge. He remains in custody with trial pending in September 2025.

Isis Adger, 51

JUNE 25, 2024 · DALLAS

Isis Adger died after her boyfriend, Stephen Selmon, 61, strangled and beat her inside their home. Authorities charged Selmon with murder, and his bond was set at \$500,000. He was later convicted and sentenced to life without parole.

Sucel Gómez, 42

JULY 1, 2024 · DALLAS

Sucel Gómez died after her former boyfriend, Yulier Aldazábal, 44, stabbed her multiple times in a parking area. Witnesses reported seeing Aldazábal hit Sucel before stabbing her. Authorities arrested him and charged him with murder, and he remains in jail on a \$1,000,000 bond with stay-away conditions. The plea hearing is set for October 1, 2025. Sucel was a professor, and students remember her as a wonderful teacher, a guide, and a friend.

Solmaira Vásquez Castillo, 26

JULY 15, 2024 · DALLAS

Solmaira Vásquez Castillo died after her boyfriend, Héctor Tovar Márquez, 38, stabbed her inside their home. Márquez then died by suicide.

Ariel Nicole Wesley, 28

JULY 23, 2024 · DALLAS

Ariel Nicole Wesley died after being shot by her girlfriend, Amori Jones, 21, inside their home. Authorities charged Jones with murder; bond was set at \$1,000,000. Trial is scheduled for October 6, 2025.

DALLAS COUNTY *continued...*

William “Caleb” Young, 18

AUGUST 13, 2024 · DALLAS

William “Caleb” Young died after his girlfriend, Faiza Aballa Sheref, 20, shot him inside his home. Authorities charged Sheref with manslaughter, and her bond was set at \$100,000. The family remembers Caleb’s infectious laughter and genuine kindness, which left an impression on everyone who knew him.

Rachelle Loconte, 51

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 · DOUBLE OAK

Rachelle Loconte was killed by blunt force by her husband, Francisco Loconte, 58, inside their home. Loconte then fatally shot himself with a firearm. Reports indicate Rachelle had filed for divorce just five days before her death. Rachelle is survived by her three children.

Nancy Ayala, 37

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 · MESQUITE

Nancy Ayala died after her boyfriend, Samuel Tovar Munoz, 25, shot her inside an apartment. Munoz then fled. Four of Nancy’s children were home. Home surveillance video captured the shooting. Authorities arrested Munoz on September 10, 2024, and charged him with homicide.

Michelle Ingram, 53

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 · FORNEY

Michelle Ingram died after her husband, Donald Ingram, 54, shot her inside their home. He fled, leading police on a high-speed chase that ended when he died by suicide.

Donnillie Lashay Kennedy, 38

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 · GARLAND

Donnillie Lashay Kennedy died after her husband, Brodrick Earl Kennedy, 35, shot her in their home. He also shot and killed Donnillie’s mother, Shirley Jean Phillips, 58. Records show that Donnillie had previously obtained a protective order against Kennedy following repeated domestic violence incidents. Authorities charged Kennedy with capital murder of multiple persons, violation of a protective order, unlawful restraint, and assault of a family member. His total bond was set at \$3,005,000, and he remains in custody. Family described Donnillie as “a devoted mother, daughter,

and sister, known for her extraordinary capacity to love and care for others.” Donnillie is survived by two young daughters. Donnillie also had a son who passed away prior to the homicide.

Melanie Willis, 39

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 · SACHSE

Melanie Willis died after her boyfriend, Johnny Simmons, 45, shot her inside their home. Simmons then died by suicide.

Kristi Lee Duffy, 43

DECEMBER 2, 2024 · THE COLONY

Kristi Lee Duffy was shot and killed by her husband, Kevin Ray Duffy, 45. After killing Kristi, Kevin died by suicide.

Darcia L. Adams, 53

DECEMBER 19, 2024 · CEDAR HILL

Darcia L. Adams died after her boyfriend, Christopher M. Jones, 50, shot her inside their home and then killed himself.

ELLIS COUNTY

Stacey Tucker Boutwell, 47

SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 · MIDLOTHIAN

Stacey Tucker Boutwell was shot four times by her husband, Jeffrey Matthew Boutwell, 39, outside their home. Boutwell then died by suicide. Stacey had petitioned for a divorce. Their 16-year-old son discovered the bodies and sought help. Authorities confirmed it was a murder-suicide. Boutwell had a history of family violence. Stacey is survived by her son.

Sierra Roarx, 31

DECEMBER 25, 2024 · PALMER

Sierra Roarx died after being shot by her ex-boyfriend, Byron Oliver, 55. Byron then died by suicide. The children were away but found the deceased couple once they returned home. Sierra is survived by her two children.

FORT BEND COUNTY

Francia Fullerton, 44

JANUARY 13, 2024 · RICHMOND

Francia Fullerton died after her husband, Alrick “Shawn” Alphonso Barrett, 46, shot her inside a home during a child-exchange visit. Barrett also shot and killed Francia’s brother, Omar D. “Chris” Fullerton, 43, and sister-in-law, Kacey A. Fullerton, 46, and their 8-year-old daughter, Aniah-Marie Fullerton. Barrett then died by suicide. Two children were able to hide while a juvenile and a grandmother alerted authorities.

Coralyn Hunt, 38

**FEBRUARY 19, 2024 · HOUSTON
(FORT BEND COUNTY JURISDICTION)**

Coralyn Hunt died after her boyfriend, Anthony Sorel Haywood, 42, shot her inside a residence. Coralyn’s son discovered her body and called for help. Deputies arrested Haywood, and authorities charged him with murder; bond was set at \$1,000,000.

Alba Marina Garcia, 34

MARCH 11, 2024 · RICHMOND

Alba Marina Garcia died after her husband, Gene Mark Hudgson Sjogreen Jr., 34, shot her inside their home. Deputies later found both Alba and Sjogreen deceased, and authorities determined it to be a murder-suicide.

Gudelia Cruz, 44

AUGUST 19, 2024 · HOUSTON

Gudelia Cruz died after being shot multiple times by her husband, David Morales-Barrera, 43, inside their home during what was initially believed to be a murder-suicide attempt. After the investigation, police determined that Morales-Barrera had staged the scene and arrested him. Authorities charged Morales-Barrera with murder. Morales-Barrera remains in Fort Bend County Jail awaiting trial. Friends and family remember Gudelia as a devoted mother.

Anyi “Tatiana” Montealegre Izquierdo, 23

OCTOBER 14, 2024 · RICHMOND

Anyi “Tatiana” Montealegre Izquierdo was stabbed to death by her husband, Jhon Vanegas Romero, 24, inside their home. Romero then fled and was later found deceased by suicide. Tatiana had previously told family members about Romero’s history of abuse. Anyi is survived by her 2-year-old son.

GALVESTON COUNTY

Linda Martinussen, 53

JANUARY 11, 2024 · TEXAS CITY

Linda Martinussen was shot and killed by her husband, Ronald Martinussen, 77, at the Texas City Dike. Martinussen then died by suicide.

Susan McCoy, 62

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024 · LEAGUE CITY

Susan McCoy died after her husband, Charles McCoy, 64, stabbed her inside their home. Deputies arrived to serve an eviction and found Susan deceased and McCoy injured himself from self-inflicted wounds. Authorities charged McCoy with murder, and he remains in custody on a \$150,000 bond with no weapons and non-alcohol conditions. His trial was set for July 7, 2025. Family and friends remember Susan as a wonderful mother who was always there, offering support, wisdom, and love in abundance.

GREGG COUNTY

Sheri Shanell Evans, 47

JULY 20, 2024 · GLADEWATER

Sheri Shanell Evans was killed after her boyfriend, Jonie M Bowser, 74, shot her to death. Bowser was charged with murder and is out on bond, with an upcoming hearing in November 2025. Sheri is survived by her children.

HARRIS COUNTY

Tierra Horn, 18

JANUARY 5, 2024 · HOUSTON

Tierra Horn was killed by strangulation by her girlfriend, Shania Turner, 24. Family reported her missing on January 4th, and her body was found the following day. Turner was charged with murder and is currently released on a \$100,000 bond.

Jaynice Ferguson, 23

JANUARY 17, 2024 · HOUSTON

Jaynice Ferguson died after her ex-boyfriend, Algie Washington, 45, shot her at her home. Washington was charged with murder and is currently in the county jail, with a trial set for February 2026. During their relationship, Washington was charged 4 times for assaulting Jaynice.

Tanashia Bush Humes, 33

FEBRUARY 17, 2024 · SPRING

Tanashia Bush Humes, died after her boyfriend, Phillip Hickman, 31, shot her at their home. Tanashia later died at the hospital. Hickman was found dead the next day after committing suicide in a school parking lot.

Allysa Arzu, 23

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 · HOUSTON

Allysa Arzu was shot and killed by her partner, Tatyana Whitfield, 27, inside the home they shared. Neighbors reported hearing gunshots and later requested a wellness check, leading authorities to the discovery of the homicide. Whitfield died by suicide.

Vivian Walls, 42

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 · HOUSTON

Vivian Walls's boyfriend, Commodore Richardson, 32, strangled her in their home. Vivian was transported to a hospital, where she passed away 3 days later. Richardson was charged with murder and remains in the county jail. Vivian is survived by her four children. She is remembered by her family as a great cook, great provider, and loved by everyone.

Nancy Causing, 53

MARCH 3, 2024 · KATY

Nancy Causing was shot and killed by her husband, Edward Causing, 54, inside the home they shared. After the shooting, he died by suicide. Their two adult daughters had contacted the authorities out of concern and after hearing gunshots.

Jennifer Ramirez, 45

MARCH 18, 2024 · HOUSTON

Jennifer Ramirez died after her boyfriend, Derek Fischer, 31, shot her and left her remains in a bayou. Apartment staff found a note from Jennifer referencing sexual abuse by Fischer and alerted authorities after seeing blood in the unit. Authorities arrested Fischer and charged him with murder and tampering with a human corpse. He is also awaiting trial for a previous assault and protective order violations with another partner.

Michael Chidozie, 26

MARCH 21, 2024 · HOUSTON

Michael Chidozie died after his wife, Keaiirra Shavoiyae Chidozie, 29, shot him twice in their apartment. Michael died 18 days later in the hospital. Authorities initially charged Chidozie with aggravated assault and later indicted her for murder. Michael is survived by two young sons. Family and friends remember Michael as a devoted father and beloved friend, known for his kindness and laughter.

Kaneisha White, 20

MARCH 27, 2024 · HOUSTON

Kaneisha White died after being shot by her boyfriend, Jared Jones, 23, inside their residence. Jones confessed, and authorities charged him with murder. Jones remains in custody on a \$250,000 bond under electronic monitoring.

Kimberly Cardenas, 34

APRIL 1, 2024 · HOUSTON

Kimberly Cardenas died after being shot multiple times by her partner, Ernie Romero, 34, who then shot himself. Friends who went for a welfare check found they were both deceased. Kimberly had recently spoken on a local news segment about surviving abuse.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued...*

Lisa Michelle Edwards, 47

APRIL 9, 2024 · HOUSTON

Lisa Michelle Edwards died after her ex-husband, James Doyle Edwards III, 51, shot her and then killed himself. Family and friends requested a welfare check after losing contact. Authorities found both deceased inside his apartment. They divorced a year earlier. Lisa is survived by an adult son.

Trinishia Brown, 48

APRIL 13, 2024 · HOUSTON

Trinishia died after her husband, Johnny Edward Brown, 49, shot her in their home. Brown called the authorities and confessed to the shooting, resulting in his arrest. He was charged with murder and later released on bond with conditions prohibiting contact with Trinishia's son, who witnessed the homicide. The court later confirmed violations of those bond conditions.

Carol Webber, 74

APRIL 13, 2024 · HOUSTON

Carol Webber died when her boyfriend, Clifton J Allen, 66, shot her inside her apartment. The couple lived in a senior living complex. Carol had recently shared with friends and staff that she feared Allen and wanted to end her relationship and get her legal documents back. Allen was charged with murder and is currently in the county jail.

Paola Duran-Miranda, 21

APRIL 16, 2024 · HOUSTON

Paola Duran-Miranda died after her boyfriend, Franklin Alexander Acevedo-Chacon, 21, shot her in their apartment. Her mother found her body after being unable to reach her. Acevedo-Chacon fled with Paola's phone and car, sending texts to her mother pretending to be Paola. Authorities charged him with murder; he remains at large.

Vonica Renee Shepherd, 44

APRIL 20, 2024 · HOUSTON

Vonica Renee Shepherd was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Christopher Scott, 44, inside a vehicle in Houston. Neighbors walking nearby later discovered both Vonica and Scott deceased inside the car. Vonica had told friends and family that Scott had threatened to kill himself in front of her a week before the homicide. Vonica is survived by her adult daughter.

Rosenda Garcia Hernandez, 52

APRIL 21, 2024 · HOUSTON

Rosenda Garcia Hernandez was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Jose Santiago Villatoro, 50, while sitting in a vehicle. He then fled. Rosenda had recently ended their relationship and had been trying to get him to move out of her home. Authorities charged Villatoro with murder, and he remains at large.

Tuybach Ho, 58

APRIL 29, 2024 · HOUSTON

Tuybach Ho died after her husband, Tien Trinh, 62, doused her in gasoline and set her on fire in their home. Tuybach's adult sons tried to save her. Trinh then set himself on fire. Both died. Authorities had received family-violence calls to the residence in late 2023 and early 2024.

Mary Arredondo, 39

MAY 1, 2024 · HOUSTON

Mary Arredondo was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend, Ricardo Gonzalez, 42, at a home. Gonzalez also shot and killed Mary's friend, Annalisa Medina, 22. Gonzalez later died by suicide. Mary's family reported that Mary had separated multiple times and tried to separate from Gonzalez.

Marquisha Jackson, 27

MAY 4, 2024 · HOUSTON

Marquisha Jackson died after her boyfriend, Treyvon Johnson, 32, shot her multiple times. He then fled in her vehicle. Three days later, authorities found Johnson dead from suicide in Beaumont. Marquisha is survived by her child. Family and friends remember Marquisha with love.

Esbeidi Reyes, 35

MAY 5, 2024 · HOUSTON

Esbeidi Reyes died after her boyfriend, Oscar Navarrete, 34, stabbed her multiple times inside her home. Esbeidi had attempted to end the relationship months earlier. Navarrete had a history of physical abuse, prior assault charges, and suicide threats. He died by suicide days later from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued...*

Teresa Houston, 44

MAY 7, 2024 · HOUSTON

Teresa Houston died after her ex-boyfriend, Tilford Joseph, 46, shot her at a gas station as she tried to get help. He fled in her car, engaged in a shootout with law enforcement, and stole a patrol vehicle. Authorities charged Joseph with murder, among other offenses. Joseph had a history of abuse and prior assault charges against Teresa. Teresa had a protective order. Teresa, a school staff member, is survived by her son.

Steven Johnson, 39

MAY 10, 2024 · HOUSTON

Steven Johnson died after his girlfriend, Shawna Torrence, 38, stabbed him. She drove him to the ER and claimed she found him injured in the car. Authorities took her into custody on site. Her charge was later upgraded to murder. Steven is survived by two children and is remembered for his generosity and humor.

Gwenith Sammons, 70

MAY 11, 2024 · HOUSTON

Gwenith Sammons died after her husband, Jack Sammons, 65, shot her in their home before shooting himself. Friends and family requested a welfare check after not hearing from the couple for several days. A neighbor had reported hearing gunshots three days prior. Law enforcement discovered Gwenith and Sammons deceased.

Doris Faye Campa, 60

MAY 28, 2024 · BAYTOWN

Doris Faye Campa was stabbed and killed by her husband, Noel Campa, 48, in their home. Court records indicate that Doris had previously sought services and obtained a Magistrate's Order of Emergency Protection, and police had responded to prior domestic violence incidents. Authorities arrested Campa and charged him with murder. His bond was denied, and he remains in custody awaiting trial.

Myanda Thomas, 33

MAY 31, 2024 · HOUSTON

Myanda Thomas died after her boyfriend, Antonio Cornell Williams, 36, shot her at their home. He fled with their 2-year-old son on a bicycle and later shot himself and survived during a police encounter. Williams has a long history of domestic violence and previously killed another woman's mother in 2019 while on probation. Williams is currently charged with murder. Myanda is survived by her two sons.

Luz Angela Martinez Fernandez, 36

JUNE 4, 2024 · HOUSTON

Luz Angela Martinez Fernandez died when her husband, Yeison Aguillón, 35, shot her as she tried to walk down the street to get away from him. Aguillón then shot himself. Neighbors who heard the gunshots called law enforcement, who found both deceased.

Magdalena Estrada Riojas, 40

JUNE 22, 2024 · HOUSTON

Magdalena Estrada Riojas died after her former husband, Gustavo Flores, 40, shot her in a parking area. Flores also shot and killed another adult male, Ronald Hafner Marcia, 22. Investigators noted a prior family-violence assault involving Flores and Magdalena. Deputies detained Flores the next day, and authorities charged him with capital murder; bond was set at \$350,000 with no-contact conditions and weapon restrictions. He remains in custody for capital murder.

Merseana Struggs, 29

JULY 19, 2024 · HOUSTON

Merseana Struggs died after her ex-husband, Nicholas Finley, 34, shot her multiple times in her apartment complex parking lot as she tried to flee and seek safety in a bystander's car. Finley then fled in her vehicle and crashed. Authorities arrested Finley and charged him with capital murder; his bond was denied. Merseana is survived by her 8-year-old son.

Dortha Mares-Chaves, 57

JULY 24, 2024 · HOUSTON

Dortha Mares-Chaves died after her husband, Juan Mares-Chaves, 57, shot her multiple times inside their home. Mares-Chaves called 9-1-1 and later pleaded guilty to murder. He is serving a 44-year sentence.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued...*

Samantha A. Gutierrez, 36

AUGUST 9, 2024 · WEBSTER

Samantha A. Gutierrez was shot and killed by her ex-husband, Raul Santibañez Gutierrez, 40, at a business. Staff witnessed the shooting, and one man was injured and survived. Santibañez Gutierrez died by suicide. Reports described Santibañez Gutierrez as violently jealous. Samantha had ended the relationship.

Coral Niño Gutierrez, 27

AUGUST 10, 2024 · HOUSTON

Coral Niño Gutierrez, died after her ex-boyfriend, Ivan Cazares, 27, strangled her. He placed her body in the backseat of her car and left the car in a parking lot. Cazares later turned himself in and confessed. Authorities charged him with murder; bond was denied. Coral is survived by her 2-year-old son.

D'Quarian Whitehurst, 31

AUGUST 11, 2024 · HOUSTON

D'Quarian Whitehurst was shot and killed by his girlfriend, Unastasia Johnson, 31. Authorities charged Johnston with murder and tampering with evidence. Her bond was originally set at \$1 million but was later reduced to \$100,000. Her trial is scheduled for October 17, 2025.

Sarah N. Lee, 32

AUGUST 15, 2024 · HOUSTON

Sarah N. Lee died after her boyfriend, Robert Howard, 35, strangled her at their apartment. Sarah had previously filed police reports for prior assaults, and officers had responded to multiple calls for service in the months before her death. He has an extensive history of family violence, including a 2023 protective-order violation. Authorities charged Howard with murder; bond was denied, and he remains in custody.

Ana C. Melendez De La Rocha, 30

AUGUST 17, 2024 · HOUSTON

Ana C. Melendez De La Rocha died after her ex-boyfriend, Oscar Vega Espinoza, 35, stabbed her near a bayou in Houston. Authorities began looking for Ana when she did not return to where she had been staying. Ana had reported threats, stalking, and two violent

assaults by Vega Espinoza in the months before her death. Authorities charged him with murder and tampering with a human corpse; he remains in custody without bond. Ana is survived by her three children.

Andrea Rodriguez Avila, 21

AUGUST 25, 2024 · HOUSTON

Andrea Rodriguez Avila was killed in a murder-suicide carried out by 22-year-old Habeneyom Belai, who had become fixated on a dating relationship with her. After Andrea's family requested a welfare check, officers entered her on-campus housing and discovered both Andrea and Belai were deceased.

Muna Pandey, 21

AUGUST 26, 2024 · HOUSTON

Muna Pandey died after Bobby Singh Shah, 51, a man she had previously briefly dated, forced her into her apartment at gunpoint; security footage captured the abduction and his later exit with her purse. Two days later, police found her inside the apartment, deceased. Muna had reported being stalked and had installed security cameras that captured the homicide. Authorities charged Shah with capital murder; he remains in custody.

Dolores Kelly, 47

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 · KATY

Dolores Kelly died after her husband, Walden Whitaker, 41, stabbed her inside their apartment. He has a long history of domestic violence, including three prior assault charges against Dolores and others. Authorities arrested Whitaker and charged him with murder; he remains in the Harris County Jail, and trial is set for November 14, 2025.

Jalen Whitlock, 25

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 · HOUSTON

Jalen Whitlock was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Devin Webber, 31, at a family member's home. Authorities arrested Webber and charged him with aggravated assault of a family member, causing serious bodily injury with a weapon. He is being held without a bond. His trial is pending.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued...*

Domitila Rukata, 28

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 · HOUSTON

Domitila Rukata died after her boyfriend, Hashimumukiza Ezechiel, 33, shot her numerous times. Neighbors called the police after hearing gunshots. Authorities found Ezechiel dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. They had only recently moved in together, but in that brief time, the neighbors reported hearing frequent violence and concerning behavior from Ezechiel in the days prior to Domitila being murdered.

Jackelyn D. Wilson, 32

OCTOBER 2, 2024 · HOUSTON

Jackelyn D. Wilson died after her boyfriend, Howard Ruffin, 39, shot her. Jackelyn's children were at home. Ruffin had previously strangled Jackelyn in a 2022 assault, and a protective order was never enforced due to a system oversight. Authorities arrested Ruffin and charged him with murder. He remains in custody awaiting trial. Jackelyn is survived by her four children. Family and friends remember Jackelyn as a deeply loving mother.

Mary Jayne Collins, 23

OCTOBER 4, 2024 · SEABROOK

Mary Jayne Collins died after her boyfriend, Daywayland Earnest Hurst, 22, stabbed and beat her inside an apartment. Two young sons were in the home, and Hurst assaulted one child before fleeing. Authorities later arrested Hurst in Galveston County on other charges, and Harris County issued a murder warrant. Friends reported that Mary Jayne had shown them bruises and disclosed abuse. Family members remember Mary Jayne as a devoted mother who worked hard to support her sons. Mary Jayne is survived by her sons.

Christa Gilley, 38

OCTOBER 7, 2024 · HOUSTON

Christa Gilley was strangled to death by her husband, Lee Mongerson Gilley, 38, inside their home. He initially claimed she had overdosed, but the medical examiner ruled her death a homicide by strangulation. Christa was nine weeks pregnant at the time. The couple's two young children were in the house. Authorities charged Gilley with capital murder and released him on bond; he is currently awaiting trial, and a 20-year protective order was granted to Christa's parents and surviving children.

Miguel Zamora-Martinez, 46

OCTOBER 26, 2024 · HOUSTON

Miguel Zamora-Martinez died after his wife, Marisol Solis Zamora, 42, shot him inside their home. Their three teenage children ran downstairs after hearing gunshots and saw their mother holding the firearm. Authorities charged Zamora with murder; bond was set at \$100,000 with a court hearing scheduled for December 2025.

Adelene Wilson, 43

NOVEMBER 8, 2024 · HOUSTON

Adelene Wilson was stabbed and killed by her husband, Charles Murray Wilson, 49, inside their home. Adelene had called 9-1-1 earlier that morning, and neighbors reported witnessing violent behavior that escalated into the stabbing. Their 11-year-old son was at home. Authorities arrested and charged Wilson with murder; his bond was set at \$500,000. His case remains a pending trial.

Darrell Lynn Tikisha King, 29

NOVEMBER 12, 2024 · HOUSTON

Darrell Lynn Tikisha King died after her ex-boyfriend, Michael Wilkerson, 39, shot her nine times outside her workplace. After the shooting, he discarded his gun and clothing in a nearby bayou and fled, but authorities soon arrested Wilkerson. Wilkerson was stalking Darrell Lynn; she had recently ended the relationship. He is currently in the Harris County Jail awaiting trial for capital murder and tampering with evidence.

Alicia Strambler (Rabago), 35

NOVEMBER 27, 2024 · HOUSTON

Alicia Strambler died after her husband, Myron Strambler, 36, beat and assaulted her with a pistol at a motel. She had previously filed multiple protective orders due to his ongoing abuse. He had a lengthy criminal history. Authorities charged Strambler with murder and increased his bond to \$300,000; prosecutors are seeking to hold him without bond.

HARRIS COUNTY *continued...*

Stephanie Leal, 41

NOVEMBER 29, 2024 · JACINTO CITY

Stephanie Leal was stabbed and killed by her husband, Jesse Leal, 38, inside their home. Leal also killed a friend, Randall Pannell Jr., 38, during the attack. Four of Stephanie's children were at home. Leal has a history of domestic violence, with multiple protective orders and a prior divorce filing in 2018. Court records show Leal had previously been charged with assault family violence in 2020 and violating a protective order in 2021. Authorities arrested and charged Leal with capital murder. His bond was denied, and he awaits trial. Stephanie is survived by her five children.

HAYS COUNTY

Patsy (Sanchez) Barrera, 38

FEBRUARY 23, 2024 · KYLE

Patsy Barrera was beaten to death with a bat by her husband, Marco Sanchez, 43, inside their home. Authorities charged Sanchez with murder and continuous sexual abuse of a child, with his bond set at more than \$1 million.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Rhonda Wade, 62

MAY 11, 2024 · LARUE

Rhonda Wade was shot and killed by her husband, Raymond Franklin Wade, 72, in their home. Authorities charged Wade with murder, and his bond was set at \$1 million. The family remembers Rhonda lighting up the room with her smile and energy.

Troy Alldredge, 54

MAY 27, 2024 · EUSTACE

Troy Alldredge was shot and killed by his girlfriend, Patricia Ann Childs, 61. A protective order had previously been issued against her. Authorities charged Childs with murder, and her bond was set at \$1 million.

HIDALGO COUNTY

Janet Vichique, 28

JUNE 18, 2024 · MCALLEN

Janet Vichique was killed by her boyfriend, Fortunato Barrera Jr, 30, who shot her multiple times as she sat in her car in the parking lot of a convenience store. Her three-year-old daughter was in the back seat at the time of the murder. Barrera was seen leaving the scene and was pulled over and arrested by law enforcement. He pleaded guilty to murder and abandoning or endangering a child and was sentenced to 45 years in prison.

HOWARD COUNTY

Yanela Caridad Delachaoux Castro, 29

DECEMBER 27, 2024 · BIG SPRING

Yanela Caridad Delachaoux Castro was shot and killed by her husband, Joansy Frankie San Pedro, 41. Yanela had recently ended the relationship, though the two still shared a residence. Authorities charged San Pedro with murder. Yanela is survived by her 12-year-old daughter.

JACKSON COUNTY

Roseanne Martinez, 36

AUGUST 9, 2024 · EDNA

Roseanne Martinez was fatally shot by her boyfriend, Ramon Palacios, 36. Authorities charged Palacios with murder, and his bond was set at \$750,000. Roseanne is survived by her three children, two sons, and a daughter.

Jazmine Ramirez, 24

OCTOBER 17, 2024 · EDNA

Jazmine Ramirez was beaten and killed by her fiancé, Jose Miguel "Mike" Salazar, 39. Jazmine had previously reported an assault by Salazar in August 2023. A magistrate's order of emergency protection was issued against him at that time. Authorities charged Salazar with murder, aggravated assault with serious bodily injury with a deadly weapon and driving while intoxicated with a child passenger. He is currently awaiting trial.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Tiffany Guidry, 40

DECEMBER 24, 2024 · BEAUMONT

Tiffany Guidry was stabbed to death by her boyfriend, Alfred Washington, 36. Authorities charged Washington with murder, and his bond was set at \$1 million. The family remembers Tiffany smiling anytime someone walked into the home and making others smile.

Fanndashia Guillory, 19

DECEMBER 29, 2024 · BEAUMONT

Fanndashia Guillory was fatally shot by her girlfriend, Ava Fay Musgrove, 19. Authorities charged Musgrove with murder, and her bond was set at \$800,000. The family remembers Fanndashia as having a heart of gold, a vibrant personality, and an infectious smile.

KAUFMAN COUNTY

Gabriel Diosdado Arteaga, 47

FEBRUARY 5, 2024 · FORNEY

Gabriel Diosdado Arteaga died after being shot in a targeted ambush involving his wife, Mayra Lara Diosdado, 40, and Deaundre Bernard Walker, 24. The shooting occurred outside a residence in the early morning hours. Authorities arrested both Diosdado and Walker, charged them with murder and possession of a controlled substance. Gabriel is survived by his three children and is remembered for cherishing time with his sons.

KERR COUNTY

Ana Marie Puente Ortiz, 36

APRIL 9, 2024 · KERRVILLE

Ana Marie Puente Ortiz died after her husband, Isidro Arias Benitez, 33, shot her in their home. Deputies arrested Benitez, and authorities charged him with murder, manslaughter, and aggravated assault family/household member with a weapon causing serious bodily injury. Bond on the murder charge was set at \$500,000, with a pretrial setting scheduled for later in 2025.

LUBBOCK COUNTY

Stacy Williams, 58

MARCH 13, 2024 · LUBBOCK

Stacy Williams was shot and killed by a former dating partner, Miguel Garcia, 42, who abducted her and later left her body in Terry County. Authorities charged Garcia with aggravated kidnapping with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, with his bond set at over \$1 million. The family remembers Stacy for her unwavering love.

Ariel Cade, 22

MARCH 14, 2024 · LUBBOCK

Ariel Cade died after her ex-boyfriend, Maurice Hendrix, 21, shot her outside an apartment. Investigators conducting unrelated surveillance witnessed the shooting. Ariel was taken to a hospital but died from her injuries. Authorities arrested Hendrix and indicted him for murder, aggravated assault, theft of a firearm, and other charges. He is held without a bond.

McLENNAN COUNTY

Felicia June Brown, 68

JULY 18, 2024 · WOODWAY

Felicia June Brown was shot and killed by her husband, Daniel Douglas Brown, 70, in their home before he died by suicide. Colleagues and her family remember Felicia for her strong dedication of 40 years as a registered nurse.

Michaela Brooker (Covey), 38

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 · CHINA SPRING

Michaela Brooker died after her boyfriend, Richard Ozment, 36, beat and stabbed her. Ozment's mother discovered Michaela gravely injured and called for help. Authorities arrested Ozment and charged him with murder. He is considered a habitual offender and committed a parole violation; he remains in jail awaiting trial. Family and friends remember Michaela for her vibrant, free-spirited nature.

MIDLAND COUNTY

Kendra Nicole Vollmers, 34

MAY 21, 2024 · MIDLAND

Kendra Nicole Vollmers died after her ex-boyfriend, Wilburt Ray Davis, 54, strangled her inside her home. Davis, who has a history of violence and criminal charges, fled and remains at large. Kendra had ended their relationship the day before, and one of her teenage daughters discovered her body. A reward has been offered for information leading to his arrest.

ORANGE COUNTY

Porsha Kiel, 34

JANUARY 1, 2024 · ORANGE

Porsha Kiel died after her husband, Lester Lewis, 33, shot her inside their home. Lewis also shot and killed his 17-year-old daughter, Janiya Lewis. Lewis then died by suicide. Three other children were also in the house. The family remembers Porsha as strong, kind, and deeply devoted to her children. Porsha is survived by her three children.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Michelle Collins, 42

JANUARY 26, 2024 · MAGNOLIA

Michelle Collins died after her husband, Donnie Collins, 54, shot her inside their home and then killed himself. Deputies conducting a welfare check found Michelle deceased and Collins nearby. Friends and family remembered Michelle, an elementary school teacher, as a beloved mother and friend. She is survived by two young children.

Cathryn Wright, 61

MARCH 27, 2024 · MONTGOMERY

Cathryn Wright died after her husband, Stacy Wright, 62, shot her inside their home and then died by suicide. Family members requested a welfare check after losing contact. Authorities found both deceased. The family remembers Cathryn as a loving mother and grandmother.

POLK COUNTY

Jasmine Muldoon, 25

MAY 5, 2024 · LIVINGSTON

Jasmine Muldoon died after her boyfriend, De'Andre Wright, 23, stabbed her and left her body in a wooded area. Authorities arrested Wright and charged him with murder. In February 2025, he was sentenced to 50 years in prison.

POTTER COUNTY

Cecilia Rodriguez, 27

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 · AMARILLO

Cecilia Rodriguez was fatally shot by her boyfriend, Juan Antonio Salinas III, 26, inside the home they shared. Authorities charged Salinas with murder, and he was later convicted and sentenced. Cecilia is survived by her newborn infant daughter and a three-year-old son.

NUECES COUNTY

Doraine Lopez Burgos, 27

MAY 5, 2024 · CORPUS CHRISTI

Doraine Lopez Burgos died after her husband, Jimmy Tozo Portales, 33, shot her at their home. Medics transported her to a hospital, where she later died. Authorities upgraded the charge to murder and charged Portales, a convicted felon, with unlawful possession of a firearm. His total bond is \$875,000, with a court hearing scheduled for September 19, 2025.

Jessica Rose Olmos, 33

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 · AMARILLO

Jessica Rose Olmos was shot and killed by her husband, Jose David Olmos, 42, in a murder-suicide that also took the lives of their two children, Daniel Olmos, 11, and Jazale Olmos, 15. Jessica had previously separated from Olmos following his May 2024 arrest for assault. At the time of the murders, a magistrate's order of emergency protection was still active against him. The family remembers Jessica for her calmness and sweetness, with a soft-spoken voice that radiated patience.

RANDALL COUNTY

Brittany Torres, 27

MAY 27, 2024 · CANYON

Brittany Torres was killed after being beaten and then run over by her husband, Ulise DeLao, 28, outside the home they shared. DeLao was initially charged with intoxication manslaughter, later upgraded to murder, but a grand jury declined to indict on the murder charge, reinstating manslaughter. He was released on a reduced bond. Trial is set for April 2026. Brittany is survived by her one-year-old son. Family and friends remember Brittany for her dreams, kindness, and as a loving daughter, sister, mother, and friend.

RUSK COUNTY

Christina Glenn, 27

MARCH 2, 2024 · HENDERSON

Christina Glenn died after her boyfriend, Justin Roy Edwards, 33, shot her while she was driving. Deputies found her body in the car. Authorities arrested Edwards and charged him with murder, setting his bond at \$1,000,000.

SHELBY COUNTY

Darrion Landon, 42

JUNE 15, 2024 · CENTER

Darrion Landon was stabbed to death by his wife, Tameka Landon, 51, in the home they shared. Authorities charged Landon with manslaughter and released her on a \$10,000 bond, and her case is pending trial.

SMITH COUNTY

Rolanda Garcia-Vasquez, 38

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 · TYLER

Rolanda Garcia-Vasquez was shot and killed by her husband, Fidel Meza-Marmolejo, 43, in their home before he died by suicide.

Marilyn McEachin, 70

NOVEMBER 18, 2024 · TYLER

Marilyn McEachin was killed in her home by her husband, Gregory Bargaineer, 67, who set the house on fire after dousing her with fuel. Authorities charged Bargaineer with capital murder, and he is currently awaiting trial.

TARRANT COUNTY

Elizabeth Rowland, 38

FEBRUARY 23, 2024 · FORT WORTH

Elizabeth Rowland died after her ex-husband, Nathaniel Paul Rowland, 40, stabbed her in the neck inside his home. Their teenage daughter called 9-1-1. Authorities released Rowland on bond with an ankle monitor. He died by suicide a week before the trial.

Kristlynn Marie Owens (Robertson), 34

APRIL 19, 2024 · FORT WORTH

Kristlynn Marie Owens (Robertson) was fatally shot by her husband, Christopher Robertson, 33, in their home. Authorities arrested and charged Robertson with murder, and he was later convicted and sentenced to 50 years in prison in March 2025. Reports indicate Robertson had a history of family violence towards Kristlynn.

Cathy Jones-Hudiburg, 57

MAY 21, 2024 · COLLEYVILLE

Cathy Jones-Hudiburg was stabbed to death in her home by her husband, Jason Hudiburg, 57. Authorities charged Hudiburg with murder, and he was released on a surety bond of \$200,000 with conditions while awaiting trial.

Jorge Lara Pulido, 40

MAY 26, 2024 · EULESS

Jorge Lara Pulido was shot and killed by his girlfriend, Bridget Leitao, 43, inside a hotel. Authorities arrested and charged Leitao with murder, unlawful possession of a firearm, and possession of a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$75,000 for the murder case, \$5,000 for unlawful possession of a firearm, and \$2,500 for possession of a controlled substance. The trial is set for October 14, 2025. Pulido is survived by his three children.

TARRANT COUNTY *continued...*

Heather Treibly, 43

JUNE 1, 2024 · AZLE

Heather Treibly died after her boyfriend, Shane Breshers, 53, strangled her with cords and struck her in the head. Azle police opened a missing person's report on June 1, and after a homeowner reported a strong odor on June 12, they found Heather concealed in the backyard. Breshers confessed, and authorities arrested him on June 14. He is charged with murder and tampering with evidence, with his bond set at \$650,000.

Roosevelt Little, 62

JUNE 22, 2024 · FORT WORTH

Roosevelt Little was killed when his girlfriend, Alison Letrese Cotton, 53, struck him with a vehicle. Authorities arrested Cotton the following day, initially charging her with aggravated assault before upgrading the charge to murder. She was booked on July 31, 2024, and remains in custody on a \$200,000 bond with conditions, awaiting a trial set for October 25, 2025.

Mamade Kanneh, 34

AUGUST 3, 2024 · CROWLEY

Mamade Kanneh was fatally stabbed by his wife, Lauren Goar, 34, in their home. Authorities charged Goar with murder, and she remains in custody on a \$100,000 bond.

Ricardo Bruno, 38

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 · FORT WORTH

Ricardo Bruno was fatally shot by his girlfriend, Jessica Arredondo, 34, inside the home they shared. Authorities charged Arredondo with murder, and she remains in custody awaiting trial. Ricardo is survived by his three sons.

Bernice Pritchard, 61

NOVEMBER 30, 2024 · KENNEDALE

Bernice Pritchard was shot and killed by her fiancé, Rickey Lynn Perry, 63, inside their home before he died by suicide. Her son reported that the home door had been barricaded with a suitcase filled with Bernice's clothes and that she had a plan to escape with a friend's help.

Taterea McGuire, 32

DECEMBER 2, 2024 · ARLINGTON

Taterea McGuire died after her boyfriend, LeDarren Tilley, 37, shot her and left her in a greenbelt. Taterea's mother reported her missing, and a landscaper found her body two days later. Family members said she planned to end the relationship. Authorities arrested Tilley on December 8 and charged him with murder; his bond was set at \$250,000.

Cecelia Martinez, 42

DECEMBER 28, 2024 · FORT WORTH

Cecelia Martinez was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Arthur Joseph Vasquez, 49, before he died by suicide. The family and friends remember Cecilia for her devotion to her family and her enduring kindness. She is survived by her two sons.

TAYLOR COUNTY

Denise Gray, 66

MARCH 7, 2024 · ABILENE

Denise Gray died after her ex-husband, Floyd Lane Hardison, 67, shot her in her home. Hardison also injured Denise's sister. A neighbor then found the sister wounded outside. Authorities arrested Hardison and charged him with murder and aggravated assault. He remains in custody awaiting a trial set for December 2025.

Baby Rose Constancio, 49

JULY 17, 2024 · ABILENE

Baby Rose Constancio was fatally shot by her partner, Narsiso Alamilla, 47, in their home before he died by suicide. Baby Rose is survived by her five adult children, three daughters, and two sons.

TRAVIS COUNTY

Naomi Riley Davis, 19

JANUARY 1, 2024 · AUSTIN

Naomi Riley Davis was fatally shot and beaten by her boyfriend, Martin Adolpho Rodriguez, 20, in their home. Days before her death, Naomi ended their relationship because of his violent tendencies. Authorities charged Rodriguez with murder and unlawfully carrying a weapon, and his bond was set at \$750,000.

Maryuri Leticia Reconco-Moncada, 30

JANUARY 21, 2024 · AUSTIN

Maryuri Leticia Reconco-Moncada was fatally stabbed by her husband, Jose Reynaldo Martinez-Argueta, 26, in their home. Martinez-Argueta also injured their landlords before he was taken into custody. Authorities charged him with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at over \$3 million, and a jury trial is scheduled for October 13, 2025.

Suzanne Francoise Bailey, 58

JUNE 19, 2024 · AUSTIN

Suzanne Francoise Bailey was fatally shot by her husband, Joshua Lockwood, 53, in their home. After killing Suzanne, Lockwood died by suicide.

Iris Hernandez-Perdomo, 33

JULY 3, 2024 · AUSTIN

Iris Hernandez-Perdomo was fatally stabbed by her husband, Wilfredo Chavez-Chincilla, 40, in their home. After killing Iris, Chavez-Chincilla died by suicide. Neighbors heard the attack and called 9-1-1.

Francis Kaina Anseume Corredor, 27

OCTOBER 14, 2024 · AUSTIN

Francis Kaina Anseume Corredor was fatally shot by her husband, Sherles Machado-Hernandez, 31, in their home. Machado-Hernandez also shot and killed Francis's friend, Bryan Florentino Flores Alvarez, 19. Machado-Hernandez injured one of Francis's children during the attack and was charged with capital murder of multiple persons and injury to a minor. He remains in custody with a \$2 million bond on the murder charge and \$5,000 bond for injury to a minor, with trial set for September 2025.

UPSHUR COUNTY

Venessa Smith, 41

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 · GILMER

Venessa Smith was fatally stabbed by her husband, Craig Allen Smith, 41, in their home. Authorities charged Smith with murder, convicted him, and sentenced him to 50 years.

VAN ZANDT COUNTY

Angela Yvonne Lewis, 50

NOVEMBER 7, 2024 · WILLS POINT

Angela Yvonne Lewis was killed when her boyfriend, Phillip Cromwell, 48, struck her with a vehicle. Authorities charged Cromwell with murder and set his bond at \$500,000. Court records show Cromwell was previously the subject of a protective order in 2013 in Hunt County. His trial is pending.

WALLER COUNTY

Nakyla Williams, 33

FEBRUARY 16, 2024 · BROOKSHIRE

Nakyla Williams died after her husband, Jahorae Johnson, 37, shot her multiple times at a home. Neighbors reported gunfire, called 9-1-1, and responding officers found Nakyla deceased. Authorities charged Johnson with murder, and aggravated assault-family violence.

Linda Williamson, 58

JUNE 8, 2024 · HOCKLEY

Linda Williamson died after her husband, Brian Williamson, 60, shot her and then shot and killed himself. A friend requested a welfare check, and deputies found the couple deceased.

Thomas Edgar, 55

NOVEMBER 19, 2024 · MAGNOLIA

Thomas Edgar died after his wife, Hannah Edgar, 37, shot him at their residence. Prosecutors confirmed that both a handgun and a shotgun were used. Authorities charged Edgar with murder.

WICHITA COUNTY

Alicia Elias, 21

JUNE 22, 2024 · WICHITA FALLS

Alicia Elias was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Abelino Gonzalez Jr., 22, in their home. Gonzalez then died by suicide. Alicia was the mother of one son and was pregnant at the time of the homicide.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

Jennifer Diaz, 42

APRIL 6, 2024 · CEDAR PARK

Jennifer Diaz was shot and killed by her boyfriend, Chris Molnar, 37, in her home. Molnar then died by suicide. Jennifer was the mother of two children, a 14-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old son.

Family, Friends, and Bystanders Killed & Injured

■ In 2024, domestic violence also caused 16 deaths and 8 injuries to family, friends, and bystanders during homicide and murder-suicide incidents. We honor the family, friends, and bystanders who lost their lives:

Bryan Florentino Flores Alvarez, 19
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Aniah-Marie Fullerton, 8
RICHMOND, TEXAS

Kacey A. Fullerton, 46
RICHMOND, TEXAS

Omar D. "Chris" Fullerton, 43
RICHMOND, TEXAS

Bobby Kiel, 53
ORANGE, TEXAS

Janiya Lewis, 17
ORANGE, TEXAS

Amaya Lockett, 22
DALLAS, TEXAS

Ronald Hafner Marcia, 22
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Annalisa Medina, 22
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Sherri Moore, 40
FORNEY, TEXAS

Gavin Morris, 15
FRISCO, TEXAS

Daniel Olmos, 11
AMARILLO, TEXAS

Jazale Olmos, 15
AMARILLO, TEXAS

Randall Pannell, 38
SAN JACINTO, TEXAS

Shirley Jean Phillips, 58
GARLAND, TEXAS

Juana Medina Rodriguez, 56
IRVING, TEXAS



Methodology

DATA COLLECTION

TCFV conducts key steps to collect homicide data and case information. TCFV identifies cases that meet the report parameters by:

- » Identifying homicide cases through an ad hoc query in the Texas Department of Public Safety’s NIBRS (TDPS Crime in Texas portal of data reported by Texas law enforcement jurisdictions utilizing the National Incident-Based Reporting System).⁵⁰
- » Reviewing domestic violence and murder-suicide cases collected in Gun Violence Archives.⁵¹
- » Requesting identified family violence homicide case records from law enforcement, court, and district attorney jurisdictions, and family violence service providers.
- » Monitoring press media and social media in all 254 Texas counties.
- » Reviewing law enforcement, county, and district attorney offices’ communication releases.
- » Researching homicide cases with local and state partners.
- » Partnering with an attorney with family violence expertise to conduct a legal review of the case narratives.

REPORT TERMINOLOGY

Within the public verbiage, the terms “family violence,” “domestic violence,” and “intimate partner violence” are often used interchangeably. However, within this report, Honoring Texas Victims focuses specifically on “intimate partner violence”, analyzing data of cases where there was a current or previous intimate relationship between the victim and the perpetrator. We use the terms “family violence” and “domestic violence” as broader terminologies. Based on the legal definition in the Texas

Family Code, “family violence” in criminal legal settings and in other statutory languages describes the violence that occurs not only between dating or intimate partners but also between members of the same household or family.^{52,53}

REPORT METRICS

This *Honoring Texas Victims* 2024 report includes intimate partner and stalking homicides and murder-suicides that occurred in Texas from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, in which the perpetrators were charged with either murder or manslaughter, homicide, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, or aggravated assault family member serious bodily injury with weapon; or when the case was ruled a murder-suicide.

Some active criminal cases are ongoing and may not be reflected due to the date of publication for this report. For this report, cases are included if: 1) the homicide victim and perpetrator were previously or currently in an intimate relationship of any length; or 2) the victim was killed by a person who stalked or actively pursued a relationship, even if the victim did not engage in a relationship; 3) the intimate partner violence victim was killed; and 4) criminal charges listed above are brought against the perpetrator.

We acknowledge there are cases where the intimate partner violence victim survived, but other family members, bystanders, law enforcement officers, or others were killed. To stay within the criteria of this report, these cases are not included.

To obtain the most factual details for each case, we sought records from local law enforcement and district attorneys’ offices. Some agencies did not respond to TCFV’s requests for confirmation and identification of possible cases. The ages of the adults and children are reflective of the information provided to TCFV at the time of death.

50 Available at: <https://txucr.nibrs.com/ReportsIndex/List>

51 Available at: <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/query>

52 Texas Family Code Title 4, Protective Orders and Family Violence. Chapter 71 Definitions: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/fa/htm/fa.71.htm>

53 Texas Penal Code Title 6, Offenses Against the Family Chapter 25: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/docs/pe/htm/pe.25.htm>

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Honoring the resilience and
strength of **Texas victims** is our
mission every day.”

— **Advocate at TCFV**

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