

2020 HONORING TEXAS VICTIMS

SUMMARY FACTS

Annually, the Texas Council on Family Violence identifies men and women killed by their intimate partners to both honor their memories and raise awareness. We hope this review elevates community conversations, collaborations, and commitment to domestic violence prevention and intervention strategies.

In 2020, the conditions of the coronavirus pandemic increased isolation and economic stressors that compounded the impact of abuse, including frequency and severity of violence. TCFV documented the highest number of intimate partner homicides in the last decade; 228 men and women were killed by their intimate partners. Intimate partner homicide perpetrators also killed 31 family, friends, and bystanders and injured 17. The majority of homicides were committed by a perpetrator with a firearm.

FAMILY VIOLENCE FATALITIES

228

TEXANS KILLED BY
INTIMATE PARTNERS

31

FRIENDS, FAMILY,
BYSTANDERS KILLED

17

FRIENDS, FAMILY,
BYSTANDERS INJURED

23%

INCREASE IN HOMICIDES
BETWEEN 2019 AND 2020

45%

WOMEN KILLED HAD MADE
ATTEMPTS TO SEEK HELP
OR END THE RELATIONSHIP

67%

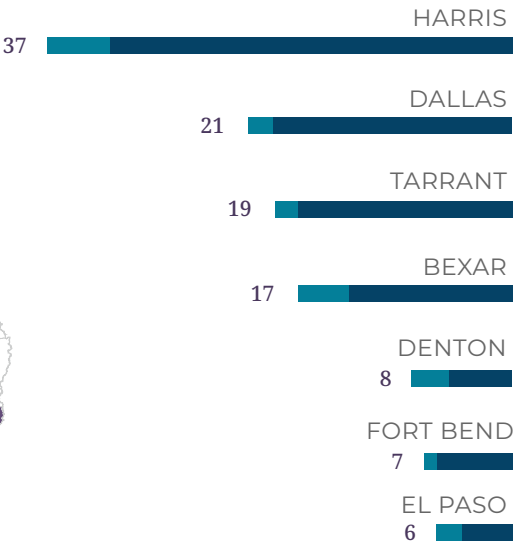
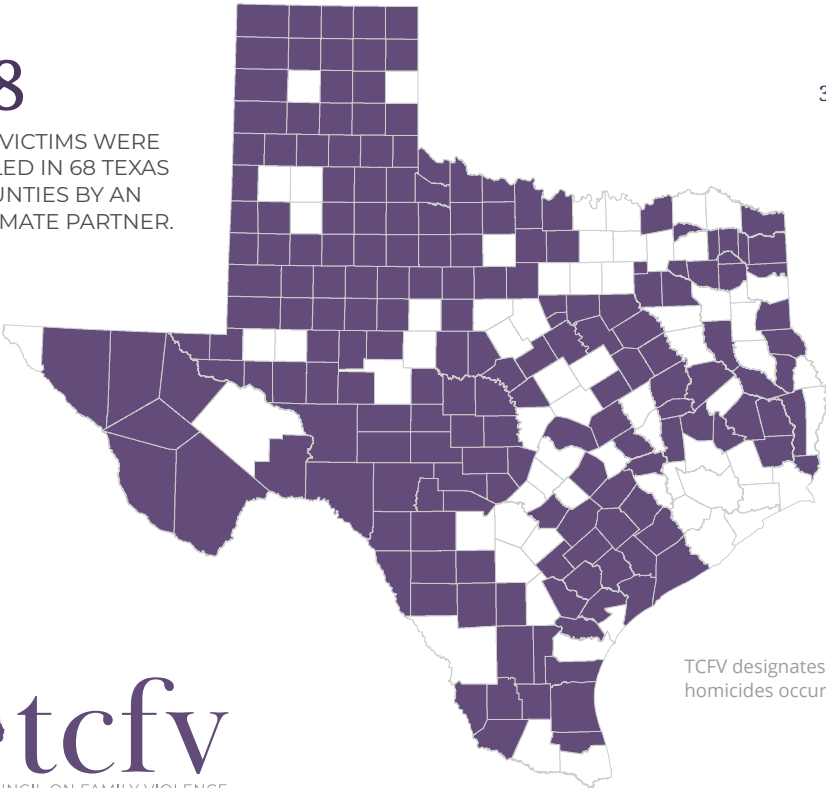
VICTIMS KILLED
IN THEIR HOME

COUNTY MAP

HIGHEST FATALITIES BY COUNTY

68

228 VICTIMS WERE
KILLED IN 68 TEXAS
COUNTIES BY AN
INTIMATE PARTNER.



TCFV designates counties where
homicides occurred in white.

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FAMILY VIOLENCE FATALITIES

183

WOMEN KILLED
BY MALE PARTNERS

40

MEN KILLED
BY FEMALE PARTNERS

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MEN & WOMEN KILLED
BY A SAME SEX PARTNER

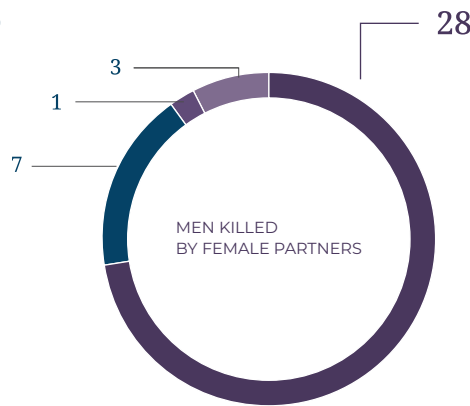
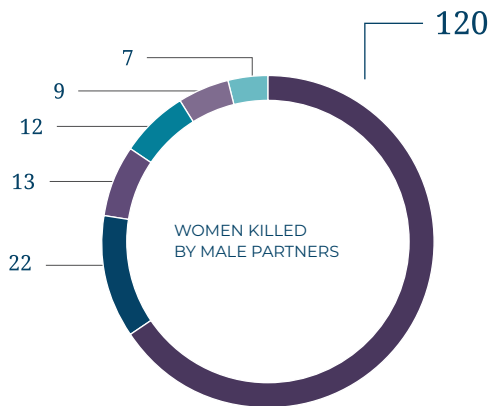
METHOD OF HOMICIDE

Twice as many victims were killed with a firearm than all other means combined.

67%

VICTIMS KILLED
WITH A FIREARM

SHOT STABBED PHYSICAL ASSAULT STRANGULATION OTHER UNKNOWN



VICTIM AGES

14

YEARS
YOUNGEST

90

YEARS
OLDEST

WOMEN KILLED BY MALE PARTNERS

25

YEARS
YOUNGEST

53

YEARS
OLDEST

MEN KILLED BY FEMALE PARTNERS

22

YEARS
YOUNGEST

66

YEARS
OLDEST

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RELATIONSHIP

