

2010 Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Report

On behalf of Dr. Leah Bush, Chief Medical Examiner for the Commonwealth, we are pleased to present the 2010 Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Report. This report examines the characteristics and circumstances of those killed as a result of family and intimate partner violence or conflict in Virginia in 2010. Several focal points in this report include:

- In 2010, there were 170 homicides related to family and intimate partner violence, reflecting a 22.3% increase between 2009 and 2010.
- Family and intimate partner homicide comprised 43.5% of all homicides occurring in Virginia in 2010.
- The increase in family and intimate partner homicide is accounted for by a 236.4% increase in fatal violence between family members (not intimate partners) and a 21.0% increase in intimate partner violence homicide between 2009 and 2010.
- Ninety-two females were killed from family and intimate partner homicide with a rate of 2.3 per 100,000, and 78 males were killed with a rate of 2.0.
- Social disparities are clear in these homicides. In 2010, black Virginians had a rate of family and intimate partner homicide at 3.6 per 100,000, which is double the rate for white Virginians at 1.8.

Basic information about these deaths for the five year period between 2006 and 2010 is also provided in an appendix. This report is available at:

<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/medExam/fipvhs-reports-publications.htm>

We invite your review and use of this report.

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