

Washington State Domestic Violence Fatalities by County

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Definitions

Homicide: Any homicide of one intimate partner by another, and other homicide deaths that happen in the context of intimate partner violence. These may include: domestic violence victims killed by abusive partners; children, friends and family members of domestic violence victims killed by abusers; law enforcement officers killed by abusers; abusers killed by domestic violence victims; abusers killed by friends, family, or bystanders intervening on behalf of a victim.

Suicide: Suicide deaths of domestic violence abusers, in the context of an intimate partner homicide or assault. These include domestic violence murder-suicide and abusers' suicide deaths following an attempted murder or homicide threats.

Police intervention: Abusers killed by law enforcement officers responding to domestic violence assault, homicide threats, or hostage situations. Most incidents are consistent with “suicide by cop,” in which abusers threaten officers or victims with deadly violence to provoke a lethal response. In previous versions of this table, these deaths are included with abuser suicides.