



Multnomah County DV Fatality Review Team: 2025 Case Review

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DVFRT History

2004

LPSCC reviewed a DV homicide & recommended future fatality reviews

2006

FVCC established DVFRT & held its first review

2019

DVFRT paused

2025

DVFRT reviewed a homicide case

2005

Oregon legislature authorizes DV fatality review teams

2006-2018

DVFRT reviewed 18 cases

2024

Updated DVFRT Protocol



DVFRT Case Review Process

1. Select case
2. Collect information
3. Reviewed case details and timeline
4. Discuss themes and possible interventions
5. Develop recommendations





Confidentiality

- ORS 418.714 requires confidentiality
- DVFRT recommendations may be shared if $\frac{2}{3}$ of members agree

#1 Recommendation

Make resource materials of services accessible to domestic violence survivors, community members, advocates, and community partners.

Action Items:

- Identify community resources to highlight.
- Ensure the resource materials are accessible.
- Emphasize confidential resources for people who don't want to report to police.
- Promote and share resource materials.
- Invite new programs to become FVCC membership.

#2 Recommendation

Assess the community's needs to adapt the Gateway Center's service model to provide consistent in-person and phone services.

Action Items:

- Gather feedback about successes and challenges throughout Gateway's history.
- Assess if Gateway services are aligned with national and local best practices.
- Assess space for community partners to return to in-person services.
- Assess financial resources to increase compensation to contracted partners.
- Assess the benefits of Gateway's on-site and phone services for survivors and community partners. Use the info to balance decisions about phone and in-person services.

#3 Recommendation

Explore options for information sharing between local law enforcement jurisdictions.

Action Items:

- Explore options for sharing information between jurisdictions related to DV incident reports.
- Identify if it's possible to document probable cause for arrest for DV related crimes in LEDS. Discuss the possibilities with local law enforcement agencies.

#4 Recommendation

After police respond to a high lethality risk DV incident, have an advocate reach out to the survivor to offer support.

Action Items:

- Explore PPB and GPD records departments' capacity to forward high lethality DV reports to the DVCRU advocates.
- Request and analyze historical data for amount of PPB and GPD high lethality risk DV incident reports.
- Collaborate with PPB, GPD and DVCRU to create a standard operating procedure for referring high lethality DV incident reports to DVCRU or other advocacy agencies

#5 Recommendation

Provide dating violence prevention and interventions for juvenile system-involved youth.

Action Items:

- Connect with JSD to explore adapting their H.E.A.T. curriculum, or creating other curriculum, to include DV prevention skills.
- Connect with DHS Child Welfare to explore offering an adapted H.E.A.T curriculum to kids going through the dependency process.
- Identify local community violence prevention programs for youth and explore opportunities to incorporate DV prevention skills into their curriculum.

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Multnomah County Fatal DV Incidents

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2024

- 40 Fatal Incidents
 - 35% Family Violence
 - 65% Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
 - 40 Perpetrators
- 50 DV Related Deaths
 - 41 Homicide Victims
 - 9 Perpetrators

Multnomah County DV Related Deaths

January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2024

Year	Victims	Perpetrators	Total Deaths
2020	6	1	7
2021	5	0	5
2022	13	4	17
2023	12	2	14
2024	5	2	7
Total	41	9	50

Average = 10 deaths a year

Victim's Relationship to Perpetrator

Other

4.9%

Other Family

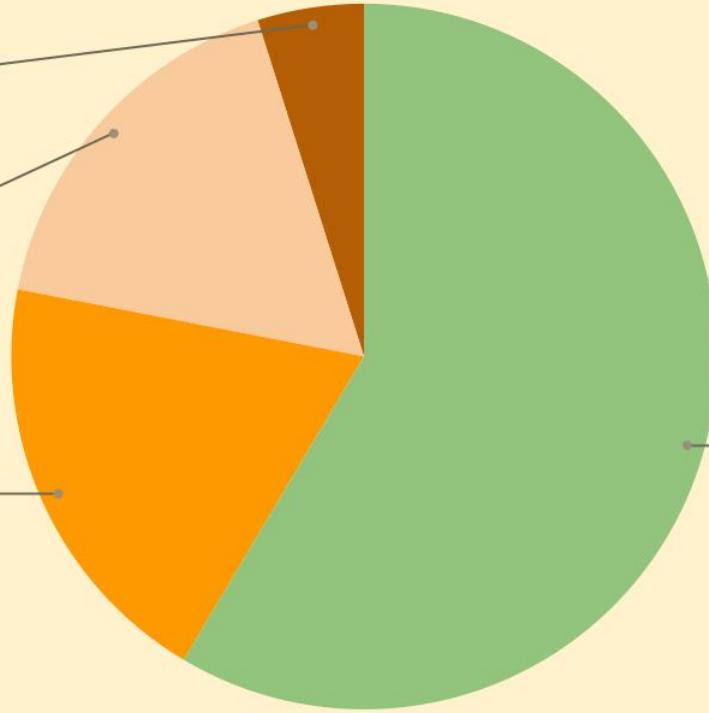
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Adult Child

19.5%

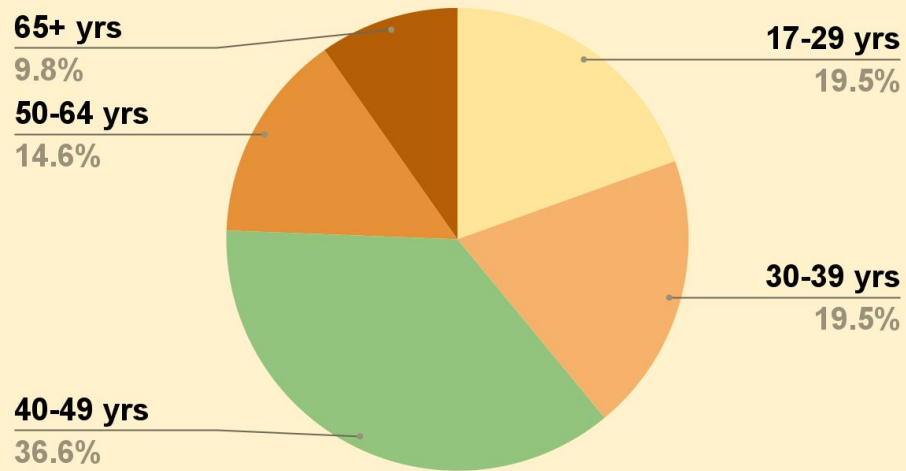
IPV

58.5%

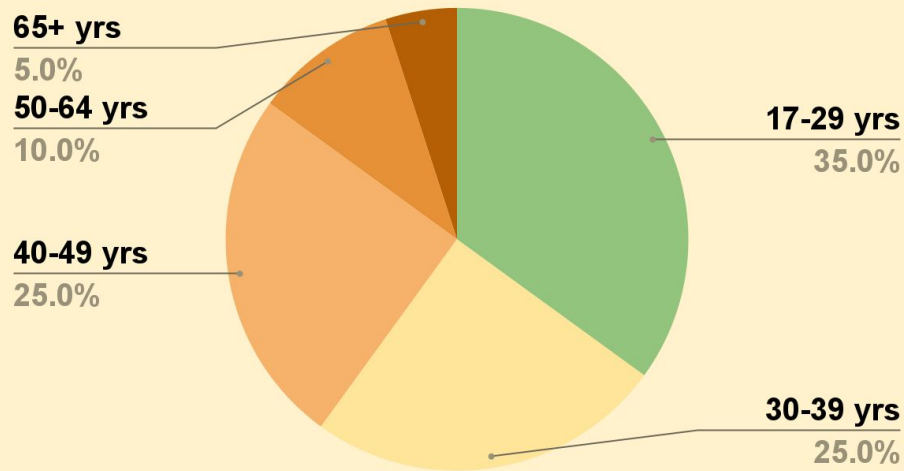


Age

Victim's Age

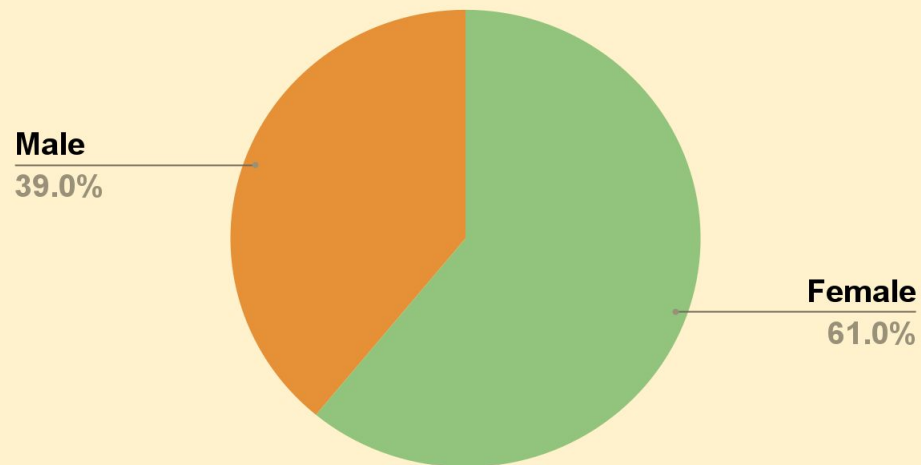


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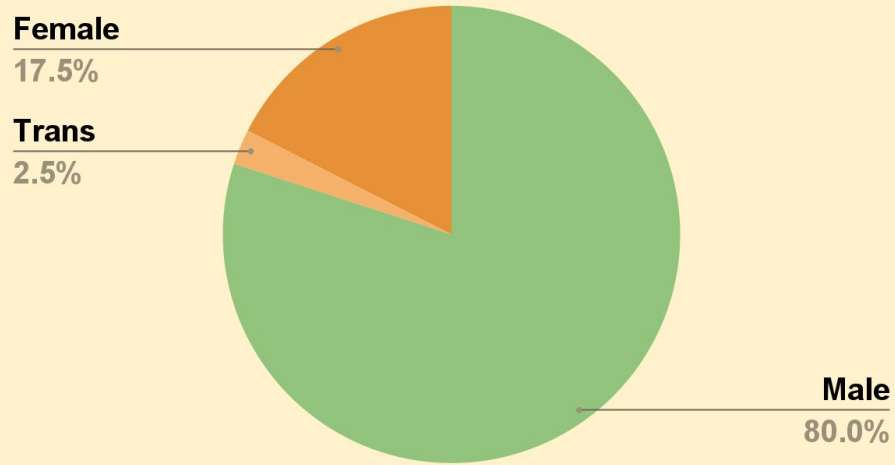


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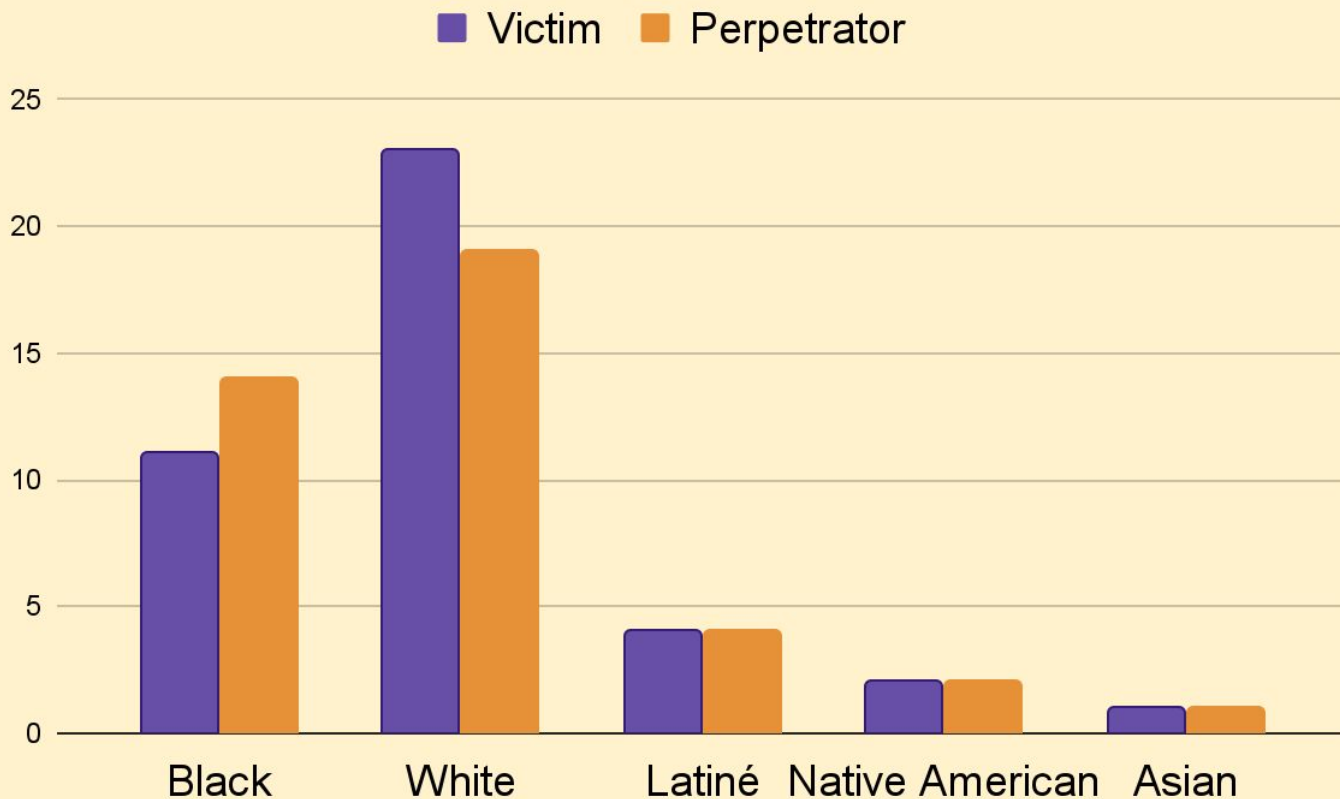
Victim's Gender



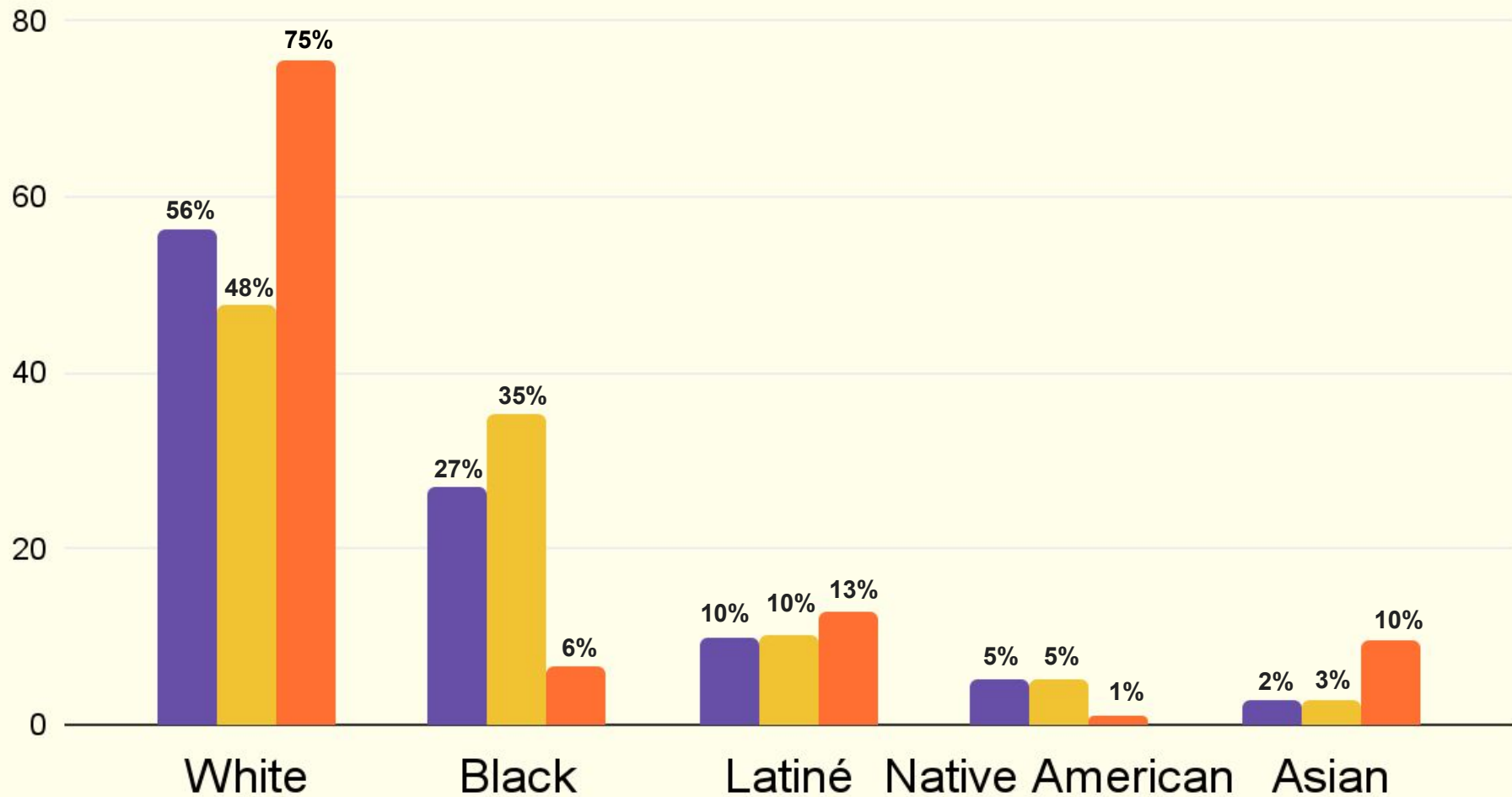
Perpetrator's Gender



Race/Ethnicity

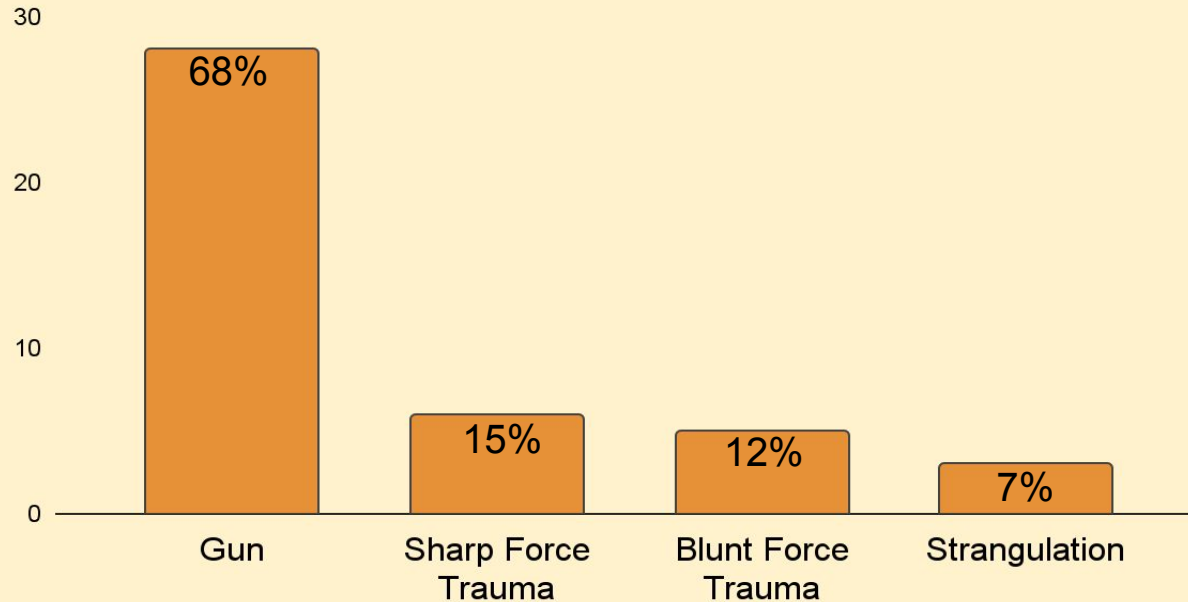


Victim Perpetrator US 2020 Census



Cause of Death

Victim's Cause of Death



- All 9 perpetrators died from a gunshot wound
- Gun violence was responsible for 74% of DV related deaths

Points of Interest

- 25% of IPV homicides were perpetrated by women
- 8 victims were killed by their teen/adult child
- 15% of incidents involved murder-suicide
 - Two murder-suicides involved 2 victims
- No children were killed
- Two perpetrators were killed by police

Additional Deaths

- Suicides and cases not designated as DV are not included.
- There were at least **another 8 homicides** that do not fit the ORS 135.230 definition of “domestic violence”
 - 2 killed by a landlord
 - 1 killed by their girlfriend’s adult son
 - 1 killed by a resident at the group home they worked at
 - 1 killed by a roommate
 - 1 killed by a neighbor
 - 1 killed by their daughter’s boyfriend
 - 1 likely killed by adult child but not enough evidence to charge



Questions?

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