

Domestic violence related murder in NSW

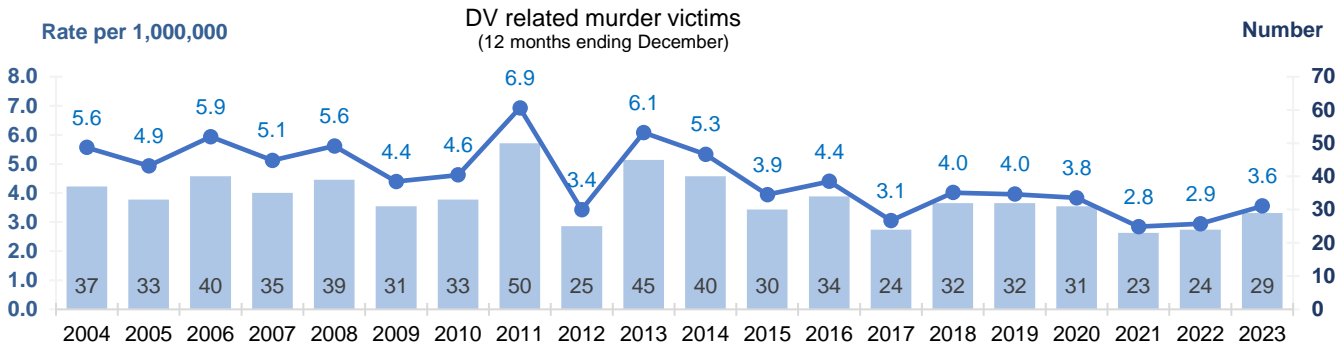
LONG TERM TREND: 20 YEARS FROM 2004 TO 2023

20 Year Trend*
Domestic violence related murder

**Down 1.3% per year
on average**

Number of victims 2023
Domestic violence related murder

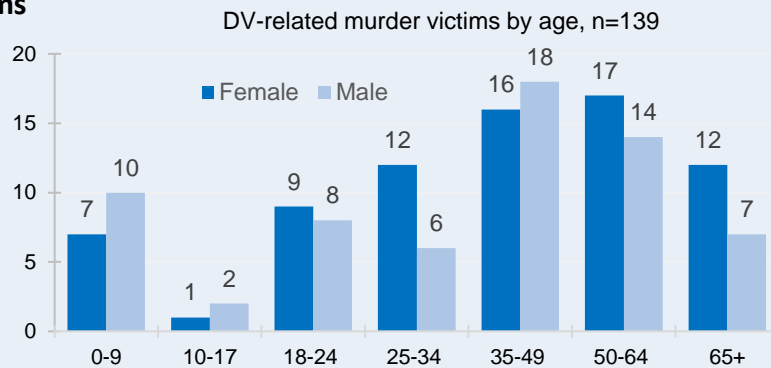
29 victims



AGE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED MURDER VICTIMS (5 YEARS FROM 2019 TO 2023)

Domestic violence (DV) related murder victims

- 14% (20) of DV murder victims were children or young people aged under 18 years. Of these 40% were female. Of the 20 child victims, 17 were less than 10 years of age (85%).
- Adults accounted for 86% (119) of DV murder victims. Over half (55% or 66 persons) were female.
- Of the adult DV murder victims, 58% (69) were aged 18 to 49, and 42% (50) were aged 50 years or over.

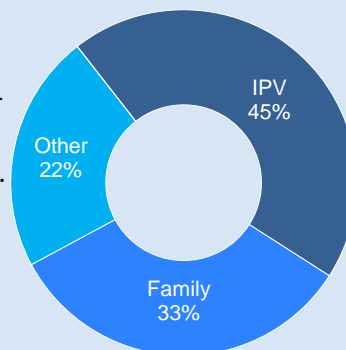


RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR (5 YEARS FROM 2019 TO 2023)

In the **five** years to December 2023:

Domestic violence related murder victims 2019 to 2023, n=139

- 45% of all NSW murders were DV related (139 of 309 total murder victims).
- About half of DV murders involved intimate partner violence (IPV) – 45% or 62 victims.
- 79% of IPV murder victims were female - 49 victims.
- More than one third of DV murders were Family violence – 33% or 46 victims.
- 41% of family murder victims were female - 19 victims.



Intimate Partner Violence (IPV): current & ex spouse/partner, current & ex boy/girl friend.

Family Violence: child, parent, sibling, other family.

Other: carer, housemate, persons in authority, other (e.g. ex-partner of partner).

*trend calculated on annual rate per 1,000,000

Note: Data based on reports recorded by the NSW Police Force

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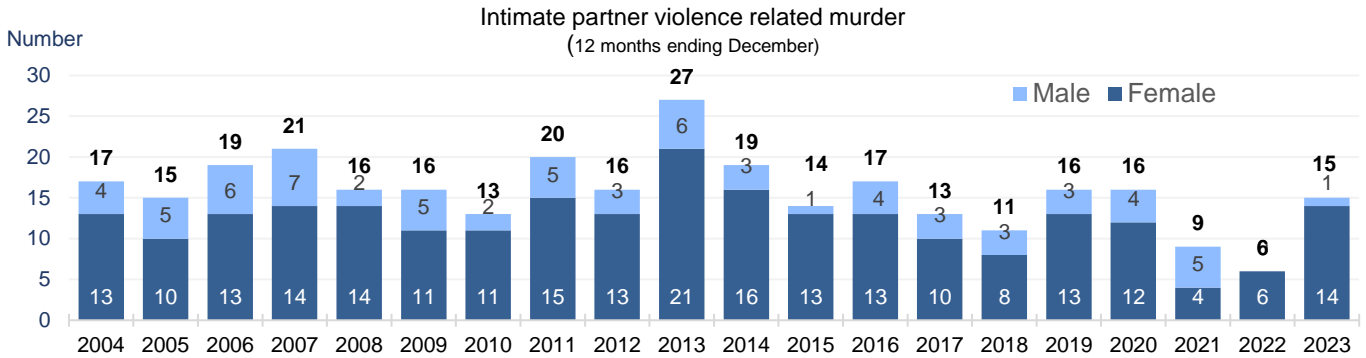
INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER

20 Year Trend*
Intimate partner murder

Down 0.7% per
year on average

Number of victims 2023
Intimate partner murder

15 victims



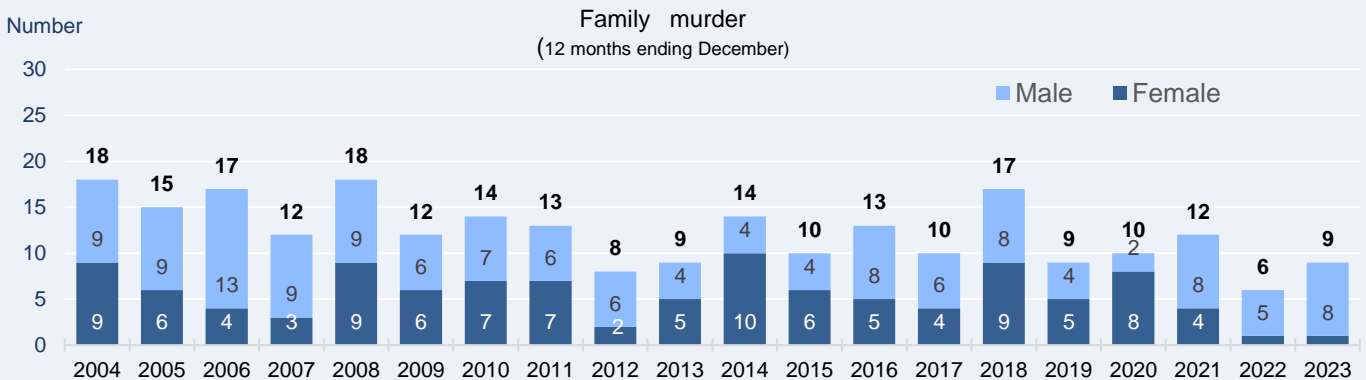
FAMILY MURDER

20 Year Trend*
Family murder

Down 3.6% per
year on average

Number of victims 2023
Family murder

9 victims



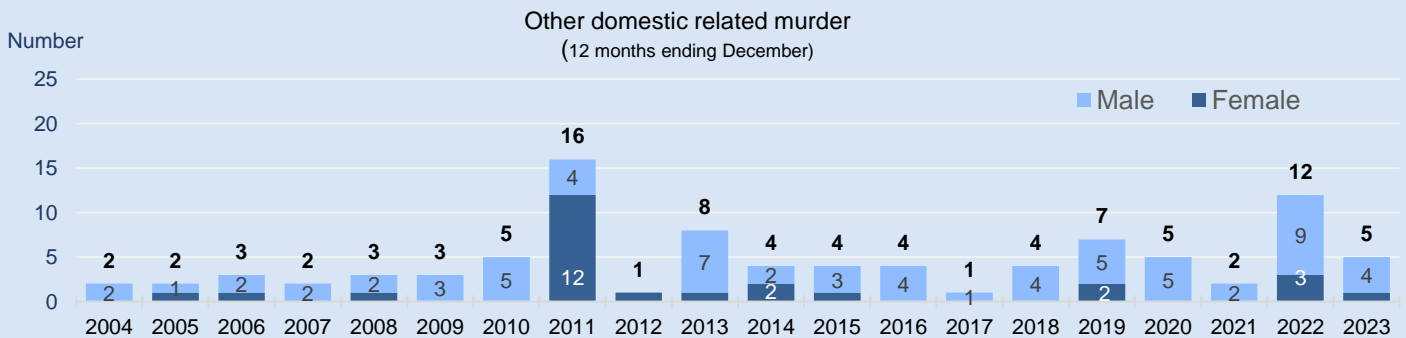
OTHER DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP MURDER

20 Year Trend*
Other domestic related murder

STABLE

Number of victims 2023
Other domestic related murder

5 victims



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CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED MURDER

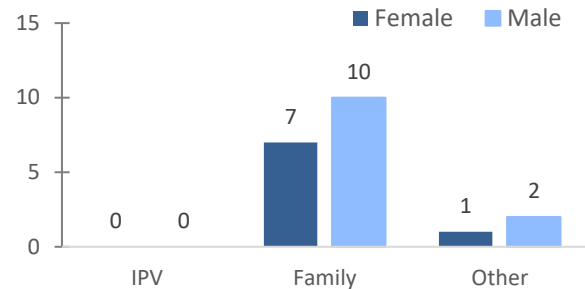
In the five years to December 2023:

- there were 20 victims of domestic violence related murder aged under 18 years.

Of these 20 child victims:

- There were slightly more male than female victims (12 v 8).
- The majority (17 victims or 85%) of child victims were murdered by a family member, with 60% (12) of child victims of DV murder are murdered by a parent/step-parent.

Child victims of DV murder, 2019 - 2023, n=20



ADULT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED MURDER

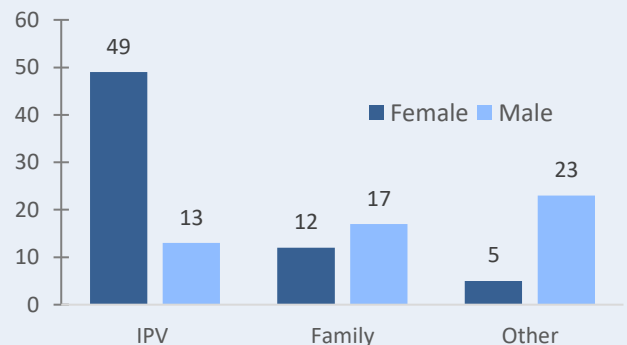
In the five years to December 2023:

- There were 119 adult victims of domestic violence related murder.

Among adult domestic violence related murder victims:

- Just over half were female (55%, 66 women)
- 52% (62) were murdered by an intimate partner: 79% (49) of adult IPV victims were female.
- 24% (29) of adult domestic violence victims were murdered by a family member. Over half adult family murder victims were male – 59% (17).
- Victims with ‘other’ known domestic relationship were overwhelmingly men – 82% (23) (including carer, housemate, persons in authority, ex-partner of partner).

Adult victims of DV murder, 2019 -2023, n=119



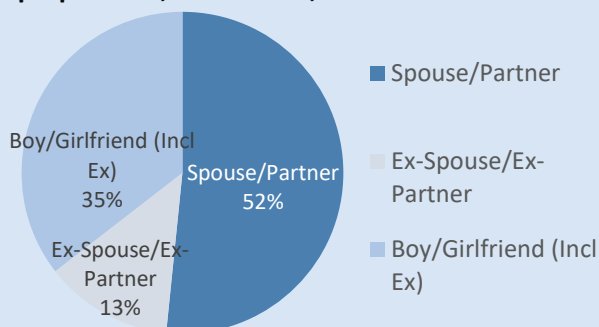
INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER

Victims of IPV murder:

In the five years to December 2023 NSW Police recorded 62 intimate partner murder victims:

- 52% (32) were a current spouse /partner
- 35% (22) were a current or ex boyfriend/girlfriend

IPV murder victim relationship to perpetrator, 2019- 2023, n = 62



Perpetrators of IPV murder

Police commenced legal proceedings against 47 persons for the IPV murder 62 victims in the five years to December 2022:

- Female victims – 100% of POIs were male
- Male victims – 80% of POI were female.

Gender of victim of IPV murder by gender of perpetrator, 2019-2023, n = 47

