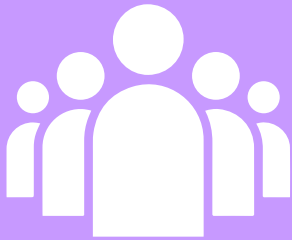


# 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REPORT

SILENT WITNESS STATISTICAL REPORT ON VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC HOMICIDE FROM 2019



OF THE **42** PEOPLE MURDERED BY A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER\*



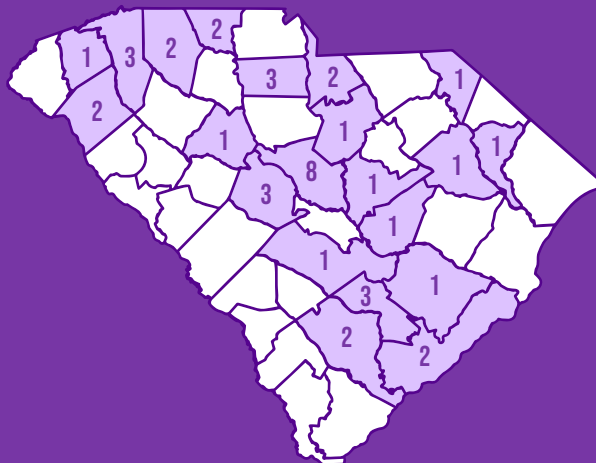
(N=36)

**86%** OF THE VICTIMS WERE WOMEN



(N=6)

**14%** OF THE VICTIMS WERE MEN



**21** OF **46** COUNTIES REPORTED ONE OR MORE DOMESTIC HOMICIDES IN 2019

\*NUMBERS DENOTE THE SUM OF REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOMICIDES IN EACH COUNTY



(N=23)

**55%** OF THE VICTIMS WERE BLACK



(N=19)

**45%** OF THE VICTIMS WERE WHITE

**0%** IDENTIFIED AS HISPANIC/LATINO



THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE VICTIMS IN 2019 WAS **40 YEARS OLD**

VICTIMS' AGES RANGED FROM 18 - 83 YEARS OLD

IN **2%** OF CASES THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WERE FROM OTHER CAUSES



IN **79%** OF CASES A GUNSHOT WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH

IN **5%** OF CASES A FIST OR AN OBJECT WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH



IN **12%** OF CASES A KNIFE WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH

IN **2%** OF CASES STRANGULATION WAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH



\*12 S.C. CODE §16-25-10 DEFINES "HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS" AS SPOUSES, FORMER SPOUSES, PERSONS WHO HAVE A CHILD IN COMMON, OR A MALE AND FEMALE WHO ARE COHABITING OR FORMERLY HAVE COHABITED. STATISTICAL DATA WERE COMPILED USING 2019 INCIDENT REPORTS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, SHERIFFS' OFFICES, CORONERS' OFFICES, POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND SOLICITORS' OFFICES STATEWIDE.