

Violence Against Women in Canada



On average, **every six days** a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner.¹

In 2020, **160 women and girls** were killed by violence. This is an increase from **118 women and girls killed by violence** in 2019.¹

The most common risk factor identified in cases of domestic homicide in Ontario is history of domestic violence.² **95%** of spousal homicide victims in Ontario are female.³

In November 2019, an average of **620 women and children** a day were turned away from domestic violence shelters across Canada.⁴

It costs society **\$7.4 billion** to deal with the aftermath of spousal violence that occurs in just one year.¹



Immigrant women may be more vulnerable to domestic violence due to economic dependence, language barriers, and a lack of awareness of available community resources.¹



One in four (**26%**) visible minority immigrant women in Canada experienced domestic violence in their lifetimes.⁵

Arab (**44%**), Black (**42%**), and Latin American (**47%**) women are more likely to have experienced Intimate Partner Violence since the age of 15 when compared to the total visible minority population (**29%**)⁵

One-quarter (**25%**) of visible minority women between the ages of 15 and 24 experienced Intimate Partner Violence in the past 12 months⁵



Violence Against Women happens everywhere. For more resources on how men can play an active part to end this violence visit www.whiteribbon.ca

¹ Canadian Women's Foundation. <https://canadianwomen.org/the-facts/gender-based-violence/>

² Ontario Coroner's Domestic Violence Death Review Committee. <https://cpo.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/Domestic-Violence-Death-Review-Committee-Report.pdf>

³ Statistics: Domestic Violence in Ontario. https://lah.elearningontario.ca/CMS/public/exported_courses/HHS4U/exported/HHS4UU3/HHS4UU3A2/_teacher/women.gov.on.ca-Statistics%20Domestic%20Violence.pdf

⁴ CBC News. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/womens-shelters-turned-away-domestic-violence-1.5483186>

⁵ 2021 Statistics Canada Study. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2021001/article/00008-eng.htm>