



## *Homicide and Spousal Homicide*

Between 1991 and 2006, there were a total of 266 homicides in Nova Scotia. Of these, women and girls comprised close to one-third (32 per cent) of victims, overall (ie., 84 females and 182 males).

### *Female Victims of Homicide Nova Scotia, 1991-2006*

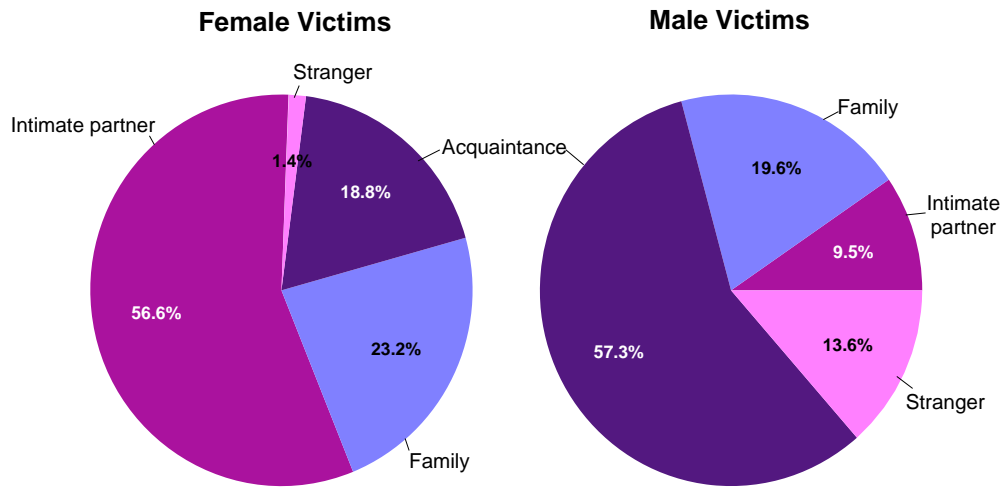
Year	Number	Year	Number
1991	6	1999	4
1992	12	2000	3
1993	7	2001	1
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1997	10	2005	5
1998	8	2006	4

Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, *Homicide Survey*.

**In Nova Scotia, a total of 84 women were victims of homicide between 1991 and 2006**

- Between 1991 and 2005, more than half (56.5 per cent) of female victims of homicide in Nova Scotia were killed by their spouses or intimate partners, compared to 9.5 per cent of male victims.
- Women in Nova Scotia are about 40 times more likely to be killed by a spouse or intimate partner than they are by a stranger (56.5 per cent versus 1.4 per cent).

## Victim-Suspect Relationship Nova Scotia Homicides, 1991-2005



Men in Nova Scotia are more likely to be killed by a stranger than they are to be killed by a spouse or intimate partner (13.6 per cent versus 9.5 per cent).

## Spousal Homicide

### Number of spousal homicides in Canada, provinces and territories by sex of victim, 1975 to 2004

Between 1975 and 2004 there were 86 spousal homicides in Nova Scotia. In close to three quarters of these cases (62), the victims were women. Nova Scotia's average spousal homicide rate during this period was 0.9 per 100,000 spouses for women and 0.3 per 100,000 spouses for men.

	Total number of victims		Average number of victims per year	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
NL	15	7	0.5	0.2
PE	6	1	0.2	0
<b>NS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>
NB	52	7	1.7	0.2
QC	497	87	16.6	2.9
ON	753	186	25.1	6.2
MB	123	48	4.1	1.6
SK	98	59	3.3	2
AB	244	97	8.1	3.2
BC	293	104	9.7	3.5
YU	9	5	0.3	0.2
NT	22	11	0.7	0.4
NU	4	2	..	..
CA	2178	638	72.6	21.3

**Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Homicide Survey.**