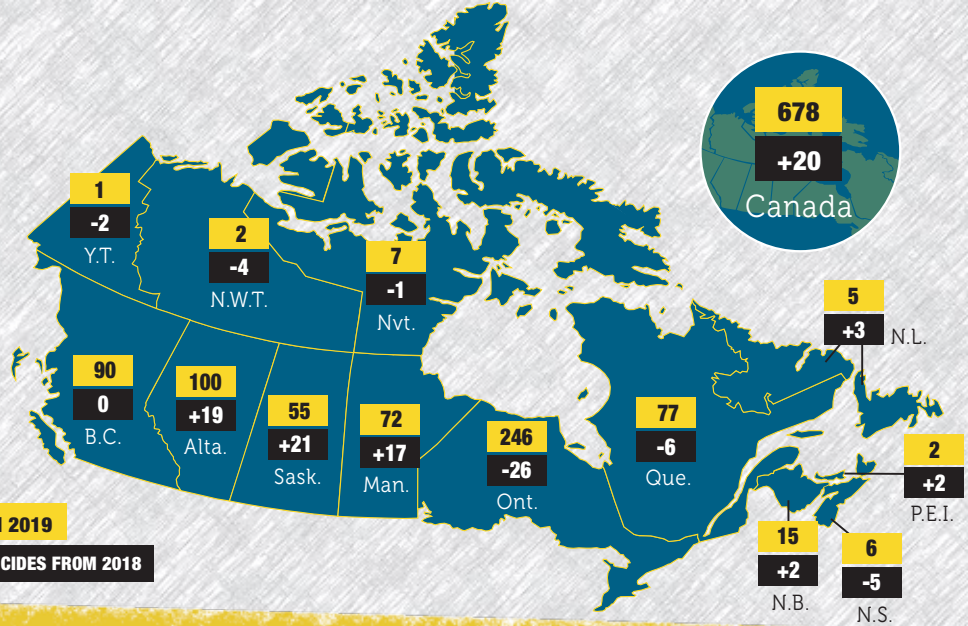


Nationwide, there were **678** homicides, at a rate of **1.80** per 100,000 population.

486
male victims

144
female victims



NUMBER OF HOMICIDES IN 2019

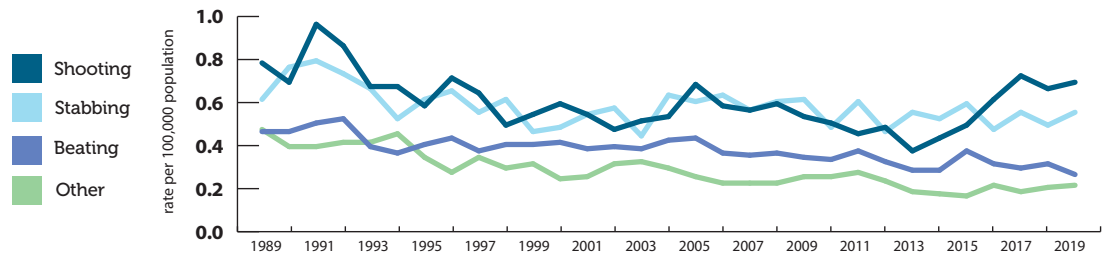
CHANGE IN NUMBER OF HOMICIDES FROM 2018

HOMICIDE IN CANADA, 2019

Almost 1 in 4 homicides in Canada was gang-related.

The number of gang-related homicides increased in 2019 to its **2nd highest rate ever.**

In Canada, **261** homicides were committed with a firearm, or **2 in every 5** homicides. Over half (60%) of these were committed with a handgun.



Indigenous peoples¹ represented about **5%** of Canada's total population in 2019 yet accounted for **27%** of homicide victims and **38%** of accused persons. The rate of homicide for Indigenous peoples was **six-and-a-half times higher** than for non-Indigenous people.

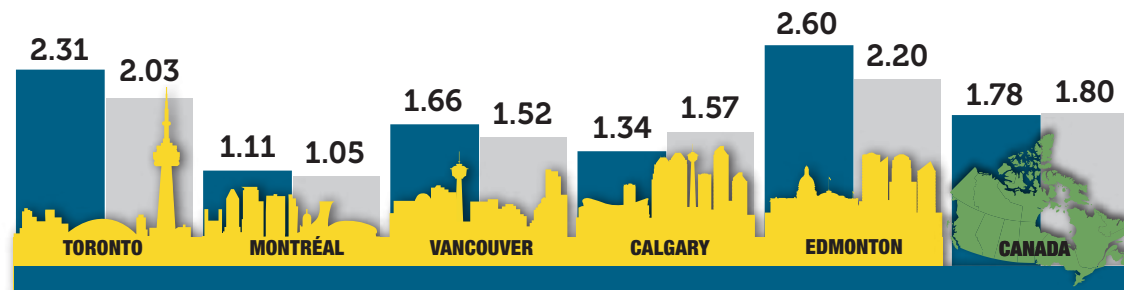
	Indigenous		Non-Indigenous	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Homicide victims ²	11.89	4.01	2.04	0.55
Persons accused of homicide ²	13.73	2.21	1.55	0.17

rate per 100,000 population

One-third of homicide victims were identified as **visible minorities**, **44%** of whom were identified as **Black**.

The proportion of **female victims** killed by a spouse or intimate partner was over **8 times greater** than the proportion of male victims.

Of solved homicides, almost **9 in 10** victims knew their accused.



Homicide rate for every 100,000 people living in the **5 largest** census metropolitan areas (CMAs)

2018 2019

1. The term "Indigenous" is used instead of "Aboriginal" for this product. Aboriginal identity is reported by police for the Homicide Survey. Aboriginal identity includes victims and accused persons identified as First Nations people (either status or non-status), Métis, Inuit, or an Aboriginal identity where the Aboriginal group is not known to police.
 2. Excludes 12% of homicide victims and 14% of accused persons where gender or Indigenous identity was unknown. The total may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
 3. Excludes 34% of homicides where the accused was not identified. The total may not add up to 100% due to rounding.
 4. Includes boyfriend, girlfriend, same-gender relationship, extra-marital lover, ex-boyfriend/girlfriend and other intimate relationships. Intimate relationship homicide counts include victims of all ages.
 5. Includes close friend, neighbour, authority or reverse authority figure, business relation, and casual acquaintance.