

Table 4.1
Homicides by sex and accused-victim relationship, Canada, 2000 to 2009

Victim killed by	Sex of victim				Total	
	Male		Female		number	percent of total solved homicides
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Family						
Spouse	157	5.2	581	40.1	738	16.4
Married	35	1.2	227	15.7	262	5.8
Common-law ¹	104	3.4	193	13.3	297	6.6
Separated ²	17	0.6	150	10.4	167	3.7
Divorced	1	0.0	11	0.8	12	0.3
Parent ³	157	5.2	153	10.6	310	6.9
Father	108	3.5	95	6.6	203	4.5
Mother	49	1.6	58	4.0	107	2.4
Child ⁴	110	3.6	95	6.6	205	4.6
Son	98	3.2	85	5.9	183	4.1
Daughter	12	0.4	10	0.7	22	0.5
Sibling ⁵	67	2.2	24	1.7	91	2.0
Brother	61	2.0	19	1.3	80	1.8
Sister	6	0.2	5	0.3	11	0.2
Other family ⁶	155	5.1	68	4.7	223	5.0
Total	646	21.2	921	63.6	1,567	34.9
Acquaintance						
Casual acquaintance	840	27.6	143	9.9	983	21.9
Criminal relationship	413	13.6	72	5.0	485	10.8
Friend	277	9.1	39	2.7	316	7.0
Other intimate relationship ⁷	58	1.9	133	9.2	191	4.3
Neighbour	98	3.2	27	1.9	125	2.8
Business relationship	73	2.4	10	0.7	83	1.8
Authority figure	9	0.3	9	0.6	18	0.4
Total	1,768	58.1	433	29.9	2,201	49.0
Stranger	629	20.7	95	6.6	724	16.1
Relationship unknown	32	...	8	...	40	...
Total solved homicides	3,075	100.0	1,457	100.0	4,532	100.0
Total unsolved homicides	1,179	...	227	...	1,406	...
Total	4,254	...	1,684	...	5,938	100.0

1. Includes same-sex spouses.

2. Includes those separated from a legal or common-law relationship.

3. Includes biological, adoptive, step and foster parents.

4. Includes biological, adoptive, step and foster children.

5. Includes biological, adoptive, step and foster siblings.

6. Includes all other family members related by blood, marriage (including common-law) or adoption. Examples include uncles, aunts, cousins and grandparents.

7. Includes current or former boyfriends, girlfriends and other intimate partners.

Note(s): Excludes homicides where the sex of the victim was unknown. Percentages exclude unsolved homicides and those in which the accused-victim relationship was reported by police as unknown. Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, Homicide Survey.