

# Domestic violence related murder in NSW

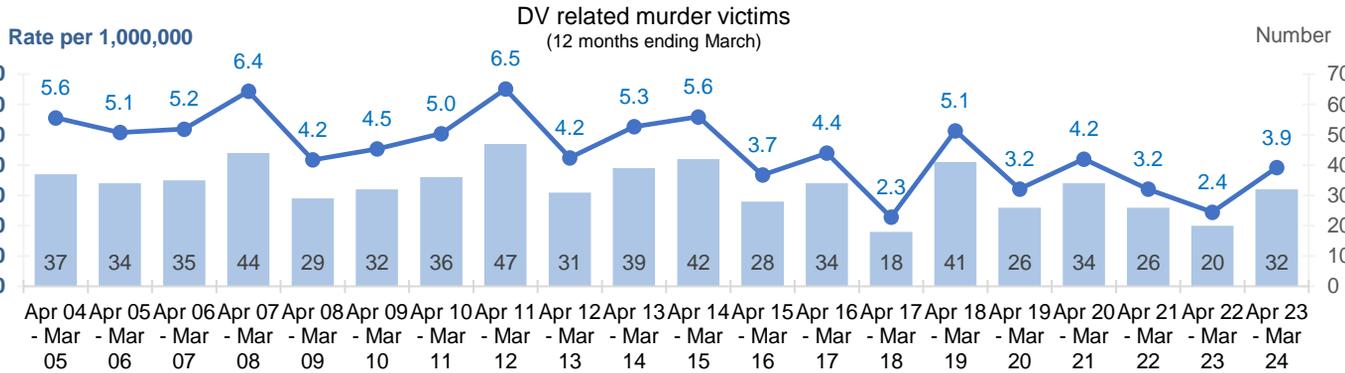
LONG TERM TREND: 20 YEARS FROM APRIL 2004 TO MARCH 2024

20 Year Trend\*  
DV murder

Down 1.8 per year  
on average

Number of victims  
12 months to Mar 2024  
DV murder

32 victims

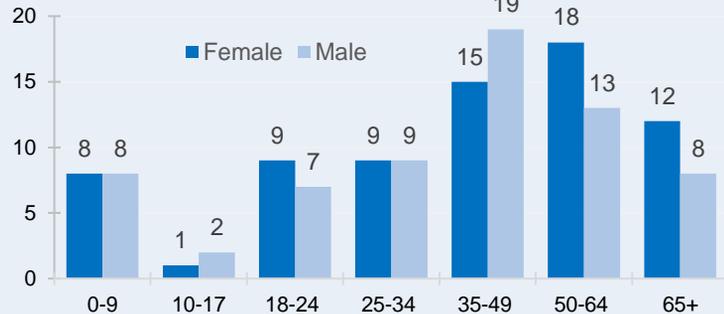


## AGE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED MURDER VICTIMS (5 YEARS FROM APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2024)

### Domestic violence (DV) related murder victims

- 14% (19) of DV murder victims were children or young people aged under 18 years. Of these 47% were female. Of the 19 child victims, 16 were less than 10 years of age (84%).
- Adults accounted for 86% (119) of DV murder victims. Just over half (53% or 63 persons) were female.
- Of the adult DV murder victims, 57% (68) were aged 18 to 49, and 43% (51) were aged 50 years or over.

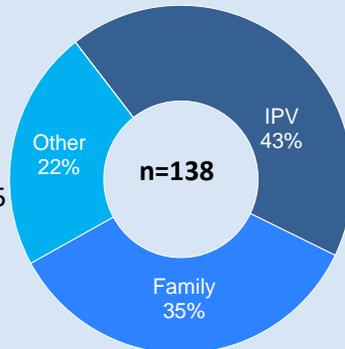
### DV-related murder victims by age, n=138



## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR (5 YEARS FROM APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2024)

### In the five years to March 2024:

- 45% of all NSW murders were DV related (138 of 309 total murder victims).
- 43% of DV murders involved intimate partner violence (IPV) (59 victims).
- 76% of IPV murder victims were adult females - 45 victims.
- More than one third of DV murders were Family violence – 35% or 48 victims.
- 44% of family murder victims were female - 21 victims.



**Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):** current & ex spouse/partner, current & ex boy/girl friend.

**Family Violence:** child, parent, sibling, other family.

**Other:** carer, housemate, persons in authority, other (e.g. ex-partner of partner).

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## INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER

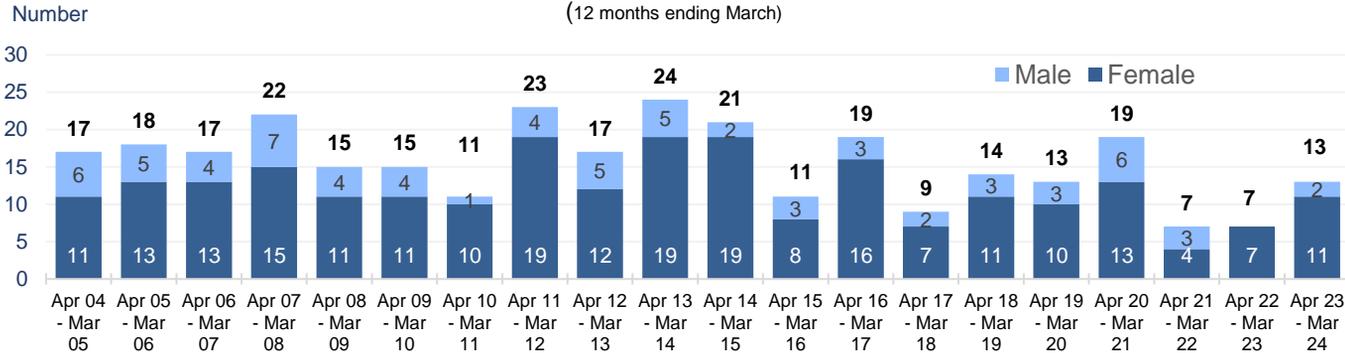
**20 Year Trend\***  
Intimate partner murder

**Down 2.5% per year on average**

**Number of victims 12 months to March 2024**  
Intimate partner murder

**13 victims**

**Intimate partner violence related murder**  
(12 months ending March)



## FAMILY MURDER

**20 Year Trend\***  
Family murder

**Down 3.8% per year on average**

**Number of victims 12 months to March 2024**  
Family murder

**10 victims**

**Family murder**  
(12 months ending March)



## OTHER DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP MURDER

**20 Year Trend\***  
Other domestic murder

**Stable**

**Number of victims 12 months to March 2024**  
Other domestic murder

**9 victims**

**Other domestic related murder**  
(12 months ending March)



\*trend calculated on annual rate per 1,000,000

## CHILD VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED MURDER

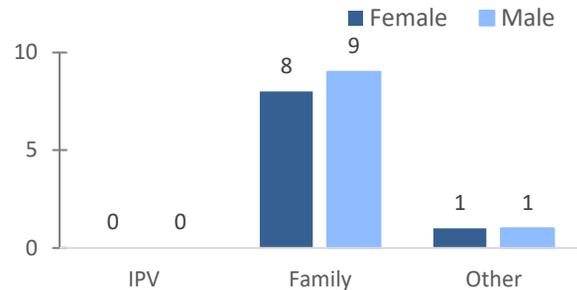
### In the five years to March 2024:

- There were 19 victims of domestic violence related murder aged under 18 years.

### Of these 19 child victims:

- There were slightly more male than female victims (10 v 9).
- The majority (17 victims or 89%) of child victims were murdered by a family member. 63% (12) of child victims of DV murder are murdered by a parent/step-parent.

### Child victims of DV murder, Apr 2019 – Mar 2024, n=19



## ADULT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED MURDER

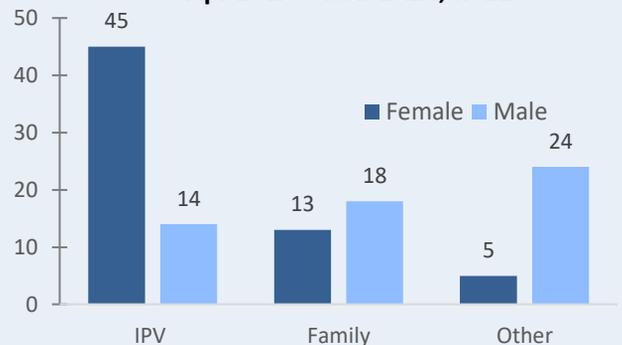
### In the five years to March 2024:

- There were 119 adult victims of domestic violence related murder.

### Among adult domestic violence related murder victims:

- Just over half were female (53%, 63 women)
- 50% (59) were murdered by an intimate partner: 76% (45) of adult IPV victims were female.
- 26% (31) of adult domestic violence victims were murdered by a family member. Over half of adult family murder victims were male – 58% (18).
- Victims with ‘other’ known domestic relationship were overwhelmingly men – 83% (24) (including carer, housemate, persons in authority, ex-partner of partner).

### Adult victims of DV murder, Apr 2019 – Mar 2024, n=119



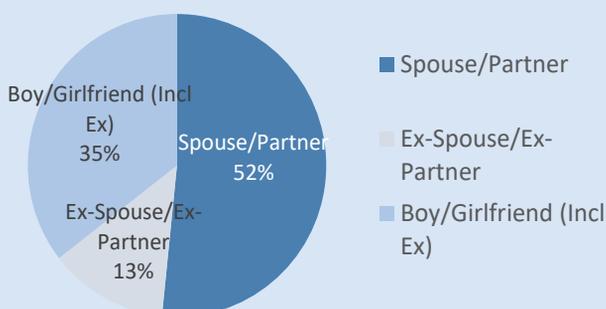
## INTIMATE PARTNER MURDER

### Victims of IPV murder:

In the five years to March 2024, NSW Police recorded 59 intimate partner murder victims:

- 51% (30) were a current spouse /partner
- 34% (20) were a current or ex-boyfriend/girlfriend

### IPV murder victim relationship to perpetrator, Apr 2019 – Mar 2024, n=59

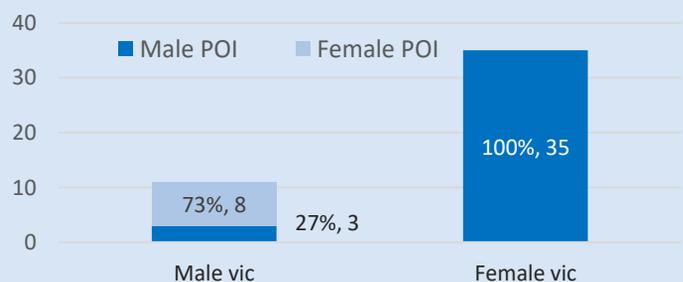


### Perpetrators of IPV murder

Police commenced legal proceedings against 46 POIs\* for the IPV murder of 59 victims in the five years to March 2024:

- Female victims – 100% of POIs\* were male
- Male victims – 73% of POIs\* were female

### Gender of victim of IPV murder by gender of POI\*, Apr 2019 – Mar 2024, n=46



\*Persons of interest (POIs) are suspected offenders recorded by police in connection with a criminal incident.