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## Domestic Homicide in New York State, 2010

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This report, compiled by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), presents a statistical account of domestic homicide reported by state and local police in New York State during 2010.

**Definitions.** Domestic homicide involves murder or non-negligent manslaughter in which the victim was known to have a domestic relationship with the offender, including intimate partners or another family member. An "intimate partner" relationship includes spouse, ex-spouse, heterosexual or same-sex partner and ex-partners—whether or not the victim and offender resided together at the time of the incident or had lived together previously. "Other family member" includes child, parent, sibling, or other family relationship.

Data. The data analyzed for this report are taken from the Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) submitted by law enforcement agencies to DCJS. Part of New York State's Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR), the SHR collects case-level information on all criminal homicides reported by police, including: victim-offender relation-

ship, demographic characteristics of victim and offender (gender, race/ ethnicity and age), as well as the circumstances of the homicide and the type of weapon used.<sup>4</sup>

Overview. Domestic homicide and its component relationship categories intimate partner and other family member – are compared in this report with all other homicides statewide and by region. Regional homicide data are presented for the five counties of New York City and the rest of New York State, comprised of the 57 counties upstate and Long Island. Statistics are presented on demographic characteristics of homicide victims, the circumstances surrounding the homicide, and the types of weapons used. Special attention is given to intimate partner homicide, the most frequent type of domestic homicide. In addition, relevant findings from the analysis of homicides involving minor child victims and other family member victims are also presented. Domestic homicide trends across a four-year period from 2007 to 2010 are also detailed in an additional section of this report. Finally, appendices document domestic homicide by county and region.

## Major Findings

- There were 144 domestic homicides in New York State in 2010, up 10% from 2009 (p. 2). This increase was driven by increases in minor child and other family homicides (p. 10).
- In 2010, 37 domestic homicides involved minor child victims, an increase from the 17 reported in 2009 (p. 7).
- Intimate partner homicides declined 19% from 2009 (p. 10).
- In 2010, 44% of adult female homicide victims were killed by an intimate partner, compared to 1.7% of adult male homicide victims (p. 3).
- The perpetrator also committed suicide in eight (11%) intimate partner homicides. In each of those incidents, all victims were female and all perpetrators were male (p. 8).
- Knives/cutting/blunt instruments were used in 40% of intimate partner homicides, while firearms were used in 32% (p. 9).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Homicide is defined as "the willful killing of one human being by another." *Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook.* Murder and non-negligent manslaughter refer to crimes in New York State Penal Laws §125.15 through §125.27 and include: murder in the first and second degree, aggravated murder, aggravated manslaughter in the first and second degree, and manslaughter in the first and second degree.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> New York Criminal Procedure Law §530.11(1)(a-e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Child" is defined as under 18 years old and includes a biological or adopted child, as well as a child who is killed by the intimate partner of his or her parent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> New York City homicide data are extracted from the New York City Police Department Shootings and Homicides database, which differs from the SHR but not in ways that substantially affect this analysis.

## State and Regional Overview of Domestic Homicides

Table 1 presents a statewide breakdown of domestic homicide compared to all other homicides.<sup>5</sup>

Table 1. Domestic Homicides and Other Homicides by Type of Relationship in New York State, 2010<sup>6</sup>

Type of Relationship	Number	Total	Percent of Domestic Homicides
Domestic Homicide	144	16.7%	100.0%
Intimate Partner	73	8.5%	50.7%
Other Family	71	8.2%	49.3%
All Other Homicide	718	83.3%	
Known	305	35.4%	_
Unknown <sup>7</sup>	413	47.9%	
Total	862	100.0%	_

- In 2010, police in New York State reported a total of 862 homicide victims in 822 incidents. Victims in 144 homicides, 16.7% of all homicides, had a domestic relationship with their offenders.
- In 73 homicides, the victim and offender were intimate partners. Intimate partner homicides, represented 50.7% of domestic homicides and 8.5% of all homicides.
- For 71 homicide victims, offenders were "other family" members. These victims most commonly involved the child, parent, grandparent, or sibling of the offender.

Nine domestic homicide *incidents* involved more than one victim. These incidents involved 23 victims, all of whom had a domestic relationship with the offender:

- Six incidents involved children under 18 years old who were killed by a parent or a parent's intimate partner
  - In one incident, the offender killed her four children and herself.
  - In two incidents, the offender killed his two children and a spouse.
  - In two incidents, the offender killed his child and an intimate or ex-intimate partner.
  - In one incident, the child victim was related to a second victim, who was the intimate partner of the offender.
- Three incidents involved the murder of multiple family members.
  - In one incident, the offender killed both of his parents.
  - o In one incident, the offender killed both of his parents and a sibling.
  - In one incident, the offender killed a sibling and another family member.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The "all other" type of homicide relationship includes categories in which the victim's relationship to the offender was known (e.g., friend, acquaint-ance, stranger, or otherwise known) and where the victim-offender relationship was unknown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As reported to DCJS through May 3, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> It is unlikely that a substantial number of homicides where victim-offender relationships were unknown were, in fact, domestic in nature. A further analysis of the 413 homicides with unknown victim-offender relationships revealed that only 32 involved females – the most common gender of domestic homicide victims. And of those, only seven were characterized as involving an argument, a circumstance frequently associated with domestic homicide.

Table 2 compares domestic and other homicides in New York City and the Rest of the State. Of the 862 homicides reported statewide in 2010, 536 (62%) occurred in New York City and the remaining 326 (38%) occurred in the Rest of the State. See Appendix A for county and regional distributions of domestic homicide.

Table 2. Domestic Homicides and Other Homicides by Type of Relationship and Region: 2010 8

	Homicides by Region									
		New York City	1	Rest of the State						
		Percent of	Percent of		Percent of	Percent of				
		Total	Domestic		Total	Domestic				
Type of Relationship	Number	Homicides	Homicides	Number	Homicides	Homicides				
Domestic Homicide	77	14.4%	100.0%	67	20.6%	100.0%				
Intimate Partner	34	6.3%	44.2%	39	12.0%	58.2%				
Other Family	43	8.0%	55.8%	28	8.6%	41.8%				
All Other Homicide	459	85.6%		259	79.4%					
Known	178	33.2%	_	127	39.0%	_				
Unknown	281	52.4%		132	40.5%					
Total	536	100.0%	_	326	100.0%	_				

- New York City reported 77 domestic homicides, accounting for 14.4% of all homicides in that jurisdiction. In the Rest of the State, 20.6% (67) of all reported homicides were domestic.
- While New York City reported five fewer intimate partner homicide victims than the Rest of the State (34 and 39, respectively), New York City reported substantially more domestic homicide victims who were other family members (43) as compared to 28 in the Rest of the State.

Table 3 shows that 796 (92.3%) of the 862 homicide victims in 2010 were 16 years old or older.

Table 3. Homicide of Victims (Age 16 and Older) by Gender and Region, 2010

	Age 16 & Older							
Gender	Intimate Partner Victims	All Homicide Victims	Percent Intimate Partner					
Statewide								
Female	62	141	44.0%					
Male	11	655	1.7%					
New York City								
Female	29	78	37.2%					
Male	5	423	1.2%					
Rest of the State								
Female	33	63	52.4%					
Male	6	232	2.6%					

• In 2010, 44.0% (62) of female homicide victims who were 16 and older were killed by an intimate partner, compared to 1.7% (11) of male homicide victims who were 16 and older.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For this report, intimate partners include spouse, ex-spouse, sexual partner or ex-partner, and same-sex partner, whether or not the victim and offender were living together at the time of the homicide or had previously lived together. NYPD homicide statistics include victims of domestic homicide incidents who are not intimate partners or members of the same family. These victims are excluded in this report.

## **Demographics of Domestic Homicide Victims**

Table 4 presents the gender, race/ethnicity, and median age of domestic and other homicide victims in 2010, statewide and by region.

Table 4. Domestic Homicides and Other Homicides by Victim Demographics and Region, 2010

			Statewi	de					
	Intimat	e Partner		Family	Total D	omestic	All C	thers	
Victim Demographics	Number	Percent	Number			Percent	Number	Percent	
Gender									
Female	62	84.9%	36	50.7%	98	68.1%	71	9.9%	
Male	11	15.1%	35	49.3%	46	31.9%	647	90.1%	
		13.170	33	40.070	70	31.370	047	30.170	
Race/Ethnicity									
White	28	38.4%	21	29.6%	49	34.0%	74	10.3%	
Black	30	41.1%	42	59.2%	72	50.0%	462	64.3%	
Hispanic	14	19.2%	5	7.0%	19	13.2%	161	22.4%	
Other	1	1.4%	3	4.2%	4	2.8%	15	2.1%	
Median Age (All Victims)	4	2.0	14	4.0	30	0.0	27	7.0	
Female	4	0.0	8	.5	30	0.0	29	9.0	
Male	4	4.0	26	6.0	30	0.5	27	7.0	
Total Victims		73	7	<b>'</b> 1	1	44	7	18	
		-	New York	City					
Gender				-					
Female	29	85.3%	23	53.5%	52	67.5%	42	9.2%	
Male	5	14.7%	20	46.5%	25	32.5%	417	90.8%	
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Race/Ethnicity	7	00.00/		4.4.00/	40	40.00/	20	4.40/	
White	7	20.6%	6	14.0%	13	16.9%	20	4.4%	
Black	19 7	55.9% 20.6%	31 3	72.1% 7.0%	50 10	64.9% 13.0%	306	66.7% 25.9%	
Hispanic Other				7.0% 7.0%			119	25.9% 3.1%	
Other	1	2.9%	3	7.0%	4	5.2%	14	3.1%	
Median Age (All Victims)	4	2.0	12	2.0	29.0		27.0		
Female	4	0.0		.0	29.0		28.0		
Male		4.0		5.0	30.0		27.0		
					30.0				
Total Victims	;	34	4	13	7	77	4	59	
	I	ı	Rest of the	State					
<u>Gender</u>									
Female	33	84.6%	13	46.4%	46	68.7%	29	11.2%	
Male	6	15.4%	15	53.6%	21	31.3%	230	88.8%	
Race/Ethnicity									
White	21	53.8%	15	53.6%	36	53.7%	53	20.5%	
Black	11	28.2%	11	39.3%	22	32.8%	156	60.2%	
Hispanic	7	17.9%	2	7.1%	9	13.4%	44	17.0%	
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	
Median Age (All Victims)	4	0.0	2.	1.0	36.0		26	5.0	
Female		0.0	21.0 18.0		33.5		26.0 31.0		
Male		3.5		0.0		8.0		6.0	
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Total Victims	;	39	2	28	6	67	259		

#### Gender

- Females were victims in 84.9% (62 of 73) of intimate partner homicides in 2010, but only 9.9% (71 of 718) of victims of all other homicides.
- Among all domestic homicides, females accounted for 68.1% (98 of 144) of victims.
- Statewide, 36 female and 35 male victims were killed by other family members.

## Race and Ethnicity

- Blacks were victims in 50.0% (72) of all of domestic homicides across the state, whites 34.0% (49), and Hispanics 13.2% (19).
- Among the 73 intimate partner homicide victims statewide in 2010, 41.1% (30) were black. Blacks comprised 55.9% (19) intimate partner homicide victims in New York City, compared to 28.2% (11) in the Rest of the State.
- Whites were victims of 28 intimate partner homicides (38.4%). Seven white victims were reported in New York City (20.6%) and 21 (53.8%) in the Rest of the State.
- Of the 14 Hispanic intimate partner homicide victims in 2010 (19.2%), seven were reported in New York City and seven in the Rest of the State.
- New York City reported more black victims of domestic homicide (50 or 64.9%) than white victims (13 or 16.9%) and Hispanic victims (10 or 13.0%) combined. However, in the Rest of the State, there were more white (36 or 53.7%) than black and Hispanic victims of domestic violence (22 or 32.8% and nine or 13.4%, respectively).9

#### <u>Age</u>

- Half of all intimate partner homicide victims statewide were under 42 years old.
- Female victims of intimate partner homicide in both New York City and the Rest of the State had a median age of 40 years, younger than male victims of intimate partner homicide, who had a median age of 44 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Even though more whites than blacks were victims of domestic homicides (36 versus 22) in the Rest of the State, the *rate* of domestic homicide for whites was actually lower than for blacks (0.4 versus 2.2 homicides per 100,000 persons) due to regional differences in the racial/ethnic make up of the population.

Table 5 presents domestic homicide victims according to the type of relationship and age group for the entire state and by region.

Table 5. Domestic Homicides by Victim Age Group, 2010

		State	ewide			
	Intimate	Partner	Other	Family	To	<u>otal</u>
Age Group	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Infant <1	_	_	12	16.9%	12	8.3%
1 - 4	_	_	12	16.9%	12	8.3%
5 - 15	_	_	13	18.3%	13	9.0%
16 - 19	3	4.1%	3	4.2%	6	4.2%
20 - 29	21	28.8%	4	5.6%	25	17.4%
30 - 39	9	12.3%	4	5.6%	13	9.0%
40 - 49	24	32.9%	2	2.8%	26	18.1%
50 - 59	9	12.3%	9	12.7%	18	12.5%
60 & Older	7	9.6%	12	16.9%	19	13.2%
Total	73	100.0%	71	100.0%	144	100.0%
		New Y	ork City			
Infant <1	_	_	8	18.6%	8	10.4%
1 - 4	_	_	7	16.3%	7	9.1%
5 - 15	_		10	23.3%	10	13.0%
16 - 19	_	_	1	2.3%	1	1.3%
20 - 29	11	32.4%	3	7.0%	14	18.2%
30 - 39	4	11.8%	2	4.7%	6	7.8%
40 - 49	10	29.4%	2	4.7%	12	15.6%
50 - 59	6	17.6%	6	14.0%	12	15.6%
60 & Older	3	8.8%	4	9.3%	7	9.1%
Total	34	100.0%	43	100.0%	77	100.0%
		Rest of	the State			
Infant <1	_	_	4	14.3%	4	6.0%
1 - 4	-	_	5	17.9%	5	7.5%
5 - 15	_		3	10.7%	3	4.5%
16 - 19	3	7.7%	2	7.1%	5	7.5%
20 - 29	10	25.6%	1	3.6%	11	16.4%
30 - 39	5	12.8%	2	7.1%	7	10.4%
40 - 49	14	35.9%	0	0.0%	14	20.9%
50 - 59	3	7.7%	3	10.7%	6	9.0%
60 & Older	4	10.3%	8	28.6%	12	17.9%
Total	39	100.0%	28	100.0%	67	100.0%

- Of the 73 intimate partner homicide victims, the majority were in either the 20 to 29 age group or the 40 to 49 age group.
- Among the 19 elderly (60 years and older) victims of domestic homicide, seven were an intimate partner of the offender and 12 were other family members.
- A total of 52.1% (37) of other family victims were under the age of 16. See Table 6 for additional details on minor child victims of domestic homicide.

### **Minor Child Victims**

Table 6 presents minor child domestic homicide victims by their reported demographics. A minor child is under 18 years old.<sup>10</sup>

Table 6. Minor Child Domestic Homicide Victims by Demographic Characteristics, 2010\*

Victim Demographics	Statewide	New York City	Rest of the State
	Old to Wildo	How Tork Oily	Trock of the otato
Infant (< 1 yr.)	12	8	4
1 - 4	12	7	5
5 - 9	8	5	3
10 - 17	5	5	0
Female	22	16	6
Male	15	9	6
White	8	1	7
Black	25	21	4
Hispanic	4	3	1
Total	37	25	12

<sup>\*</sup> A minor child victim is a person under 18 years old who was killed either by a parent, a parent's intimate partner, or another family member.

- Statewide, there were 37 minor child victims of domestic homicide. Among minor child victims, 25 were reported in New York City and 12 in the Rest of the State.
- Twenty-seven minor child victims were killed by a parent, one by a step-parent and two by the intimate partner of the child victim's parent. In other homicides, one child victim was killed by a sibling and six were killed by another family member.
- Statewide, 24 minor child victims were under 5 years old; 12 of these victims were infants less than 1 year old.
- Of the eight minor child victims who were white, seven were reported in jurisdictions outside of New York City, while 21 of 25 black child victims were reported in New York City.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In prior annual reports (2007 and 2008), the category of "child victim" of domestic homicide included all victims where a parent or the intimate partner of a parent was the perpetrator, regardless of the victim's age. In 2009, the counts for previous years were adjusted to identify minor children only (under 18 years old).

### Circumstances of Domestic Homicide

Table 7 presents the circumstances surrounding domestic homicides in 2010 as reported by police. Circumstances include argument, murder-suicide, other felony involved (e.g., arson, robbery, burglary), physical abuse/neglect, other, and unknown.

Table 7. Domestic Homicides by Circumstance Reported, 2010

Statewide										
	Intimate	Partner Partner	Other	Family Pamily	To	<u>otal</u>				
Circumstance	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Argument	47	64.4%	26	36.6%	73	50.7%				
Murder - Suicide	8	11.0%	8	11.3%	16	11.1%				
Other Felony Involved <sup>†</sup>	0	0.0%	4	5.6%	4	2.8%				
Abuse and/or Neglect	0	0.0%	7	9.9%	7	4.9%				
Other	8	11.0%	10	14.1%	18	12.5%				
Unknown	10	13.7%	16	22.5%	26	18.1%				
Total	73	100.0%	71	100.0%	144	100.0%				
		New York	City							
Argument	23	67.6%	17	39.5%	40	51.9%				
Murder - Suicide	2	5.9%	7	16.3%	9	11.7%				
Other Felony Involved <sup>†</sup>	0	0.0%	1	2.3%	1	1.3%				
Abuse and/or Neglect	0	0.0%	2	4.7%	2	2.6%				
Other	1	2.9%	2	4.7%	3	3.9%				
Unknown	8	23.5%	14	32.6%	22	28.6%				
Total	34	100.0%	43	100.0%	77	100.0%				
		Rest of the	State		r					
			_							
Argument	24	61.5%	9	32.1%	33	49.3%				
Murder - Suicide	6	15.4%	1	3.6%	7	10.4%				
Other Felony Involved <sup>†</sup>	0	0.0%	3	10.7%	3	4.5%				
Abuse and/or Neglect	0	0.0%	5	17.9%	5	7.5%				
Other	7	17.9%	8	28.6%	15	22.4%				
Unknown	2	5.1%	2	7.1%	4	6.0%				
Total	39	100.0%	28	100.0%	67	100.0%				

<sup>†&</sup>quot;Other Felony Involved" refers to a homicide that occurred as a result of the commission of another felonious crime.

- An argument was reported as the leading circumstance in half of all domestic homicides (73 of 144). However, in 18.1% (26) of domestic homicides, the circumstance surrounding the death was unknown.
- In 11.1% (16) of all domestic homicides in 2010, the offender also committed suicide; eight murder-suicides involved intimate partners and eight involved other family members.
- Of the eight murder-suicides involving intimate partners, six were reported in jurisdictions outside of New York City, and two in New York City. All intimate partner murder-suicide victims were female and all offenders, male.
- In murder-suicides involving other family members, seven occurred in New York City, and one elsewhere in the state.

## Weapons Used in Domestic Homicide

Table 8 provides statewide and regional breakdowns on the type of weapon used in domestic homicides by relationship. Weapon types include: firearms (handguns, rifles, shotguns, other firearms); knives, cutting instruments, or blunt objects; personal weapons (hands, feet, teeth); and miscellaneous weapons (motor vehicle, fire, poison).

Table 8. Domestic Homicide by Type of Weapon Used, 2010

Statewide										
	Intimate	<u>Partner</u>	Other	Family	To	<u>tal</u>				
Weapons Used	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Firearm	23	31.5%	14	19.7%	37	25.7%				
Knives/Cutting/Blunt Instruments	29	39.7%	23	32.4%	52	36.1%				
Personal Weapons (hands, feet, teeth)	4	5.5%	13	18.3%	17	11.8%				
Miscellaneous Weapons	8	11.0%	9	12.7%	17	11.8%				
Not Reported/Unknown	9	12.3%	12	16.9%	21	14.6%				
Total	73	100.0%	71	100.0%	144	100.0%				
	New \	ork City								
Firearm	5	14.7%	4	9.3%	9	11.7%				
Knives/Cutting/Blunt Instruments	16	47.1%	17	39.5%	33	42.9%				
Personal Weapons (hands, feet, teeth)	2	5.9%	5	11.6%	7	9.1%				
Miscellaneous Weapons	2	5.9%	6	14.0%	8	10.4%				
Not Reported/Unknown	9	26.5%	11	25.6%	20	26.0%				
Total	34	100.0%	43	100.0%	77	100.0%				
	Rest of	the State								
Firearm	18	46.2%	10	35.7%	28	41.8%				
Knives/Cutting/Blunt Instruments	13	33.3%	6	21.4%	19	28.4%				
Personal Weapons (hands, feet, teeth)	2	5.1%	8	28.6%	10	14.9%				
Miscellaneous Weapons	6	15.4%	3	10.7%	9	13.4%				
Not Reported/Unknown	0	0.0%	1	3.6%	1	1.5%				
Total	39	100.0%	28	100.0%	67	100.0%				

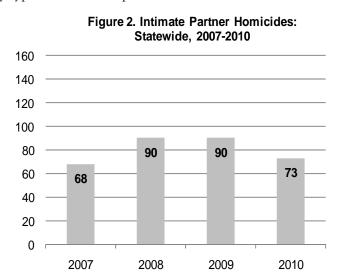
- Firearms were used in 25.7% (37) of domestic homicides statewide in 2010. In the Rest of the State, firearms were used in 41.8% of domestic homicides (28) as compared to 11.7% in New York City (9).
- Among intimate partner homicides, a knife, cutting instrument or blunt object was the primary weapon used against 39.7% (29) of victims; a firearm was used against 31.5% (23) of victims.
- In the Rest of the State, police reported that 46.2% (18) of intimate partner homicides and 35.7% (10) of other family homicides involved a firearm. In New York City, firearms were used in 14.7% (5) of intimate partner homicides and 9.3% (4) of other family homicides; for 20 domestic homicide victims (26.0%), the weapon type was unknown or not reported.
- Among the 71 other family domestic homicide victims, 37 were killed with knives, cutting instruments, or blunt objects (32.4%) and firearms (19.7%). Personal weapons accounted for 18.3% (13) of other family homicides.

## Trends in Domestic Homicide, 2007 - 2010

This report is the fourth in a series of annual reports on domestic homicide in New York State.<sup>11</sup> The following section compares domestic homicides over the four-year period from 2007 through 2010.

Figures 1-4 show trends in all domestic homicides and by type of relationship.

Figure 1. Total Domestic Homicides: Statewide, 2007-2010 160 140 147 144 120 131 131 100 80 60 20 0 2007 2008 2009 2010



- The total number of domestic homicides ranged from a low of 131 in 2007 and 2009 to a high of 147 in 2008.
- Intimate partner homicides declined 19% from a high of 90 victims in 2008 and 2009 to 73 in 2010.

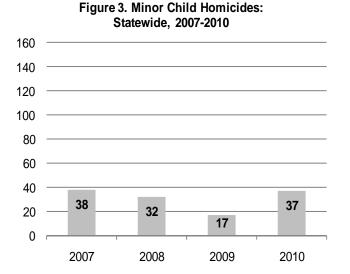
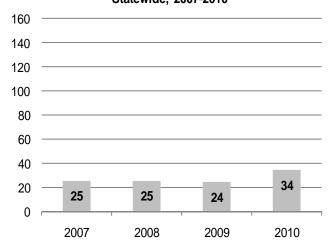


Figure 4. Other Family Homicides: Statewide, 2007-2010



- The number of reported minor child victims had declined in 2008 and 2009, but increased to 37 in 2010.
- The number of other family victims, which had been stable from 2007 through 2009 increased to 34 victims in 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Previous reports on domestic homicide are available at <a href="https://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us">www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us</a> under the "Publications" link in the left menu. In the 2007 and 2008 reports, "child victim" of domestic homicide was defined exclusively by the relationship between the victim and offender, regardless of the child's age. The 2009 and 2010 reports focus solely on minor children (under 18 years old). Figures 1 through 8 in this report adjust the number of child victims published in the 2007 and 2008 reports to reflect this definition.

## Regional Trends in Domestic Homicide, 2007 - 2010

Figures 5-8 show domestic homicides reported from 2007 through 2010 in New York City and the Rest of the State by type of relationship.

Figure 5. Total Domestic Homicides: NYC vs. Rest of the State

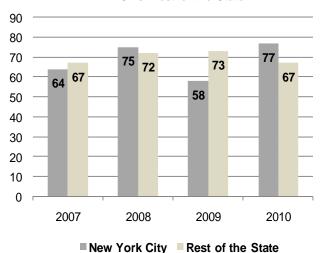
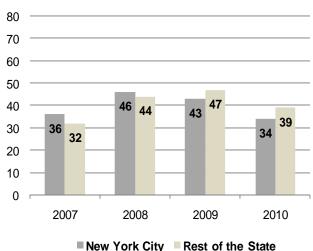


Figure 6. Intimate Partner Homicides: NYC vs. Rest of the State



In New York City, domestic homicides have fluctuated since 2007, declining from 75 in 2008 to 58 in State, domestic homicides increased in 2008 and

2009 before rising to 77 in 2010. In the Rest of the 2009 before declining to the 2007 level in 2010.

Intimate partner homicides in New York City decreased from 46 in 2008 to 43 in 2009 and continued to decrease in 2010 to 34. In the Rest of the State, intimate partner homicides rose from 44 in 2008 to 47 in 2009 and then decreased to 39 in 2010.

Figure 7. Minor Child Homicides: NYC vs. Rest of the State

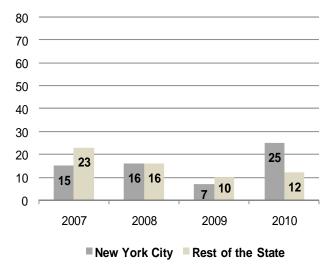
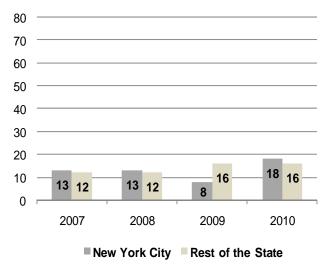


Figure 8. Other Family Homicides: NYC vs. Rest of the State



Minor child victims of domestic homicide increased • in New York City from seven in 2009 to 25 in 2010. In the Rest of the State, there was a slight increase from 10 victims in 2009 to 12 in 2010.

Domestic homicides involving other family members in New York City increased from eight in 2009 to 18 in 2010. In the Rest of the State, the number of other family members remained the same, with 16 reported in both 2009 and 2010.

## Comparison of Gender of Intimate Partner Homicide Victims

Table 9 shows the gender trends in intimate partner (IP) homicide victims and all homicide victims during the four-year period from 2007 through 2010.

Table 9. Trends in Intimate Partner (IP) Homicide by Gender and by Region, 2007-2010

Persons		Intimate Partr	ner Homicides	3
Ages 16 & Older	2007	2008	2009	2010
Statewide:				
IP Female	55	67	69	62
Total Female	138	139	156	141
(% IP Female)	(39.9%)	(48.2%)	(44.2%)	(44.0%)
IP Male	13	23	21	11
Total Male	606	640	585	655
(% IP Male)	(2.1%)	(3.6%)	(3.6%)	(1.7%)
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New York City:	00		0.4	00
IP Female	29	30	31	29
Total Female	69	65	74	78
(% IP Female)	(42.0%)	(46.2%)	(41.9%)	(37.2%)
IP Male	7	16	12	5
Total Male	400	429	379	423
(% IP Male)	(1.8%)	(3.7%)	(3.2%)	(1.2%)
Rest of the State:				
IP Female	26	37	38	33
Total Female	69	74	82	63
(% IP Female)	(37.7%)	(50.0%)	(46.3%)	(52.4%)
IP Male	6	7	9	6
Total Male	206	211	206	232
(% IP Male)	(2.9%)	(3.3%)	(4.4%)	(2.6%)

- Statewide, the number of adult female (16 years old or older) intimate partner homicide victims rose from 55 to 69 between 2007 and 2009, and declined to 62 in 2010. All adult female homicide victims also declined between 2009 and 2010, from 156 to 141.<sup>12</sup>
- Although the number of female homicide victims decreased in 2010, the percentage of female intimate partner victims in 2009 (44.2%) is similar to 2010 (44.0%).
- Statewide, male intimate partner homicide victims decreased steadily from 23 in 2008 to 21 in 2009 and then to 11 in 2010. Male intimate partner victims accounted for 3.6% of all male homicides in 2008 and 2009 compared to only 1.7% in 2010.
- From 2009 to 2010 in New York City, the number of female intimate partner victims declined slightly, from 31 to 29; the number of male intimate partner victims decreased from 12 to five.
- In the Rest of the State from 2009 to 2010, the number of female intimate partner victims decreased by five (from 38 to 33), and the number of male intimate partner victims decreased by three.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The decrease in all adult female homicides is due in part to a mass shooting that occurred in Binghamton, New York in April 2009 that claimed the lives of 11 females and two males, none of whom was a domestic homicide victim.

Appendix A. Domestic and Total Homicides by Region and County, 2010

	De	omestic Homicid	es	All Homicides		
County	Partner	Other Family	Total	Total		
New York City	34	43	77	536		
Bronx	8	10	18	127		
Kings	13	15	28	222		
New York	5	3	8	70		
Queens	7	8	15	100		
Richmond	1	7	8	17		
Rest of State	39	28	67	326		
Albany	0	0	0	2		
Broome	0	0	0	7		
Cattaraugus	0	0	0	1		
Chautauqua	0	0	0	2		
Chemung	2	1	3	4		
Clinton	2	0	2	3		
Columbia	0	1	1	1		
Delaware	1	0	1	1		
Dutchess	3	2	5	13		
Erie	4	2	6	62		
Fulton	0	0	0	1		
Jefferson	1	1	2	4		
Livingston	1	0	1	2		
Madison	0	0	0	1		
Monroe	5	3	8	47		
Montgomery	0	0	0	1		
Nassau	0	6	6	28		
Niagara	0	1	1	5		
Oneida	1	1	2	7		
Onondaga	2	1	3	17		
Ontario	1	0	1	1		
Orange	1	2	3	17		
Oswego	2	0	2	3		
Putnam	2	0	2	2		
Rensselaer	0	0	0	2		
Rockland	1	0	1	2		
St. Lawrence	1	0	1	2		
Schenectady	0	2	2	8		
Steuben	1	1	2	2		
Suffolk	7	1	8	52		
Sullivan	1	0	1	3		
Tompkins	0	1	1	2		
Ulster	0	0	0	2		
Westchester	0	2	2	19		
Grand Total	73	71	144	862		

**NOTE:** Twenty-three counties (Allegany, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Essex, Franklin, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Orleans, Otsego, Saratoga, Schoharie, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates) with no homicides reported for 2010 are excluded from the table. Nine counties without a domestic homicide but at least one other homicide are included.

Appendix B. Domestic Homicide Victims by Region and County, 2007 - 2010

		All Do	mestic			Intimate	Partner			Other	Family	
County	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007	2008	2009	2010
New York City	64	75	58	77	36	46	43	34	28	29	15	43
Bronx	14	22	10	18	9	16	6	8	5	6	4	10
Kings	21	27	18	28	13	14	12	13	8	13	6	15
New York	5	8	8	8	2	6	7	5	3	2	1	3
Queens	18	15	19	15	9	9	16	7	9	6	3	8
Richmond	6	3	3	8	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	7
Rest of State	67	72	73	67	32	44	47	39	35	28	26	28
Albany	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Broome	2	1	5	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	1	0
Cattaraugus	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cayuga	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chautauqua	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Chemung	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1
Chenango	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Clinton	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Columbia	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cortland	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dutchess	2	0	2	5	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	2
Erie	3	5	11	6	0	3	9	4	3	2	2	2
Franklin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Genesee	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herkimer	1	0			1	0	0					
Jefferson	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0 4	0	0	0
Livingston												
Madison	0	0	0	1	0 2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monroe	7	6		8	6	4	3	5	0	2	0	3
Montgomery	1	0	5 0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nassau	4	9		6	2		3	0	2	3		6
Niagara			6			6					3	
Oneida	1	2 4	5	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	2	1
Onondaga	2 7		2	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1
Ontario		4	5	3	3	1	4	2	4	3	1	1
Orange	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Orleans	3	1	3	3	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	2
	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oswego Putnam	1	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0
	3	1	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Rensselaer Rockland	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
St. Lawrence	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Schenectady	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Schoharie	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Steuben	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	1
Suffolk	6	11	11	8	5	8	7	7	1	3	4	1
Sullivan	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tompkins	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Ulster	2	2	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Warren	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wayne	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westchester	3	7	2	2	2	4	2	0	1	3	0	2
Grand Total	131	147	131	144	68	90	90	73	63	57	41	71

**NOTE:** Fourteen counties (Allegany, Essex, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Lewis, Otsego, Saratoga, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Washington, Wyoming and Yates) with no domestic homicides reported for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 are excluded from the table.