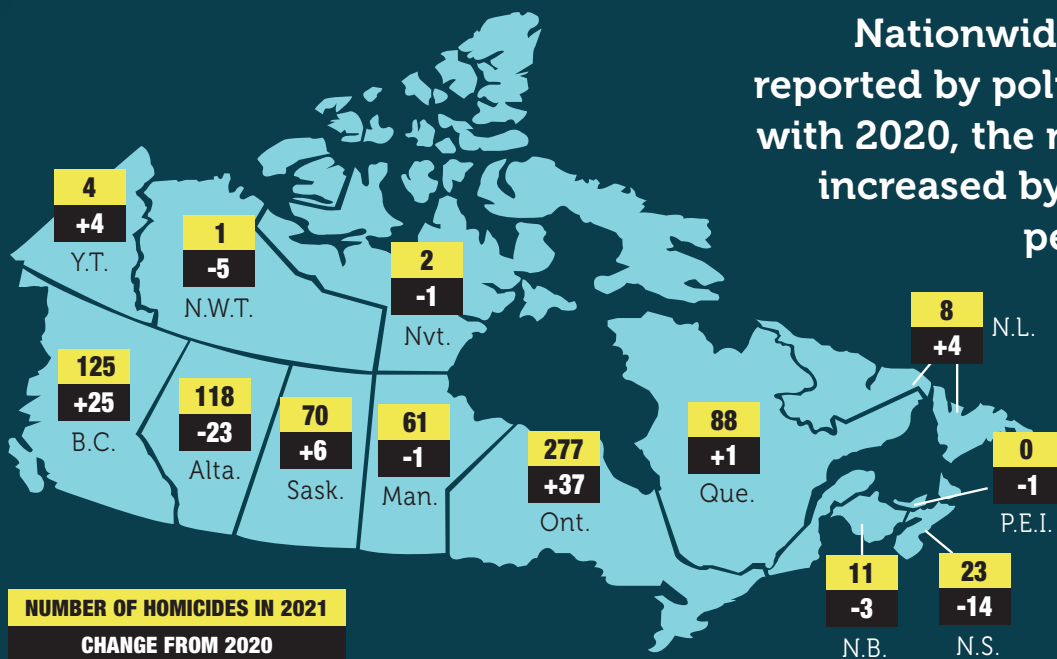


HOMICIDE IN CANADA 2021

Nationwide, **788** homicides were reported by police in 2021. Compared with 2020, the national homicide rate increased by **3%** to **2.06** homicides per 100,000 population.



23%



GANG-RELATED

homicides continued to account for nearly a quarter of all homicides in 2021.



2 IN 5

victims of homicide were killed by **shooting** in 2021.

According to data from the past five years, homicides by shooting take the longest to solve.

PERCENTAGE SOLVED AFTER 100 DAYS

46.5%
SHOOTING

84.0%
STABBING

69.6%
BEATING

IN 2021...



One-quarter of victims (**25%**) were identified as **Indigenous**¹.

Women



Men

The proportion of women who were **killed by their spouse or intimate partner** in Canada was approximately seven times higher than the proportion of men (**44% and 7%, respectively**).

The rate of homicides was almost **1.3 times higher in rural communities** than in urban areas (2.58 versus 1.97 per 100,000 population).



Approximately one-third of victims were identified as racialized persons².



1. Indigenous includes those identified by police as First Nations persons (either Status or non-Status), Métis, Inuit or as an Indigenous person but whose group is unknown.

2. The concept of "racialized" is measured using the "visible minority" variable in this release. The variable "visible minority" comes from the Employment Equity Act and refers to whether a person is a visible minority or not. The Act defines visible minorities as "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour."

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