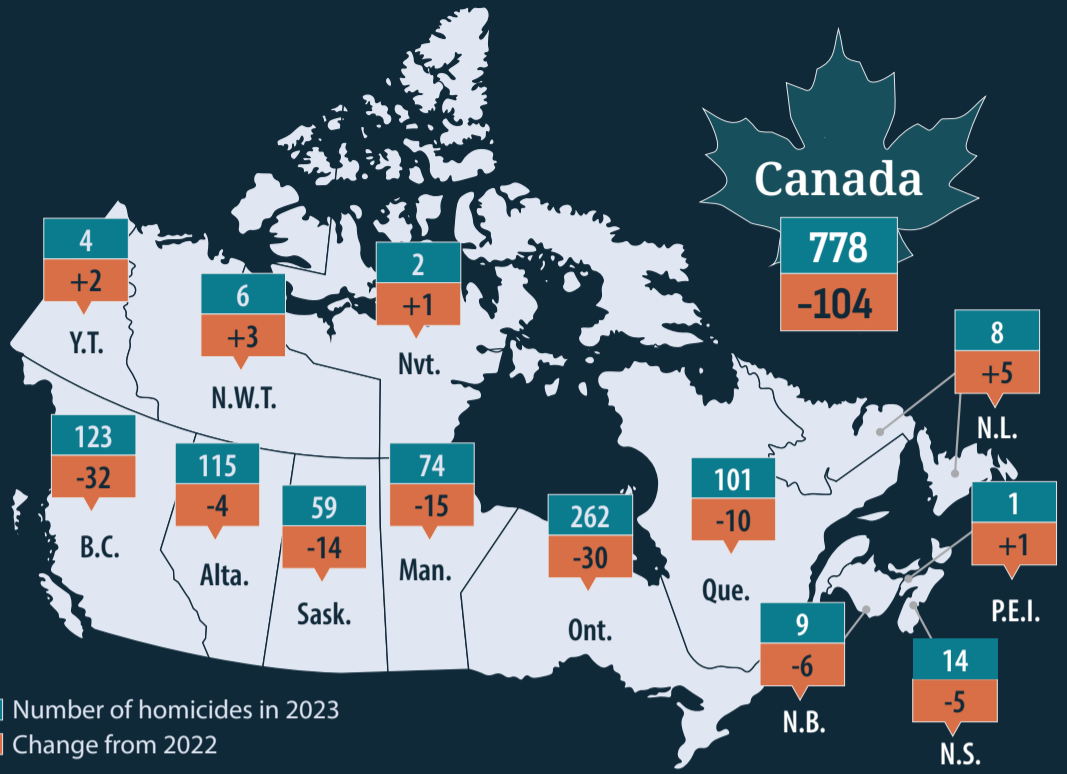




# HOMICIDE in Canada, 2023

Nationwide, 778 homicides were reported by police in 2023.

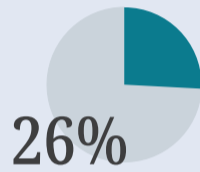
Compared with 2022, the national homicide rate decreased by 14% to 1.94 homicides per 100,000 population.



## In 2023...

■ Number of homicides in 2023  
■ Change from 2022

**Gang-related** homicides continued to represent approximately one-quarter (173) of all homicides.



Almost a quarter (26%) of homicide victims were identified as Indigenous,<sup>1</sup> a similar proportion as in the previous year.

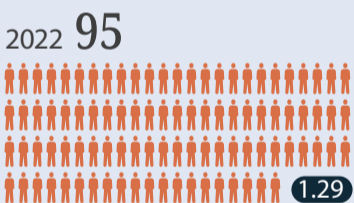
The number and rate of **youth under 18 accused of homicide** decreased in 2023. However, the proportion of gang-related homicides committed by youth almost doubled—from 16% in 2022 to 31% in 2023.



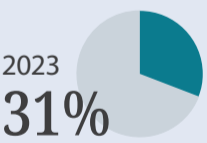
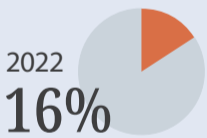
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The homicide rate involving Indigenous victims was 9.31 per 100,000, **more than six times** the rate for non-Indigenous Canadians. Indigenous people therefore continue to be overrepresented among homicide victims.

Number of youth accused  
Rate per 100,000 youth



Proportion of gang-related homicides committed by youth



Victims identified as **racialized persons** continued to represent almost a third (30%) of all victims.<sup>2</sup>



Among homicide victims, 6% were considered to be a **missing person** at the time of their death, up from 4% in 2022. Most of them were women.

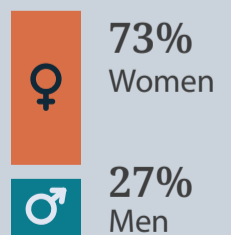


Nearly 6 in 10 **firearm-related** homicides were committed with a handgun.

Nearly one-third of individuals charged with homicide in the previous five years had been **in custody** or **under community supervision** at the time of the incident.<sup>3</sup>



While the number of **intimate partner<sup>4</sup> homicides** decreased, women continued to be victims more often than men, accounting for 73% of victims.



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. In this infographic, the concept of racialized population is measured using the "visible minority" variable, which refers to whether or not a person belongs to one of the visible minority groups defined by the *Employment Equity Act*. In the Act, visible minorities are defined as "persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour."

3. Excludes homicides for which it was not known whether the person charged or suspect who may be charged was in custody or under community supervision at the time of the homicide.

4. This includes homicides committed by a current or former legally married or common-law spouse, dating partner, or other intimate partner.

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