

# HOMICIDE

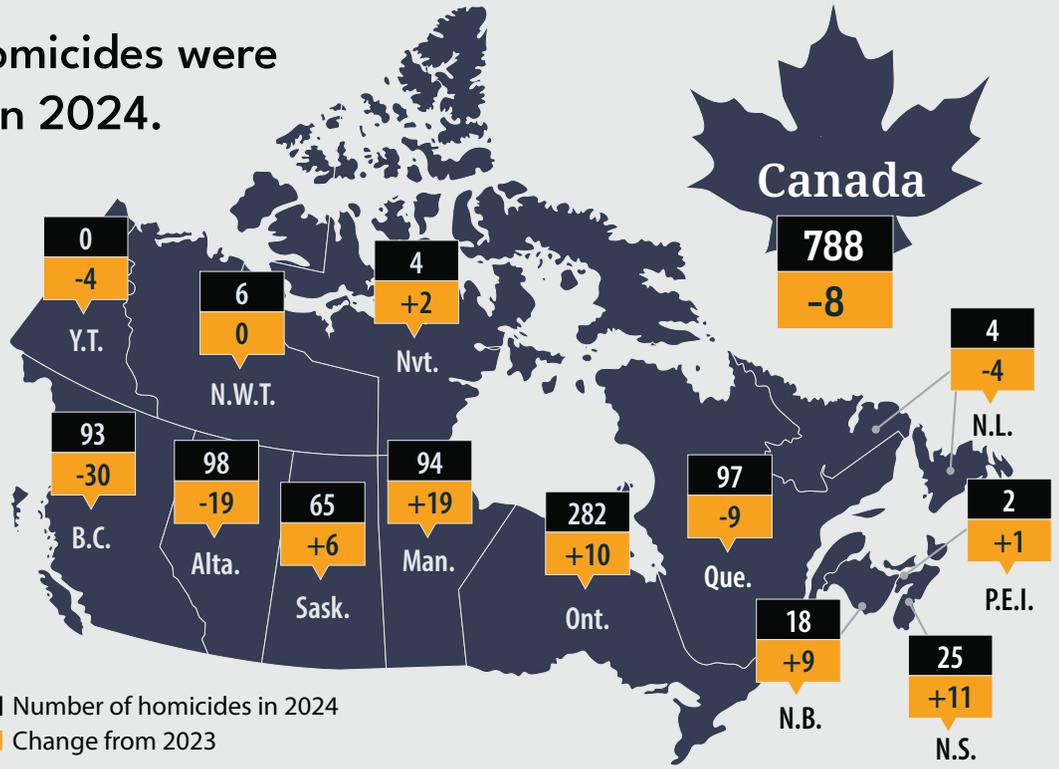
IN CANADA

2024



Nationwide, 788 homicides were reported by police in 2024.

The national homicide rate decreased 4% in 2024, from 1.99 to 1.91 homicides per 100,000 population.



■ Number of homicides in 2024  
 ■ Change from 2023

## In 2024...

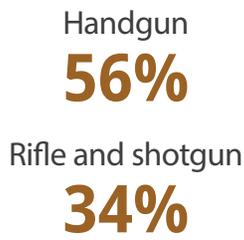
**Gang-related** homicides represented less than one-fifth of all reported homicides



**Firearms** were used in more than **1 in 3** homicides



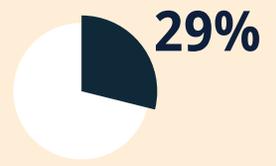
**Most common firearm used**



The homicide rate involving Indigenous<sup>1</sup> people was 10.84 per 100,000 population, **more than 8 times** the rate for non-Indigenous Canadians. Indigenous people therefore continue to be overrepresented among homicide victims.



Victims identified as **racialized persons**<sup>2</sup> continued to account for approximately one-third (29%) of all victims.



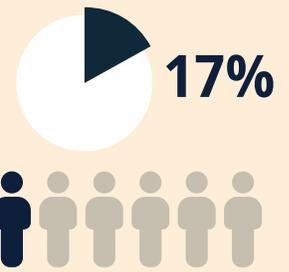
The number and rate of **youth under 18 accused of homicide** increased.

**Number of youth accused**  
 Rate per 100,000 youth

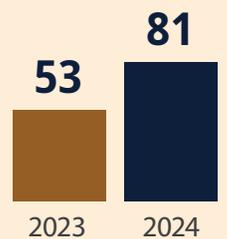


**Spousal and intimate partner violence**

In 2024, nearly **1 in 6** (17%) homicide victims were killed by a spouse or intimate partner.<sup>3</sup> This represents **100** homicide victims, up from **72** in 2023.



**81** women were victims of spousal or intimate partner homicide in 2024, up from **53** the previous year.



Over the period from 2019 to 2024, roughly **one-third** of those accused of homicide were already under some form of justice system supervision at the time of the offence.

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. Spouse or intimate partner refers to a current or former spouse, common-law spouse or dating partner.

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