

This report summarizes deaths reported to the BC Coroners Service attributed to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in BC between January 1, 2004 and December 15, 2014.

## **Definition**

The BCCS definition of an IPV death is one in which the death occurred as a result of injuries inflicted by a current or former intimate partner, or the death occurred during an incident where a current or former intimate partner was the intended victim. Intimate partners are defined as spouses (marriage or common-law) and dating partners. Deaths which occur as the result of injuries caused by other family members (e.g. parents, children, siblings) are not included in this report.

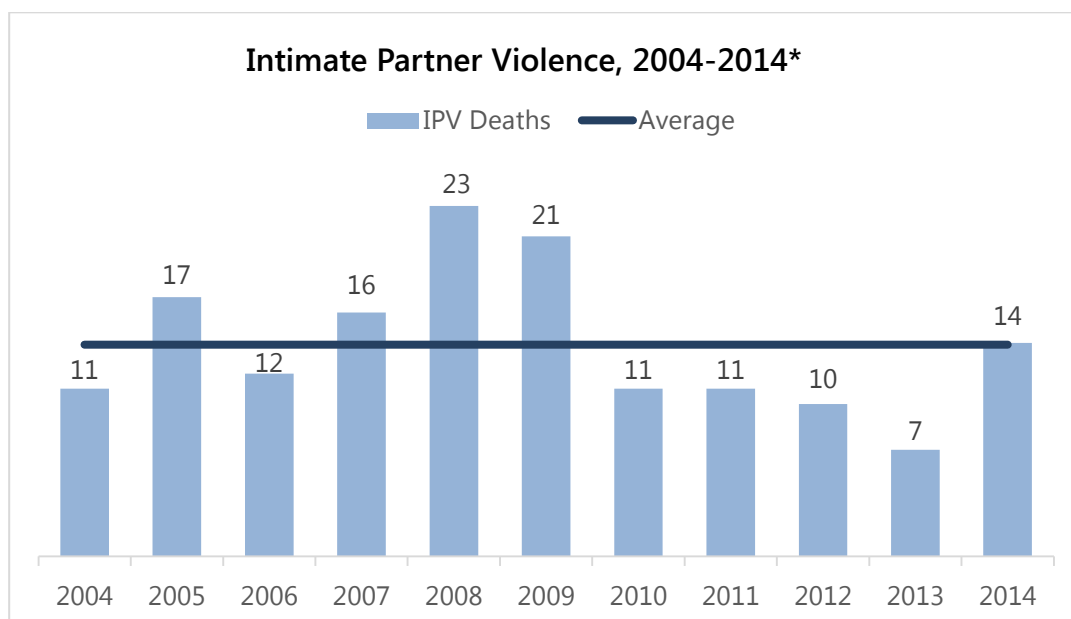
## **Caveats**

The BCCS operates in a live database environment. IPV data may be subject to change as there may be cases still under investigation in which it is not yet clear as to whether the injuries resulted from the actions of a current or former intimate partner.

It should also be noted that the number of cases each year is fewer than 25. Small numbers of cases can magnify random effects and give the appearance of substantial variation where the difference can be attributed to a normally expected random variation.

## **Statistical Summary**

The number of IPV-related homicides has varied over the past decade from a high of 23 in 2008 to a low of seven in 2013. The average yearly number is 13.9. Females accounted for 74% of victims of IPV-related homicide. Throughout the time period about three-quarters of the victims are female.



IPV Homicides by Gender												
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	Total
Female	9	14	8	13	15	12	5	10	8	5	14	113
Male	2	3	4	3	8	9	6	1	2	2	-	40
Total	11	17	12	16	23	21	11	11	10	7	14	153

IPV Homicides by Child/Adult												
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	Total
Child (<19)	2	-	1	1	2	2	-	-	1	-	-	9
Adult (19+)	9	17	11	15	21	19	11	11	9	7	14	144
Total	11	17	12	16	23	21	11	11	10	7	14	153

IPV Homicides by Region													
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014*	Total	Rate per million <sup>1</sup>
Fraser	4	6	3	6	11	8	5	2	-	3	3	51	3.4
Interior	1	4	3	-	7	4	2	2	4	2	3	32	4.3
Island	1	2	1	5	1	2	1	2	1	2	4	22	2.4
Metro	3	4	3	3	1	6	1	5	3	-	2	31	2.4
Northern	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	-	2	-	2	17	4.8
Total	11	17	12	16	23	21	11	11	10	7	14	153	3.2

\*Data for 2014 is to December 15.

<sup>1</sup>The rate provided is the average for the years with complete data (2004-2013), calculated using population estimates from BCStats. <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/StatisticsBySubject/Demography/PopulationEstimates.aspx>