

Homicide Survey 2020

Victim Questionnaire

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Incident identifier								Province code			
Police force location						CMA					
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Complete a separate Victim questionnaire for each victim in this incident. Information is reported as of the **incident date** unless otherwise stated. To ensure records are complete, avoid leaving questions blank or scoring 'unknown' unless necessary. Detailed reporting instructions are found in the **Homicide Survey Reporting Guide**; available upon request. Verify that homicide information reported to the Homicide Survey matches with homicide information reported by your police service to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This information is collected under the authority of the *Statistics Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, Chapter S-19*.
COMPLETION OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS ACT.

Objective

This survey collects essential data to produce statistics on the incidence and characteristics of homicide offences in Canada. The information is used by federal and provincial policymakers as well as public and private researchers. The data are also widely disseminated by the media for purposes of general public information. The information may also be used by Statistics Canada for other statistical and research purposes.

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Record linkages

To enhance the data from this survey and to minimize the reporting burden for respondents, Statistics Canada may combine the information you provide with other survey or administrative data sources.

Instructions

Please return this questionnaire by December 31st, 2020. Questionnaires may be returned by mail (see address below) or through the Electronic File Transfer system.

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1. What is the **incident file number** assigned to this incident by the investigative police service?

Incident file number

VIC_001

2. What is the **victim number**?

Note: If there is one victim in the incident, the victim number is 1. If there are multiple victims, number the Victim questionnaires sequentially, e.g., 1, 2, 3.

VIC_005

3. What was the **name** of the victim?

VIC_Q10

Name of victim:

Surname

VIC_Q10A

Given name 1

VIC_Q10B

Given name 2

VIC_Q10C

Given name 3

VIC_Q10D

Alias (if applicable)

VIC_Q10E

Unknown

4. What was the **sex at birth** of the victim?

Note: Refers to the **sex assigned at birth** of the victim and **does not** refer to their gender identity or sexual orientation.

VIC_Q15

Male → **Go to question 6**

Female

Unidentifiable human remains → **Go to question 8**

Unknown → **Go to question 6**

5. Was the **female** victim **pregnant** at the time of the incident?

VIC_Q20

Yes

No

Unknown

6. What was the victim's **gender identity**?

Note: Refers to **current gender** which may be **different** from **sex assigned at birth** and may be different from what is indicated on legal documents. **Male gender** and **female gender** identities include cisgender and transgender persons.

Other gender identity includes persons whose gender is reported as being: other than male or female, unsure of their gender, both male and female, or neither male nor female.

VIC_Q25

Male

Female

Other gender identity – Specify gender identity:

VIC_S25

Unknown

7. What was the victim's **sexual orientation**?

VIC_Q30

- Heterosexual
- Homosexual, **e.g.**, lesbian or gay
- Bisexual
- Other sexual orientation – Specify sexual orientation:

VIC_S30

- Unknown

8. What was the **victim's date of birth**?

Note: If the birth date is not known, provide the age of the victim at the time of the incident.

VIC_Q35

- Birth date

VIC_S35Y

VIC_S35M

VIC_S35D

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Year

Month

Day

OR

- Age in years - Specify age:
- Infant less than 1 year of age
- Unknown

9. Did the victim **live on-reserve** or **off-reserve**?

VIC_Q40

- Lived on-reserve
- Lived off-reserve, and recently lived on-reserve (within past 5 years)
- Lived off-reserve, and lived on-reserve in the past (more than 5 years)
- Lived off-reserve, and never lived on-reserve
- Lived off-reserve, and unknown if ever lived on-reserve
- Unknown

10. What was the victim's address?

VIC_Q45

Fixed address

Street number

VIC_Q45A

Street name

VIC_Q45B

Street type

VIC_Q45C

Street direction

VIC_Q45D

Apartment/unit

VIC_Q45E

City, town, village

VIC_Q45F

Reserve (if applicable)

VIC_Q45G

County, township, rural municipality (if applicable)

VIC_Q45H

Province, territory or state

VIC_Q45I

Postal code or ZIP code

Example: A1A1A1 or 12345

VIC_Q45J

Country

VIC_Q45K

No fixed address

City, town, village

VIC_Q45L

Reserve (if applicable)

VIC_Q45M

County, township, rural municipality (if applicable)

VIC_Q45N

Province, territory or state

VIC_Q45O

Country

VIC_Q45P

Unknown

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11. What was the **marital status** of the victim?

Note: If the victim was **less than 15 years of age** at the time of the incident, select **Never married (not living common law)**.

VIC_Q50

- Married
- Living common law, **i.e.**, two people who live together as a couple but who are not legally married to each other
- Never married (not living common law)
- Separated (not living common law)
- Divorced (not living common law)
- Widowed (not living common law)
- Unknown

12. What was the **Aboriginal identity** of the victim?

VIC_Q55

- Not an Aboriginal person
- First Nations person (status or non-status)
- Métis
- Inuit
- Aboriginal person, but Aboriginal group is unknown
- Unknown

13. What was the visible minority identity of the victim?

A visible minority identity is reported for a victim who is non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour, or who do not identify solely as an Aboriginal person.

Not a visible minority is reported for a victim who is identified as solely an Aboriginal person, or not considered to be a member of a visible minority group, regardless of place of birth.

Select all that apply.

Victim was not a visible minority, **i.e.**, identifies solely as Aboriginal or Caucasian in race or white in colour
VIC_Q60A

OR

South Asian, **e.g.**, East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan
VIC_Q60B

Chinese
VIC_Q60C

Black
VIC_Q60D

Filipino
VIC_Q60E

Arab
VIC_Q60F

Latin American
VIC_Q60G

Southeast Asian, **e.g.**, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Thai
VIC_Q60H

West Asian, **e.g.**, Iranian, Afghan
VIC_Q60I

Korean
VIC_Q60J

Japanese
VIC_Q60K

Other visible minority – Specify visible minority:
VIC_Q60L

VIC_S60L

OR

Visible minority, minority group unknown
VIC_Q60M

OR

Visible minority information of victim is not collected or reported by police service
VIC_Q60N

OR

Unknown
VIC_Q60O

14. Was the victim a Canadian citizen?

VIC_Q65

- Victim was a Canadian citizen
- Victim was not a Canadian citizen
- Citizenship information of victim is not collected or reported by police service
- Unknown

15. What was the victim's immigration status?

Note: An immigrant includes persons who are, or who have ever been, landed immigrants or permanent residents. Such persons have been granted the right to live in Canada permanently by immigration authorities.

VIC_Q70

- Victim was not an immigrant, **e.g.**, Canadian citizen by birth, tourist
- Victim was an immigrant, **i.e.**, permanent resident
- Victim was a non-permanent resident, **e.g.**, work / study permit, refugee claimant
- Immigration information of victim is not collected or reported by police service
- Unknown

16. Was the victim involved in any of the following illegal activities?

Note: Includes where the victim was **suspected** to be involved in illegal activities. **Commodifying sexual activities** refers to the victim's involvement in obtaining sexual services, procuring, receiving material benefit or advertising sexual service; **does not** refer to where the victim was working as a **sex worker**.

Select all that apply.

Not involved in illegal activities ➡ **Go to question 18**

VIC_Q75A

OR

Illegal drug trade activities

VIC_Q75B

Commodifying sexual activities, i.e., victim obtained, procured, received material benefit or advertised sexual services

VIC_Q75C

Organized crime / street-gang activities

VIC_Q75D

Human trafficking

VIC_Q75E

Fraud

VIC_Q75F

Other financial crime

VIC_Q75G

Other illegal activity – Specify illegal activity:

VIC_Q75H

VIC_S75H

OR

Unknown ➡ **Go to question 18**

VIC_Q75I

17. Was the victim's homicide related to their involvement in the illegal activities reported in question 16?

VIC_Q80

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

18. What was the victim's employment status?

Note: **Not in the labour force** refers to where the victim was either: less than 15 years old, an institutional resident, unable to work, or unavailable for work.

VIC_Q85

- Employed (in labour force), e.g., full-time, part-time, casual, self-employed ➡ **Go to question 20**
- Unemployed (in labour force), e.g., seeking employment ➡ **Go to question 20**
- Not in the labour force, e.g., unable to work
- Unknown ➡ **Go to question 20**

19. What was the **primary reason** the victim was **not in the labour force**?

Select only one.

VIC_Q85A

- Less than 15 years of age
- Full-time student
- Home or caregiver responsibilities
- Retired
- Disability or illness
- Institutional resident, **e.g.**, of a correctional facility, hospital, nursing home, community group home
- Not eligible to work in Canada, **e.g.**, illegal immigrant, work permit has not been secured
- Other reason victim was not in the labour force – Specify the reason the victim was not in the labour force:

VIC_S85A

- Unknown

20. What was the **occupation** of the victim?

Note: If the victim was **unemployed** at the time of the incident, report their **last legal occupation**. Report if the victim was working as a **sex worker** in this question.

VIC_Q90

- Occupation of victim – Specify occupation:

VIC_S90

- Unknown → Go to question 23

21. Was the victim's homicide **related** to their **occupation**?

VIC_Q95

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

22. Was the victim working in policing or as a correctional worker, and was their death related to their occupation?

Policing includes: police officers, special constables, recruits or cadets, and auxiliary police officers. It does not include other types of employees within policing such as civilians, public servants, volunteers.

Correctional worker includes: correctional officers, parole officers, Wardens, medical staff, educators, social workers, volunteers, and other occupations within the correctional facility, e.g., caretaker or administrative staff.

VIC_Q101

- Victim worked in **policing** and **death related to occupation**
- Victim was a **correctional worker** and **death related to occupation**
- Victim worked in **policing**, or as a **correctional worker**, but death was **not related to occupation**
- Victim did **not work** in **policing** or as a **correctional worker**
- Unknown

23. Was the victim receiving financial or social assistance?

Note: Applies to both victims in the labour force, i.e., employed or unemployed, and victims not in the labour force.

VIC_Q115

- Yes
- No → **Go to question 25**
- Unknown → **Go to question 25**

24. What was the source of financial or social assistance?

Select all that apply.

- Employment assistance or social assistance program, e.g., Employment Insurance (EI), Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), Ontario Works (OW)
VIC_Q120A
- Disability support program, e.g., Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
VIC_Q120B
- Financial support from family or friends
VIC_Q120C
- Financial or social assistance from a band / tribal council
VIC_Q120D
- Other financial or social assistance - Specify source of financial or social assistance:
VIC_Q120E

VIC_S120E

25. Was this victim randomly selected?

Note: Refers to a homicide that does not target a specific individual.

VIC_Q120

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

26. Was the victim considered to be a missing person at the time of their death?

Note: Report "Yes" if an active missing person's report for the victim was filed with any police service at the time of their death.

Does not refer to previous missing person's reports that were not active at the time of their death, i.e., instances where the victim had been reported as missing and subsequently found alive.

VIC_Q125

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

27. Does the victim have on record any previous convictions of criminal activities?

Select all that apply.

No previous convictions of criminal activities
VIC_Q130A

OR

Crime against the person

Homicide
VIC_Q131A

Sexual assault violation, **i.e.**, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault with a weapon, other sexual assault
VIC_Q131B

Other sexual violations, **e.g.**, exploitation, invitation to sexual touching, incest, corruption of morals
VIC_Q131C

Assault, **i.e.**, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm, assault level 1, all other types of assault
VIC_Q131D

Kidnapping, abduction, or forcible confinement
VIC_Q131E

Trafficking of persons
VIC_Q131F

Hostage taking
VIC_Q131G

Robbery
VIC_Q131H

Commodification of sexual activities, **i.e.**, victim was convicted of obtaining, procuring, receiving material benefit or advertising sexual services
VIC_Q131I

Harassment, **e.g.**, criminal harassment, harassing communications
VIC_Q131J

Utter threats to person
VIC_Q131K

Other crime against the person
VIC_Q131L

Crime against property

Arson
VIC_Q132A

Break and enter
VIC_Q132B

Theft
VIC_Q132C

Fraud
VIC_Q132D

Mischief
VIC_Q132E

Other crime against property
VIC_Q132F

Other offences

Other *Criminal Code* offence, **e.g.**, gaming / betting, offensive weapons, other *Criminal Code* not otherwise specified above
VIC_Q133A

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) or *Cannabis Act* offence
VIC_Q133B

Other federal / provincial statute
VIC_Q133C

OR

Unknown
VIC_Q130E

28. Was the victim in custody, or under community supervision?

i.e., remand, sentenced custody, probation or bail

For adult victims (18 years and older), this includes remand, sentenced custody, **i.e.**, federal or provincial sentence, or intermittent sentence, other temporary detention, probation, conditional sentence, bail, or other community program.

For youth victims (12 to 17 years of age), this includes pre-trial detention, provincial director remand, secure or open custody, community portion of a custody sentence, intensive or deferred custody / supervision, supervised probation, bail, or other community sentence.

VIC_Q135

Yes

No

Unknown

29. What was the **primary method** used to cause death?

Select only one.

VIC_Q140

- Shooting
- Stabbing
- Beating or blows
- Strangulation, suffocation, drowning
- Drug overdose
- Poisoning or lethal injection, **i.e.**, not related to drug overdose
- Smoke inhalation or burns, **e.g.**, fire, liquid, acid
- Exposure or hypothermia
- Abusive head trauma, **i.e.**, previously “shaken baby syndrome”
- Motor vehicle impact or collision
- Neglect or failure to support life
- Other primary method – Specify method used to cause death:

VIC_S140

- Unknown

30. What was the **primary weapon** used to cause death?

Select only one.

VIC_Q145

Firearm

- Rifle or shotgun
VIC_Q145A
- Handgun
- Other firearm-like weapon, **e.g.**, nail gun or pellet gun
- Firearm – type of firearm is unknown

Knife/object

- Knife
VIC_Q145B
- Other piercing or cutting instrument
- Club or blunt instrument
- Explosive
- Motor vehicle
- Ligature, **e.g.**, rope, belt, cable

Substance

- Burning liquid or caustic agent
VIC_Q145C
- Poison, drug, gas or fume
- Fire
- Water

Other

- Physical force, **i.e.**, by hands, feet
VIC_Q145D
- Other primary weapon, **e.g.**, electricity, dog, pillow, sand
- No weapon was used
- Unknown

➔ Go to question 44

31. What is the classification of the primary weapon?

Note: Refers to the **classification of weapons** in Canada according to the *Criminal Code* and regulations prescribing certain firearms and other weapons (including components and parts of weapons, accessories, cartridge magazines, ammunition and projectiles), as **prohibited, restricted or non-restricted**.

VIC_Q150

- Prohibited weapon, **e.g.**, some handguns, altered rifles and shotguns, full or converted automatics, some crossbows
- Restricted weapon, **e.g.**, handguns that are not prohibited; semi-automatics, centre-fire rifles, and shotguns with barrel shorter than 470mm
- Non-restricted weapon, **e.g.**, ordinary rifles and shotguns
- Not applicable, **i.e.**, weapon type not required to be classified
- Unknown

32. Who owned the primary weapon at the time of the incident?

VIC_Q155

- Charged / suspect-chargeable (CSC)

CSC Number

VIC_Q160

CSC Surname

VIC_Q160A

CSC Given name 1

VIC_Q160B

- Victim reported on this questionnaire
- Other, **e.g.**, owned by workplace or other person
- Unknown

33. Was the primary weapon initially obtained legally?

VIC_Q165

- Yes
- No → Go to question 35
- Unknown

34. Was the charged / suspect chargeable (CSC) that caused the fatal wound in legal possession of the primary weapon at the time of the incident?

Note: Refers to where the **primary weapon used to cause death** was a **firearm, knife / object**, or a **substance** such as a caustic agent or a drug.

VIC_Q170

CSC Number

VIC_Q175

CSC Surname

VIC_Q175A

CSC Given name 1

VIC_Q175B

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

35. Was the primary weapon legally owned at the time of the incident?

Note: A weapon is **legally owned** when it has been **obtained according to the law**, and all **legal requirements** to own the weapon are **in place** and **up-to-date**, e.g., credentials and documentation.

VIC_Q180

- Yes → Go to question 37
- No
- Unknown → Go to question 37

36. What was the status of the illegally owned primary weapon at the time of the incident?

VIC_Q185

- Stolen from the legal Canadian owner
- Lost or missing from the legal Canadian owner
- Illegally purchased from legal Canadian owner
- Illegal weapon, e.g., never legally owned in Canada, smuggled into Canada, purchased on the dark net, homemade
- Unknown

37. Was the primary weapon recovered?

VIC_Q190

- Yes → If the primary weapon is not a firearm, go to question 44.
- No → If the primary weapon is a firearm, go to question 42.
→ If the primary weapon is not a firearm, go to question 44.

38. What was the action type of the firearm used to cause death?

VIC_Q195

- Single-shot or manual repeating, i.e., bolt, lever, pump, break (or hinge) and revolving action
- Semi-automatic
- Fully automatic
- Unknown

39. If the firearm was a rifle or shotgun, was it sawed-off, cut or altered in any other way that resulted in the total length of the firearm being less than 660 mm or it having a barrel that is less than 457 mm long?

VIC_Q200

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

40. Was the firearm registered with the Canadian Firearms Registry, or the province of Quebec's Service d'immatriculation des armes à feu (SIAF)?

Note: Canadian Firearms Registry includes verified firearms that are either **restricted** or **prohibited** and were registered by persons possessing a valid Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL). Does **not** refer to non-restricted firearms.

Quebec's **Service d'immatriculation des armes à feu (SIAF)** refers to all non-restricted firearms.

VIC_Q205

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

41. Was the firearm sent for tracing?

VIC_Q210

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

42. Where did the firearm originate from?

VIC_Q215

- Canada, individual
- Canada, business
- United States, individual
- United States, business
- Other foreign country, individual or business
- Unknown

43. Did the charged / suspect chargeable (CSC) that discharged the fatal shot possess a valid firearms licence for the classification of firearm used in this incident?

VIC_Q220

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

44. Did the victim have a suspected or known **mental illness or a **developmental disorder**?**

Note: This question refers to the investigating officer's assessment of the victim at the time of the incident, and is not a medical diagnoses.

VIC_Q225

Yes – Specify illness or disorder:

VIC_S225

No

Unknown

45. Did the victim have a suspected or known **physical disability or **limitation**?**

Note: This question refers to the investigating officer's assessment of the victim at the time of the incident, and is not a medical diagnoses.

VIC_Q230

Yes – Specify disability or limitation:

VIC_S230

No

Unknown

46. Had the victim **consumed a substance such as **alcohol**, **drugs**, or an **intoxicating substance**, during the period leading up to the incident?**

Select all that apply.

Alcohol consumed

VIC_Q235A

Drugs consumed

VIC_Q235B

Intoxicating substance consumed, **e.g.**, inhalant

VIC_Q235C

OR

The victim did not consume alcohol, drugs or an intoxicating substance

VIC_Q235D

OR

Information not available, **e.g.**, medical examiner or Coroner's report results not received

VIC_Q235E

OR

Unknown

VIC_Q235F

47. Was the victim **first to use**, or **threaten to use**, **physical force** or **violence** in this incident?

VIC_Q240

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

48. What was the **relationship** between the **closest charged / suspect-chargeable (CSC)** and the **victim**?

Note: The relationship is in the direction of CSC to the victim. If more than one CSC is identified in this incident, select the relationship type of the **closest CSC to the victim**. For the purposes of the Homicide Survey, the relationship types are organized here within a hierarchy beginning with the closest relationships, **e.g.**, married spouse, to the furthest, **e.g.**, stranger.

Select only one.

Spouse

- Married spouse
VIC_Q245A
- Common-law spouse, **i.e.**, living together as a couple but who are not legally married to each other
- Separated married spouse (not living common law)
- Separated common-law spouse
- Divorced spouse (not living common law)

Family member (non-spouse)

- Parent
VIC_Q245B
- Step-parent
- Child
- Step-child
- Sibling (including step sibling)
- Extended family member, **e.g.**, in-law, niece/nephew, grandchild, aunt/uncle

Intimate partner (non-spouse)

- Intimate partner, **e.g.**, boyfriend or girlfriend
VIC_Q245C
- Ex-intimate partner, **e.g.**, ex-boyfriend, ex-girlfriend
- Extra-marital intimate partner
- Other intimate partner

Acquaintance

- Close friend
VIC_Q245D
- Casual friend
- Family friend
- Roommate, **i.e.**, non-family or intimate partner
- Other household member, **i.e.**, non-family or intimate partner, **e.g.**, boarders
- Temporary house guest, **e.g.**, room rental guest, or other overnight guest
- Intimate partner of a family member (includes ex-partners)
- Neighbour
- Business relationship (legal), **e.g.**, landlord, tenant, colleagues, business co-owners
- Authority figure, **e.g.**, teacher, doctor, babysitter, coach, clergy, nurse
- Reverse authority figure, **e.g.**, student-to-teacher, patient-to-doctor / nurse, child-to-babysitter
- Criminal relationship, **e.g.**, drug trafficker to drug user, customer to sex trade worker, organized crime / street gang affiliation
- Co-substance user, **e.g.**, relationship based solely on co-substance use
- Co-institutional facility member, **e.g.**, co-inmate, co-resident of a long-term care facility
- Other acquaintance

Other person

- Other relationship type – Specify relationship type:

VIC_S245

- Stranger (include where the closest CSC was known to the victim for less than 24 hours before their death)
- Unknown

49. Who is the closest charged / suspect-chargeable (CSC) to this victim?

Note: In cases where two CSCs share the same type of closest relationship to the victim, **e.g.**, both CSCs are the victim's parents, select the CSC whom most contributed to the homicide of the victim, according to the investigation, **e.g.**, the CSC who used the primary weapon, or who was most involved in the events leading up to the homicide.

VIC_Q250

- Only 1 CSC identified in this incident
- Closest CSC (if more than one identified in the incident):

CSC Number CSC Surname

VIC_Q255

VIC_Q255A

CSC Given name 1

VIC_Q255B

- No CSC identified, **i.e.**, incident is not cleared ➔ **Go to end of survey**

50. Was there a **history of family or intimate partner violence involving this victim and the closest charged / suspect-chargeable (CSC) identified in the incident?**

Note: Refers to a history of violence between the closest CSC to this victim. Applies to where the relationship was reported in question 48 as: spouse, family (non-spouse), or intimate relationship (non-spouse).

VIC_0260

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

51. Was there an active **order preventing contact between the closest charged / suspect-chargeable (CSC) and the victim at the time of the incident?**

e.g., peace bond, restraining order, protection order

VIC_0265

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

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Thank you for your cooperation.