HOMICIDE IN AUSTRALIA 2012–14

There were 487 homicide incidents in Australia between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2014. The homicide incident rate of 1 per 100,000 in 2013–14 is the lowest recorded since 1989–90.

CAUSE OF DEATH
Six in ten homicide victims died from a stab wound or from being beaten in 2012–14.

- 38% STAB WOUND
- 25% BEATING
- 15% OTHER
- 14% GUNSHOT WOUND
- 8% UNKNOWN

ALCOHOL USE
37% of victims known to have consumed alcohol died in a domestic homicide. The same proportion died in an acquaintance homicide.

DOMESTIC 37%  ACQUAINTANCE 37%  STRANGER 18%  UNKNOWN 10%

HOMICIDE TYPE
Domestic and acquaintance homicides decreased between 1989–90 and 2013–14. The number of stranger homicides increased.

- DOMESTIC ↓13%
- ACQUAINTANCE ↓38%
- STRANGER ↑10%

VICTIMISATION BY INDIGENOUS STATUS AND HOMICIDE TYPE
62% of Indigenous victims were killed by an intimate partner or family member in 2012–14. The proportion was 38% among non-Indigenous homicide victims.

DOMESTIC 41%  ACQUAINTANCE 14%  STRANGER 22%  UNCLASSIFIED 19%

LOCATION
In 2012–14, victims from 45% of homicide incidents were killed in their own home.

- 45% VICTIM'S HOME
- 9% OFFENDER'S HOME
- 8% OTHER RESIDENTIAL
- 22% STREET/FOOTPATH
- 15% OTHER