

# Maternal Homicides in Tennessee

2017-2022 Maternal Mortality Review Program Data



In Tennessee, between 2017 and 2022,  
**57 PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN WERE VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE.**



**1 in 10 maternal deaths was a homicide**



**78% died by firearm**



**55% were killed by their partner or ex-partner**



**26% died while pregnant**

A **maternal death** refers to the death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year following the end of pregnancy.

## Contributing Factors in Maternal Homicide Deaths



- ▶ **Limited prenatal care**
- ▶ **Lack of screening for intimate partner\* violence**
- ▶ **Denial of intimate partner violence when screened**
- ▶ **Lack of access to victim resources**



*The following hotlines are free, confidential, and available 24/7 to call or text.*

**National Maternal Mental Health Hotline**

1-833-TLC-MAMA | 1-833-852-6262

**TN Domestic Violence Helpline**

1-800-356-6767

\*An **intimate partner** refers to both current and former spouses and dating partners.



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to learn more about the Prevention of Maternal Deaths due to Violence Program, find resources, and see upcoming trainings.



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