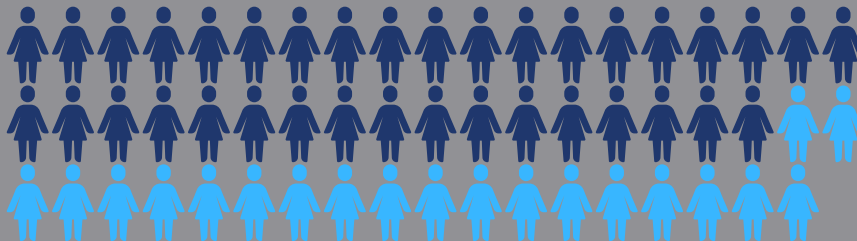


# MATERNAL HOMICIDES IN TENNESSEE, 2017-2020

Maternal homicides are those occurring during pregnancy or within a year of pregnancy

**38** homicides occurred between 2017 and 2020 of the 56 violent maternal deaths (suicides/homicides)



## WHO?

**27** years old

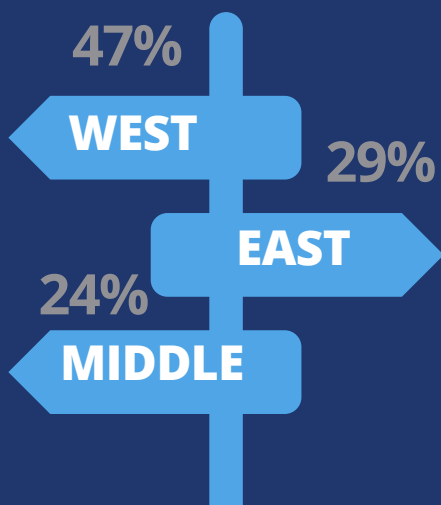
The median age of the women who died from the homicides

## WHERE?

**63%** METRO

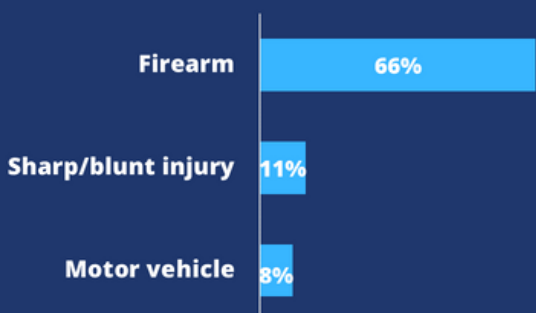


of the homicides were from metro areas of Tennessee



Homicide was highest in West Tennessee

## HOW?



Of the top 3 means of fatal injury, firearm was the most common



All women who died by pregnancy related death were killed by their partners

## PREGNANCY RELATEDNESS?



**71%**

of the homicides were not aggravated by pregnancy.

## RISK?

### Intimate Partner Violence

1 in 2 experienced Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), violence by their current or former romantic partner.



**20**

of the 38 homicides were perpetrated by the partner or ex-partner

## Signs of IPV

The perpetrator of IPV used strategies including:



## PREVENTABILITY?



**27**

of the 38 homicides were determined by the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to be preventable

## Opportunities for prevention

- Participating in Danger Assessment Training
- Incorporating IPV screening into protocols
- Identify, screen and refer to resources for domestic violence

Source: Maternal mortality review data, 2017-2020

For more information on homicide prevention, visit: Domestic Violence Prevention (tn.gov)