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Chart 1: Gender, Employment, and Income, 2004-2008

CHARACTERISTICS	Victim		Perpetrator	
	Number	%	Number	%
Gender				
Female*	63	97%	2	3%
Male	2	3%	63	97%
Employment Status				
Employed	47	72%	40	62%
Employed full-time	33	51%	30	46%
Employed part-time	5	8%	4	6%
Employed, unsure if full-time or part-time	5	8%	2	3%
Self-employed	3	5%	4	6%
Employed part-time and student	1	2%	0	0%
Unemployed	7	11%	9	14%
Retired	2	3%	1	2%
Disabled	1	2%	1	2%
Unemployed student	1	2%	1	2%
Unknown	7	11%	13	20%
Sources of Financial Support				
Personal wages	46	71%	39	60%
No personal income, reliant on perpetrator for financial support	3	5%	0	0%
SSI / SSDI	2	4%	0	0%
Personal wages and family support	2	3%	0	0%
Family support	1	2%	1	2%
Family support, WIC, and Food Stamps	1	2%	1	2%
No income, unknown source of support	1	2%	2	3%
Personal wages and alimony	1	2%	0	0%
Drug dealing	0	0%	2	3%
No personal income, reliant on victim for financial support	0	0%	7	11%
Retirement pension	0	0%	1	2%
Unknown	8	12%	12	18%

*Note: One female perpetrator killed a male partner; one killed a female partner. One male perpetrator killed a male partner. All remaining homicides were men killing women.

Chart 1: Key Points:

- ❖ In line with national statistics, the overwhelming number of homicide victims in reviewed cases were women; the overwhelming number of perpetrators were men.
- ❖ Note that the majority of perpetrators and victims were employed, suggesting that employers and coworkers have a role to play in ending the violence.

Chart 2: Types of Incidents, 2004-2008

TYPES OF INCIDENTS	Aggregate % for 2004-2008
Single Victim	55%
Homicide + Suicide	18%
Homicide + Attempted Suicide	6%
Homicide + Suicide + Attempted Homicide of Others	5%
Multiple Homicide + Suicide	5%
Homicide + Attempted Homicide of Others	3%
Multiple Homicide	3%
Homicide + Suicide + Others Wounded	2%
Multiple Homicide + Attempted Homicide of Others + Others Wounded	2%
Victim Suicide	2%
Incidents Involving Perpetrator Suicide or Attempted Suicide	
	35%
Incidents Involving Homicide of Others, Attempted Homicide of Others, or Others Wounded	
	18%

Chart 2: Key Points:

- ❖ In 35% of the cases reviewed, the perpetrator attempted or completed suicide in addition to killing or attempting to kill one or more persons. This finding indicates a significant correlation between domestic violence perpetrators' suicidal thoughts or threats and their danger to others.
- ❖ In 18% of the cases reviewed, the perpetrator killed, attempted to kill, or injured someone other than the primary victim. Perpetrators do not limit their violence to their intimate partner. Often, other people close to the primary victim are targeted either because they are with the primary victim at the time of the attack or because the perpetrator intends to cause additional anguish to the primary victim by harming her friends or loved ones.