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## Police-reported Family Violence against Seniors in Canada, 2017

- In 2017, there were 11,380 senior victims (aged 65 to 89 years) of police-reported violence in Canada. One-third (33%) of these were victimized by a family member such as a child, spouse, sibling or other family member.
- Females accounted for over half (58%) of senior victims of family violence.
- Spouses were the most common perpetrator in incidents of family violence against senior women (32%).
- The overall rate of police-reported family violence among seniors was 65 victims per 100,000 population in 2017.
- Physical assault had the highest rate for family violence against seniors (44 per 100,000 population).
- Between 2009 and 2017, the rate of police-reported family violence against seniors increased 6%, from 60 victims per 100,000 population in 2009 to 64 in 2017.
- Senior women were more likely than senior men to die by family-related homicide. Rates of family-related homicides of female seniors was double that of senior males (4.4 versus 2.2 victims per 1 million population, respectively).

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54978/03-eng.htm>

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