

Alabama's rate of women killed by men now ranks second in the nation.

Highest male-on-female rate of killings per 100,000 residents:

1. Nevada - 2.7
2. Alabama - 2.64
3. Louisiana - 1.99
4. Arizona - 1.92
5. Tennessee - 1.83
6. Georgia - 1.8
7. South Carolina - 1.79
8. South Dakota - 1.72 (tie)
9. Hawaii - 1.72 (tie)
10. Missouri - 1.7

The report, *When Men Murder Women*, was released yesterday, containing the most recent data available from the FBI. It is the first analysis of the 2009 data on female homicide victims to offer breakdowns of cases in the 10 states with the highest female victim/male offender homicide rates, and the first to rank the states by the rate of female homicides.

From the report:

"Intimate partner violence against women is all too common and takes many forms. The most serious is homicide by an intimate partner.¹ Guns can easily turn domestic violence into domestic homicide. One federal study on homicide among intimate partners found that female intimate partners are more likely to be murdered with a firearm than all other means combined, concluding that "the figures demonstrate the importance of reducing access to firearms in households affected by IPV [intimate partner violence]."² Gun use does not need to result in a fatality to involve domestic violence.

A study by Harvard School of Public Health researchers analyzed gun use at home and concluded that "hostile gun displays against family members may be more common than gun use in self-defense, and that hostile gun displays are often acts of domestic violence directed against women."

The U.S. Department of Justice has found that women are far more likely to be the victims of violent crimes committed by intimate partners than men, especially when a weapon is involved. Moreover, women are much more likely to be victimized at home than in any other place."

Read the full report at:

<http://media.lasvegassun.com/media/pdfs/blogs/documents/2011/09/20/wmmw2011.pdf>

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