

Quarterly Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities and Near Fatalities in Indiana



Quarter 2, 2025

Introduction

The Quarterly Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities and Near Fatalities in Indiana is the State's official record of child deaths and life-threatening injury or condition determined by the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) to have been caused by caregiver maltreatment or neglect. The following contains the data from the second quarter of calendar year 2025 known by the end of the second quarter 2026.

DCS completes a review of all child fatalities and near fatalities that fit the following circumstances:

- Children under age 3: The child's death is sudden, unexpected or unexplained, or there are allegations of abuse or neglect.
- Children age 3 or older: The child's death involves allegations of abuse or neglect.
- The child's condition is determined to be a near fatality, defined as a childhood injury or condition certified by a physician as life-threatening.

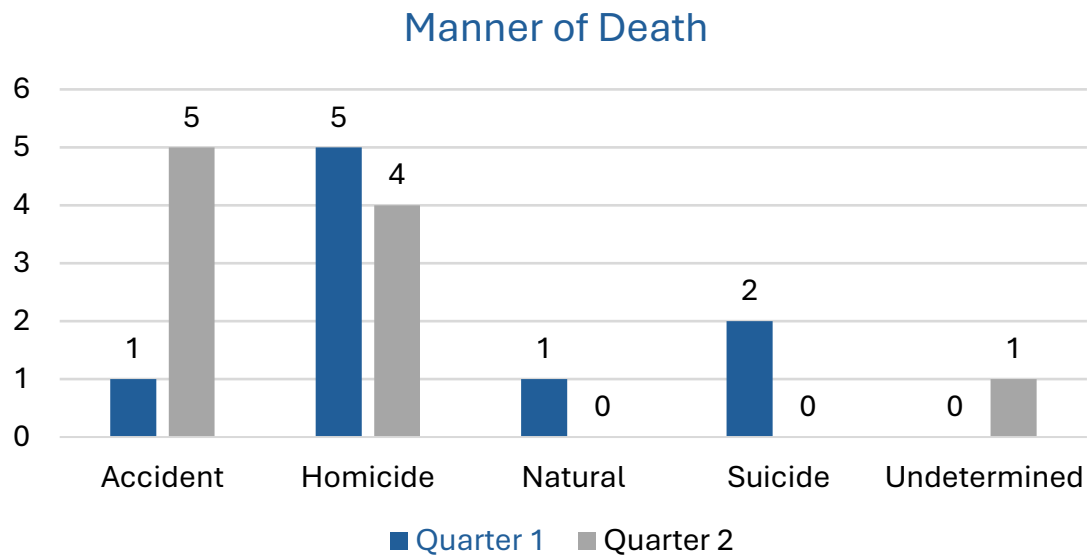
Each fatality and near-fatality investigation involves a multi-step process to ensure fair and unbiased decision making. The decision to substantiate an allegation requires DCS to meet a legal threshold indicating the caregiver is responsible for the maltreatment.

Every fatality and near fatality DCS is required by statute to investigate is reviewed at both the county and state level. A team of professionals from the county where the death occurred first determines whether it is believed to be a result of abuse or neglect. Following the local county's recommendation, an independent team of DCS personnel provides a supplementary review. This ensures personal biases do not impact decisions and provides the chance for ample discussion of cases in which the circumstances surrounding the death might not be clear.

DCS encourages communities to reference this report when considering prevention, educational and service programs. The data is also used to evaluate, review and modify DCS policy, practice and procedure when warranted.

Abuse and Neglect Fatalities

	Quarter 1 Abuse	Quarter 1 Neglect	Quarter 2 Abuse	Quarter 2 Neglect	Total
Allen	0	0	0	1	1
Elkhart	0	1	0	1	2
Fulton	0	0	0	1	1
Greene	0	0	1	0	1
Hendricks	0	1	0	0	1
Howard	0	1	0	0	1
Lake	3	0	0	0	3
LaPorte	1	1	0	1	3
Marion	0	1	1	0	2
Noble	0	0	0	1	1
Rush	0	0	0	1	1
Scott	0	0	0	1	1
Wabash	0	0	0	1	1
Total	4	5	2	8	19



Note: Some deaths involved more than one perpetrator.

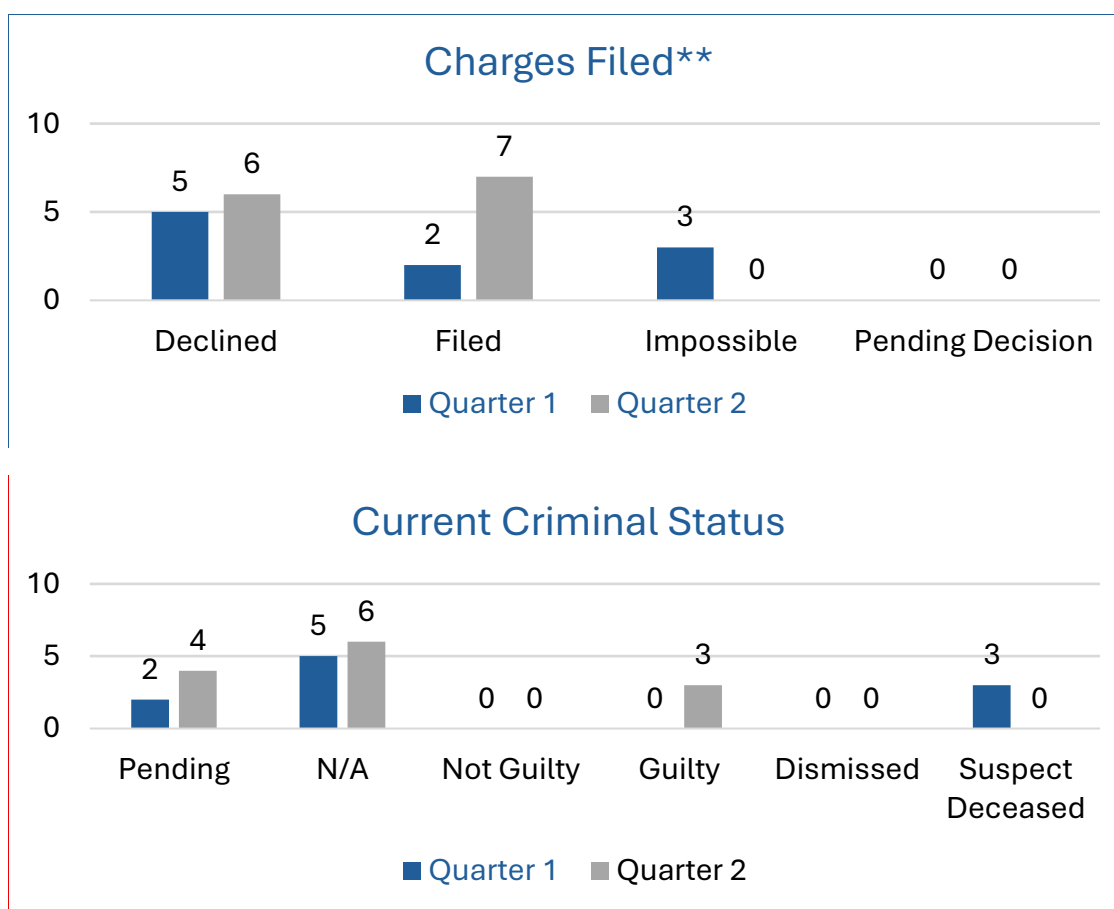
DCS History With Perpetrator*

	Substantiation	Unsubstantiation	No History
Quarter 1	2	5	4
Quarter 2	2	7	5

DCS History With Victim*

	Substantiation	Unsubstantiation	No History
Quarter 1	2	3	5
Quarter 2	2	3	6

Note: Because individuals may have history of both substantiation and unsubstantiation, some individuals are counted more than once.



*Civil Matter – Preponderance of Evidence

**Criminal Case – Beyond a Reasonable Doubt

Statistics: Fatalities Due to Abuse

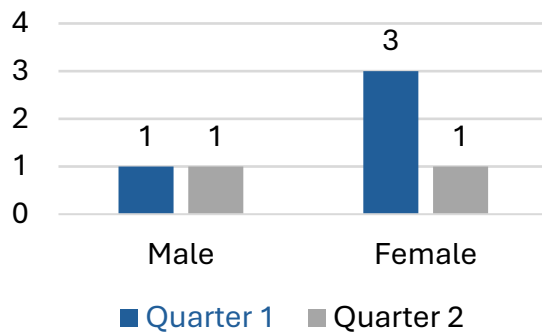
Age of Victim

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<1 year old	0	1
1-2 years old	0	0
3-4 years old	1	0
5-9 years old	3	1
10-14 years old	0	0
15-18 years old	0	0

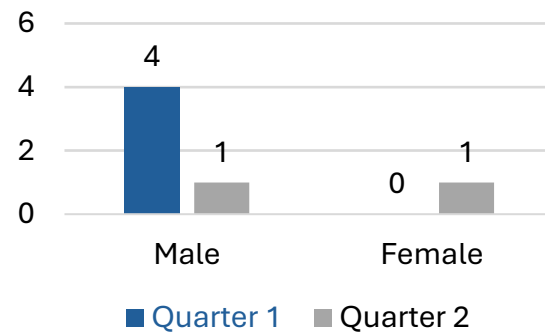
Age of Perpetrator

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<20 years old	0	1
20-24 years old	0	0
25-29 years old	0	0
30-34 years old	4	0
35-39 years old	0	0
40-49 years old	0	1
50+ years old	0	0

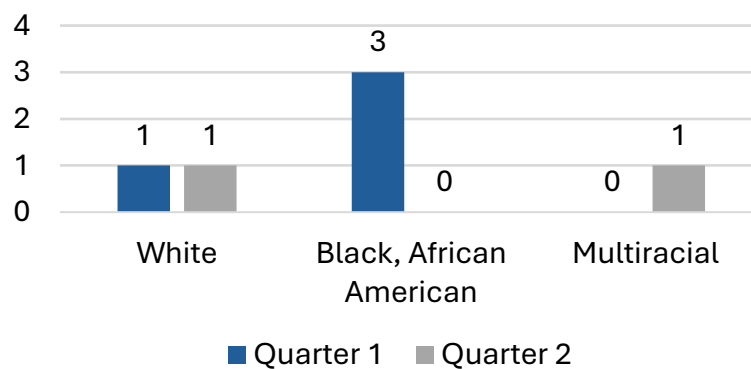
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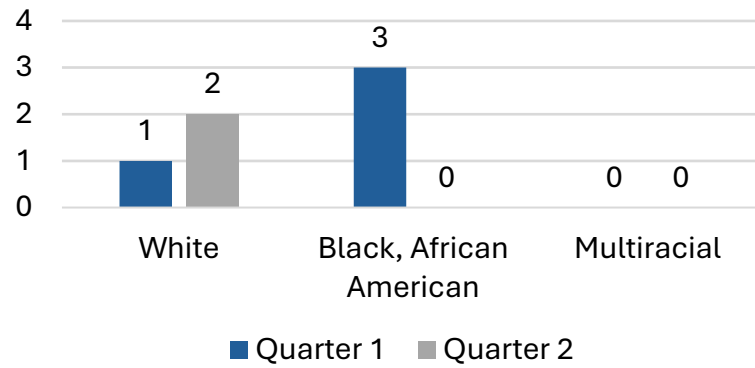
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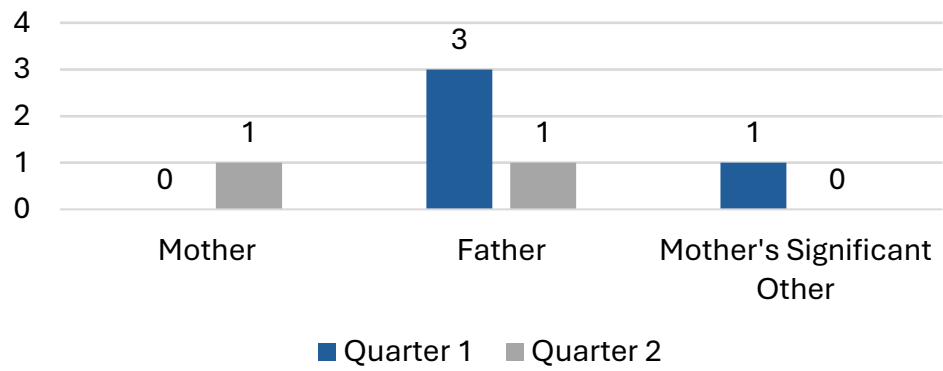
Race of Victim



Race of Perpetrator



Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim



Statistics: Fatalities Due to Neglect

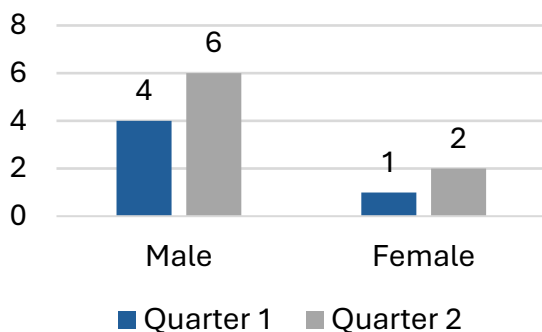
Age of Victim

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1-2 years old	1	0
3-4 years old	0	2
5-9 years old	0	2
10-14 years old	2	1
15-18 years old	1	0

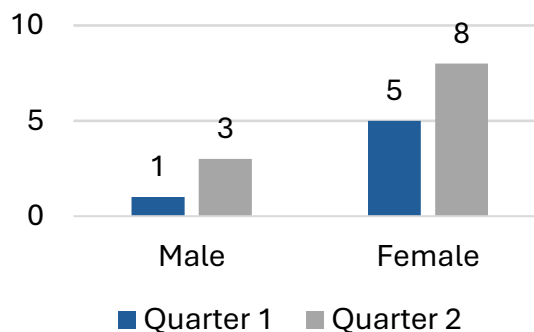
Age of Perpetrator

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20-24 years old	0	2
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30-34 years old	2	2
35-39 years old	3	1
40-49 years old	1	0
50+ years old	0	2

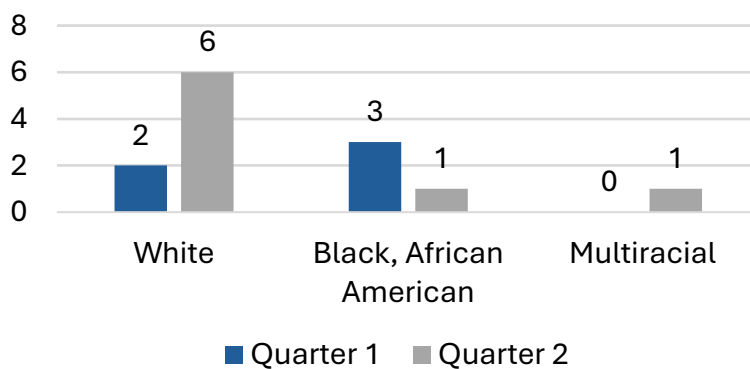
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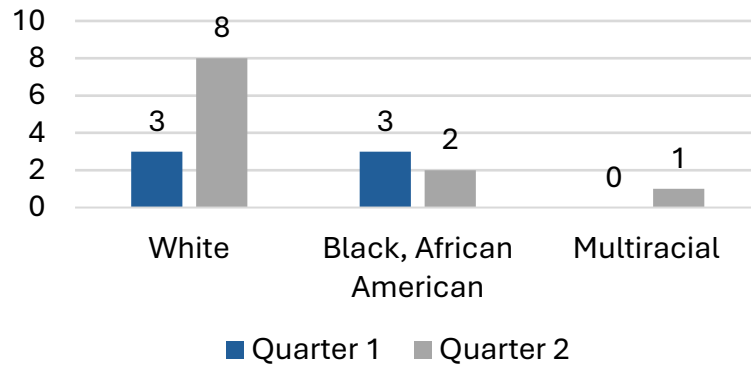
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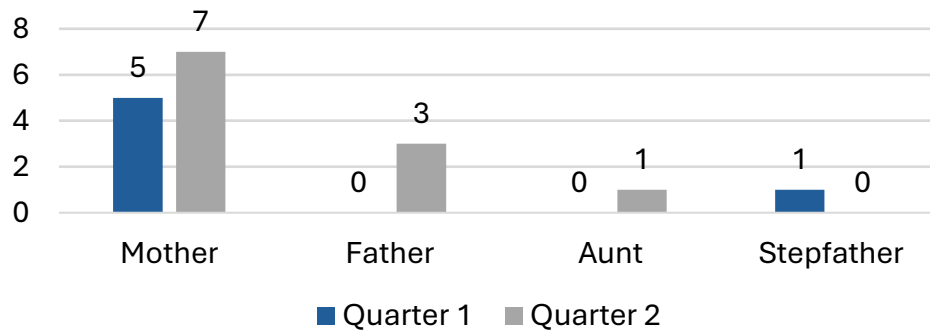
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Race of Perpetrator



Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim



Abuse and Neglect Near Fatalities

	Quarter 1 Abuse	Quarter 1 Neglect	Quarter 2 Abuse	Quarter 2 Neglect	Total
Allen	1	0	0	0	1
Clark	0	0	1	1	2
Decatur	0	0	0	1	1
Delaware	0	1	0	0	1
Gibson	0	1	0	0	1
Knox	0	0	0	1	1
Lake	0	0	0	1	1
LaPorte	0	1	0	0	1
Marion	1	2	1	2	6
Monroe	0	0	1	0	1
Parke/Vermillion	0	0	0	1	1
St. Joseph	1	1	1	0	3
Vanderburgh	0	0	0	1	1
Total	3	6	4	8	21

DCS History With Perpetrator*

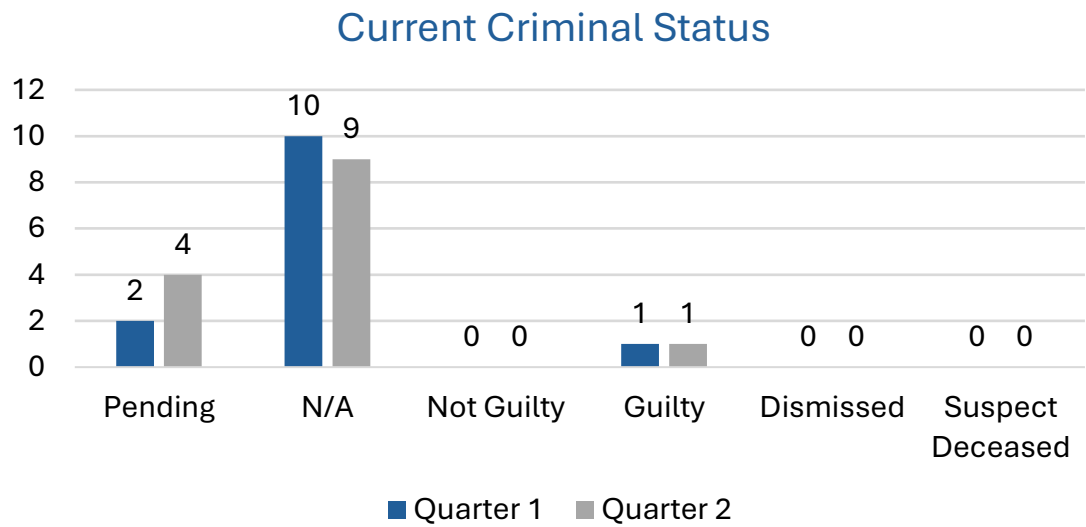
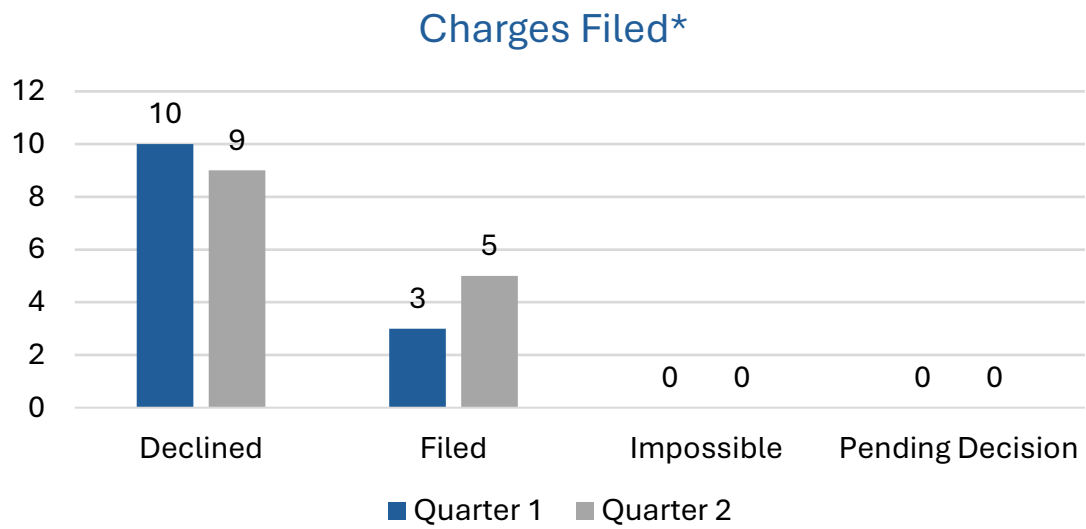
	Substantiation	Unsubstantiation	No History
Quarter 1	2	3	8
Quarter 2	4	8	2

DCS History With Victim*

	Substantiation	Unsubstantiation	No History
Quarter 1	3	2	5
Quarter 2	5	5	6

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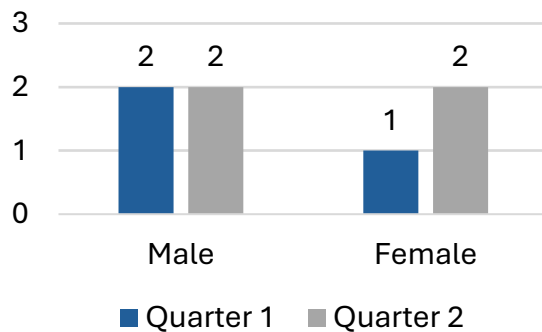
Age of Victim

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1-2 years old	0	1
3-4 years old	0	0
5-9 years old	0	0
10-14 years old	0	0
15-18 years old	0	0

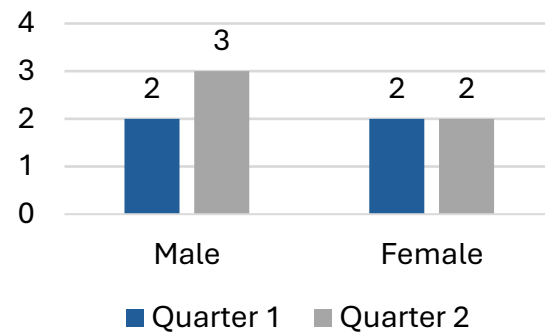
Age of Perpetrator

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20-24 years old	1	2
25-29 years old	0	1
30-34 years old	2	1
35-39 years old	0	1
40-49 years old	0	0
50+ years old	1	0

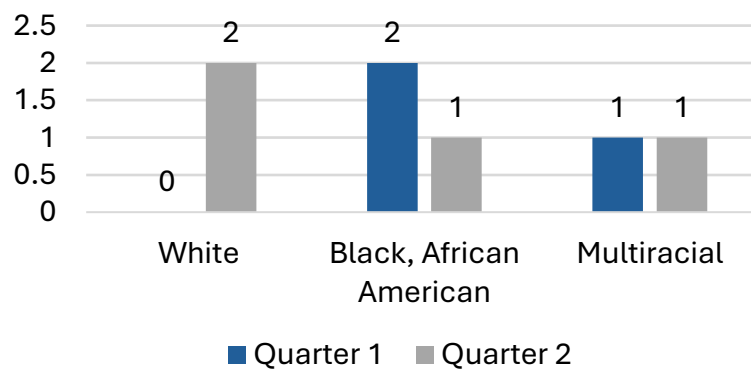
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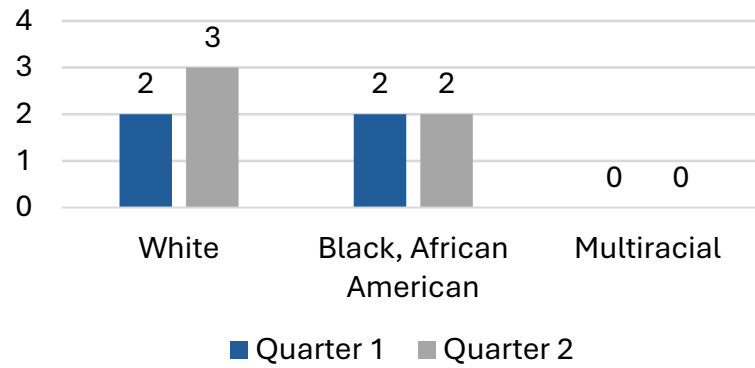
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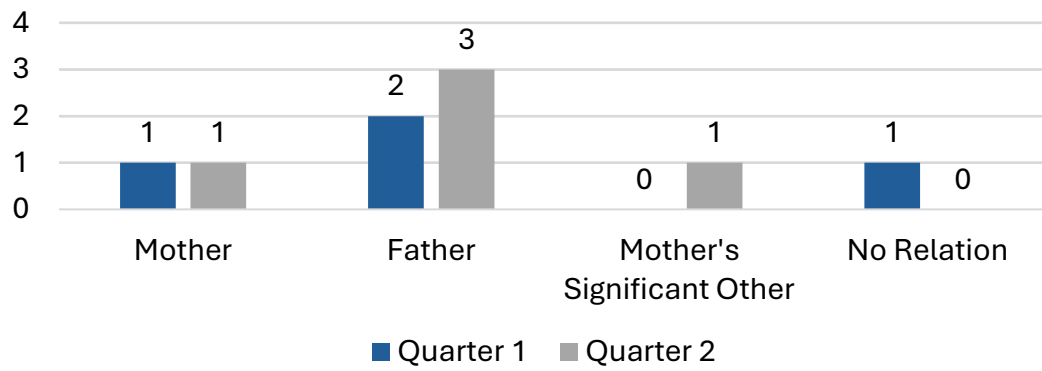
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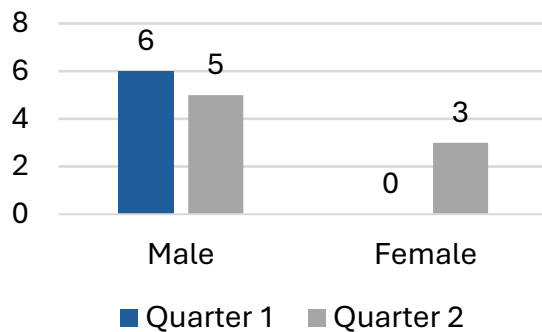
Age of Victim

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<1 year old	0	1
1-2 years old	2	1
3-4 years old	3	1
5-9 years old	1	2
10-14 years old	0	3
15-18 years old	0	0

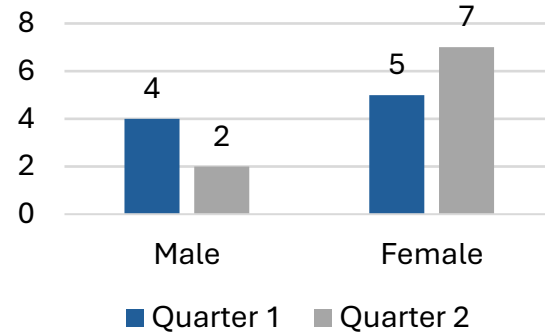
Age of Perpetrator

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<20 years old	0	0
20-24 years old	2	1
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40-49 years old	1	1
50+ years old	0	2

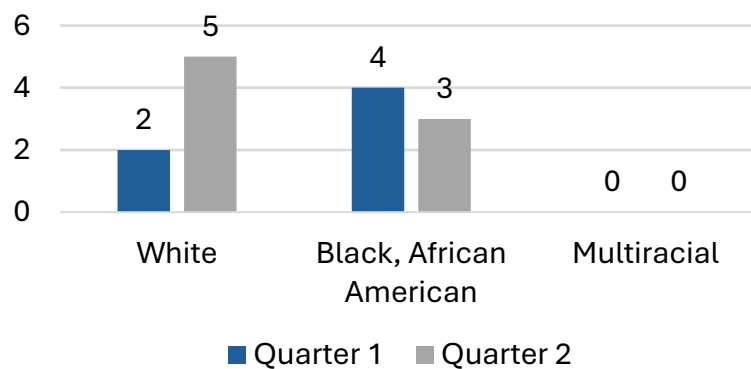
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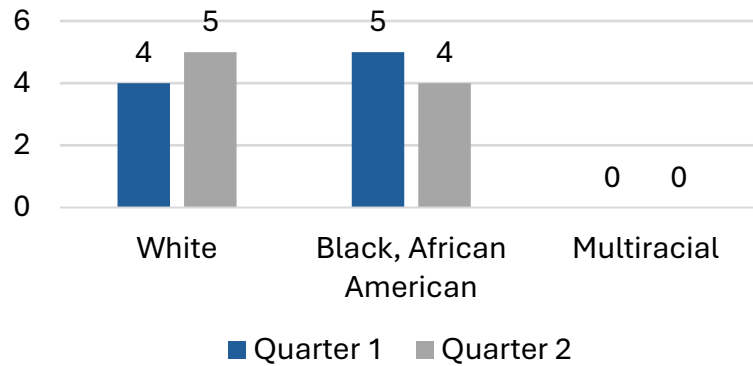
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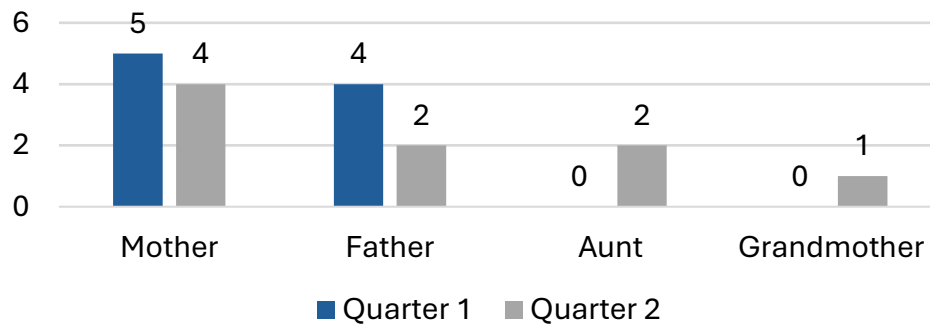
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