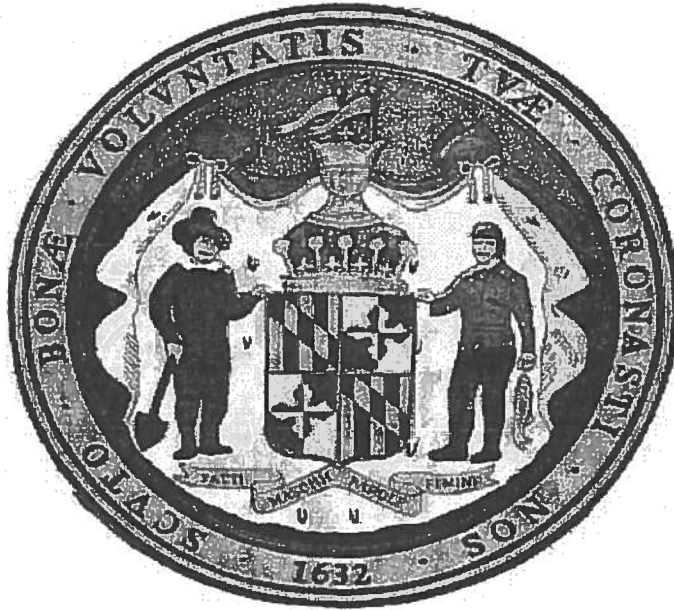


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The Honorable Martin O'Malley
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Dear Governor O'Malley:

In accordance with Public Safety Article, Section 2, Subsection 307 and 308, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Department of State Police is pleased to submit the 2012 Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Maryland. This publication represents the 38th annual Crime in Maryland report.

The 2012 Crime in Maryland publication provides valuable information to law enforcement personnel, policy makers and interested parties to include those in academic, civic and research organizations. The statistics presented in this release are an indication of crime and criminal activities known to, and reported by, law enforcement agencies for 2012. The information presented focuses on the incidence of crime and provides an indicator over time of variations in crime trends.

Maryland law enforcement agencies contribute crime data to the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Statistics pertaining to crime trends could not have been compiled without the dedication and cooperation of all police agencies, sheriff's offices and specialized law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Maryland. Contributions by Maryland law enforcement agencies to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program provide the Maryland Department of State Police the opportunity to develop and present a comprehensive picture of crime in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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The Domestic Violence Act of 1994 mandated that all law enforcement agencies in Maryland submit copies of their police reports of incidences involving domestic violence to the Maryland State Police. Through the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a revised Battered Spouse data collection form was created. This new form allowed for the collection of more data, which is based upon a revised definition of a domestic violence incident under the guidelines of the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program the definition for a domestic violence incident is considered any crime where *"An individual who has received deliberate physical injury or is in fear of imminent deliberate physical injury from a current or former spouse or a current or former cohabitant. This includes a homosexual relationship."* In addition, a domestic violence incident in the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program is considered to be any crime against:

- *A married person living with their spouse.*
- *A married person estranged from their spouse.*
- *A male and female in an intimate relationship who are not married to each other and who are cohabiting or had cohabited.*
- *Individuals of the same sex in an intimate relationship who are cohabiting or had cohabited.*

It should be noted that prior to 1996, the statistical information collected was only on assaults to a domestic partner and did not include individuals of the same sex in an intimate relationship who are cohabiting or had cohabited. The following information gives a more comprehensive report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES

There are limitations to the information collected which should be clearly understood before any conclusions are drawn from the data presented in this report. Procedures for handling domestic violence crimes vary between law enforcement agencies and counties of occurrence.

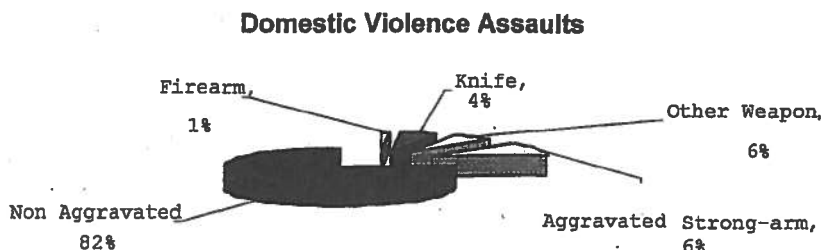
The current method of collecting domestic violence information for this report provides less than a complete picture. There is at present no other statewide informational system in general use gathering these statistics from law enforcement agencies that will more accurately perform this task.

There were a total of 17,615 domestic violence crimes reported in 2012, as compared to 18,209 crimes in 2011, resulting in a 3 percent decrease. The breakdown is as follows:

Crime	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	28	20	18	23	22
Rape	51	41	53	36	39
Robbery	95	128	166	190	146
Assaults	17,634	17,343	16,513	16,846	16,269
Burglary	63	46	52	65	88
Larceny-Theft	91	73	103	113	91
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	10	16	19	28
Arson	5	7	7	7	4
Forgery	7	3	3	3	1
Fraud	9	2	2	1	7
Embezzlement	0	0	1	0	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	138	118	118	149	155
Illegal Weapons	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	6	4	9	7	3
Drug Abuse Violation	0	1	0	1	1
Offenses Against Family & Children	517	514	624	526	484
Disorderly Conduct	10	3	2	2	4
All Other Offenses	252	242	244	221	273
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

ASSAULTS

Assault is the most frequent domestic incident reported. During 2012, there were 16,269 domestic assaults, representing a three percent decrease over 2011 domestic violence assaults. There were 2,881 domestic assaults reported as aggravated. Aggravated assaults were 18 percent of the total reported domestic assaults in 2012.



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Aggravated					
Firearm	178	183	165	141	167
Knife	830	767	758	731	715
Other Weapons	1,090	1,188	1,145	1,078	1,036
No Weapons	2,046	2,179	1,578	1,067	963
Non Aggravated					
Simple	13,484	13,022	12,864	13,821	13,384
Stalking	6	4	3	8	4
TOTAL	17,634	17,343	16,513	16,846	16,269

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	1,575	1,371	1,355	1,261	1,407
February	1,426	1,305	1,184	1,294	1,287
March	1,487	1,579	1,497	1,456	1,465
April	1,507	1,489	1,495	1,515	1,533
May	1,657	1,612	1,584	1,753	1,433
June	1,775	1,722	1,576	1,662	1,582
July	1,686	1,676	1,623	1,683	1,694
August	1,659	1,611	1,678	1,589	1,518
September	1,528	1,602	1,585	1,522	1,519
October	1,524	1,577	1,609	1,576	1,416
November	1,533	1,473	1,258	1,482	1,303
December	1,569	1,539	1,487	1,416	1,458
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

HOUR OF DAY

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
12:00 A.M.	1,124	1,111	1,078	1,114	1,089
1:00 A.M.	1,024	1,050	986	932	1,020
2:00 A.M.	899	845	758	823	790
3:00 A.M.	706	628	545	647	603
4:00 A.M.	440	437	409	409	354
5:00 A.M.	319	336	271	314	245
6:00 A.M.	261	331	310	316	287
7:00 A.M.	378	432	331	398	373
8:00 A.M.	485	551	488	531	447
9:00 A.M.	542	570	554	504	521
10:00 A.M.	626	659	623	605	570
11:00 A.M.	664	687	632	670	627
12:00 Noon	667	665	690	693	645
1:00 P.M.	622	580	618	607	603
2:00 P.M.	603	616	589	548	586
3:00 P.M.	676	663	718	660	704
4:00 P.M.	797	733	743	766	763
5:00 P.M.	877	829	882	853	814
6:00 P.M.	1,012	984	982	937	889
7:00 P.M.	981	1,023	965	1,042	934
8:00 P.M.	1,172	1,127	1,165	1,183	1,086
9:00 P.M.	1,374	1,218	1,174	1,168	1,186
10:00 P.M.	1,298	1,242	1,201	1,236	1,185
11:00 P.M.	1,379	1,239	1,219	1,253	1,294
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

Analysis

In 2012, 49 percent of all domestic violence crimes reported occurred between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M., inclusive. Thirty-six percent of domestic violent crimes reported occurred on Saturday and Sunday. When combining these two categories, this would indicate that an intensive period for domestic violence crimes occurs between 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. on Saturday and Sunday.

DAY OF WEEK

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sunday	3,596	3,401	3,388	3,291	3,360
Monday	2,512	2,405	2,398	2,453	2,346
Tuesday	2,473	2,389	2,217	2,180	2,191
Wednesday	2,319	2,272	2,137	2,317	2,236
Thursday	2,305	2,352	2,129	2,263	2,167
Friday	2,412	2,391	2,514	2,490	2,319
Saturday	3,309	3,346	3,148	3,215	2,996
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

VICTIMS**Sex**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Female	14,173	13,892	13,241	13,360	13,029
Male	4,753	4,664	4,690	4,849	4,586

TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615
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Race	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
American Indian	8	7	7	7	8
Asian	199	174	201	219	167
Black	8,526	8,252	8,037	8,303	8,102
White	9,822	9,689	9,406	9,427	9,072
Other	371	434	280	253	266

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Age

Fifty-nine percent of the victims of domestic violence are between 25 to 44 years of age, inclusive.

RELATIONSHIPS

The domestic violence report collects five victim relationships, either current or former. The breakdown is as follows:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Husband	2,122	2,088	2,064	1,974	1,889
Wife	5,792	5,543	5,233	4,843	4,883
Cohabitant					
Male	2,508	2,478	2,532	2,727	2,537
Female	8,157	8,086	7,754	8,261	7,868
Homosexual	347	361	348	404	438
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Living Together	15,308	14,865	14,543	14,474	13,937
Estranged	3,357	3,494	3,191	3,159	3,252
Unknown	261	197	197	576	426
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

In domestic violence, reporting the use of alcohol, drugs or both by either the offender or victim are captured.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Alcohol	5,323	5,181	4,862	5,120	4,882
Drugs	208	222	227	252	227
Alcohol & Drugs	157	175	144	154	133
None	7,268	7,304	6,839	7,611	7,499
Unknown	5,970	5,674	5,859	5,072	4,874
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

CIRCUMSTANCES

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Alcohol	512	668	617	616	650
Drug	181	195	219	209	176
Food or Cooking	155	160	142	138	149
Friends	142	164	156	182	174
Gambling	6	4	3	9	10
Household Chores	208	194	198	197	195
Infidelity	1,694	2,010	1,738	1,864	1,901
Job or Lack of Job	152	155	112	115	92
Mental Imbalance	79	94	87	104	95
Money	877	823	775	792	741
Offspring	1,037	1,061	926	991	950
Property	647	749	743	742	750
Relatives	145	152	122	173	125
Sex	201	178	175	178	154
Sports or Hobby	10	22	15	11	3
Television	69	67	71	63	36
Separation	530	467	486	433	473
Divorce	151	160	152	135	118
Reconciliation	47	44	61	41	23
Staying Out Late	325	321	280	276	238
Other	4,785	4,379	4,345	5,165	5,214
Unknown	6,973	6,489	6,508	5,775	5,348
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

CLEARANCES

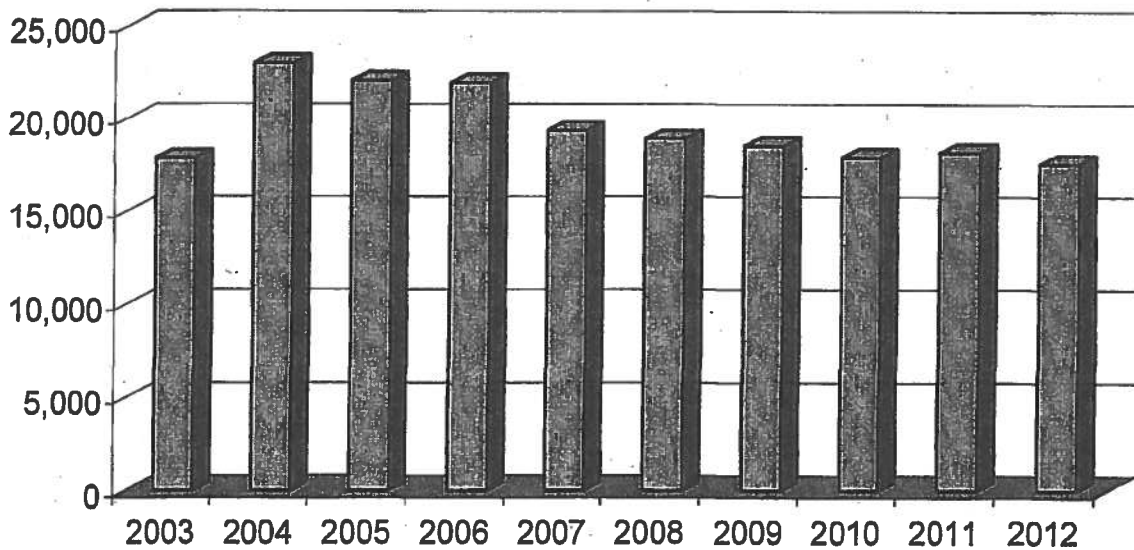
There are two ways of clearing a case. One is by making an arrest and charging the person (s) with the offense. The second is known as an exceptional clearance. Exceptional clearance means the police know the identity and location of the person (s) who committed the offense and have enough information to arrest them. However, there is some reason beyond their control that prevents them from making the arrest.

The arrest and exceptional clearances reported reflect the disposition at the time the domestic violence report form was forwarded to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. These reports are not updated; therefore, other arrests and exceptional clearances may occur, but would not be reflected in the following totals.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Arrest	8,912	8,772	8,615	8,590	8,058
Exceptional	5,849	5,596	5,374	5,644	4,677
Unknown	4,165	4,188	3,942	3,975	4,880
TOTAL	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615

During 2012, 72 percent of all domestic violence cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2012, were 46 percent by arrest, 27 percent by exceptional and 28 percent unknown, compared to 47 percent by arrest, 31 percent by exceptional and 22 percent unknown in 2011.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Total Number of Domestic Violence Incidences



Domestic Violence by County

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	5 Year Average
Allegany	363	327	367	306	294	331
Anne Arundel	1,564	1,484	1,394	1,445	1,354	1,448
Baltimore	3,755	4,068	4,060	4,043	4,383	4,062
Baltimore City	3,593	4,161	3,932	3,827	3,970	3,897
Calvert	297	331	318	319	290	311
Caroline	148	153	143	151	149	149
Carroll	346	407	495	402	360	402
Cecil	354	424	366	390	368	380
Charles	558	562	618	574	702	603
Dorchester	146	163	155	191	164	164
Frederick	626	580	619	757	754	667
Garrett	99	82	79	92	82	87
Harford	595	624	595	628	556	600
Howard	728	856	810	808	816	804
Kent	70	66	78	72	54	68
Montgomery	1,137	1,054	975	1,349	1,359	1,175
Prince George's	1,238	908	937	1,073	1,093	1,050
Queen Anne's	115	131	156	158	157	143
St. Mary's	592	542	564	604	594	579
Somerset	88	119	87	89	82	93
Talbot	104	109	117	101	136	113
Washington	384	350	294	383	427	368
Wicomico	474	457	486	439	465	464
Worcester	241	243	284	350	313	286
*Statewide Agencies	0	8	2	5	4	4
State Total	17,615	18,209	17,931	18,556	18,926	18,247

*Statewide agencies report offenses but do not identify county of occurrence.

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total All Crimes	M	4,753	4,664	4,690	4,849	4,586
	F	14,173	13,892	13,241	13,360	31,029
Homicide Total	M	4	6	3	3	4
	F	24	14	15	20	18
Rape Total	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	51	41	53	36	39
Forcible	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	42	36	45	29	33
Attempted	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	9	5	8	7	6
Robbery Total	M	3	9	13	15	8
	F	92	119	153	175	138
Firearm	M	0	0	0	0	1
	F	3	2	6	3	6
Knife	M	0	1	5	1	0
	F	3	3	8	8	6
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	0	3	2	5	3
	F	2	2	13	7	3
Strong-arm	M	3	5	6	9	4
	F	84	112	126	157	123
Assault Total	M	4,551	4,500	4,459	4,658	4,393
	F	13,083	12,843	12,054	12,188	11,876
Aggravated Subtotal	M	1,045	1,073	1,015	946	865
	F	3,099	3,244	2,631	2,071	2,016
Firearm	M	19	32	9	27	20
	F	159	151	156	114	147
Knife	M	400	383	374	374	352
	F	430	384	384	357	363
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	465	483	518	470	425
	F	625	705	627	608	611

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification of Offenses	Victim Sex	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No Weapon	M	161	175	114	75	68
	F	1,885	2,004	1,464	992	895
Non Aggravated Subtotal	M	3,506	3,427	3,444	3,712	3,528
	F	9,984	9,599	9,423	10,117	9,860
Simple	M	3,506	3,427	3,444	3,712	3,527
	F	9,978	9,595	9,420	10,109	9,857
Stalking	M	0	0	0	0	1
	F	6	4	3	8	3
Burglary Total	M	12	6	9	9	12
	F	51	40	43	56	76
Forcible	M	8	1	6	6	7
	F	26	24	31	39	40
Non Forcible	M	4	5	3	2	5
	F	16	13	7	7	24
Attempt	M	0	0	0	1	0
	F	9	3	5	10	12
Larceny-Theft Total	M	27	19	23	20	28
	F	64	54	80	93	63
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	2	0	4	3	5
	F	18	10	12	16	23
Automobiles	M	2	0	4	2	5
	F	16	10	11	16	21
Trucks and Buses	M	0	0	0	1	0
	F	0	0	0	0	1
All Other Vehicles	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	2	0	1	0	1

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Arson	M	0	3	2	3	0
	F	5	4	5	4	4
Embezzlement	M	0	0	1	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery	M	3	1	2	2	0
	F	4	2	1	1	1
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	M	5	1	2	0	4
	F	4	1	0	1	3
Malicious Destruction Of Property	M	46	35	39	39	42
	F	92	83	79	110	113
Illegal Weapons	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	6	4	9	7	3
Drugs Total	M	0	1	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	1	1
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	M	59	55	95	76	54
	F	458	459	529	450	430
Disorderly Conduct	M	2	1	0	0	0
	F	8	2	2	2	4
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	M	39	27	37	21	36
	F	213	215	207	200	237