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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 2013 Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Maryland. This publication represents the 39th annual Crime in Maryland report.

The 2013 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 2013. 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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BACKGROUND

The Domestic Violence Act of 1994 mandated that all law enforcement agencies in Maryland submit copies of incident reports involving domestic violence to the Maryland State Police. The Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program created a revised Domestic Violence (formerly known as Battered Spouse) data collection form. The new form allowed for the collection of more data based upon a revised definition of a domestic violence incident under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program guidelines.

In 2012, HB1146/SB647 “Domestically Related Crimes” was signed into law to help improve the recording and tracking of domestic violence crimes. Maryland does not have a distinct crime of domestic violence, therefore, the new law helps law enforcement, advocates, prosecutors and judges better protect domestic violence victims and set more appropriate conditions for abusers.

To better align with Maryland Law, the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program expanded the definition of domestic violence to include ten additional relationships in calendar year 2013. Prior to 2013, the only reported relationships between domestic violence victims and offenders were husband, wife and cohabitant. The title of the reporting program was also changed to the Maryland Domestically Related Crime Reporting Program.

Under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program the definition for a domestically related crime mirrors HB1146/SB647: “any crime committed by a suspect (respondent) against a victim who is a person eligible for relief, as defined in §4-501 of the Family Law Article or who had a sexual relationship with the suspect within 12 months before the commission of the crime. This also includes homosexual relationships.”

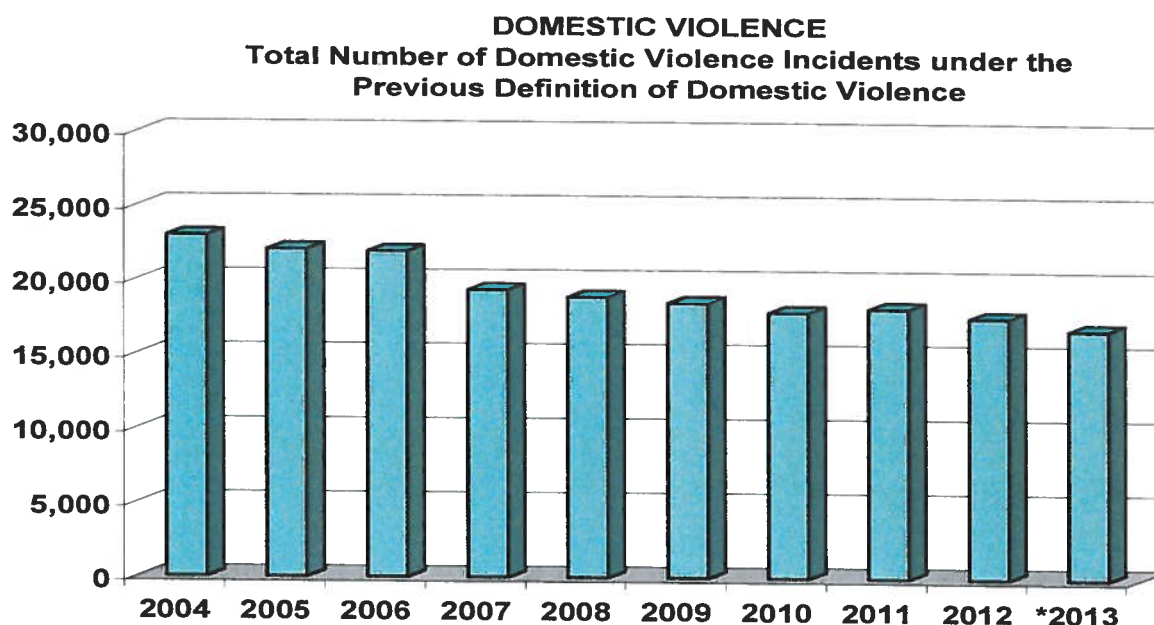
A “person eligible for relief”, as defined in §4-501 of the Family Law Article includes:

- The current or former spouse of the respondent;
- A cohabitant of the respondent ;
- A person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;
- A parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;
- A vulnerable adult;
- An individual who has a child in common with the respondent.

Prior to 1996, the statistical information collected was restricted to assaults to a domestic partner and excluded individuals of the same sex who were in an intimate relationship and who are cohabiting or have cohabited. The additional information now collected provides a more comprehensive report.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMES

Based on the previous definition of domestic violence, there were a total of 16,817 domestic violence crimes reported statewide in 2013, as compared to 17,615 crimes in 2012. This represents a 4.5 percent decrease in the number of domestic violence crimes. Due to the improved recording and tracking made possible by the 2012 legislation, an additional 10,968 domestically related crimes were reported in 2013, representing the inclusion of more types of domestic relationships. The breakdown is as follows:



RELATIONSHIPS

Domestic violence reporting includes the nature of the victim's relationship with his or her abuser. The breakdown is as follows:

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
SPOUSE:					
Husband	2,088	2,064	1,974	1,889	1,866
Wife	5,543	5,233	4,843	4,883	4,761
Cohabitant					
Heterosexual Male	2,478	2,532	2,727	2,537	2,460
Heterosexual Female	8,086	7,754	8,261	7,868	7,342
Homosexual	361	348	404	438	388
SUBTOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*16,817

*Note: In 2013, domestic violence data reporting was expanded to include additional relationships and reflect changes in Maryland law. This change explains the increase in the total number of Domestically Related Crimes reported (see page 52).

**RELATIONSHIPS
REPORTED AS OF 2013**

Sibling (brother or sister)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,636
Niece, Nephew, Aunt, Uncle Cousin, In-law	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	562
Grandchild or Grandparent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	232
Child (son or daughter) or Stepchild	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,149
Parent or Stepparent	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,533
Vulnerable Adult	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	47
Individual with a child in common	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,378
Heterosexual Male Intimate Partner**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	630
Heterosexual Female Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,651
Homosexual Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	150
GRAND TOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785

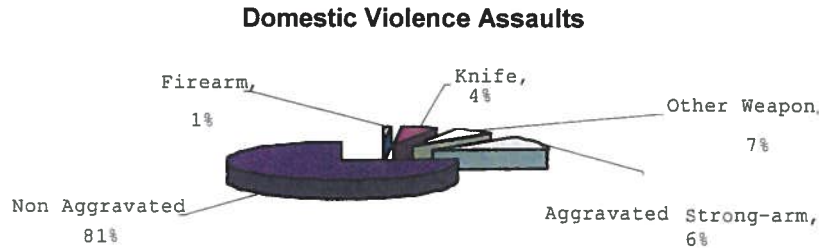
CRIME

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Homicide	20	18	23	22	54
Rape	41	53	36	39	98
Robbery	128	166	190	146	280
Assaults	17,343	16,513	16,846	16,269	25,188
Burglary	46	52	65	88	122
Larceny-Theft	73	103	113	91	236
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	16	19	28	20
Arson	7	7	7	4	14
Forgery	3	3	3	1	13
Fraud	2	2	1	7	12
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	118	118	149	155	377
Illegal Weapons	1	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	4	9	7	3	2
Drug Abuse Violation	1	0	1	1	136
Offenses Against Family & Children	514	624	526	484	906
Disorderly Conduct	3	2	2	4	1
All Other Offenses	242	244	221	273	325
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ASSAULTS

Assault is the most frequent type of domestic violence reported. Under the new Domestically Related Crime definition, there were a total of 25,188 domestic assaults in 2013. This represents 91 percent of all domestically related crimes. There were 4,760 domestic assaults reported as an "aggravate domestic violence assault," which means an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. Aggravated assaults represented 19 percent of the total reported domestic assaults in 2013.



	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Aggravated					
Firearm	183	165	141	167	229
Knife	767	758	731	715	1,075
Other Weapons	1,188	1,145	1,078	1,036	1,889
No Weapons	2,179	1,578	1,067	963	1,567
Non Aggravated					
Simple	13,022	12,864	13,821	13,384	20,422
Stalking	4	3	8	4	6
TOTAL	17,343	16,513	16,846	16,269	*25,188

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
January	1,371	1,355	1,261	1,407	2,091
February	1,305	1,184	1,294	1,287	1,948
March	1,579	1,497	1,456	1,465	2,259
April	1,489	1,495	1,515	1,533	2,317
May	1,612	1,584	1,753	1,433	2,456
June	1,722	1,576	1,662	1,582	2,404
July	1,676	1,623	1,683	1,694	2,486
August	1,611	1,678	1,589	1,518	2,428
September	1,602	1,585	1,522	1,519	2,445
October	1,577	1,609	1,576	1,416	2,299
November	1,473	1,258	1,482	1,303	2,252
December	1,539	1,487	1,416	1,458	2,400
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DAY OF WEEK

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Sunday	3,401	3,388	3,291	3,360	4,807
Monday	2,405	2,398	2,453	2,346	3,877
Tuesday	2,389	2,217	2,180	2,191	3,660
Wednesday	2,272	2,137	2,317	2,236	3,623
Thursday	2,352	2,129	2,263	2,167	3,539
Friday	2,391	2,514	2,490	2,319	3,690
Saturday	3,346	3,148	3,215	2,996	4,589
TOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785

HOUR OF DAY

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
12:00 A.M.	1,111	1,078	1,114	1,089	1,451
1:00 A.M.	1,050	986	932	1,020	1,182
2:00 A.M.	845	758	823	790	1,018
3:00 A.M.	628	545	647	603	786
4:00 A.M.	437	409	409	354	501
5:00 A.M.	336	271	314	245	400
6:00 A.M.	331	310	316	287	427
7:00 A.M.	432	331	398	373	584
8:00 A.M.	551	488	531	447	756
9:00 A.M.	570	554	504	521	903
10:00 A.M.	659	623	605	570	1,031
11:00 A.M.	687	632	670	627	1,091
12:00 Noon	665	690	693	645	1,124
1:00 P.M.	580	618	607	603	1,155
2:00 P.M.	616	589	548	586	1,146
3:00 P.M.	663	718	660	704	1,244
4:00 P.M.	733	743	766	763	1,290
5:00 P.M.	829	882	853	814	1,422
6:00 P.M.	984	982	937	889	1,559
7:00 P.M.	1,023	965	1,042	934	1,653
8:00 P.M.	1,127	1,165	1,183	1,086	1,817
9:00 P.M.	1,218	1,174	1,168	1,186	1,733
10:00 P.M.	1,242	1,201	1,236	1,185	1,790
11:00 P.M.	1,239	1,219	1,253	1,294	1,722
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Analysis

In 2013, 46 percent of all domestic violence crimes reported occurred between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M., inclusive. Thirty-four 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.

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VICTIMS

Age

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

Sex

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Female	13,892	13,241	13,360	13,029	19,310
Male	4,664	4,690	4,849	4,586	8,475
TOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785

Race

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
American Indian	7	7	7	8	27
Asian	174	201	219	167	309
Black	8,252	8,037	8,303	8,102	12,682
White	9,689	9,406	9,427	9,072	14,736
Other	434	280	253	266	31
TOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785

HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Living Together	14,865	14,543	14,474	13,937	19,516
Not Living Together	3,494	3,191	3,159	3,252	6,311
Unknown	197	197	576	426	1,958
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ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

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

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Alcohol	5,181	4,862	5,120	4,882	6,330
Drugs	222	227	252	227	535
Alcohol & Drugs	175	144	154	133	254
None	7,304	6,839	7,611	7,499	10,828
Unknown	5,674	5,859	5,072	4,874	9,838
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CIRCUMSTANCES

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Alcohol	668	617	616	650	967
Drug	195	219	209	176	351
Food or Cooking	160	142	138	149	292
Friends	164	156	182	174	222
Gambling	4	3	9	10	4
Household Chores	194	198	197	195	405
Infidelity	2,010	1,738	1,864	1,901	2,126
Job or Lack of Job	155	112	115	92	133
Mental Imbalance	94	87	104	95	354
Money	823	775	792	741	1,205
Offspring	1,061	926	991	950	1,465
Property	749	743	742	750	1,564
Relatives	152	122	173	125	300
Sex	178	175	178	154	246
Sports or Hobby	22	15	11	3	15
Television	67	71	63	36	83
Separation	467	486	433	473	613
Divorce	160	152	135	118	135
Reconciliation	44	61	41	23	54
Staying Out Late	321	280	276	238	300
Other	4,379	4,345	5,165	5,214	9,476
Unknown	6,489	6,508	5,775	5,348	7,475
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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.

	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Arrest	8,772	8,615	8,590	8,058	11,098
Exceptional	5,596	5,374	5,644	4,677	8,649
Unknown	4,188	3,942	3,975	4,880	8,038
TOTAL	18,556	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785

During 2013, 71 percent of all domestic violence cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2013 includes 40 percent by arrest, 31 percent by exceptional clearance and 29 percent unknown, compared to 46 percent by arrest, 27 percent by exceptional clearance and 28 percent unknown in 2012.

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Domestic Violence by County

	**2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Allegany	529	363	327	367	306
Anne Arundel	3,287	1,564	1,484	1,394	1,445
Baltimore	6,475	3,755	4,068	4,060	4,043
Baltimore City	3,383	3,593	4,161	3,932	3,827
Calvert	426	297	331	318	319
Caroline	142	148	153	143	151
Carroll	658	346	407	495	402
Cecil	573	354	424	366	390
Charles	1074	558	562	618	574
Dorchester	238	146	163	155	191
Frederick	1,363	626	580	619	757
Garrett	155	99	82	79	92
Harford	959	595	624	595	628
Howard	1,925	728	856	810	808
Kent	69	70	66	78	72
Montgomery	1,430	1,137	1,054	975	1,349
Prince George's	2,489	1,238	908	937	1,073
Queen Anne's	213	115	131	156	158
St. Mary's	815	592	542	564	604
Somerset	125	88	119	87	89
Talbot	98	104	109	117	101
Washington	318	384	350	294	383
Wicomico	725	474	457	486	439
Worcester	313	241	243	284	350
*Statewide Agencies	3	0	8	2	5
State Total	**27,785	17,615	18,209	17,931	18,556

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

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CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Total All Crimes	M	4,664	4,690	4,849	4,586	*8,475
	F	13,892	13,241	13,360	31,029	*19,310
Homicide Total	M	6	3	3	4	18
	F	14	15	20	18	36
Rape Total	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	41	53	36	39	98
Forcible	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
	F	36	45	29	33	79
Attempted	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
	F	5	8	7	6	19
Robbery Total	M	9	13	15	8	24
	F	119	153	175	138	256
Firearm	M	0	0	0	1	3
	F	2	6	3	6	8
Knife	M	1	5	1	0	2
	F	3	8	8	6	13
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	3	2	5	3	1
	F	2	13	7	3	9
Strong-arm	M	5	6	9	4	18
	F	112	126	157	123	226
Assault Total	M	4,500	4,459	4,658	4,393	7,942
	F	12,843	12,054	12,188	11,876	17,246
Aggravated Subtotal	M	1,073	1,015	946	865	1,695
	F	3,244	2,631	2,071	2,016	3,065
Firearm	M	32	9	27	20	57
	F	151	156	114	147	172
Knife	M	383	374	374	352	544
	F	384	384	357	363	531
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	483	518	470	425	899
	F	705	627	608	611	990

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification of Offenses	Victim Sex	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
No Weapon	M	175	114	75	68	195
	F	2,004	1,464	992	895	1,372
Non Aggravated Subtotal	M	3,427	3,444	3,712	3,528	6,247
	F	9,599	9,423	10,117	9,860	14,181
Simple	M	3,427	3,444	3,712	3,527	6,246
	F	9,595	9,420	10,109	9,857	14,176
Stalking	M	0	0	0	1	1
	F	4	3	8	3	5
Burglary Total	M	6	9	9	12	17
	F	40	43	56	76	105
Forcible	M	1	6	6	7	12
	F	24	31	39	40	72
Non Forcible	M	5	3	2	5	4
	F	13	7	7	24	24
Attempt	M	0	0	1	0	1
	F	3	5	10	12	9
Larceny-Theft Total	M	19	23	20	28	56
	F	54	80	93	63	180
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	0	4	3	5	2
	F	10	12	16	23	18
Automobiles	M	0	4	2	5	2
	F	10	11	16	21	16
Trucks and Buses	M	0	0	1	0	0
	F	0	0	0	1	0
All Other Vehicles	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	1	0	1	2
Arson	M	3	2	3	0	5
	F	4	5	4	4	9

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2009	2010	2011	2012	*2013
Embezzlement	M	0	1	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery	M	1	2	2	0	8
	F	2	1	1	1	5
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	M	1	2	0	4	2
	F	1	0	1	3	10
Malicious Destruction Of Property	M	35	39	39	42	122
	F	83	79	110	113	255
Illegal Weapons	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	0	0	0	1
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	M	0	0	0	0	41
	F	4	9	7	3	97
Drugs Total	M	1	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	1	1	0
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	M	55	95	76	54	179
	F	459	529	450	430	727
Disorderly Conduct	M	1	0	0	0	0
	F	2	2	2	4	1
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	M	27	37	21	36	59
	F	215	207	200	237	266

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