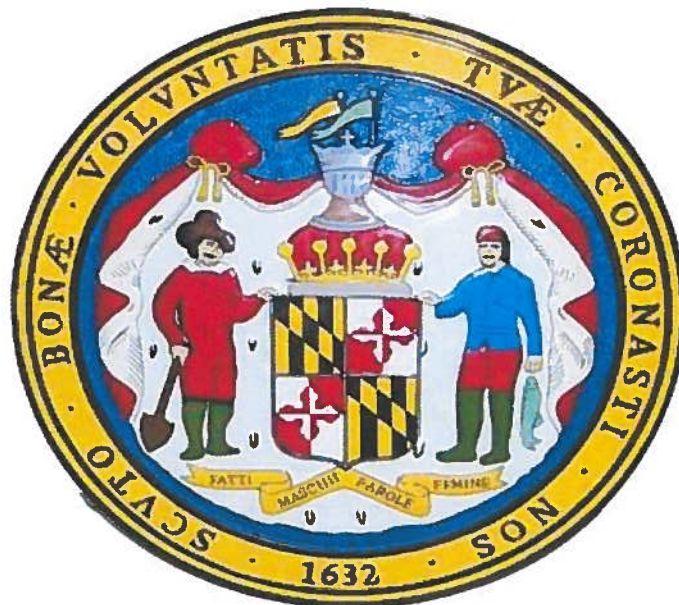


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The Honorable Larry Hogan
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Dear Governor Hogan:

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 2014 Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Maryland. This publication represents the 40th annual Crime in Maryland report.

The 2014 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 2014. 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 enable the Maryland Department of State Police 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:

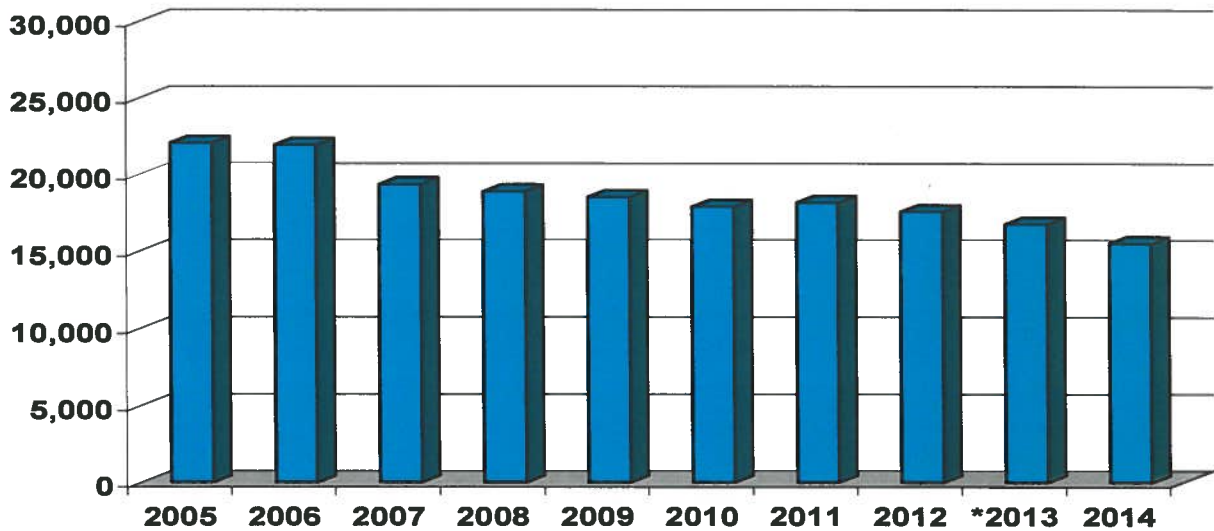
- The current or former spouse of the respondent;
- A cohabitant of the respondent ;
- A person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;
- A parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person 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 15,055 domestic violence crimes reported statewide in 2014, as compared to 16,817 crimes in 2013. This represents a 10.5 percent decrease in the number of domestic violence crimes. Due to the improved recording and tracking made possible by the 2012 legislation, an additional 12,187 domestically related crimes were reported in 2014, representing the inclusion of more types of domestic relationships. The breakdown is as follows:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Total Number of Domestic Violence Incidents under the
Previous Definition of Domestic Violence



RELATIONSHIPS

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

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
SPOUSE:					
Husband	2,064	1,974	1,889	1,866	1,754
Wife	5,233	4,843	4,883	4,761	4,148
Cohabitant					
Heterosexual Male	2,532	2,727	2,537	2,460	2,257
Heterosexual Female	7,754	8,261	7,868	7,342	6,514
Homosexual	348	404	438	388	382
SUBTOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*16,817	15,055

*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 2014**

Sibling (brother or sister)	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,636	1,691
Niece, Nephew, Aunt, Uncle Cousin, In-law	N/A	N/A	N/A	562	660
Grandchild or Grandparent	N/A	N/A	N/A	232	280
Child (son or daughter) or Stepchild	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,149	2,274
Parent or Stepparent	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,533	2,729
Vulnerable Adult	N/A	N/A	N/A	47	73
Individual with a child in common	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,378	1,638
Heterosexual Male Intimate Partner**	N/A	N/A	N/A	630	649
Heterosexual Female Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,651	2,014
Homosexual Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	N/A	150	179
GRAND TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

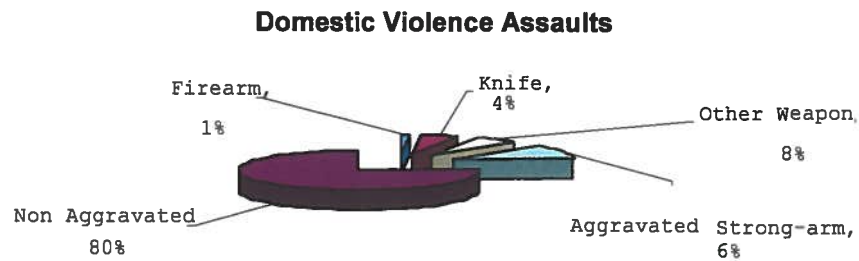
CRIME

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Homicide	18	23	22	54	67
Rape	53	36	39	98	160
Robbery	166	190	146	280	269
Assaults	16,513	16,846	16,269	25,188	24,485
Burglary	52	65	88	122	136
Larceny-Theft	103	113	91	236	286
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	19	28	20	40
Arson	7	7	4	14	5
Forgery	3	3	1	13	19
Fraud	2	1	7	12	22
Embezzlement	1	0	0	0	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	118	149	155	377	329
Illegal Weapons	0	0	0	1	0
Sex Offenses	9	7	3	138	122
Drug Abuse Violation	0	1	1	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	624	526	484	906	1,003
Disorderly Conduct	2	2	4	1	2
All Other Offenses	244	221	273	325	297
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

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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 24,485 domestic assaults in 2014. This represents 90 percent of all domestically related crimes. There were 4,783 domestic assaults reported as an "aggravated 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 20 percent of the total reported domestic assaults in 2014.



	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Aggravated					
Firearm	165	141	167	229	214
Knife	758	731	715	1,075	1,069
Other Weapons	1,145	1,078	1,036	1,889	1,939
No Weapons	1,578	1,067	963	1,567	1,561
Non Aggravated					
Simple	12,864	13,821	13,384	20,422	19,697
Stalking	3	8	4	6	5
TOTAL	16,513	16,846	16,269	*25,188	24,485

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
January	1,355	1,261	1,407	2,091	2,074
February	1,184	1,294	1,287	1,948	1,919
March	1,497	1,456	1,465	2,259	2,150
April	1,495	1,515	1,533	2,317	2,323
May	1,584	1,753	1,433	2,456	2,549
June	1,576	1,662	1,582	2,404	2,354
July	1,623	1,683	1,694	2,486	2,353
August	1,678	1,589	1,518	2,428	2,344
September	1,585	1,522	1,519	2,445	2,298
October	1,609	1,576	1,416	2,299	2,364
November	1,258	1,482	1,303	2,252	2,283
December	1,487	1,416	1,458	2,400	2,231
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DAY OF WEEK	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Sunday	3,388	3,291	3,360	4,807	4,833
Monday	2,398	2,453	2,346	3,877	3,747
Tuesday	2,217	2,180	2,191	3,660	3,477
Wednesday	2,137	2,317	2,236	3,623	3,586
Thursday	2,129	2,263	2,167	3,539	3,477
Friday	2,514	2,490	2,319	3,690	3,631
Saturday	3,148	3,215	2,996	4,589	4,491
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

HOUR OF DAY	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
12:00 A.M.	1,078	1,114	1,089	1,451	1,377
1:00 A.M.	986	932	1,020	1,182	1,125
2:00 A.M.	758	823	790	1,018	926
3:00 A.M.	545	647	603	786	758
4:00 A.M.	409	409	354	501	513
5:00 A.M.	271	314	245	400	353
6:00 A.M.	310	316	287	427	382
7:00 A.M.	331	398	373	584	572
8:00 A.M.	488	531	447	756	776
9:00 A.M.	554	504	521	903	842
10:00 A.M.	623	605	570	1,031	961
11:00 A.M.	632	670	627	1,091	1,009
12:00 Noon	690	693	645	1,124	1,172
1:00 P.M.	618	607	603	1,155	1,032
2:00 P.M.	589	548	586	1,146	1,098
3:00 P.M.	718	660	704	1,244	1,273
4:00 P.M.	743	766	763	1,290	1,316
5:00 P.M.	882	853	814	1,422	1,457
6:00 P.M.	982	937	889	1,559	1,505
7:00 P.M.	965	1,042	934	1,653	1,659
8:00 P.M.	1,165	1,183	1,086	1,817	1,784
9:00 P.M.	1,174	1,168	1,186	1,733	1,946
10:00 P.M.	1,201	1,236	1,185	1,790	1,804
11:00 P.M.	1,219	1,253	1,294	1,722	1,602
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

Analysis

In 2014, 47 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

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Female	13,241	13,360	13,029	19,310	18,760
Male	4,690	4,849	4,586	8,475	8,482
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

Race

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
American Indian	7	7	8	27	20
Asian	201	219	167	309	405
Black	8,037	8,303	8,102	12,682	12,330
White	9,406	9,427	9,072	14,736	14,455
Other	280	253	266	31	32
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Living Together	14,543	14,474	13,937	19,516	18,784
Not Living Together	3,191	3,159	3,252	6,311	7,179
Unknown	197	576	426	1,958	1,279
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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.

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Alcohol	4,862	5,120	4,882	6,330	5,991
Drugs	227	252	227	535	455
Alcohol & Drugs	144	154	133	254	217
None	6,839	7,611	7,499	10,828	11,064
Unknown	5,859	5,072	4,874	9,838	9,515
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

CIRCUMSTANCES

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Alcohol	617	616	650	967	1,005
Drug	219	209	176	351	359
Food or Cooking	142	138	149	292	284
Friends	156	182	174	222	203
Gambling	3	9	10	4	6
Household Chores	198	197	195	405	510
Infidelity	1,738	1,864	1,901	2,126	2,264
Job or Lack of Job	112	115	92	133	211
Mental Imbalance	87	104	95	354	406
Money	775	792	741	1,205	1,280
Offspring	926	991	950	1,465	1,430
Property	743	742	750	1,564	1,554
Relatives	122	173	125	300	355
Sex	175	178	154	246	376
Sports or Hobby	15	11	3	15	16
Television	71	63	36	83	103
Separation	486	433	473	613	663
Divorce	152	135	118	135	133
Reconciliation	61	41	23	54	67
Staying Out Late	280	276	238	300	260
Other	4,345	5,165	5,214	9,476	9,625
Unknown	6,508	5,775	5,348	7,475	6,132
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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.

	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Arrest	8,615	8,590	8,058	11,098	10,936
Exceptional	5,374	5,644	4,677	8,649	8,366
Unknown	3,942	3,975	4,880	8,038	7,940
TOTAL	17,931	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242

During 2014, 71 percent of all domestic violence cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2014 includes 40 percent by arrest, 31 percent by exceptional clearance and 29 percent unknown, the same as in 2013.

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Domestic Violence by County

	2014	**2013	2012	2011	2010
Allegany	444	529	363	327	367
Anne Arundel	3,248	3,287	1,564	1,484	1,394
Baltimore	6,352	6,475	3,755	4,068	4,060
Baltimore City	2,799	3,383	3,593	4,161	3,932
Calvert	444	426	297	331	318
Caroline	116	142	148	153	143
Carroll	625	658	346	407	495
Cecil	563	573	354	424	366
Charles	1,027	1,074	558	562	618
Dorchester	204	238	146	163	155
Frederick	1,418	1,363	626	580	619
Garrett	141	155	99	82	79
Harford	962	959	595	624	595
Howard	2,026	1,925	728	856	810
Kent	45	69	70	66	78
Montgomery	2,203	1,430	1,137	1,054	975
Prince George's	2,083	2,489	1,238	908	937
Queen Anne's	170	213	115	131	156
St. Mary's	795	815	592	542	564
Somerset	142	125	88	119	87
Talbot	68	98	104	109	117
Washington	278	318	384	350	294
Wicomico	755	725	474	457	486
Worcester	334	313	241	243	284
*Statewide Agencies	0	3	0	8	2
State Total	27,242	*27,785	17,615	18,209	17,931

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

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Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Total All Crimes	M	4,690	4,849	4,586	*8,475	8,482
	F	13,241	13,360	13,029	*19,310	18,760
Homicide Total	M	3	3	4	18	27
	F	15	20	18	36	40
Rape Total	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	53	36	39	98	160
Forcible	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	45	29	33	79	135
Attempted	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	8	7	6	19	25
Robbery Total	M	13	15	8	24	38
	F	153	175	138	256	231
Firearm	M	0	0	1	3	6
	F	6	3	6	8	11
Knife	M	5	1	0	2	1
	F	8	8	6	13	9
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	2	5	3	1	5
	F	13	7	3	9	6
Strong-arm	M	6	9	4	18	26
	F	126	157	123	226	205
Assault Total	M	4,459	4,658	4,393	7,942	7,867
	F	12,054	12,188	11,876	17,246	16,618
Aggravated Subtotal	M	1,015	946	865	1,695	1,654
	F	2,631	2,071	2,016	3,065	3,129
Firearm	M	9	27	20	57	52
	F	156	114	147	172	162
Knife	M	374	374	352	544	525
	F	384	357	363	531	544
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	518	470	425	899	876
	F	627	608	611	990	1,063

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification of Offenses	Victim Sex	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Personal Weapon	M	114	75	68	195	201
	F	1,464	992	895	1,372	1,360
Non Aggravated Subtotal	M	3,444	3,712	3,528	6,247	6,213
	F	9,423	10,117	9,860	14,181	13,489
Simple	M	3,444	3,712	3,527	6,246	6,212
	F	9,420	10,109	9,857	14,176	13,485
Stalking	M	0	0	1	1	1
	F	3	8	3	5	4
Burglary Total	M	9	9	12	17	30
	F	43	56	76	105	106
Forcible	M	6	6	7	12	17
	F	31	39	40	72	67
Non Forcible	M	3	2	5	4	10
	F	7	7	24	24	25
Attempt	M	0	1	0	1	3
	F	5	10	12	9	14
Larceny-Theft Total	M	23	20	28	56	80
	F	80	93	63	180	206
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	4	3	5	2	12
	F	12	16	23	18	28
Automobiles	M	4	2	5	2	9
	F	11	16	21	16	22
Trucks and Buses	M	0	1	0	0	0
	F	0	0	1	0	1
All Other Vehicles	M	0	0	0	0	3
	F	1	0	1	2	5
Arson	M	2	3	0	5	3
	F	5	4	4	9	2

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2010	2011	2012	*2013	2014
Embezzlement	M	1	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery	M	2	2	0	8	9
	F	1	1	1	5	10
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	M	2	0	4	2	12
	F	0	1	3	10	10
Malicious Destruction Of Property	M	39	39	42	122	99
	F	79	110	113	255	230
Illegal Weapons	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	1	0
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	M	0	0	0	41	21
	F	9	7	3	97	101
Drugs Total	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	1	1	0	0
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	M	95	76	54	179	225
	F	529	450	430	727	778
Disorderly Conduct	M	0	0	0	0	1
	F	2	2	4	1	1
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	M	37	21	36	59	58
	F	207	200	237	266	239

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