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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 "*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 that includes statistics based on the revised definition of domestic violence, including all crimes.

## 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.

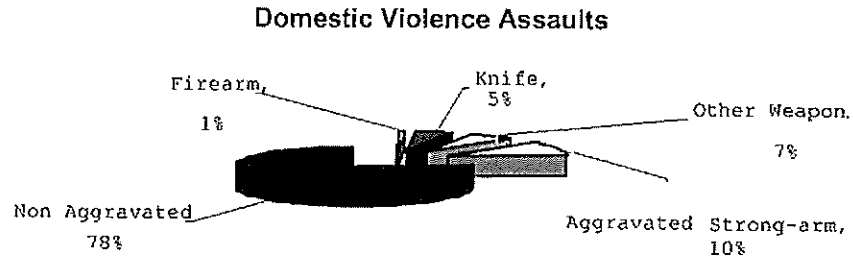
The current method of collecting domestic violence information for this report provides less than a complete picture. There is at present no other statewide informational system in general use gathering these statistics from law enforcement agencies that will more accurately perform this task.

There were a total of 17,931 domestic violence crimes reported in 2010, as compared to 18,556 crimes in 2009, resulting in a 3 percent decrease. The breakdown is as follows:

Crime	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Homicide	26	30	28	20	18
Rape	63	43	51	41	53
Robbery	59	50	95	128	166
Assaults	20,249	17,995	17,634	17,343	16,513
Burglary	100	59	63	46	52
Larceny-Theft	83	73	91	73	103
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	17	20	10	16
Arson	7	11	5	7	7
Forgery	6	5	7	3	3
Fraud	9	6	9	2	2
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	1
Malicious Destruction Of Property	152	112	138	118	118
Illegal Weapons	0	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	8	13	6	4	9
Drug Abuse Violation	0	1	0	1	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	747	644	517	514	624
Disorderly Conduct	16	12	10	3	2
All Other Offenses	421	320	252	242	244
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

## ASSAULTS

Assault is the most frequent domestic incident reported. During 2010, there were 16,513 domestic assaults, representing a five percent decrease over 2009 domestic violence assaults. There were 3,646 domestic assaults reported as aggravated. Aggravated assaults were 22 percent of the total reported domestic assaults in 2010.



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Aggravated</b>					
Firearm	222	172	178	183	165
Knife	946	819	830	767	758
Other Weapons	1,350	1,247	1,090	1,188	1,145
No Weapons	2,054	2,023	2,046	2,179	1,578
<b>Non Aggravated</b>					
Simple	15,637	13,728	13,484	13,022	12,864
Stalking	40	6	6	4	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,249</b>	<b>17,995</b>	<b>17,634</b>	<b>17,343</b>	<b>16,513</b>

## MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
January	1,726	1,582	1,575	1,371	1,355
February	1,642	1,372	1,426	1,305	1,184
March	1,766	1,533	1,487	1,579	1,497
April	1,840	1,563	1,507	1,489	1,495
May	1,875	1,827	1,657	1,612	1,584
June	1,950	1,848	1,775	1,722	1,576
July	2,006	1,763	1,686	1,676	1,623
August	2,148	1,708	1,659	1,611	1,678
September	1,759	1,648	1,528	1,602	1,585
October	1,922	1,572	1,524	1,577	1,609
November	1,666	1,377	1,533	1,473	1,258
December	1,665	1,598	1,569	1,539	1,487
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

## HOUR OF DAY

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
12:00 A.M.	1,194	1,092	1,124	1,111	1,078
1:00 A.M.	1,225	1,058	1,024	1,050	986
2:00 A.M.	922	873	899	845	758
3:00 A.M.	720	640	706	628	545
4:00 A.M.	487	452	440	437	409
5:00 A.M.	415	312	319	336	271
6:00 A.M.	430	292	261	331	310
7:00 A.M.	474	400	378	432	331
8:00 A.M.	785	504	485	551	488
9:00 A.M.	839	573	542	570	554
10:00 A.M.	839	644	626	659	623
11:00 A.M.	832	641	664	687	632
12:00 Noon	855	680	667	665	690
1:00 P.M.	793	608	622	580	618
2:00 P.M.	839	629	603	616	589
3:00 P.M.	909	792	676	663	718
4:00 P.M.	931	771	797	733	743
5:00 P.M.	996	925	877	829	882
6:00 P.M.	1,040	1,050	1,012	984	982
7:00 P.M.	1,128	1,091	981	1,023	965
8:00 P.M.	1,263	1,231	1,172	1,127	1,165
9:00 P.M.	1,287	1,402	1,374	1,218	1,174
10:00 P.M.	1,374	1,299	1,298	1,242	1,201
11:00 P.M.	1,388	1,432	1,379	1,239	1,219
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

### Analysis

In 2010, 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**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Sunday	3,983	3,604	3,596	3,401	3,388
Monday	3,072	2,619	2,512	2,405	2,398
Tuesday	2,985	2,524	2,473	2,389	2,217
Wednesday	2,831	2,412	2,319	2,272	2,137
Thursday	2,711	2,262	2,305	2,352	2,129
Friday	2,811	2,494	2,412	2,391	2,514
Saturday	3,572	3,476	3,309	3,346	3,148
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

**VICTIMS****Sex**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Female	16,742	14,448	14,173	13,892	13,241
Male	5,223	4,943	4,753	4,664	4,690
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

**Race**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
American Indian	17	13	8	7	7
Asian	197	206	199	174	201
Black	10,581	8,366	8,526	8,252	8,037
White	10,601	10,403	9,822	9,689	9,406
Other	569	403	371	434	280
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

**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:

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Husband	2,374	2,270	2,122	2,088	2,064
Wife	7,067	5,960	5,792	5,543	5,233
Cohabitant					
Male	2,718	2,574	2,508	2,478	2,532
Female	9,453	8,260	8,157	8,086	7,754
Homosexual	353	327	347	361	348
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

## HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Living Together	16,586	15,554	15,308	14,865	14,543
Estranged	5,170	3,615	3,357	3,494	3,191
Unknown	209	222	261	197	197
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

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

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alcohol	5,451	5,352	5,323	5,181	4,862
Drugs	221	252	208	222	227
Alcohol & Drugs	150	131	157	175	144
None	8,982	8,394	7,268	7,304	6,839
Unknown	7,161	5,262	5,970	5,674	5,859
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

## CIRCUMSTANCES

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Alcohol	565	582	512	668	617
Drug	208	250	181	195	219
Food or Cooking	153	141	155	160	142
Friends	156	178	142	164	156
Gambling	7	5	6	4	3
Household Chores	195	236	208	194	198
Infidelity	1,720	1,765	1,694	2,010	1,738
Job or Lack of Job	136	137	152	155	112
Mental Imbalance	98	89	79	94	87
Money	877	929	877	823	775
Offspring	1,017	1,078	1,037	1,061	926
Property	719	733	647	749	743
Relatives	137	170	145	152	122
Sex	218	200	201	178	175
Sports or Hobby	11	11	10	22	15
Television	61	63	69	67	71
Separation	535	547	530	467	486
Divorce	171	161	151	160	152
Reconciliation	43	61	47	44	61
Staying Out Late	334	312	325	321	280
Other	5,387	4,638	4,785	4,379	4,345
Unknown	9,217	7,105	6,973	6,489	6,508
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

## 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.

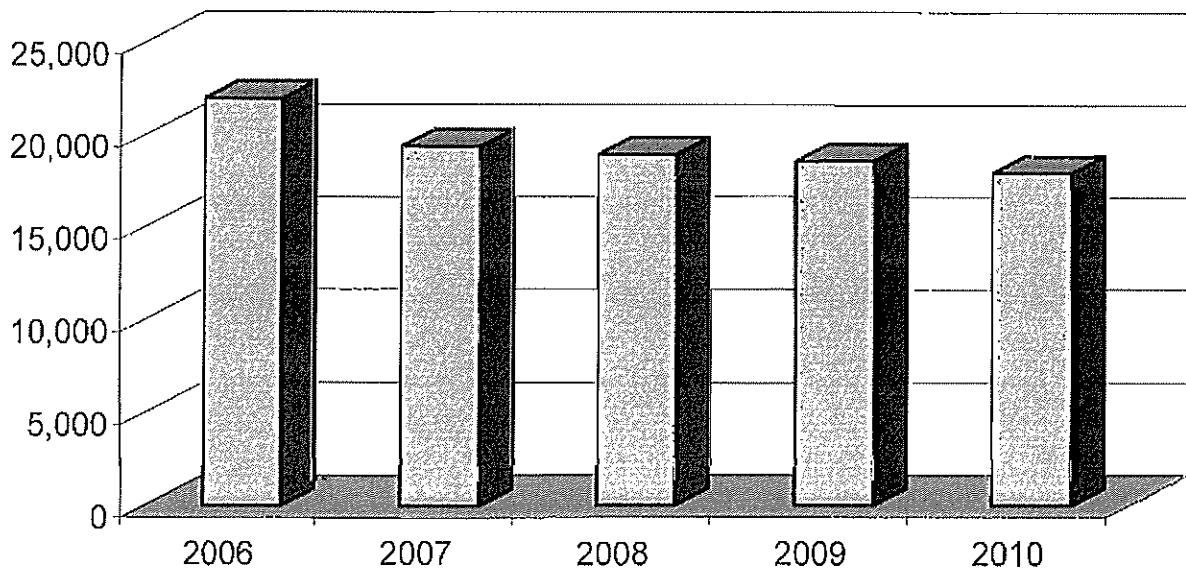
The arrest and exceptional clearances reported reflect the disposition at the time the domestic violence report form was forwarded to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. These reports are not updated; therefore, other arrests and exceptional clearances may occur, but would not be reflected in the following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



	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Arrest	8,903	8,424	8,912	8,772	8,615
Exceptional	8,225	6,613	5,849	5,596	5,374
Unknown	4,837	4,354	4,165	4,188	3,942
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>17,931</b>

During 2010, 78 percent of all domestic violence cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2010, were 48 percent by arrest, 30 percent by exceptional and 22 percent unknown, compared to 47 percent by arrest, 30 percent by exceptional and 23 percent unknown in 2009.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
Total Number of Domestic Violence Incidences



## Domestic Violence by County

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	5 Year Average
Allegany	367	306	294	309	291	313
Anne Arundel	1,394	1,445	1,354	1,276	1,188	1,331
Baltimore	4,060	4,043	4,383	4,801	5,165	4,490
Baltimore City	3,932	3,827	3,970	3,437	4,418	3,917
Calvert	318	319	290	372	359	332
Caroline	143	151	149	215	169	165
Carroll	495	402	360	419	483	432
Cecil	366	390	368	307	305	347
Charles	618	574	702	720	712	665
Dorchester	155	191	164	175	196	176
Frederick	619	757	754	756	804	738
Garrett	79	92	82	82	78	83
Harford	595	628	556	668	625	614
Howard	810	808	816	755	546	747
Kent	78	72	54	48	52	61
Montgomery	975	1,349	1,359	1,431	1,559	1,335
Prince George's	937	1,073	1,093	1,260	2,682	1,409
Queen Anne's	156	158	157	138	134	149
St. Mary's	564	604	594	699	608	614
Somerset	87	89	82	88	120	93
Talbot	117	101	136	122	129	121
Washington	294	383	427	430	440	395
Wicomico	486	439	465	491	500	476
Worcester	284	350	313	392	402	348
*Statewide Agencies	2	5	4	0	0	2
<b>State Total</b>	<b>17,931</b>	<b>18,556</b>	<b>18,926</b>	<b>19,391</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,354</b>

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

## CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total All Crimes	M	5,223	4,943	4,753	4,664	4,690
	F	16,742	14,448	14,173	13,892	13,241
Homicide Total	M	7	5	4	6	3
	F	19	25	24	14	15
Rape Total	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	63	43	51	41	53
Forcible	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	54	35	42	36	45
Attempted	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	9	8	9	5	8
Robbery Total	M	6	2	3	9	13
	F	53	48	92	119	153
Firearm	M	1	0	0	0	0
	F	2	4	3	2	6
Knife	M	1	0	0	1	5
	F	3	0	3	3	8
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	0	0	0	3	2
	F	3	4	2	2	13
Strong-arm	M	4	2	3	5	6
	F	45	40	84	112	126
Assault Total	M	4,982	4,710	4,551	4,500	4,459
	F	15,267	13,285	13,083	12,843	12,054
Aggravated Subtotal	M	1,178	1,050	1,045	1,073	1,015
	F	3,394	3,211	3,099	3,244	2,631
Firearm	M	24	15	19	32	9
	F	198	157	159	151	156
Knife	M	450	401	400	383	374
	F	496	418	430	384	384
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	578	499	465	483	518
	F	772	748	625	705	627
No Weapon	M	126	135	161	175	114
	F	1,928	1,888	1,885	2,004	1,464

# CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	M	F					
Non Aggravated Subtotal			3,804 11,873	3,660 10,074	3,506 9,984	3,427 9,599	3,444 9,423
Simple			3,798 11,839	3,659 10,069	3,506 9,978	3,427 9,595	3,444 9,420
Stalking	M	F	6 34	1 5	0 6	0 4	0 3
Burglary Total	M	F	12 88	7 52	12 51	6 40	9 43
Forcible	M	F	3 61	4 26	8 26	1 24	6 31
Non Forcible	M	F	7 21	3 16	4 16	5 13	3 7
Attempt	M	F	2 6	0 10	0 9	0 3	0 5
Larceny-Theft Total	M	F	21 62	24 49	27 64	19 54	23 80
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	F	1 17	1 16	2 18	0 10	4 12
Automobiles	M	F	1 14	1 16	2 16	0 10	4 11
Trucks and Buses	M	F	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
All Other Vehicles	M	F	0 2	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 1
Arson	M	F	0 7	4 7	0 5	3 4	2 5
Embezzlement	M	F	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0

**CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE**

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
	M	F					
Forgery	M		3	2	3	1	2
	F		3	3	4	2	1
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	M		4	4	5	1	2
	F		5	2	4	1	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	M		32	33	46	35	39
	F		120	79	92	83	79
Illegal Weapons	M		0	0	0	0	0
	F		0	0	0	1	0
Prostitution	M		0	0	0	0	0
	F		1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	M		1	0	0	0	0
	F		7	13	6	4	9
Drugs Total	M		0	0	0	1	0
	F		0	1	0	0	0
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	M		86	90	59	55	95
	F		661	554	458	459	529
Disorderly Conduct	M		2	1	2	1	0
	F		14	11	8	2	2
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	M		66	60	39	27	37
	F		355	260	213	215	207