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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 2011 Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Maryland. This publication represents the 37th annual Crime in Maryland report.

The 2011 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 2011. 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.

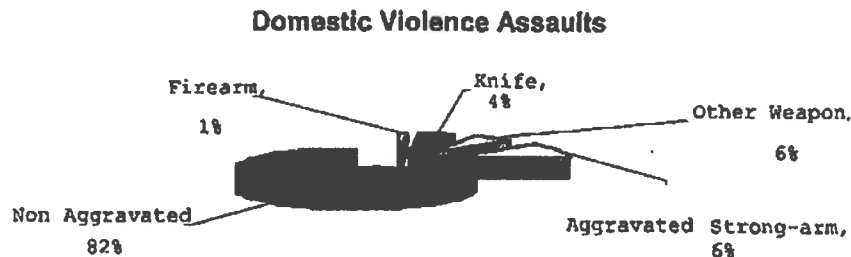
The current method of collecting domestic violence information for this report provides less than a complete picture. There is at present no other statewide informational system in general use gathering these statistics from law enforcement agencies that will more accurately perform this task.

There were a total of 18,209 domestic violence crimes reported in 2011, as compared to 17,931 crimes in 2010, resulting in a 2 percent increase. The breakdown is as follows:

Crime	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Homicide	30	28	20	18	23
Rape	43	51	41	53	36
Robbery	50	95	128	166	190
Assaults	17,995	17,634	17,343	16,513	16,846
Burglary	59	63	46	52	65
Larceny-Theft	73	91	73	103	113
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	20	10	16	19
Arson	11	5	7	7	7
Forgery	5	7	3	3	3
Fraud	6	9	2	2	1
Embezzlement	0	0	0	1	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	112	138	118	118	149
Illegal Weapons	0	0	1	0	0
Sex Offenses	13	6	4	9	7
Drug Abuse Violation	1	0	1	0	1
Offenses Against Family & Children	644	517	514	624	526
Disorderly Conduct	12	10	3	2	2
All Other Offenses	320	252	242	244	221
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

ASSAULTS

Assault is the most frequent domestic incident reported. During 2011, there were 16,846 domestic assaults, representing a two percent increase over 2010 domestic violence assaults. There were 3,017 domestic assaults reported as aggravated. Aggravated assaults were 18 percent of the total reported domestic assaults in 2011.



	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Aggravated					
Firearm	172	178	183	165	141
Knife	819	830	767	758	731
Other Weapons	1,247	1,090	1,188	1,145	1,078
No Weapons	2,023	2,046	2,179	1,578	1,067
Non Aggravated					
Simple	13,728	13,484	13,022	12,864	13,821
Stalking	6	6	4	3	8
TOTAL	17,995	17,634	17,343	16,513	16,846

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	1,582	1,575	1,371	1,355	1,261
February	1,372	1,426	1,305	1,184	1,294
March	1,533	1,487	1,579	1,497	1,456
April	1,563	1,507	1,489	1,495	1,515
May	1,827	1,657	1,612	1,584	1,753
June	1,848	1,775	1,722	1,576	1,662
July	1,763	1,686	1,676	1,623	1,683
August	1,708	1,659	1,611	1,678	1,589
September	1,648	1,528	1,602	1,585	1,522
October	1,572	1,524	1,577	1,609	1,576
November	1,377	1,533	1,473	1,258	1,482
December	1,598	1,569	1,539	1,487	1,416
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

HOUR OF DAY

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
12:00 A.M.	1,092	1,124	1,111	1,078	1,114
1:00 A.M.	1,058	1,024	1,050	986	932
2:00 A.M.	873	899	845	758	823
3:00 A.M.	640	706	628	545	647
4:00 A.M.	452	440	437	409	409
5:00 A.M.	312	319	336	271	314
6:00 A.M.	292	261	331	310	316
7:00 A.M.	400	378	432	331	398
8:00 A.M.	504	485	551	488	531
9:00 A.M.	573	542	570	554	504
10:00 A.M.	644	626	659	623	605
11:00 A.M.	641	664	687	632	670
12:00 Noon	680	667	665	690	693
1:00 P.M.	608	622	580	618	607
2:00 P.M.	629	603	616	589	548
3:00 P.M.	792	676	663	718	660
4:00 P.M.	771	797	733	743	766
5:00 P.M.	925	877	829	882	853
6:00 P.M.	1,050	1,012	984	982	937
7:00 P.M.	1,091	981	1,023	965	1,042
8:00 P.M.	1,231	1,172	1,127	1,165	1,183
9:00 P.M.	1,402	1,374	1,218	1,174	1,168
10:00 P.M.	1,299	1,298	1,242	1,201	1,236
11:00 P.M.	1,432	1,379	1,239	1,219	1,253
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

Analysis

In 2011, 51 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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Sunday	3,604	3,596	3,401	3,388	3,291
Monday	2,619	2,512	2,405	2,398	2,453
Tuesday	2,524	2,473	2,389	2,217	2,180
Wednesday	2,412	2,319	2,272	2,137	2,317
Thursday	2,262	2,305	2,352	2,129	2,263
Friday	2,494	2,412	2,391	2,514	2,490
Saturday	3,476	3,309	3,346	3,148	3,215
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

VICTIMS**Sex**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Female	14,448	14,173	13,892	13,241	13,360
Male	4,943	4,753	4,664	4,690	4,849
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

Race

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
American Indian	13	8	7	7	7
Asian	206	199	174	201	219
Black	8,366	8,526	8,252	8,037	8,303
White	10,403	9,822	9,689	9,406	9,427
Other	403	371	434	280	253
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

Age

Fifty-eight 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:

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Husband	2,270	2,122	2,088	2,064	1,974
Wife	5,960	5,792	5,543	5,233	4,843
Cohabitant					
Male	2,574	2,508	2,478	2,532	2,727
Female	8,260	8,157	8,086	7,754	8,261
Homosexual	327	347	361	348	404
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Living Together	15,554	15,308	14,865	14,543	14,474
Estranged	3,615	3,357	3,494	3,191	3,159
Unknown	222	261	197	197	576
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

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

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alcohol	5,352	5,323	5,181	4,862	5,120
Drugs	252	208	222	227	252
Alcohol & Drugs	131	157	175	144	154
None	8,394	7,268	7,304	6,839	7,611
Unknown	5,262	5,970	5,674	5,859	5,072
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

CIRCUMSTANCES

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alcohol	582	512	668	617	616
Drug	250	181	195	219	209
Food or Cooking	141	155	160	142	138
Friends	178	142	164	156	182
Gambling	5	6	4	3	9
Household Chores	236	208	194	198	197
Infidelity	1,765	1,694	2,010	1,738	1,864
Job or Lack of Job	137	152	155	112	115
Mental Imbalance	89	79	94	87	104
Money	929	877	823	775	792
Offspring	1,078	1,037	1,061	926	991
Property	733	647	749	743	742
Relatives	170	145	152	122	173
Sex	200	201	178	175	178
Sports or Hobby	11	10	22	15	11
Television	63	69	67	71	63
Separation	547	530	467	486	433
Divorce	161	151	160	152	135
Reconciliation	61	47	44	61	41
Staying Out Late	312	325	321	280	276
Other	4,638	4,785	4,379	4,345	5,165
Unknown	7,105	6,973	6,489	6,508	5,775
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

CLEARANCES

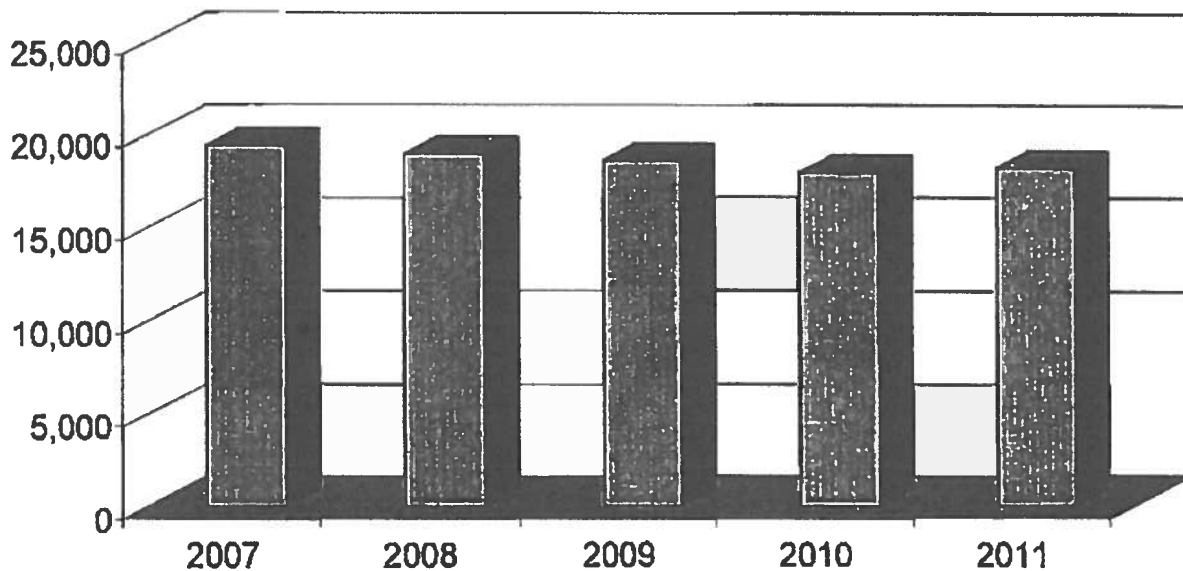
There are two ways of clearing a case. One is by making an arrest and charging the person (s) with the offense. The second is known as an exceptional clearance. Exceptional clearance means the police know the identity and location of the person (s) who committed the offense and have enough information 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.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Arrest	8,424	8,912	8,772	8,615	8,590
Exceptional	6,613	5,849	5,596	5,374	5,644
Unknown	4,354	4,165	4,188	3,942	3,975
TOTAL	19,391	18,926	18,556	17,931	18,209

During 2011, 78 percent of all domestic violence cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2011, were 47 percent by arrest, 31 percent by exceptional and 22 percent unknown, compared to 48 percent by arrest, 30 percent by exceptional and 22 percent unknown in 2010.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Total Number of Domestic Violence Incidences



Domestic Violence by County

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	5 Year Average
Allegany	327	367	306	294	309	321
Anne Arundel	1,484	1,394	1,445	1,354	1,276	1,391
Baltimore	4,068	4,060	4,043	4,383	4,801	4,271
Baltimore City	4,161	3,932	3,827	3,970	3,437	3,865
Calvert	331	318	319	290	372	326
Caroline	407	143	151	149	215	213
Carroll	153	495	402	360	419	366
Cecil	424	366	390	368	307	371
Charles	562	618	574	702	720	635
Dorchester	163	155	191	164	175	170
Frederick	580	619	757	754	756	693
Garrett	82	79	92	82	82	83
Harford	624	595	628	556	668	614
Howard	856	810	808	816	755	809
Kent	66	78	72	54	48	64
Montgomery	1,054	975	1,349	1,359	1,431	1,234
Prince George's	908	937	1,073	1,093	1,260	1,054
Queen Anne's	131	156	158	157	138	148
St. Mary's	542	564	604	594	699	601
Somerset	119	87	89	82	88	93
Talbot	109	117	101	136	122	117
Washington	350	294	383	427	430	377
Wicomico	457	486	439	465	491	468
Worcester	243	284	350	313	392	316
*Statewide Agencies	8	2	5	4	0	4
State Total	18,209	17,931	18,556	18,926	19,391	18,603

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

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	M	F					
Total All Crimes	M	F	4,943 14,448	4,753 14,173	4,664 13,892	4,690 13,241	4,849 13,360
Homicide Total	M	F	5 25	4 24	6 14	3 15	3 20
Rape Total	M	F	N/A 43	N/A 51	N/A 41	N/A 53	N/A 36
Forcible	M	F	N/A 35	N/A 42	N/A 36	N/A 45	N/A 29
Attempted	M	F	N/A 8	N/A 9	N/A 5	N/A 8	N/A 7
Robbery Total	M	F	2 48	3 92	9 119	13 153	15 175
Firearm	M	F	0 4	0 3	0 2	0 6	0 3
Knife	M	F	0 0	0 3	1 3	5 8	1 8
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	F	0 4	0 2	3 2	2 13	5 7
Strong-arm	M	F	2 40	3 84	5 112	6 126	9 157
Assault Total	M	F	4,710 13,285	4,551 13,083	4,500 12,843	4,459 12,054	4,658 12,188
Aggravated Subtotal	M	F	1,050 3,211	1,045 3,099	1,073 3,244	1,015 2,631	946 2,071
Firearm	M	F	15 157	19 159	32 151	9 156	27 114
Knife	M	F	401 418	400 430	383 384	374 384	374 357
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	F	499 748	465 625	483 705	518 627	470 608

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2007		2008		2009		2010		2011	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Arson	M	4	0	0	3	2	3	0	3	0	3
	F	7	5	5	4	5	4	2	5	4	4
Embezzlement	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery	M	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	2
	F	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	M	4	5	5	1	2	2	2	0	0	0
	F	2	4	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Malicious Destruction Of Property	M	33	46	46	35	39	39	39	39	39	39
	F	79	92	92	83	79	79	79	79	110	110
Illegal Weapons	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	13	6	6	4	9	4	9	9	7	7
Drugs Total	M	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
	F	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	M	90	59	59	55	95	76	95	95	76	76
	F	554	458	458	459	529	450	529	529	450	450
Disorderly Conduct	M	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	11	8	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	M	60	39	39	27	37	21	37	37	21	21
	F	260	213	213	215	207	200	207	207	200	200

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification of Offenses	Victim Sex	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
No Weapon	M	135	161	175	114	75
	F	1,888	1,885	2,004	1,464	992
Non Aggravated Subtotal	M	3,660	3,506	3,427	3,444	3,712
	F	10,074	9,984	9,599	9,423	10,117
Simple	M	3,659	3,506	3,427	3,444	3,712
	F	10,069	9,978	9,595	9,420	10,109
Stalking	M	1	0	0	0	0
	F	5	6	4	3	8
Burglary Total	M	7	12	6	9	9
	F	52	51	40	43	56
Forcible	M	4	8	1	6	6
	F	26	26	24	31	39
Non Forcible	M	3	4	5	3	2
	F	16	16	13	7	7
Attempt	M	0	0	0	0	1
	F	10	9	3	5	10
Larceny-Theft Total	M	24	27	19	23	20
	F	49	64	54	80	93
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	1	2	0	4	3
	F	16	18	10	12	16
Automobiles	M	1	2	0	4	2
	F	16	16	10	11	16
Trucks and Buses	M	0	0	0	0	1
	F	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Vehicles	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	2	0	1	0