

CRIME IN MARYLAND



2007 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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.

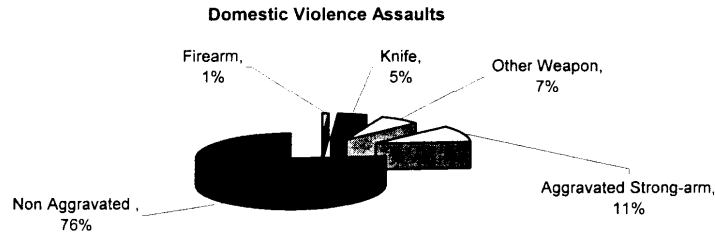
The Baltimore Police Department was unable to provide any 2003 Domestic Violence Statistics to the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program due to data conversion. Therefore, there were a total of 19,391 domestic violence crimes reported in 2007, as compared to 21,965 crimes in 2006, resulting in a 12 percent decrease. The breakdown is as follows:

Crime	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Homicide	15	28	22	26	30
Rape	58	67	49	63	43
Robbery	30	62	77	59	50
Assaults	16,699	21,365	20,482	20,249	17,995
Burglary	68	112	96	100	59
Larceny-Theft	88	99	108	83	73
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	4	12	18	17
Arson	6	7	4	7	11
Forgery	8	8	7	6	5
Fraud	8	2	4	9	6
Embezzlement	0	1	0	0	0
Malicious Destruction Of Property	130	202	179	152	112
Illegal Weapons	1	0	3	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	1	1	0
Sex Offenses	9	6	3	8	13
Drug Possession	1	1	0	0	1
Offenses Against Family & Children	435	507	591	747	644
Disorderly Conduct	4	20	20	16	12
All Other Offenses	294	522	434	421	320
TOTAL	17,860	23,013	22,092	21,965	19,391

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ASSAULTS

Assault is the most frequent domestic incident reported. During 2007, there were 17,995 domestic assaults, representing an 11 percent decrease over 2006 domestic violence assaults. There were 4,261 domestic assaults reported as aggravated. Aggravated assaults were 24 percent of the total reported domestic assaults in 2007.



	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Aggravated					
Firearm	177	215	218	222	172
Knife	763	1,023	922	946	819
Other Weapons	1,412	2,034	1,422	1,350	1,247
No Weapons	1,381	2,246	2,106	2,054	2,023
Non Aggravated					
Simple	12,959	15,829	15,798	15,637	13,728
Stalking	7	18	16	40	6
TOTAL	16,699	21,365	20,482	20,249	17,995

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	1,494	1,933	1,745	1,726	1,582
February	1,150	1,777	1,520	1,642	1,372
March	1,576	1,882	1,946	1,766	1,533
April	1,418	1,905	2,010	1,840	1,563
May	1,458	2,071	1,948	1,875	1,827
June	1,626	1,839	1,985	1,950	1,848
July	1,615	2,075	2,099	2,006	1,763
August	1,530	2,116	1,926	2,148	1,708
September	1,604	1,955	1,750	1,759	1,648
October	1,509	1,847	1,794	1,922	1,572
November	1,403	1,750	1,693	1,666	1,377
December	1,477	1,863	1,676	1,665	1,598
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HOUR OF DAY

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
12:00 A.M.	981	1,231	1,107	1,194	1,092
1:00 A.M.	890	1,340	1,192	1,225	1,058
2:00 A.M.	725	1,086	926	922	873
3:00 A.M.	506	776	701	720	640
4:00 A.M.	352	511	451	487	452
5:00 A.M.	249	371	356	415	312
6:00 A.M.	277	407	363	430	292
7:00 A.M.	375	497	480	474	400
8:00 A.M.	475	653	597	785	504
9:00 A.M.	534	680	732	839	573
10:00 A.M.	631	746	765	839	644
11:00 A.M.	733	794	822	832	641
12:00 Noon	675	815	851	855	680
1:00 P.M.	663	756	740	793	608
2:00 P.M.	651	797	874	839	629
3:00 P.M.	706	813	902	909	792
4:00 P.M.	825	1,015	986	931	771
5:00 P.M.	812	1,057	1,003	996	925
6:00 P.M.	978	1,224	1,114	1,040	1,050
7:00 P.M.	982	1,341	1,203	1,128	1,091
8:00 P.M.	1,114	1,514	1,405	1,263	1,231
9:00 P.M.	1,244	1,511	1,478	1,287	1,402
10:00 P.M.	1,262	1,567	1,543	1,374	1,299
11:00 P.M.	1,220	1,511	1,501	1,388	1,432
TOTAL	17,860	23,013	22,092	21,965	19,391

Analysis

In 2007, 50 percent of all domestic violent crimes occurred between the hours of 6:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M., inclusive. Thirty-seven percent of domestic violent crimes occurred during Saturday and Sunday. When combining these two categories, this would indicate that an intensive period for domestic violent crimes occurs between 6:00 P.M. and 1:00 A.M. on Saturday and Sunday.

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DAY OF WEEK

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Monday	2,321	3,043	3,004	3,072	2,619
Tuesday	2,270	2,844	2,957	2,985	2,524
Wednesday	2,372	2,850	2,669	2,831	2,412
Thursday	2,088	2,981	2,797	2,711	2,262
Friday	2,407	3,157	2,853	2,811	2,494
Saturday	3,052	3,816	3,834	3,572	3,476
Sunday	3,350	4,322	3,978	3,983	3,604
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VICTIMS

Sex	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Female	13,321	17,459	16,816	16,742	14,448
Male	4,539	5,554	5,276	5,223	4,943
TOTAL	17,860	23,013	22,092	21,965	19,391

Race	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
American Indian	9	17	17	17	13
Asian	190	171	188	197	206
Black	7,092	11,275	10,691	10,581	8,366
White	9,957	11,084	10,787	10,601	10,403
Other	612	466	409	569	403
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Age

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

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RELATIONSHIPS

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

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Husband	2,399	2,548	2,398	2,374	2,270
Wife	6,585	7,207	7,116	7,067	5,960
Cohabitant					
Male	2,080	2,872	2,788	2,718	2,574
Female	6,640	10,055	9,491	9,453	8,260
Homosexual	156	331	299	353	327
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HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Living Together	13,983	16,935	16,660	16,586	15,554
Estranged	3,659	5,401	4,935	5,170	3,615
Unknown	218	677	497	209	222
TOTAL	17,860	23,013	22,092	21,965	19,391

ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

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

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alcohol	5,267	5,601	5,478	5,451	5,352
Drugs	223	271	308	221	252
Alcohol & Drugs	164	150	172	150	131
None	8,220	9,270	9,564	8,982	8,394
Unknown	3,986	7,721	6,570	7,161	5,262
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CIRCUMSTANCES

	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alcohol	659	641	629	565	582
Drug	214	211	211	208	250
Food or Cooking	146	145	130	153	141
Friends	187	170	188	156	178
Gambling	7	7	12	7	5
Household Chores	175	167	187	195	236
Infidelity	1,578	1,646	1,648	1,720	1,765
Job or Lack of Job	130	132	112	136	137
Mental Imbalance	129	114	106	98	89
Money	909	832	896	877	929
Offspring	1,062	1,124	1,062	1,017	1,078
Property	802	841	755	719	733
Relatives	158	163	177	137	170
Sex	231	218	233	218	200
Sports or Hobby	8	14	8	11	11
Television	70	64	55	61	63
Separation	614	627	551	535	547
Divorce	168	168	149	171	161
Reconciliation	63	60	63	43	61
Staying Out Late	413	378	372	334	312
Other	4,105	4,892	5,348	5,387	4,638
Unknown	6,032	10,399	9,200	9,217	7,105
TOTAL	17,860	23,013	22,092	21,965	19,391

CLEARANCES

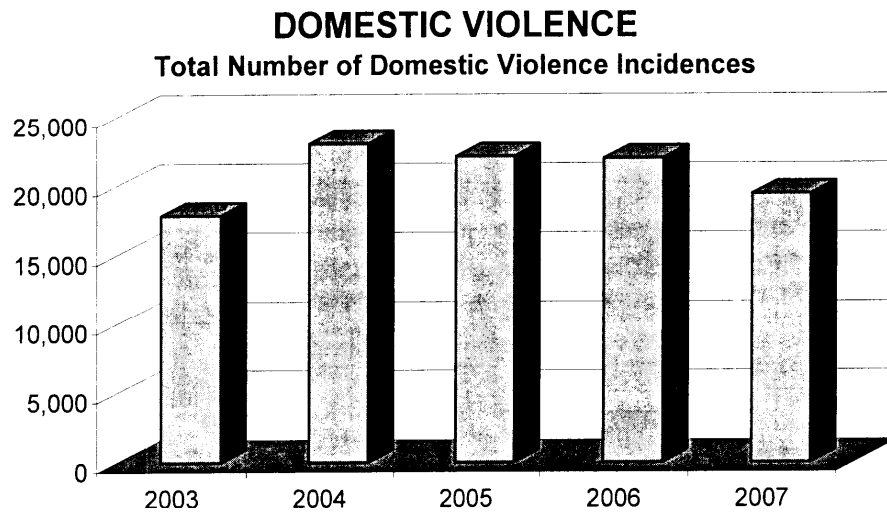
There are two ways of clearing a case. One is by making an arrest and charging the person (s) with the offense. The second is known as an exceptional clearance. Exceptional clearance means the police know the identity and location of the person (s) who committed the offense and have enough information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

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	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Arrest	7,088	10,141	9,506	8,903	8,424
Exceptional	6,994	7,710	7,411	8,225	6,613
Unknown	3,778	5,162	5,175	4,837	4,354
TOTAL	17,860	23,013	22,092	21,965	19,391

During 2007, 78 percent of all domestic violence cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2007, were 43 percent by arrest, 34 percent by exceptional and 22 percent unknown, compared to 41 percent by arrest, 37 percent by exceptional and 22 percent unknown in 2006.



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Domestic Violence by County

	2007	2006	2005	2004	**2003	5 Year Average
Allegany	309	291	286	296	279	292
Anne Arundel	1,276	1,188	1,259	1,220	1,341	1,257
Baltimore	4,801	5,165	4,829	5,060	4,766	4,924
Baltimore City	3,437	4,418	4,991	5,643	2	3,698
Calvert	372	359	373	295	360	352
Caroline	215	169	150	123	154	162
Carroll	419	483	418	408	448	435
Cecil	307	305	333	352	397	339
Charles	720	712	658	649	743	696
Dorchester	175	196	181	146	207	181
Frederick	756	804	732	535	620	689
Garrett	82	78	94	84	76	83
Harford	668	625	685	684	760	684
Howard	755	546	804	753	675	707
Kent	48	52	35	43	49	45
Montgomery	1,431	1,559	1,625	2,005	2,092	1,742
Prince George's	1,260	2,682	2,343	2,358	2,548	2,238
Queen Anne's	138	134	98	114	131	123
St. Mary's	699	608	564	617	582	614
Somerset	88	120	113	152	92	113
Talbot	122	129	106	116	110	117
Washington	430	440	500	493	506	474
Wicomico	491	500	501	471	514	495
Worcester	392	402	414	396	407	402
*Statewide Agencies	0	0	0	0	1	0
State Total	19,391	21,965	22,092	23,013	17,860	20,864

*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	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total All Crimes	M	4,539	5,554	5,276	5,223	4,943
	F	13,321	17,459	16,816	16,742	14,448
Homicide Total	M	2	6	3	7	5
	F	13	22	19	19	25
Rape Total	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	58	67	49	63	43
Forcible	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	48	63	39	54	35
Attempted	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	F	10	4	10	9	8
Robbery Total	M	2	3	4	6	2
	F	28	59	73	53	48
Firearm	M	0	0	0	1	0
	F	3	1	0	2	4
Knife	M	0	0	0	1	0
	F	1	3	3	3	0
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	1	2	1	0	0
	F	2	6	1	3	4
Strong-arm	M	1	1	3	4	2
	F	22	49	69	45	40
Assault Total	M	4,362	5,305	5,042	4,982	4,710
	F	12,337	16,060	15,440	15,267	13,285
Aggravated Subtotal	M	1,111	1,553	1,187	1,178	1,050
	F	2,622	3,965	3,481	3,394	3,211
Firearm	M	19	24	21	24	15
	F	158	191	197	198	157
Knife	M	404	527	470	450	401
	F	359	496	452	496	418
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	599	847	569	578	499
	F	813	1,187	853	772	748
No Weapon	M	89	155	127	126	135
	F	1,292	2,091	1,979	1,928	1,888

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	*2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Non Aggravated Subtotal	M	3,251	3,752	3,855	3,804	3,660
	F	9,715	12,095	11,959	11,873	10,074
Simple	M	3,251	3,750	3,853	3,798	3,659
	F	9,708	12,079	11,945	11,839	10,069
Stalking	M	0	2	2	6	1
	F	7	16	14	34	5
Burglary Total	M	12	16	9	12	7
	F	56	96	87	88	52
Forcible	M	8	12	6	3	4
	F	45	81	63	61	26
Non Forcible	M	2	3	2	7	3
	F	8	14	15	21	16
Attempt	M	2	1	1	2	0
	F	3	1	9	6	10
Larceny-Theft Total	M	29	25	31	21	24
	F	59	74	77	62	49
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	0	0	4	1	1
	F	6	4	8	17	16
Automobiles	M	0	0	4	1	1
	F	5	3	7	14	16
Trucks and Buses	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	1	0
All Other Vehicles	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	2	0
Arson	M	1	2	0	0	4
	F	5	5	4	7	7
Embezzlement	M	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	1	0	0	0

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	*2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Forgery	M	6	2	2	6	1	6	3	3	2	3
	F	2	6	6	6	6	6	3	3	3	3
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	M	4	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	4	4
	F	4	0	0	0	1	5	5	5	2	2
Malicious Destruction Of Property	M	35	45	45	47	47	32	32	32	33	33
	F	95	157	157	132	132	120	120	120	79	79
Illegal Weapons	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	M	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
	F	8	6	6	3	3	7	7	7	13	13
Drugs Total	M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	F	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	M	43	58	58	71	71	86	86	86	90	90
	F	392	449	449	520	520	661	661	661	554	554
Disorderly Conduct	M	1	3	3	4	4	2	2	2	1	1
	F	3	17	17	16	16	14	14	14	11	11
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	M	41	87	87	57	57	66	66	66	60	60
	F	253	435	435	377	377	355	355	355	260	260

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