

# **Domestic Violence Research Brief**

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# Introduction

Domestic Violence statistics in Tennessee are submitted to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) through the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS). Data is submitted by sheriff's departments, municipal police departments, state parks, colleges and universities, drug task forces, other police departments (ex. airport police departments), and state agencies. The data period covered in this research brief is calendar year 2005. Additional information including data for each agency may be obtained by accessing the Tennessee Crime On-Line website at: [www.tncrimeonline.com](http://www.tncrimeonline.com).

Agencies report incidents of crime through the TIBRS system. An incident is defined for TIBRS reporting purposes as "one or more offenses committed by the same offender, or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place." "Acting in concert" requires that the offenders actually commit or assist in the commission of the crime(s). "Same time and place" means that the time interval between the offenses and the distance between the locations where they occurred were insignificant.

The following offenses may be categorized as Domestic Violence based on the relationship between the victim and the offender:

Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	Non-Forcible Sex Offenses
Kidnapping/Abduction	Incest
Forcible Sex Offense	Statutory Rape
Forcible Rape	Assault Offenses
Forcible Sodomy	Aggravated Assault
Sexual Assault With an Object	Simple Assault
Forcible Fondling	Intimidation
	Stalking

These offenses are all classified as Crimes Against Persons, which means that they will always have an individual as a Victim. The current method of counting incidents that contain a Crime Against Persons is based on the national methodology which counts the number of victims involved and not a count of actual incidents. The following are examples of this method of counting: an incident of Aggravated Assault with one Victim would be counted as one Aggravated Assault. An incident of Aggravated Assault with four Victims would be counted as four Aggravated Assaults.

## Domestic Violence Relationships – Victim to Offender

Spouse	Grandchild	Grandparent
Ex-spouse	Sibling (brother/sister)	In-law
Common - law spouse	Stepsibling	Other family member
Homosexual relationship	Parent	Boyfriend/girlfriend
Child	Stepparent	Child of boyfriend/ girlfriend
Stepchild		

There are two ways an incident can be cleared in TIBRS – either by arrest or by exceptional clearance. If an incident is cleared by arrest, this means that one or more of the offenders in an incident were arrested. An incident is cleared exceptionally when an element beyond law enforcement control prevents a physical arrest. All of the following conditions must be met to clear an offense by exceptional means:

1. Investigation must have established the identity of at least one offender.
2. Sufficient probable cause must have been developed to support the arrest, charging, and prosecution of the offender.
3. The exact location of the offender must be known so that an arrest could be made.
4. There must be a reason outside of law enforcement control, which prevents the arrest.

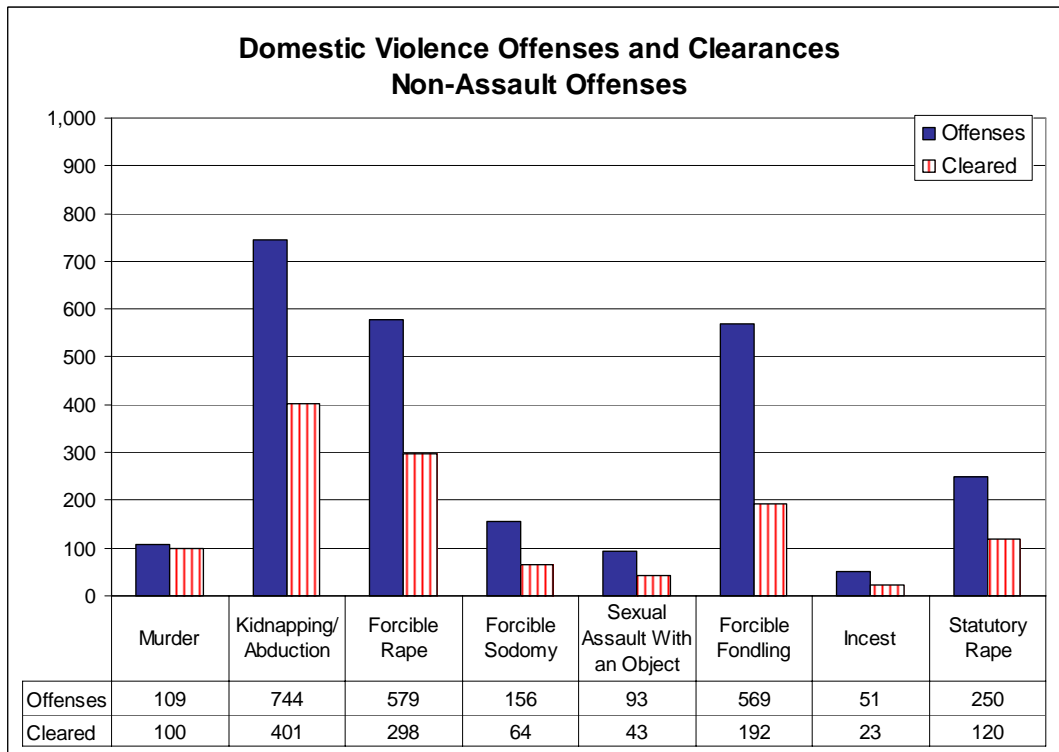
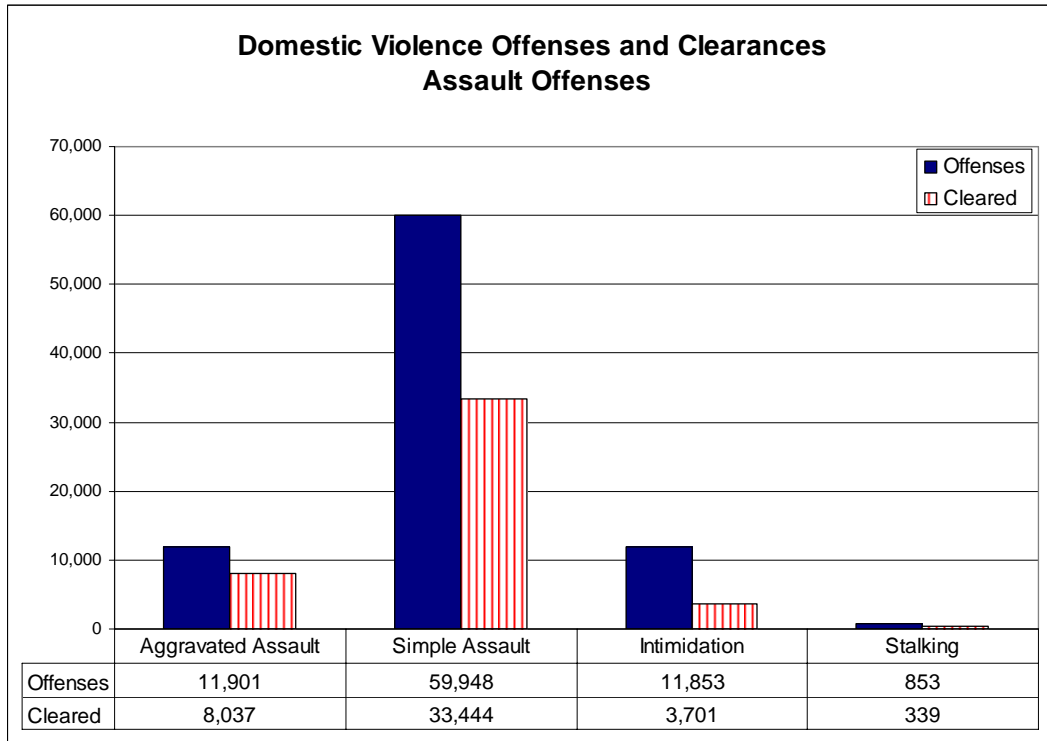
The following are examples of exceptional clearance: death of the offender, prosecution declined, extradition denied, victim refused to cooperate, and juvenile/no custody.

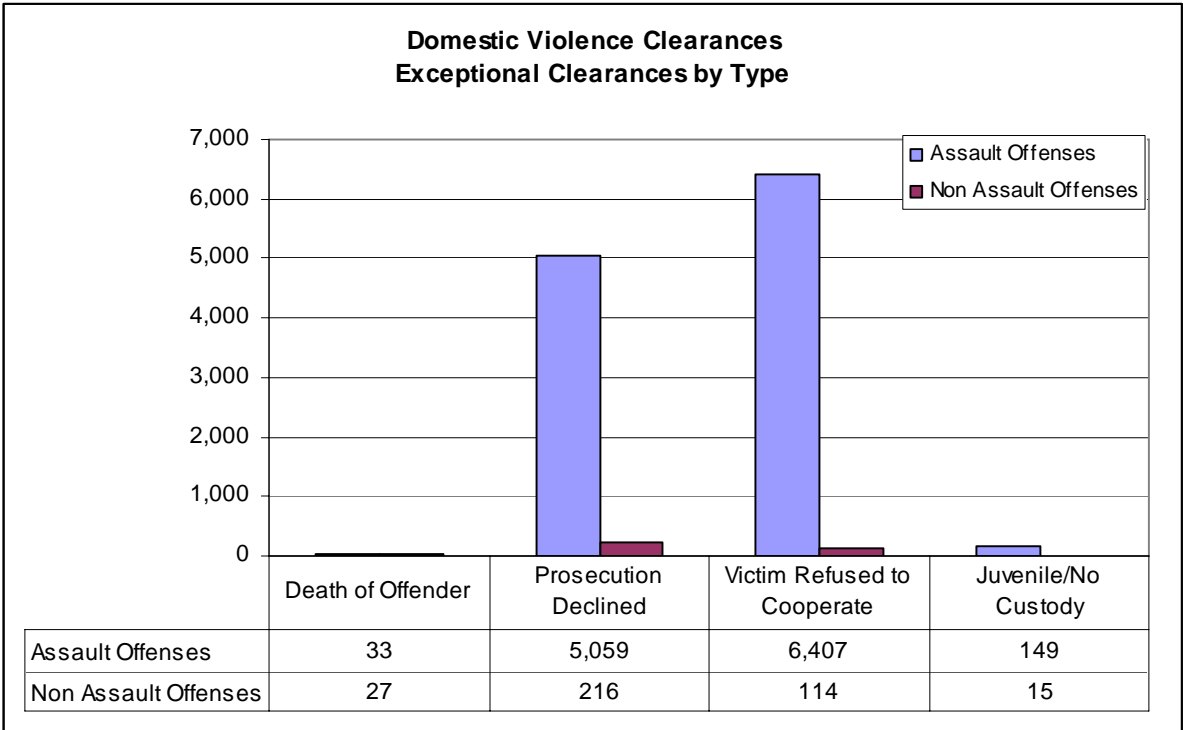
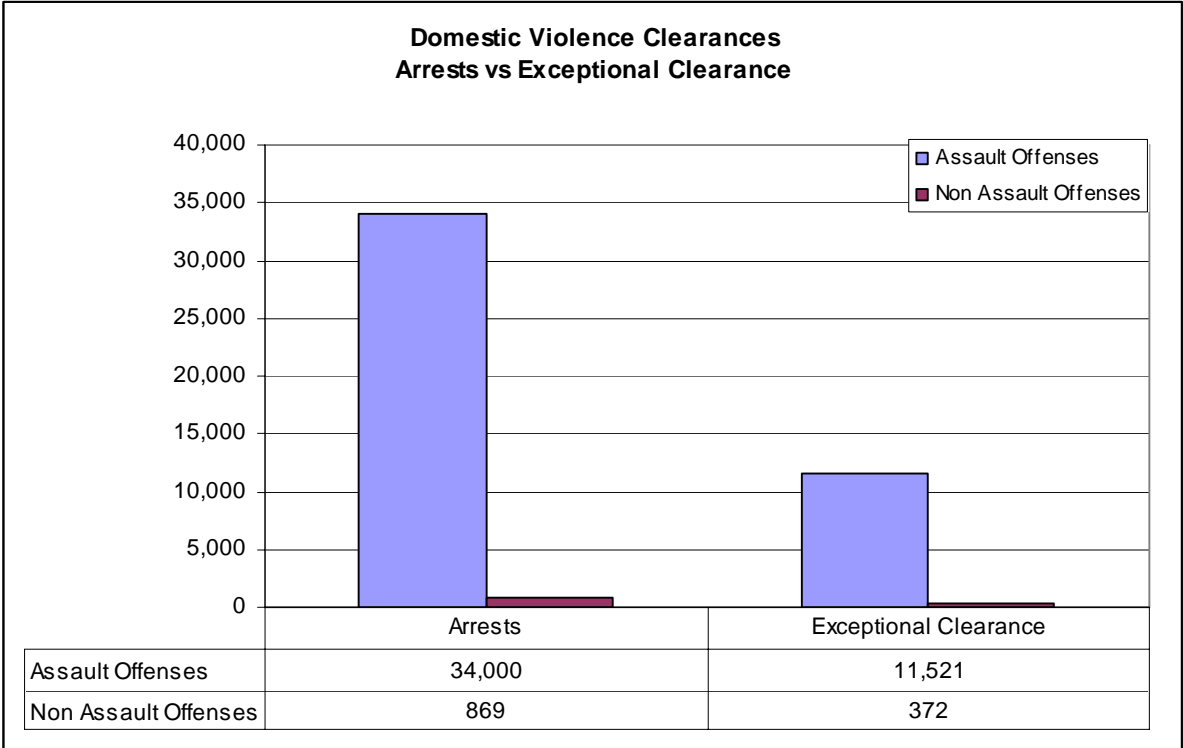
In 2005, Tennessee agencies reported a total of 87,106 Domestic Violence incidents. Of these, there were 10,297 (11.8%) juvenile victims. The most frequently reported offenses for Domestic Violence were Assault Offenses at 84,555 (97.1%) with the remaining 2,551 (2.9%) reported as Non Assault Offenses. The most frequently reported offense was Simple Assault at 59,948 (68.8%). The second most frequently reported offense was Aggravated Assault at 11,901 (13.7%).

<b>Offense</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Offense</b>	<b>Number</b>
Murder	109	Incest	51
Kidnapping/Abduction	744	Statutory Rape	250
Forcible Rape	579	Aggravated Assault	11,901
Forcible Sodomy	156	Simple Assault	59,948
Sexual Assault with an Object	93	Intimidation	11,853
Forcible Fondling	569	Stalking	853

## Domestic Violence Clearance

Of the 87,106 incidents reported, 34,869 (40.0%) were cleared by arrest and 11,893 (13.7%) were cleared by exceptional means.

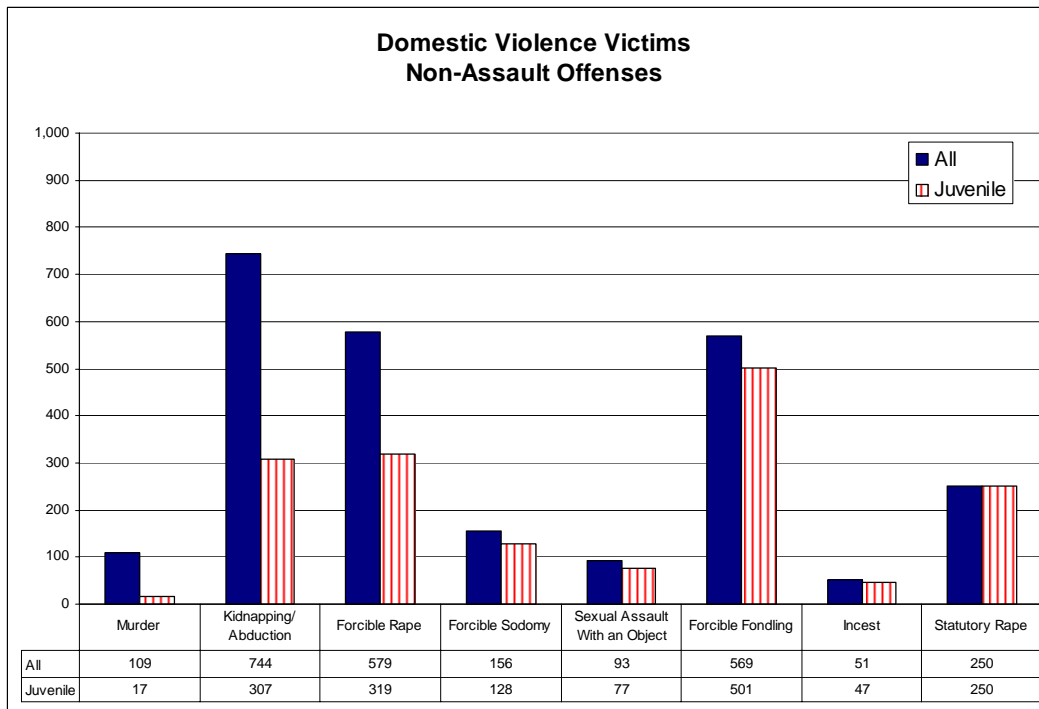
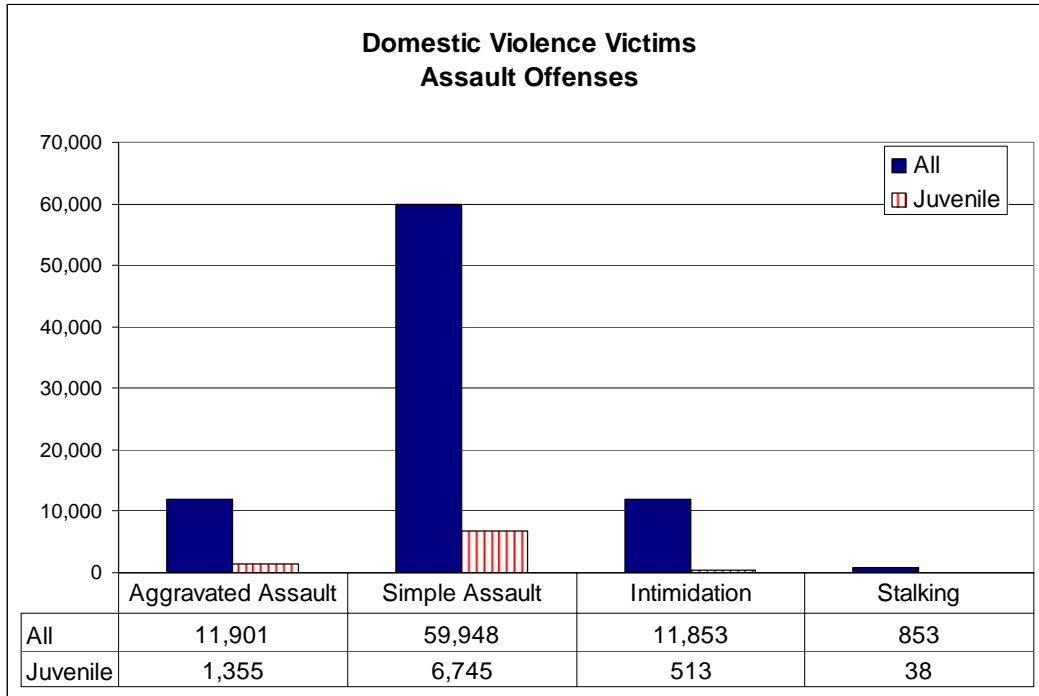




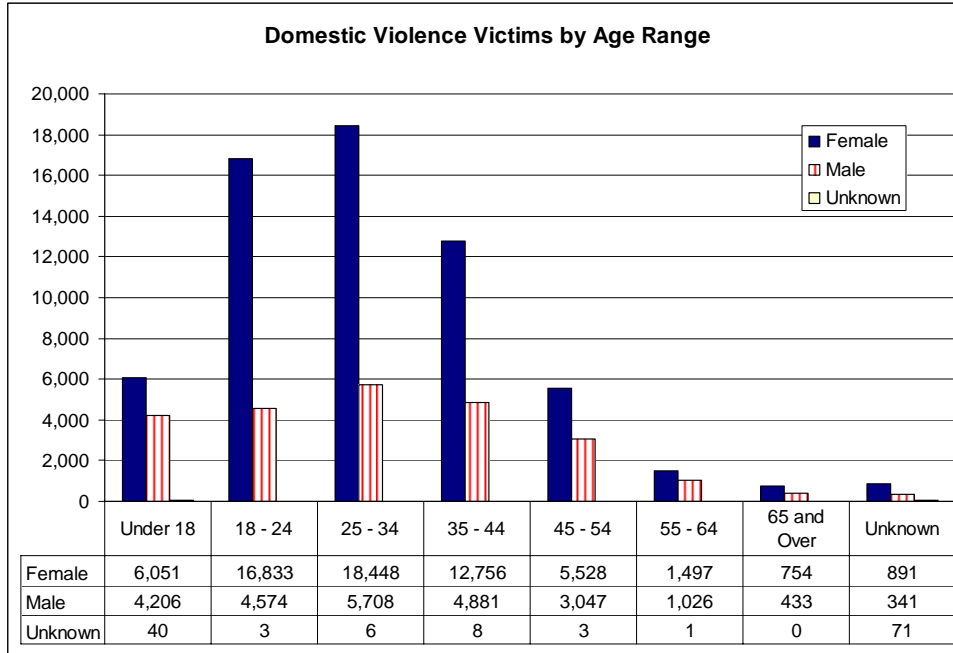
NOTE: The Exceptional Clearance type of Extradition Denied had a total of 2 reported for the Assault Offenses and a total of 0 for the Non Assault Offenses.

## Domestic Violence Victims Characteristics

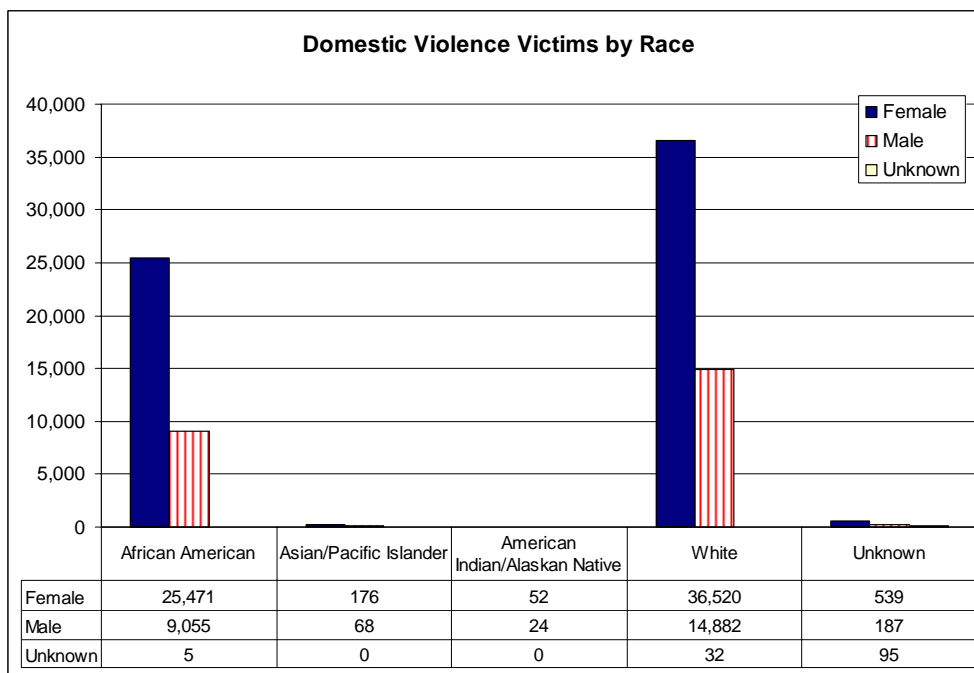
Of the 87,106 victims reported, 62,758 (72.05%) were Female, 24,216 (27.80%) were Male and 132 (.15%) were Unknown. Of the 10,297 juvenile victims reported, 6,051 (58.76%) were Female, 4,206 (40.85%) were Male and 40 (.39%) were Unknown.



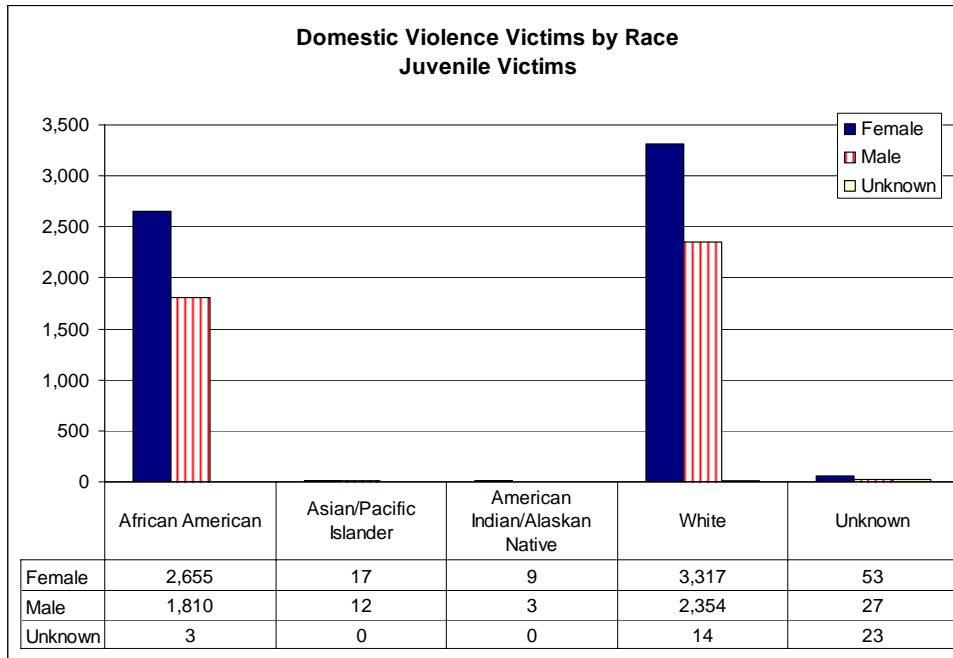
The most frequently reported age range for female victims was 25 – 34 at 18,448. The second most frequently reported age range was 18 – 24 at 16,833. The age range with the least frequency was 65 and Over at 754. The most frequently reported age range for male victims was 25 – 34 at 5,708. The second most frequently reported age range was 35 – 44 at 4,881.



The most frequently reported race for female victims was white at 36,520. The most frequently reported race for male victims was white at 14,882.

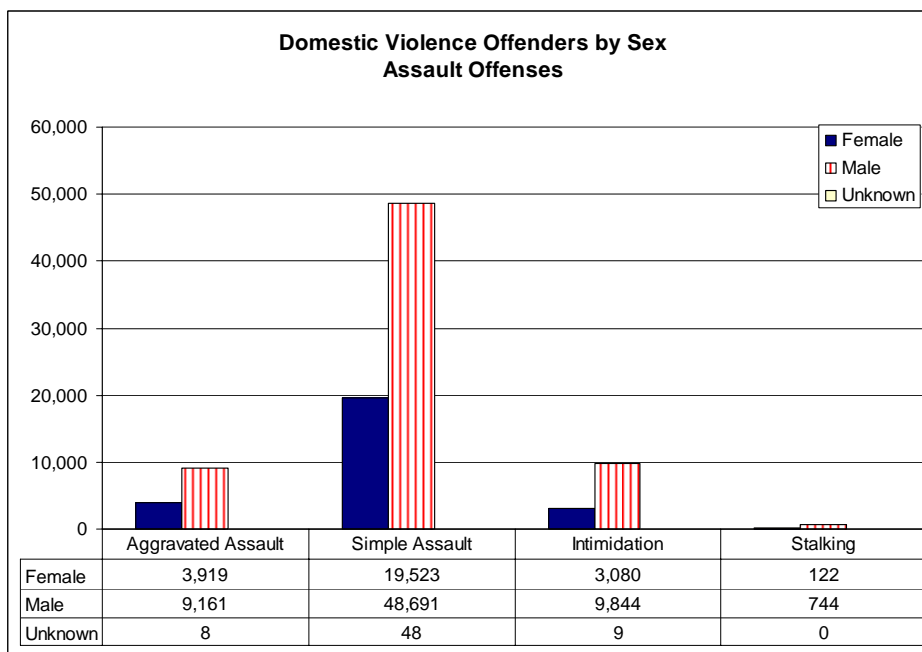


The most frequently reported race for juvenile female victims was white at 3,317 and for juvenile male victims was white at 2,354. A juvenile for TIBRS reporting purposes is anyone under the age of 18.

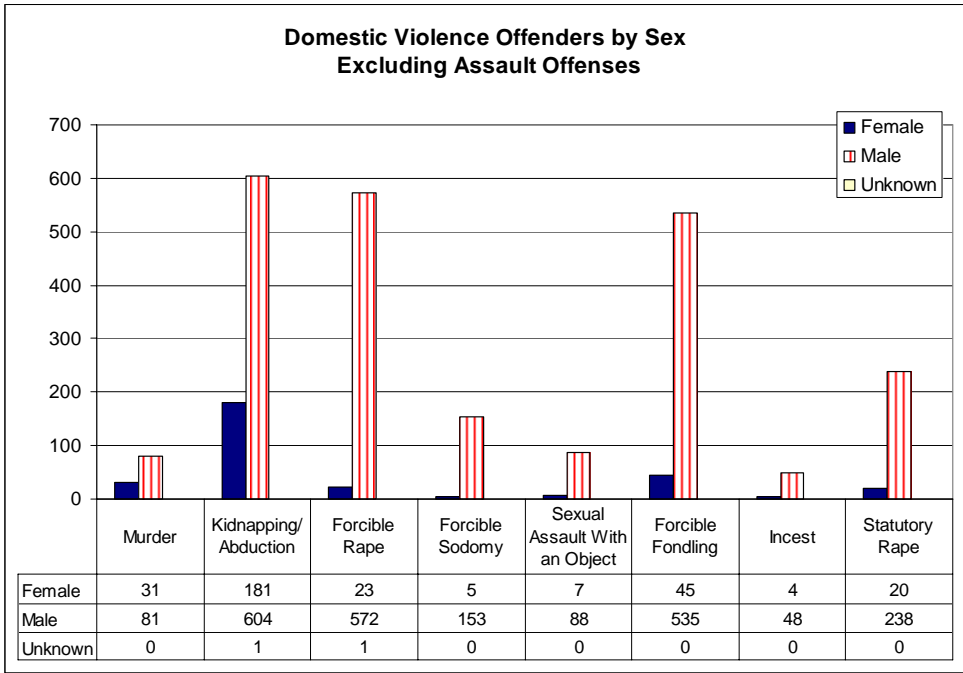


### Domestic Violence Offender Characteristics

There were a total of 97,786 offenders reported. The majority of offenders (70,759 or 72.4%) were male, 26,960 (27.6%) were female, and 65 (.07%) were Unknown.



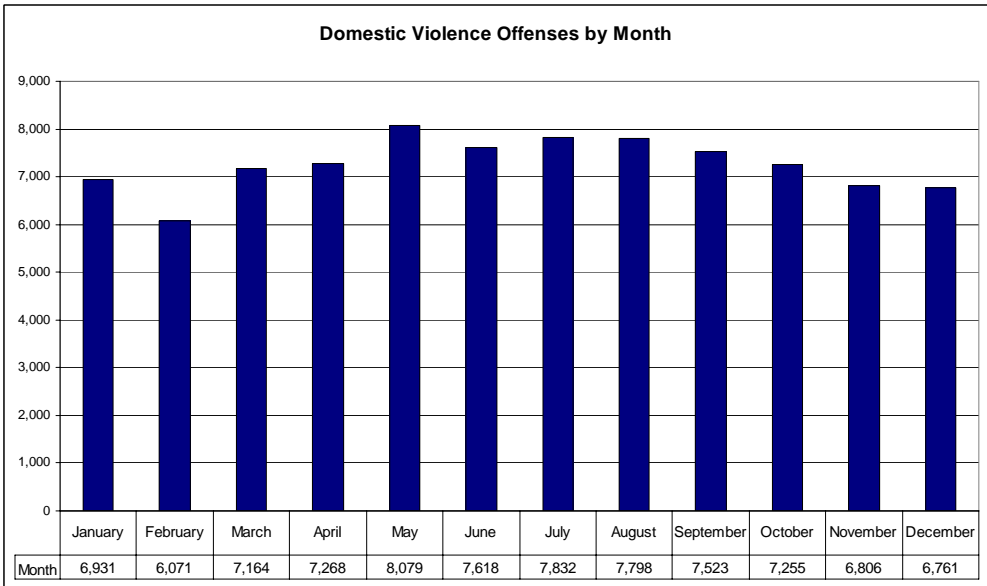




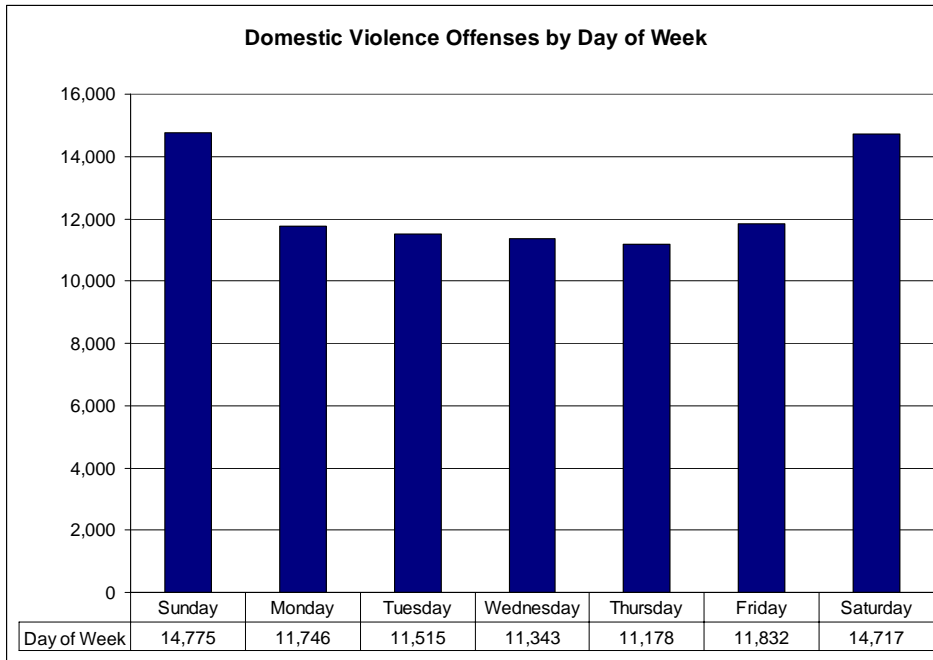
Of the 97,786 offenders, 8,750 were juveniles with the following breakdown: 3,544 (40.5%) were Female, 5,196 (59.4%) were Male and 10 (0.1%) were Unknown.

### Domestic Violence by Month, Day of Week and Time of Day

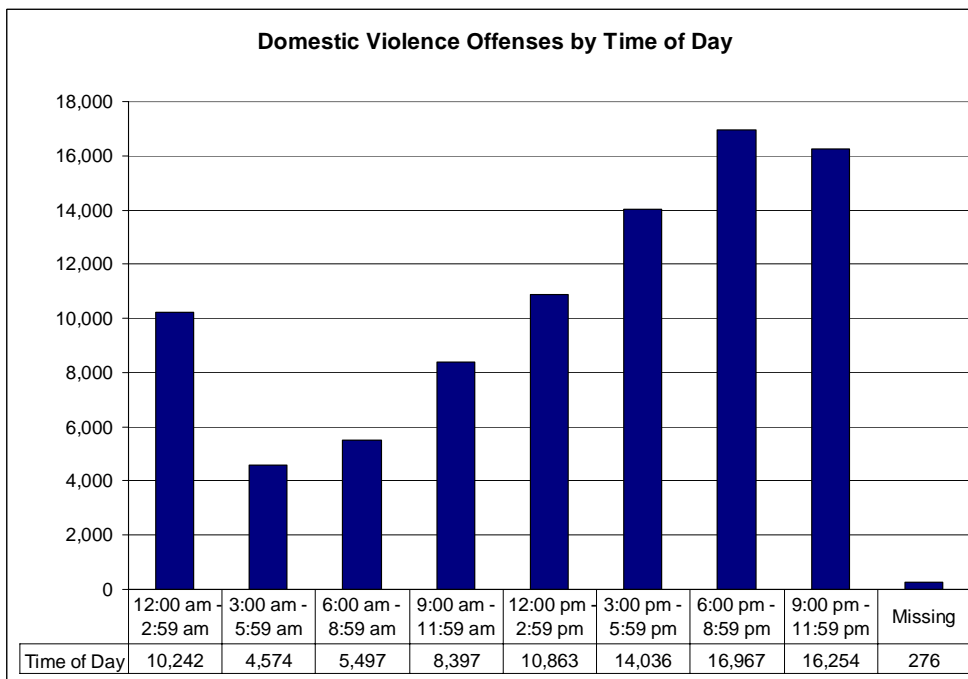
The month with the highest reported occurrences of Domestic Violence was the month of May with 8,079 (9.3%). The second highest month was July with 7,832 (9.0%). The month with the least reported occurrences was the month of February with 6,071 (7.0%).



The day of the week with the highest reported occurrences was Sunday with 14,775 (16.96%). The second highest day was Saturday with 14,717 (16.90%). The day of the week with the least reported occurrences was Thursday with 11,178 (12.83%).



The most frequently reported time of day was 6:00 pm to 8:59 pm with 16,967 (19.48%). The second most frequently reported time of day was 9:00 pm to 11:59 pm with 16,254 (18.66%). The time of day with the least frequency was 3:00 am to 5:59 am with 4,574 (5.25%). There were a total of 276 (.32%) incidents that were reported with no time of day.



## Location of Domestic Violence Offenses

A total of 87,106 Location codes were reported. The most frequently reported Location was Residence/Home at 69,868 (80.21%). The second most frequently reported location was Highway/Road/Alley at 4,833 (5.55%). The location reported with the least frequency was Liquor Store at 16 (.02%).

Location	Number
Residence/Home	69,868
Commercial	4,369
School/College	1,519
Public Building	1,232
Construction Site	33
Highway/Road/Alley	4,833
Parking Lot/Garage	3,996
Field/Woods	177
Other/Unknown	2,079

NOTE: The category of Commercial Location includes: Air/Bus/Train Terminal, Bank/Savings & Loan, Bar/Night Club, Commercial/Office Building, Convenience Store, Department /Discount Store, Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital, Grocery/Supermarket, Hotel/Motel/etc., Liquor Store, Rental Storage Facility, Restaurant, Service/Gas Station, Specialty Store (TV, Fur, etc) and Public Buildings include: Church/Synagogue/Temple, Government/Public Buildings, and Jail/Prison.

## Weapons Used

A total of 77,733 Weapon Types were reported. The most frequently reported Weapon Type was Personal Weapons at 61,153 (78.67%), which involves the use of hands, fists, feet or teeth. A wide variety of Weapon Types were reported for the remaining 16,580 (21.33%). The total number of Weapon Types will not match the total number of incidents since up to three (3) Weapon Types per offense may be reported.

### Domestic Violence – Weapons Used

Firearm (specific type not stated)	298	Knife/Cutting Instrument	3,492
Handgun	1,638	Blunt Object	2,439
Rifle	163	Asphyxiation	26
Shotgun	318	Personal Weapons	61,153
Other Firearm	36	Poison	17
		Other Weapons	4845
		Unknown	561
		None	1,708

## Reported Injury Types

A total of 69,015 Injury Types were reported. The most frequently reported Injury Type was Apparent Minor Injury at 36,487 (49.6%). The second most frequently reported Injury Type was None at 35,557 (47.0%). The Injury Type reported with the least frequency was Loss of Teeth at 66 (0.1%). The total number of Injury Types will not match the total number of incidents since up to five different Injury Types per Victim may be reported.

### Victim Injury Types

Apparent Broken Bones	327
Possible Internal Injuries	469
Severe Laceration	1,072
Apparent Minor Injury	36,487
None	35,557
Other Major Injury	434
Loss of Teeth	66
Unconsciousness	116

## Homicide and Aggravated Assault Circumstances

The reporting of Aggravated Assault/Homicide Circumstances should be done only for the offenses of Aggravated Assault and Murder, Non-negligent Manslaughter. In 2005, for the offense of Murder, the most frequently reported Circumstance was Unknown Circumstances at 40 (35.1%). The second most frequently reported Circumstance was Argument at 31 (27.2%).

For Aggravated Assault, the most frequently reported Circumstance was Argument at 7,700 (63.7%). The second most frequently reported Circumstance was Unknown Circumstances at 1,868 (15.4%).

### Homicide – Aggravated Assault Circumstances

Category	Homicide	Aggravated Assault
Argument	31	7,700
Drug Dealing	0	9
Juvenile Gang	0	10
Lovers' Quarrel	14	994
Mercy Killing	2	0
Other Circumstances	26	1,481
Other Felony Involved	1	32
Unknown Circumstances	40	1,868

NOTE: The Circumstance of Mercy Killing is not applicable to the offense of Aggravated Assault.

## Violation of Order of Protection

A total of 1,079 (1.24%) incidents were reported as being a Violation of Order of Protection. The most frequently reported offense was Simple Assault at 495 (45.88%). The second most frequently reported offense was Intimidation at 306 (28.36%).

### Offenses Involving Violation of Order of Protection

Offense	Number	Offense	Number
Murder	4	Incest	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	10	Statutory Rape	0
Forcible Rape	4	Aggravated Assault	212
Forcible Sodomy	1	Simple Assault	495
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	Intimidation	306
Forcible Fondling	1	Stalking	46

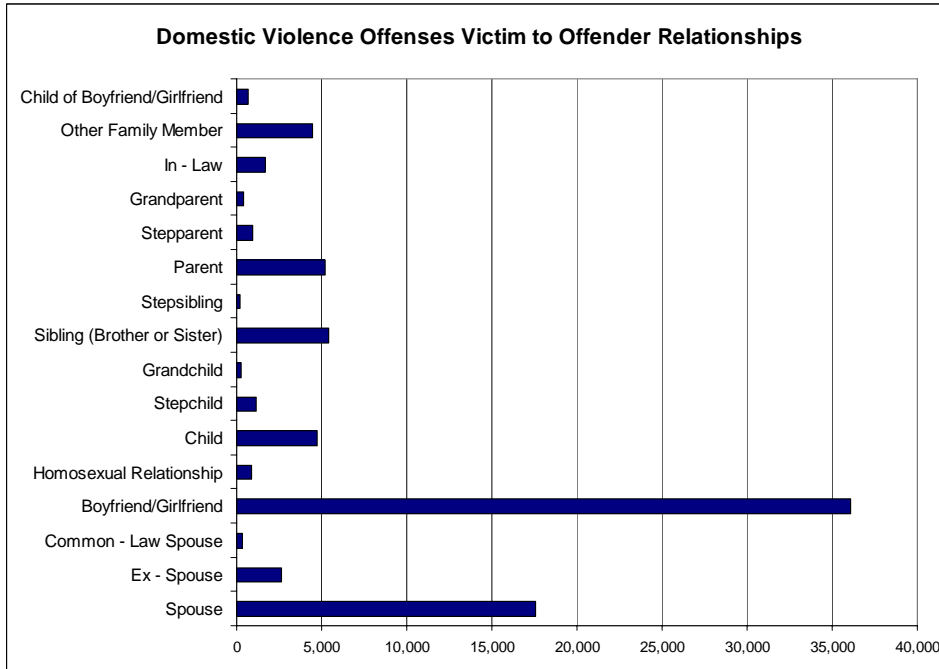
The following table illustrates the victim relationship code reported.

Violation of Order of Protection by Victim Relationship Code							
Relationship	Murder	Kidnapping	Forcible Rape	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault	Intimidation	Stalking
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	0	9	3	104	275	117	25
Child of Boyfriend/Girlfriend	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Child	0	1	0	8	9	5	0
Common Law Spouse	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Grandchild	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Grandparent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Homosexual Relationship	0	0	0	5	4	0	0
In Law	0	0	0	0	4	5	0
Other Family Member	0	0	1	2	4	4	0
Parent	0	0	0	2	8	5	0
Sibling	1	0	0	3	12	8	2
Stepchild	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Stepsibling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stepparent	0	0	0	2	2	0	1
Spouse	3	0	0	72	150	106	14
Ex Spouse	0	0	0	11	22	57	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>46</b>

**NOTE:** The reported numbers for Victim to Offender Relationship represent a count of relationships and not victims. If more than one offender committed an offense, then each relationship to the victim is counted.

## Victim to Offender Relationship

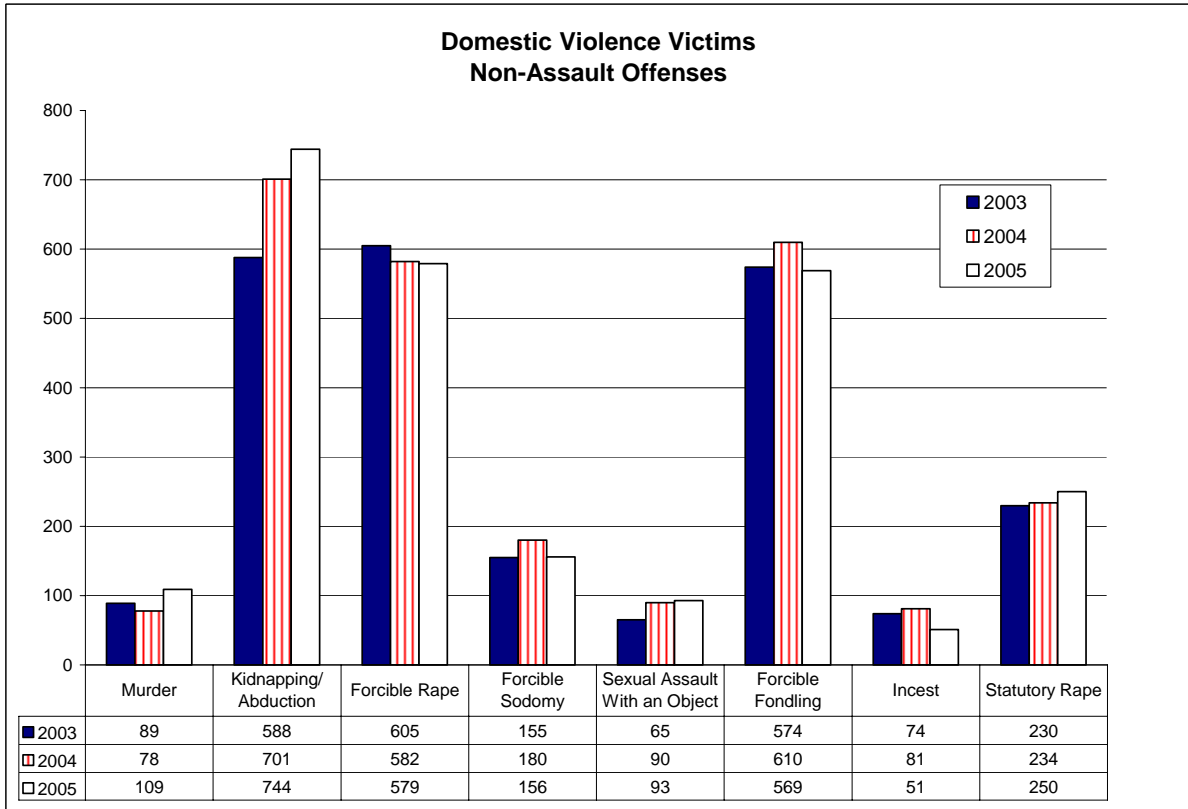
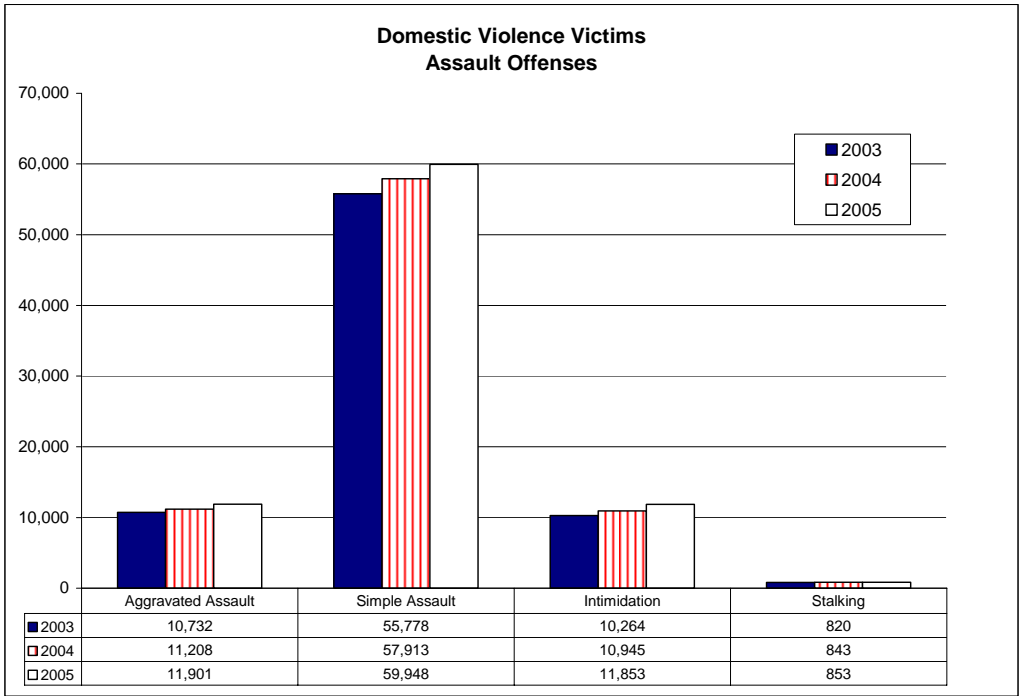
A total of 82,617 Victim to Offender Relationships were reported. The most frequently reported Relationship was Boyfriend/Girlfriend at 36,061 (43.7%). The second most frequently reported Relationship was Spouse at 17,586 (21.3%). The Relationship reported with the least frequency was Stepsibling at 190 (0.2%).



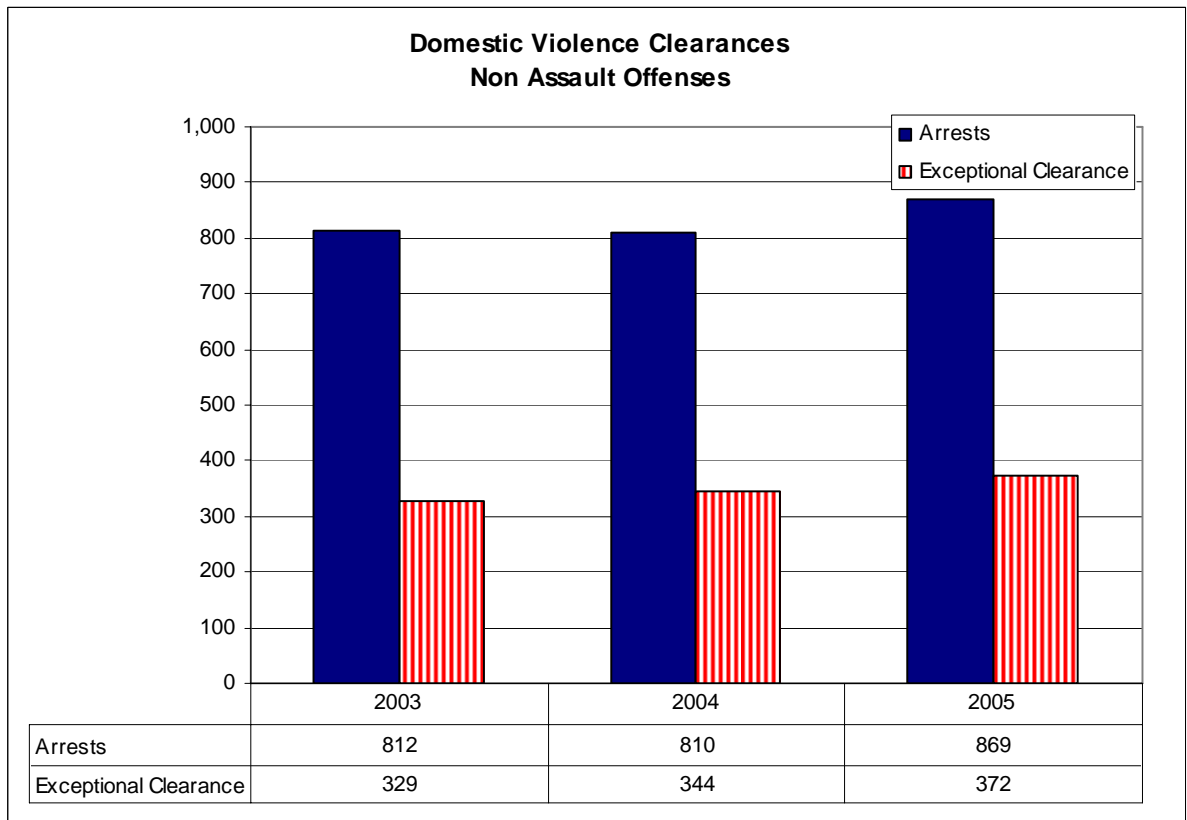
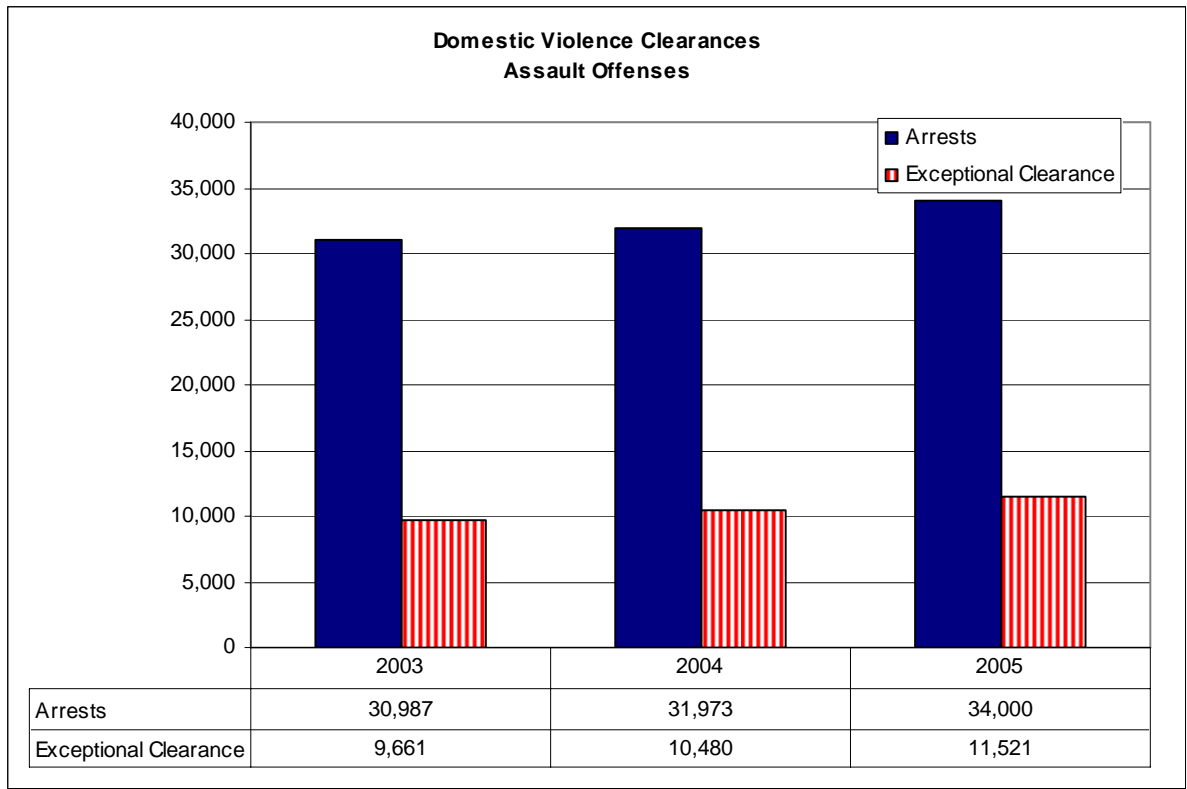
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## Three Year Comparison

Domestic Violence Offenses increased 4.5% from 2004 to 2005 which was a smaller increase than overall crime which increased by 5.4% based on data published in the 2005 Crime in Tennessee report.

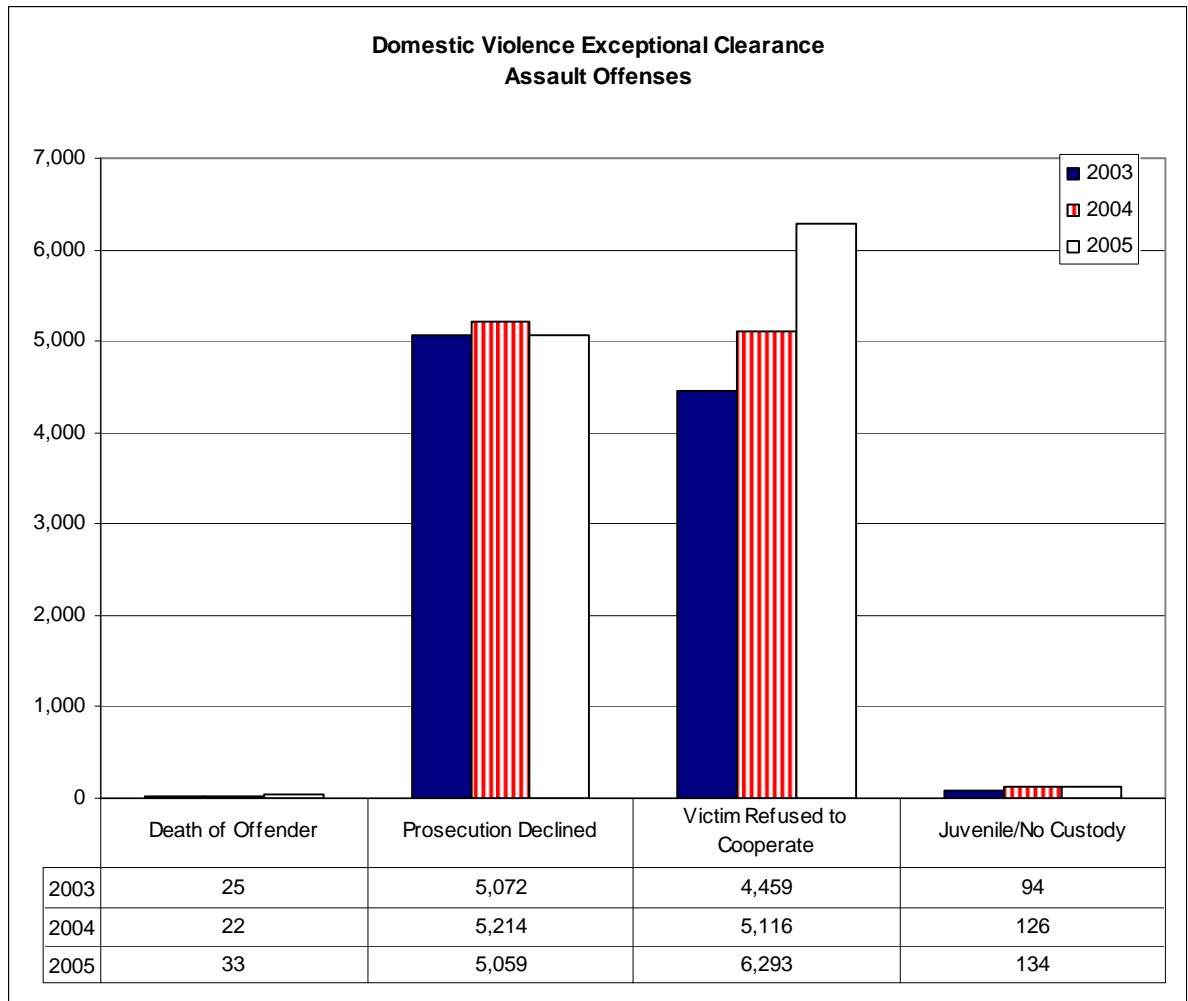


Overall, clearances for Domestic Violence Offenses increased 7.2% from 2004 to 2005.

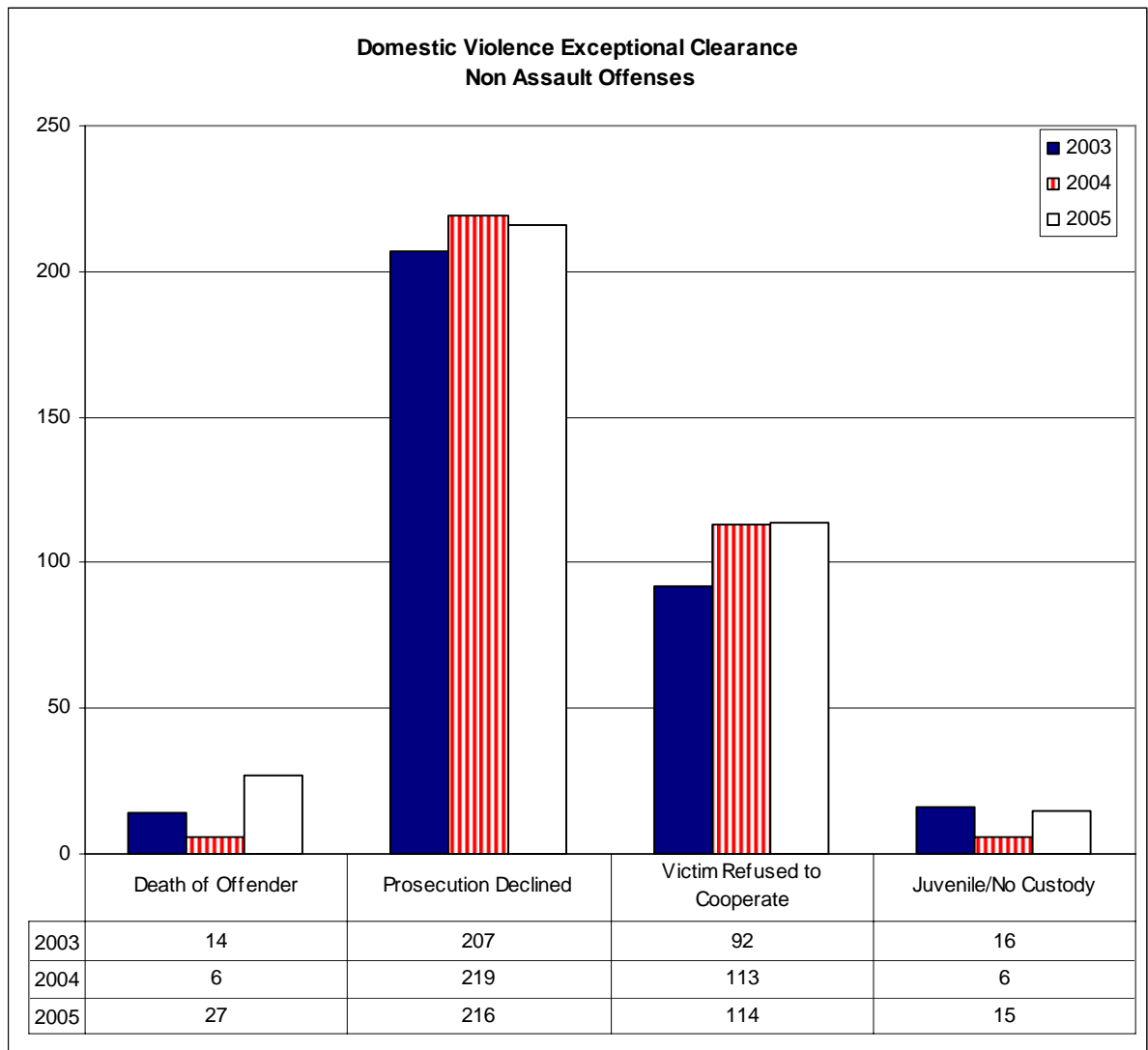




The Exceptional Clearance type of Victim Refused to Cooperate increased 22.5% from 2004 to 2005.



NOTE: For Assault Offenses, the Exceptional Clearance of Extradition Denied for the three year time period was: 2003 = 11, 2004 = 2 and 2005 = 2.



NOTE: For Non Assault Offenses, the Exceptional Clearance of Extradition Denied was a total of 0 for the three year time period.

Although the number of crimes increased, the proportion of the total by offense for several items did not significantly change. Data is provided for weapons, victim age and race, injury type, victim to offender relationship, and offenses involving a violation of an order of protection including both year to year change and proportion of the total.

<b>Domestic Violence Offenses with Firearms</b>								
<b>Weapon Type</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Percent of Total Firearms</b>		
				<b>2003 to 2004</b>	<b>2004 to 2005</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Firearm (Type Not Stated)	274	253	289	-7.7%	14.2%	11.7%	11.2%	11.8%
Firearm - Automatic (Type Not Stated)	8	13	9	62.5%	-30.8%	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
Handgun	1,515	1,451	1,604	-4.2%	10.5%	64.7%	64.3%	65.4%
Handgun - Automatic	66	40	34	-39.4%	-15.0%	2.8%	1.8%	1.4%
Rifle	153	171	161	11.8%	-5.8%	6.5%	7.6%	6.6%
Rifle - Automatic	2	4	2	100.0%	-50.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Shotgun	298	301	315	1.0%	4.7%	12.7%	13.3%	12.8%
Shotgun - Automatic	2	2	3	0.0%	50.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other Firearm	25	19	35	-24.0%	84.2%	1.1%	0.8%	1.4%
Other Firearm - Automatic	0	1	1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Firearms</b>	<b>2,343</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>			

<b>Domestic Violence Offenses with All Other Weapons</b>								
<b>Weapon Type</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Percent of Total Other Weapons</b>		
				<b>2003 to 2004</b>	<b>2004 to 2005</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
Knife/Cutting Instrument	3,142	3,363	3,492	7.0%	3.8%	4.5%	4.6%	4.6%
Blunt Object	2,264	2,435	2,439	7.6%	0.2%	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%
Motor Vehicle	956	1,071	1,039	12.0%	-3.0%	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%
Asphyxiation	22	20	26	-9.1%	30.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Personal Weapons	54,524	57,685	61,153	5.8%	6.0%	78.3%	79.5%	81.2%
Poison	10	7	17	-30.0%	142.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Drugs/Narcotics	33	26	33	-21.2%	26.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Explosives	0	3	12	300.0%	300.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fire/Incendiary Device	48	42	54	-12.5%	28.6%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other	4,575	4,532	4,746	-0.9%	4.7%	6.6%	6.2%	6.3%
Unknown	862	608	561	-29.5%	-7.7%	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%
None	3,190	2,761	1,708	-13.4%	-38.1%	4.6%	3.8%	2.3%
<b>Total Other Weapons</b>	<b>69,626</b>	<b>72,553</b>	<b>75,280</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>			

The number of female victims increased by 4.1% from 2004 to 2005. The number of male victims increased by 5.0% from 2004 to 2005. The number of male juvenile victims increased 8.0%, while female juvenile victims increased 2.0%.

<b>Domestic Violence Victims by Sex and Age Range</b>								
<b>Female</b>				<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Percent of Total</b>		
				<b>2003 - 2004</b>	<b>2004 - 2005</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>					
Under 18	5,496	5,933	6,051	8.0%	2.0%	9.4%	9.8%	9.6%
18 - 24	15,736	16,308	16,833	3.6%	3.2%	27.0%	27.0%	26.8%
25 - 34	16,804	17,497	18,448	4.1%	5.4%	28.8%	29.0%	29.4%
35 - 44	12,398	12,366	12,756	-0.3%	3.2%	21.3%	20.5%	20.3%
45 - 54	4,887	5,018	5,528	2.7%	10.2%	8.4%	8.3%	8.8%
55 - 64	1,218	1,252	1,497	2.8%	19.6%	2.1%	2.1%	2.4%
65 and Over	608	689	754	13.3%	9.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%
Unknown	1,196	1,236	891	3.3%	-27.9%	2.0%	2.0%	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,343</b>	<b>60,299</b>	<b>62,758</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>			
<b>Male</b>								
<b>Male</b>				<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Percent of Total</b>		
				<b>2003 - 2004</b>	<b>2004 - 2005</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>					
Under 18	3,690	3,896	4,206	5.6%	8.0%	17.2%	16.9%	17.4%
18 - 24	4,008	4,339	4,574	8.3%	5.4%	18.7%	18.8%	18.9%
25 - 34	5,010	5,503	5,708	9.8%	3.7%	23.3%	23.9%	23.6%
35 - 44	4,667	4,736	4,881	1.5%	3.1%	21.7%	20.5%	20.2%
45 - 54	2,542	2,735	3,047	7.6%	11.4%	11.8%	11.9%	12.6%
55 - 64	796	923	1,026	16.0%	11.2%	3.7%	4.0%	4.2%
65 and Over	342	451	433	31.9%	-4.0%	1.6%	2.0%	1.8%
Unknown	434	472	341	8.8%	-27.8%	2.0%	2.0%	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,489</b>	<b>23,055</b>	<b>24,216</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>			

Although the race of Native American/Alaskan Native is the smallest percentage of the total reported for 2005, this race experienced the greatest increase from 2004 to 2005. Female victims with this race increased 20.9% while male victims increased 118.2%.

Domestic Violence Victims by Sex and Race								
Female RACE	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change		Percent of Total		
				2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2003	2004	2005
African American	22,382	24,047	25,471	7.4%	5.9%	38.4%	39.9%	40.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	167	197	176	18.0%	-10.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Native American/Alaskan Native	56	43	52	-23.2%	20.9%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
White	35,312	35,553	36,520	0.7%	2.7%	60.5%	59.0%	58.2%
Unknown	426	459	539	7.7%	17.4%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,343</b>	<b>60,299</b>	<b>62,758</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>			
Domestic Violence Victims by Sex and Race								
Male RACE	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change		Percent of Total		
				2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2003	2004	2005
African American	7,496	8,595	9,055	14.7%	5.4%	34.9%	37.3%	37.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	57	62	68	8.8%	9.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Native American/Alaskan Native	23	11	24	-52.2%	118.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
White	13,744	14,215	14,882	3.4%	4.7%	64.0%	61.7%	61.5%
Unknown	169	172	187	1.8%	8.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,489</b>	<b>23,055</b>	<b>24,216</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>			

Although reported Injury Types increased a total of 3.7% from 2004 to 2005, a total of three (3) Injury Types experienced a decrease. Possible Internal Injury decreased 5.4%, Unconsciousness decreased 7.9% and Other Major Injury decreased 19.3%.

Domestic Violence Injury Types								
Injury Type	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change		Percent of Total		
				2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2003	2004	2005
Apparent Broken Bones	328	305	327	-7.0%	7.2%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Possible Internal Injury	452	496	469	9.7%	-5.4%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Severe Laceration	998	1,067	1,072	6.9%	0.5%	1.4%	1.5%	1.4%
Apparent Minor Injury	34,196	35,339	36,487	3.3%	3.2%	49.5%	49.2%	49.0%
None	32,441	33,908	35,557	4.5%	4.9%	47.0%	47.2%	47.7%
Other Major Injury	439	538	434	22.6%	-19.3%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
Loss of Teeth	61	62	66	1.6%	6.5%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Unconsciousness	100	126	116	26.0%	-7.9%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,015</b>	<b>71,841</b>	<b>74,528</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>			

The table below is a comparison of Victim Relationships based on reported victim injury. Up to three Injury Types may be reported per victim.

Domestic Violence Victim Relationships								
Relationship	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change		Percent of Total		
				2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2003	2004	2005
Spouse	15,624	15,216	14,829	-2.6%	-2.5%	23.8%	22.5%	21.2%
Ex - Spouse	1,489	1,484	1,455	-0.3%	-2.0%	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%
Common - Law Spouse	331	297	328	-10.3%	10.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	27,856	29,466	30,490	5.8%	3.5%	42.4%	43.6%	43.6%
Homosexual Relationship	622	684	749	10.0%	9.5%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
Child	4,203	4,281	4,346	1.9%	1.5%	6.4%	6.3%	6.2%
Stepchild	1,039	1,043	1,034	0.4%	-0.9%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%
Grandchild	207	213	262	2.9%	23.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Sibling (Brother or Sister)	4,274	4,514	4,904	5.6%	8.6%	6.5%	6.7%	7.0%
Stepsibling	170	173	171	1.8%	-1.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
Parent	3,736	4,145	4,513	10.9%	8.9%	5.7%	6.1%	6.5%
Stepparent	684	630	838	-7.9%	33.0%	1.0%	0.9%	1.2%
Grandparent	232	268	331	15.5%	23.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
In - Law	1,140	1,166	1,191	2.3%	2.1%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%
Other Family Member	3,508	3,475	3,842	-0.9%	10.6%	5.3%	5.1%	5.5%
Child of Boyfriend/Girlfriend	537	488	594	-9.1%	21.7%	0.8%	0.7%	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,652</b>	<b>67,543</b>	<b>69,877</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>			

**NOTE:** The reported numbers for Victim to Offender relationship represent a count of relationships and not victims. If more than one offender committed an offense, then each relationship to the victim is counted.

Although the number of Victim to Offender Relationships increased, the proportion of the total by offense did not significantly change. The relationship of spouse experienced a decrease for the last two years. In 2004, this category experienced a 3.0% decrease and in 2005 the category experienced a 1.2% decrease.

Domestic Violence Relationship of Victim to Offender								
Relationship	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change		Percent of Total		
				2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2003	2004	2005
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	32,236	34,468	36,061	6.9%	4.6%	42.0%	43.5%	43.6%
Child	4,590	4,673	4,747	1.8%	1.6%	6.0%	5.9%	5.7%
Child of Boyfriend/Girlfriend	575	515	645	-10.4%	25.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%
Common-Law Spouse	357	338	365	-5.3%	8.0%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Ex-Spouse	2,696	2,563	2,620	-4.9%	2.2%	3.5%	3.2%	3.2%
Grandchild	220	233	286	5.9%	22.7%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Grandparent	270	320	399	18.5%	24.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Homosexual Relationship	698	799	868	14.5%	8.6%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
In-Law	1,567	1,576	1,660	0.6%	5.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Other Family Member	4,041	4,086	4,477	1.1%	9.6%	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%
Parent	4,320	4,784	5,171	10.7%	8.1%	5.6%	6.0%	6.3%
Sibling (Brother or Sister)	4,729	5,045	5,430	6.7%	7.6%	6.2%	6.4%	6.6%
Spouse	18,337	17,796	17,586	-3.0%	-1.2%	23.9%	22.4%	21.3%
Stepchild	1,120	1,146	1,148	2.3%	0.2%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%
Stepparent	791	753	964	-4.8%	28.0%	1.0%	0.9%	1.2%
Stepsibling	199	203	190	2.0%	-6.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>76,746</b>	<b>79,298</b>	<b>82,617</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>			

In 2005, the number of incidents reported that involved a Violation of Order of Protection increased 6.3% from 2004.

Violation of Order of Protection								
Offense	2003	2004	2005	Percent Change		Percent of Total		
				2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2003	2004	2005
Murder	1	2	4	100.0%	100.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
Kidnapping/Abduction	8	4	10	-50.0%	150.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.9%
Forcible Rape	4	5	4	25.0%	-20.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	1	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Sexual Assault With an Object	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Forcible Fondling	1	0	1	-100.0%	100.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Incest	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Aggravated Assault	204	181	212	-11.3%	17.1%	18.8%	17.8%	19.6%
Simple Assault	565	498	495	-11.9%	-0.6%	51.9%	49.1%	45.9%
Intimidation	268	280	306	4.5%	9.3%	24.6%	27.6%	28.4%
Stalking	37	45	46	21.6%	2.2%	3.4%	4.4%	4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>			

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