

STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FAMILY VIOLENCE ARRESTS ANNUAL REPORT 2006



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FAMILY VIOLENCE 2006

DEFINITION

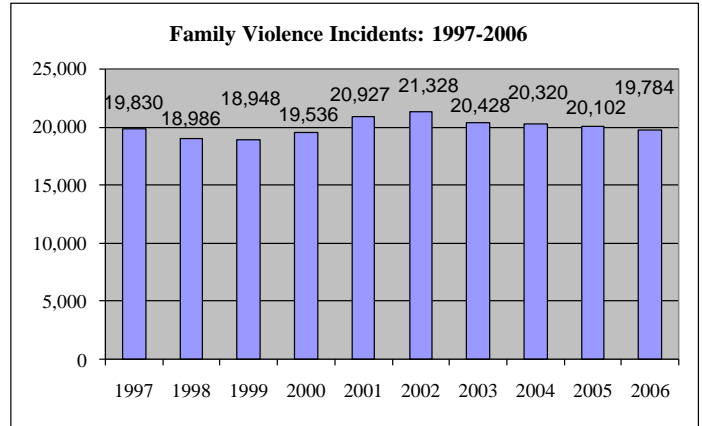
Police in Connecticut make an arrest whenever they respond to a call that involves family violence and there is sufficient probable cause to effect an arrest. Officers report each family violence arrest incident to the Department of Public Safety.

In order for an offense to be classified as family violence, there must be either injury or present danger with the likelihood that physical violence will occur, and the relationship between parties conforms to the definition of "family or household members."¹ Verbal abuse or argument, without violence or threatened violence, does not constitute family violence. Acts of parents when disciplining minor children do not constitute family violence unless the actions are abusive.²

ANALYSIS

Volume

There were 19,784³ incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 2006. This represents a 2% decrease since 2005. About 85% (16,909) of cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct, which is 1% more than 2005.

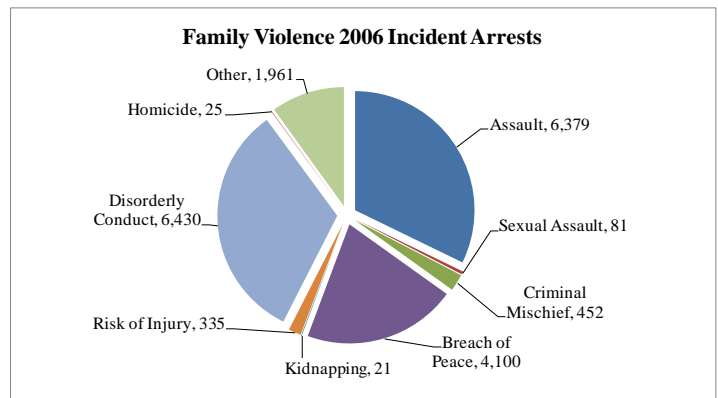


Status of Participants and Number of Incidents by Offense*			
Offense Type	Victims	Offenders	Both Arrested
Homicide ⁵	25	25	0
Assault	5,583	5,161	2,701
Kidnapping	25	21	0
Sexual Assault	87	81	0
Criminal Mischief	458	432	42
Risk of Injury	598	366	2
Breach of Peace	3,429	3,237	1,845
Disorderly Conduct	5,407	4,943	3,164
Other	1,976	1,900	136
TOTAL	17,588	16,166	7,890

*Reflects most serious charge per incident.

In 2006, homicide victims increased by 47% to 25 from 17 in 2005. Victims of assault decreased by 2% to 5,583 from 5,681 in 2005 and sexual assault decreased by 8% to 87 from 95 in 2005.

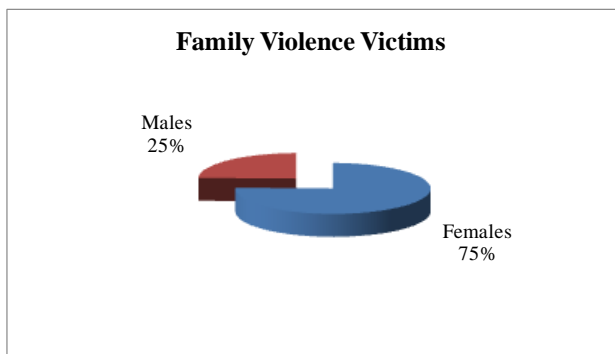
Family Violence Incidents	
Arrest Incidents	19,784
Victims	17,588
Offenders	16,166
Both /All Arrested ⁴	7,890



¹Spouses, former spouses, parents and their children, persons eighteen years of age or older related by blood or marriage, persons sixteen years of age or older who are presently residing together or who have resided together in the past, and persons who share a child in common regardless of their marital status or living arrangement, and persons in or have been in a dating relationship. Connecticut General Statutes 46b-38a(2). ²Connecticut General Statutes 46b-38a(3). ³Includes incidents that resulted in an arrest and submitted to the Department of Public Safety prior to December 31, 2007. ⁴An individual is assigned the status of BOTH/ALL when involved in a family violence incident in which all parties were arrested. ⁵Includes homicides cleared by death of the offender (i.e. murder-suicide).

Sex			
Sex	Victim	Offender	All Arrested
Female	13,260	3,579	3,898
Male	4,328	12,587	3,992

Of the 17,588 total number of victims, 75% (13,260) were female and 25% (4,328) were male (same as last year). There were 16,166 total offenders, 78% (12,587) of whom were male and 22% (3,579) were female. There were 7,890 dual arrests (both/all arrested), of whom 51% (3,992) were male and 49% (3,898) were female.

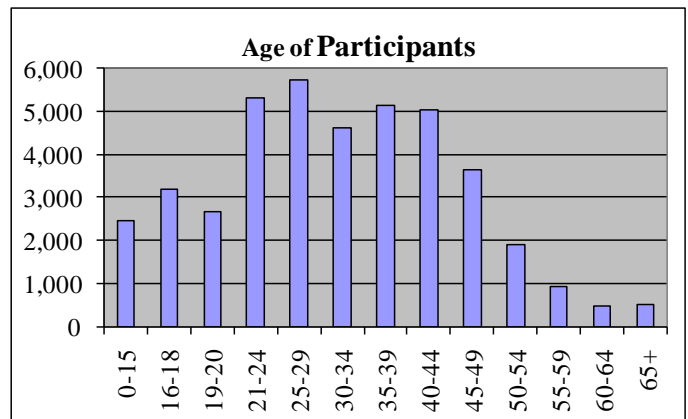


For 33% of victims, and 37% of “boths,” their relationship was “live-in” (people who live together, ever lived together or share a child) and 15% of victims and 16% “boths” were boyfriend/girlfriend. Spouses (current and former) made up 20% of victims and 19% of “both” arrested. Intimate partners overall made up 69% (12,101) of victims and 73% (5,723) of both/all parties arrested.

Relationship of Participants		
Relationship	Victim to Offender	Both Arrested
Spouse	3,125	1,428
Former Spouse	391	95
Live-in	5,889	2,934
Relative*	5,487	2,167
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	2,696	1,266
TOTAL	17,588	7,890

*Includes relatives residing and not residing in home.

Age of Participants				
Age	Victims	Offenders	Both Arrested	Total
0-15	1,534	721	216	2,471
16-18	1,081	1,338	788	3,207
19-20	1,011	1,023	631	2,665
21-24	2,128	2,052	1,135	5,315
25-29	2,169	2,402	1,137	5,708
30-34	1,849	1,864	898	4,611
35-39	2,124	2,063	946	5,133
40-44	2,089	2,043	888	5,020
45-49	1,558	1,439	656	3,653
50-54	940	661	303	1,904
55-59	488	286	167	941
60-64	269	144	70	483
65+	348	130	55	533
TOTAL	17,588	16,166	7,890	41,644

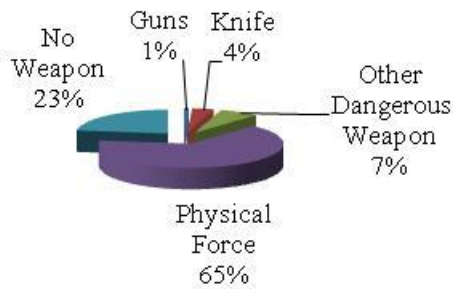


Of the participants, 62% were between the ages of 21 and 44. 82% of all participants were under the age of 45.

Offenses

Arrestees used guns in less than 1% (173) of incidents, knives in 4% (750), other dangerous weapons in 7% (1,379) and physical force in 65% (12,958) of incidents. 23% (4524) of incidents had no weapons involved. Serious injury occurred in 246 incidents; and minor physical injury in 8,364 incidents. No physical injury occurred in 11,149 and fatal injuries occurred in 25 incidents. (i.e. there were 25 homicides in 2006).

Weapons Used in Incidents



Time of Day

12:01 a.m. - 6:00 a.m.	3,579
6:01 a.m. - Noon	3,006
12:01 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	5,304
6:01 p.m. - Midnight	7,620
Unknown	275

Day of Week

Monday	2,685
Tuesday	2,751
Wednesday	2,526
Thursday	2,555
Friday	2,606
Saturday	3,311
Sunday	3,350

A prior court order, either a Temporary Restraining Order issued by the civil court or a Protective Order issued by the criminal court⁶ was issued in 3,561 of the cases, less than a 1% decrease from last year. Liquor or drugs were known to be involved in 6,317 of the cases, less than a 1% increase from last year.

In 16% (3,226) of the incidents, children were directly involved as either victims or offenders which is 2% more than the previous year. In an additional 22% (4,312) of the incidents, children were present in the household, but were not involved in the incident, which is a 7% decrease from last year. In 62% (12,246) of the incidents children were neither involved nor present, which is less than a 1% decrease from the previous year.

⁶Temporary Restraining Orders are usually issued at the request of the person to be protected. See C.G.S. 46b-15. Protective Orders are generally issued at the arraignment of a family violence arrestee. See C.G.S.46b-38c. ⁷As of the publish date of this report the total number of homicides in Connecticut for 2006 was not compiled for comparison to the family violence homicides.

Family Violence Homicides⁷

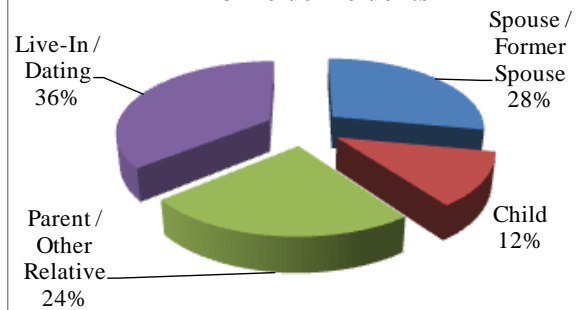
There were 25 family violence homicides (25 incidents) in 2006, a 47% increase from 17 in 2005. There were 19 people arrested and 6 additional incidents in which the offender committed suicide.

Spouses were victims in 28% (7) of the homicides, 43% (3) of these were murder-suicides. There were no former spouses involved in 2006. Children in offender’s care were 12% (3 - Child victims do not include relatives living outside the home). Relatives were victims in 24% (6 total relatives - 4 parents were killed by their respective sons, one adult male was killed by his grandson and one adult male was killed by his live-in foster parent), and live-ins/dating relationships were 36% (9) of the homicides.

Relationship of Homicide Victims to Offender

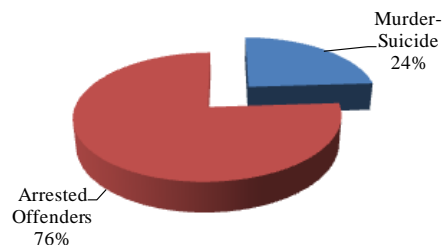
Relationship	Arrested Offenders	Murder-Suicide
Spouse / Former Spouse	4	3
Child	3	0
Parent / Other Relative	5	1
Live-In / Dating	7	2

Victim-Offender Relationship in Homicide Incidents



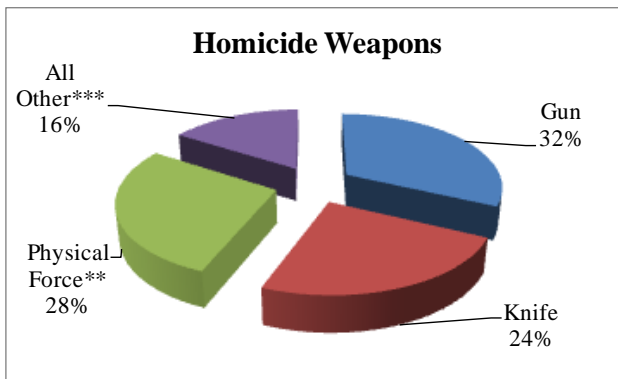
Offenders who committed suicide amounted to 24% (6) of all family violence homicides. In 2006 83% (5) of the murder-suicides were intimate partners and 17% (1) was a non intimate relationship (i.e. a mother suffered blunt trauma to her head by the hands of her adult son).

Murder-Suicides



Weapons Used in Homicides*		
Weapon	Arrested Offender	Murder-Suicide
Gun	4	4
Knife	6	0
Physical Force **	6	1
All Other ***	3	1

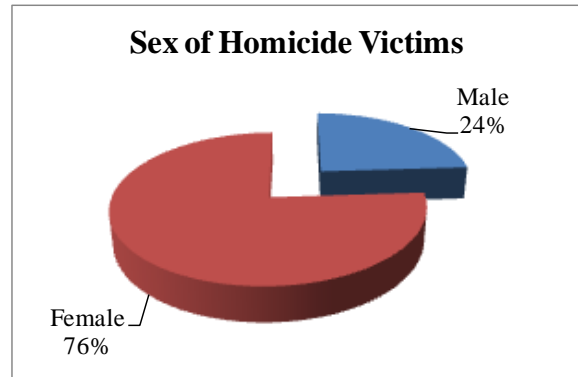
*Reflects most serious weapon. **Includes strangulation and blunt force trauma. ***Includes asphyxiation, fire, an automobile and a stabbing instrument other than a knife.



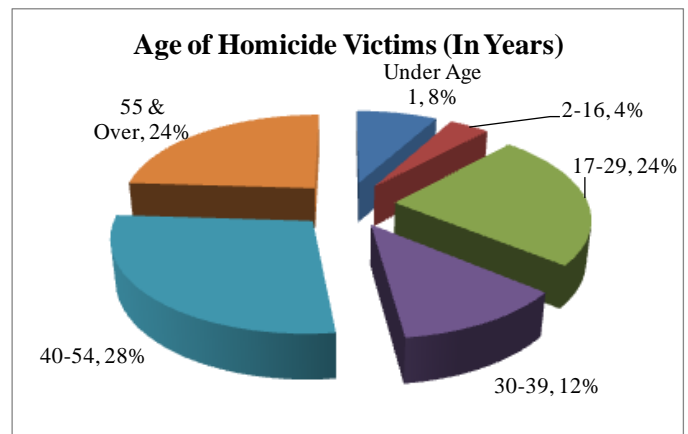
Guns were used in 32% (8), knives in 24% (6) and physical force in 28% (7) of the deaths. All other weapons, such as carbon monoxide poisoning (asphyxiation), fire, an automobile and a stabbing instrument other than a knife, were used in 16% (4) of the deaths.

A gun was the weapon used on victims in most murder-suicides. 67% (4) of the Family Violence homicides involving guns were murder-suicides. In 17% (1) of the murder-suicide incidents the offender used physical force. Similarly, in 17% (1) of the murder-suicides involved a weapon from the “all other” category (i.e. asphyxiation by carbon monoxide poisoning).

Of the homicide victims, 76% (19) were female and 24% (6) were male. (In 2002 it was the first time where males outnumbered female victims in family violence homicides). Of the offenders 84% (21) were male. Females accounted for only 16% (4) of the family violence homicide offenders. 83% (5) of the murder-suicide offenders were male and 17% (1) was female.



55% (6) of the homicide victims were fifty-five or older. 8% (2) of the homicide victims were one year of age or younger, 4% (1) was between the ages of 2 and 16, 24% (6) were between the ages of 17 and 29, and 12% (3) were in their thirties.



2006 FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENT BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach Of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2006 Totals	2005 Totals	% Change 2005-2006
Ansonia	0	71	0	0	3	6	19	46	8	153	163	-6.1%
Avon	0	9	0	0	0	3	2	14	4	32	38	-15.8%
Berlin	2	12	0	0	1	0	9	28	3	55	38	44.7%
Bethel	0	17	0	1	0	1	5	49	10	83	40	107.5%
Bloomfield	0	41	0	0	8	7	51	53	11	171	181	-5.5%
Branford	0	32	0	2	1	2	26	88	30	181	138	31.2%
Bridgeport	5	435	1	6	65	15	116	193	65	901	1090	-17.3%
Bristol	0	248	0	2	9	4	122	49	65	499	376	32.7%
Brookfield	0	11	0	0	2	0	6	31	3	53	43	23.3%
Canton	0	4	0	0	0	2	3	15	2	26	17	52.9%
Capitol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Cheshire	0	14	0	1	1	3	9	52	14	94	70	34.3%
Clinton	0	10	0	0	2	0	10	42	14	78	83	-6.0%
Coventry	0	13	0	0	1	4	2	32	4	56	21	166.7%
Cromwell	0	11	0	0	1	0	4	21	7	44	51	-13.7%
Danbury	3	116	0	5	4	4	25	139	41	337	324	4.0%
Darien	0	10	0	0	1	0	2	17	2	32	29	10.3%
Derby	0	12	0	0	0	2	2	9	1	26	59	-55.9%
E. Hampton	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	47	3	58	57	1.8%
E. Hartford	0	160	1	4	6	12	52	213	34	482	453	6.4%
E. Haven	0	45	0	1	3	5	21	68	23	166	200	-17.0%
E. Windsor	0	33	0	0	2	2	32	14	11	94	86	9.3%
ECSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	N/A
Easton	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	9	25	N/A
Enfield	1	160	0	0	3	5	73	65	40	347	321	8.1%
Fairfield	0	25	0	0	2	1	11	39	3	81	81	0.0%
Farmington	0	14	0	1	1	0	22	9	8	55	69	-20.3%
Glastonbury	0	20	0	0	0	4	8	50	14	96	114	-15.8%
Granby	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	21	2	30	23	30.4%
Greenwich	1	36	0	1	3	2	20	71	10	144	152	-5.3%
Groton City	0	22	0	0	4	0	34	47	13	120	138	-13.0%
Groton L P	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	N/A
Groton Town	1	64	0	0	0	1	24	52	26	168	152	10.5%
Guilford	0	25	0	1	1	1	6	41	12	87	71	22.5%
Hamden	1	76	0	0	4	6	28	99	19	233	264	-11.7%
Hartford	1	785	3	9	84	25	336	616	185	2044	2094	-2.4%
Madison	0	39	0	0	0	0	4	7	13	63	50	26.0%
Manchester	0	117	2	2	9	13	220	147	59	569	518	9.8%
Meriden	0	182	0	3	11	3	64	221	77	561	575	-2.4%
Middlebury	0	11	0	0	0	0	3	13	1	28	22	27.3%
Middletown	0	98	0	1	13	3	40	167	46	368	410	-10.2%
Milford	0	40	0	0	0	5	25	69	22	161	175	-8.0%
Monroe	0	31	0	0	0	1	10	14	5	61	34	79.4%
Naugatuck	1	37	0	0	1	5	30	89	12	175	182	-3.8%
New Britain	1	396	0	3	24	8	82	233	62	809	844	-4.1%
New Canaan	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	15	12	37	48	-22.9%
New Haven	2	446	5	5	27	36	414	49	86	1070	1008	6.2%
New London	0	56	0	0	0	0	147	40	34	277	318	-12.9%

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Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach Of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2006 Totals	2005 Totals	% Change 2005-2006
New Milford	1	32	0	1	0	4	10	65	6	119	111	7.2%
Newington	0	34	1	0	3	4	13	65	13	133	116	14.7%
Newtown	0	13	0	0	1	2	13	37	8	74	65	13.8%
No Branford	0	9	0	0	3	1	3	23	7	46	59	-22.0%
North Haven	0	13	0	0	0	1	12	44	12	82	111	-26.1%
Norwalk	1	153	1	4	9	5	102	261	49	585	558	4.8%
Norwich	0	156	0	3	6	4	55	161	49	434	485	-10.5%
Old Saybrook	0	6	0	0	1	0	4	25	1	37	35	5.7%
Orange	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	15	1	25	28	-10.7%
Plainfield	0	24	1	1	1	4	10	39	11	91	105	-13.3%
Plainville	0	15	0	0	2	1	16	45	6	85	108	-21.3%
Plymouth	0	25	0	1	1	1	7	42	11	88	72	22.2%
Portland	0	6	0	0	0	1	3	12	2	24	19	26.3%
Putnam Mun	0	22	0	0	1	2	11	34	20	90	81	11.1%
Redding	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	N/A
Ridgefield	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	36	27	33.3%
Rocky Hill	0	22	0	0	4	1	10	24	15	76	61	24.6%
Seymour	0	14	0	1	0	0	18	17	8	58	69	-15.9%
Shelton	0	28	0	0	2	3	23	44	21	121	121	0.0%
Simsbury	0	9	0	0	0	2	8	21	9	49	44	11.4%
So Windsor	0	10	0	0	1	1	31	39	14	96	82	17.1%
SCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Southington	0	57	1	0	3	1	56	60	30	208	202	3.0%
Stamford	0	190	1	0	8	9	23	124	11	366	456	-19.7%
Stonington	0	24	0	0	4	2	50	16	17	113	122	-7.4%
Stratford	0	98	0	1	4	1	22	42	19	187	203	-7.9%
Suffield	0	9	0	0	1	0	1	32	6	49	36	36.1%
Thomaston	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	31	10	53	49	8.2%
Torrington	0	89	0	2	4	17	139	71	39	361	388	-7.0%
Trumbull	0	41	0	0	0	0	3	32	16	92	98	-6.1%
UCONN HC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	N/A
UCONN	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	14	23	N/A
Vernon	0	43	0	0	4	2	86	33	27	195	154	26.6%
Wallingford	0	39	1	2	4	7	42	113	35	243	248	-2.0%
Waterbury	1	407	3	3	39	11	688	249	80	1481	1484	-0.2%
Waterford	0	7	0	0	0	1	31	14	11	64	90	-28.9%
Watertown	0	23	0	1	2	3	57	37	12	135	121	11.6%
W. Hartford	0	77	0	2	5	7	45	109	44	289	251	15.1%
W. Haven	1	67	0	0	2	0	38	77	13	198	223	-11.2%
WCSU	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	N/A
Weston	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	17	23	-26.1%
Westport	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	40	0	50	55	-9.1%
Wethersfield	0	39	0	2	2	1	5	22	21	92	86	7.0%
Willimantic	0	30	0	0	4	6	78	73	13	204	182	12.1%
Wilton	0	5	0	0	0	1	2	12	2	22	29	-24.1%
Winchester	0	32	0	1	4	2	15	70	12	136	141	-3.5%
Windsor	0	26	0	0	0	4	29	94	9	162	147	10.2%
Windsor Lks	0	34	0	0	1	4	12	30	17	98	114	-14.0%

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Wolcott	0	15	0	0	0	0	8	34	11	68	87	-21.8%
Woodbridge	0	8	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	18	3	N/A
Yale	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	1	8	13	N/A
Amtrak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	N/A
Metro North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	N/A
CVH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
DMHAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	N/A
DEP	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	4	1	N/A
Troop A CSP	0	25	0	0	3	1	9	56	12	106	101	5.0%
Troop B CSP	0	21	0	1	1	5	12	22	7	69	114	-39.5%
Troop C CSP	0	47	0	2	2	1	12	70	24	158	166	-4.8%
Troop D CSP	1	82	0	2	5	4	29	79	13	215	276	-22.1%
Troop E CSP	1	69	0	0	8	6	36	98	24	242	218	11.0%
Troop F CSP	0	37	0	0	1	4	14	39	12	107	140	-23.6%
Troop G CSP	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	14	6	N/A
Troop H CSP	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	12	N/A
Troop I CSP	0	9	0	0	0	0	4	9	0	22	60	-63.3%
Troop K CSP	0	46	0	0	5	2	21	112	12	198	200	-1.0%
Troop L CSP	0	28	0	1	2	3	27	61	15	137	150	-8.7%
Troop R (Spartan)	0	2	0	0	1	0	7	1	0	11	16	N/A
Troop W CSP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
PD Totals	23	5,997	21	75	424	309	3,928	5,882	1,839	18,498	18,643	-0.8%
CSP Totals	2	382	0	6	28	26	172	548	122	1,286	1,459	-11.9%
CT Totals	25	6,379	21	81	452	335	4,100	6,430	1,961	19,784	20,102	-1.6%

(Percent changes not calculated for agencies with less than 15 Family Violence incidents in either year).