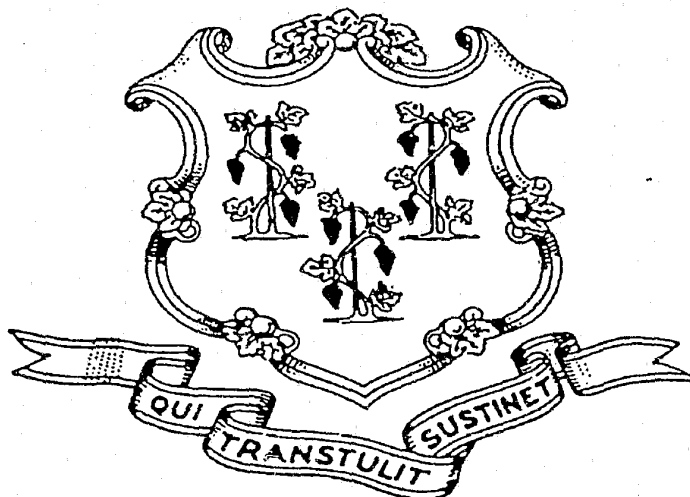

Treatment of Family Violence Victims Connecticut Medical Facilities 1989 Annual Report



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Medical Facilities 1989 Statistical Summary

1,405 Medical Data Collection Reports were submitted reporting treatment of injuries sustained during family violence incidents which occurred during 1989. This represents a 13.4% decline in reporting since 1988.

1,348 reports were used for analysis. 57 reports could not be used due to incomplete information.

87.7% of victims were female. 88.9% of assailants were male.

Four in five of the victims (80.4%) were either the spouse, former spouse or live-in companion of the assailant.

More than half (56.2%) of the victims were between the ages of 16 and 30.

92.1% of victims reported verified their injured were caused by family violence.

Nearly three-quarters of reported victims sustained minor injuries.

Half (48.1%) of the victims reported they were previously injured by family violence.

Four in five (80.0%) of the reported victims were treated and released.

69.8% of victims were referred for at least one type of additional service by the medical provider.

Introduction

Title 46b, Section 38e of the Connecticut General Statutes mandates medical care providers to document their treatment of injuries caused by family violence through the Medical Data Collection Report. This information is submitted to the Department of Public Safety on a quarterly basis. Once received, information from completed reports is entered into the computer system, analyzed and published yearly. A Medical Data Collection Report is submitted for each initial treatment of an injury which the victim either verifies as caused by family violence or which the medical provider reasonably suspects was caused by family violence. Reports are for **statistical purposes only** and contain no identifying information on the victim or offender except for limited demographic data.

Family Violence has been defined by statute as an incident resulting in physical harm, bodily injury or assault, or an act of threatened violence that causes fear of imminent physical injury or assault between or among family or household members. **Verbal abuse or argument alone do not constitute family violence** unless there is present danger and the likelihood that violence will occur. Acts by parents or guardians in disciplining their minor children are considered family violence only when those acts constitute abuse.

Family or household members include: spouses; former spouses; parents and their children; persons 18 years of age or older who are related by blood or marriage; persons 16 years of age or older, not related by blood or marriage, who presently reside together or have ever resided together, and; persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time. **Dating couples do not fall within the parameters of this definition.**

During 1989, the Family Violence Reporting Program was able to purchase new computer equipment. This purchase enabled modification of the medical database to include more of the cases received which are missing data. By modifying the database, the number of unusable reports declined from 139 in 1988 to 57 in 1989 (a reduction of 59.0%). However, **overall reporting of medical treatment declined by 13.4% from 1988 to 1989.***

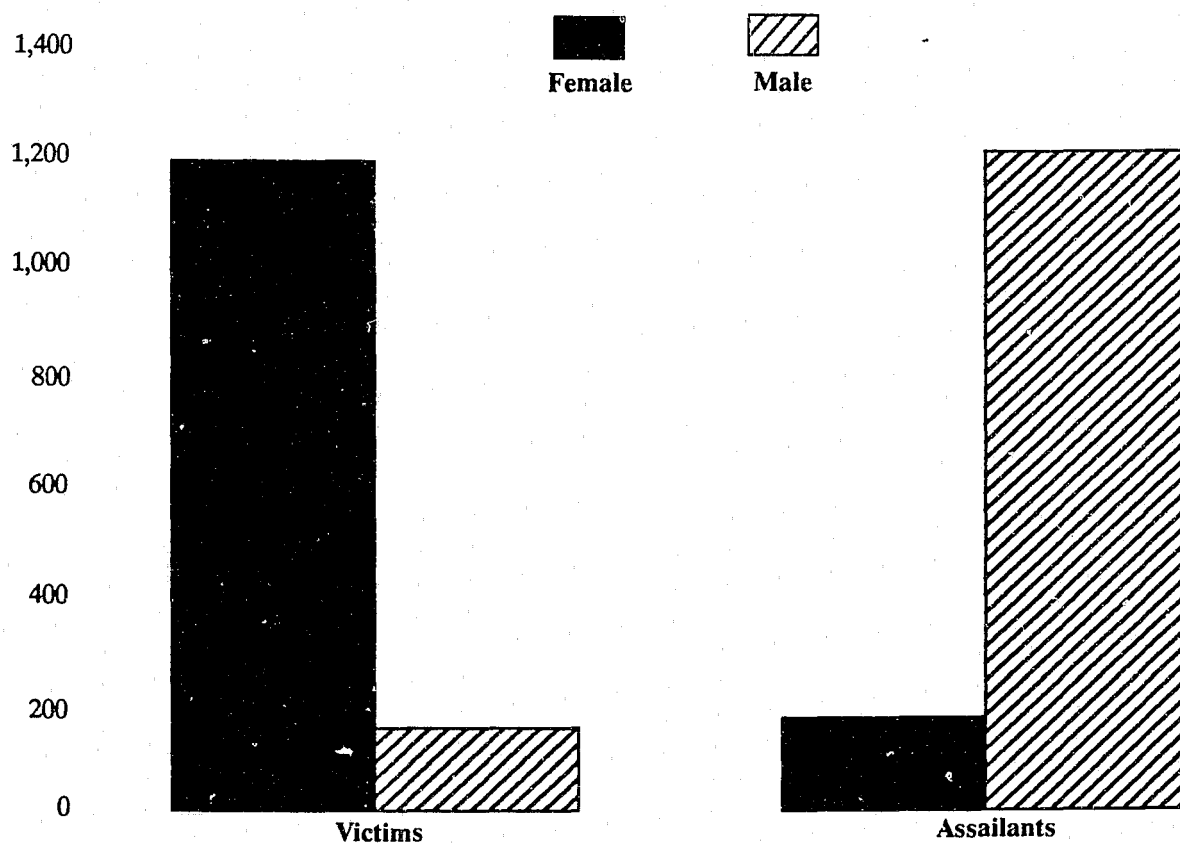
*1,623 total reports in 1988 and 1,405 total reports in 1989.

Sex of Victim and Assailant*

Sex	Minor Victims**	Adult Victims	Total Assailants
Female	67	1,115	149
Male	43	123	1,199
Total	110	1,238	1,348

* Assailants who are minors are not broken out separately due to lack of complete information on this item.

** Victims who are minors, for purposes of this breakdown, are those persons under the age of eighteen who are related by blood or marriage to the assailant. Persons over the age of 16, other than those related by blood or marriage who are the spouse or former spouse, live with or have ever lived with, or share a child in common with the assailant are counted as adults.

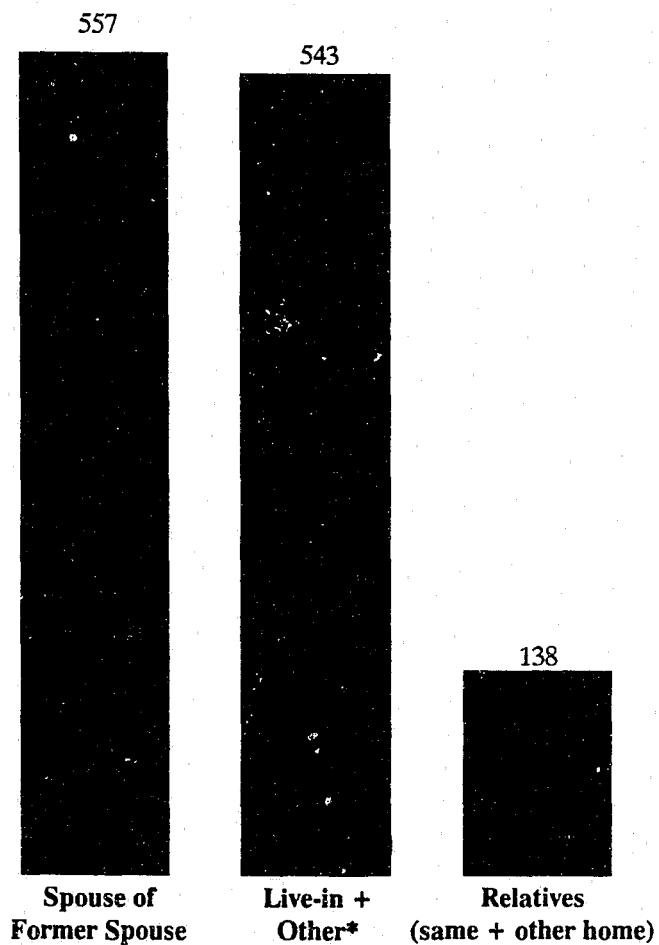


Relationship of Victim to Assailant

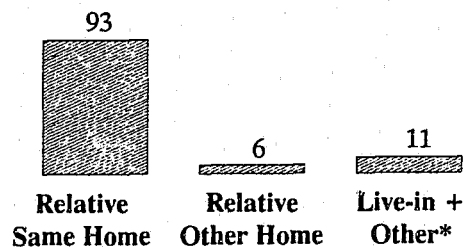
Relationship	Adults	Minors	Total	%
Spouse or Former Spouse	557	0	557	41.3
Live-in Companion	524	3	527	39.1
Relative- Same Home	108	93	201	14.9
Relative- Other Home	30	6	36	2.7
Other*	19	8	27	2.0
Total	1,238	110	1,348	100.0

* The category of "Other" includes only those couples who share a child in common and children who are victimized by their parent's live-in companion.

Adults



Minors



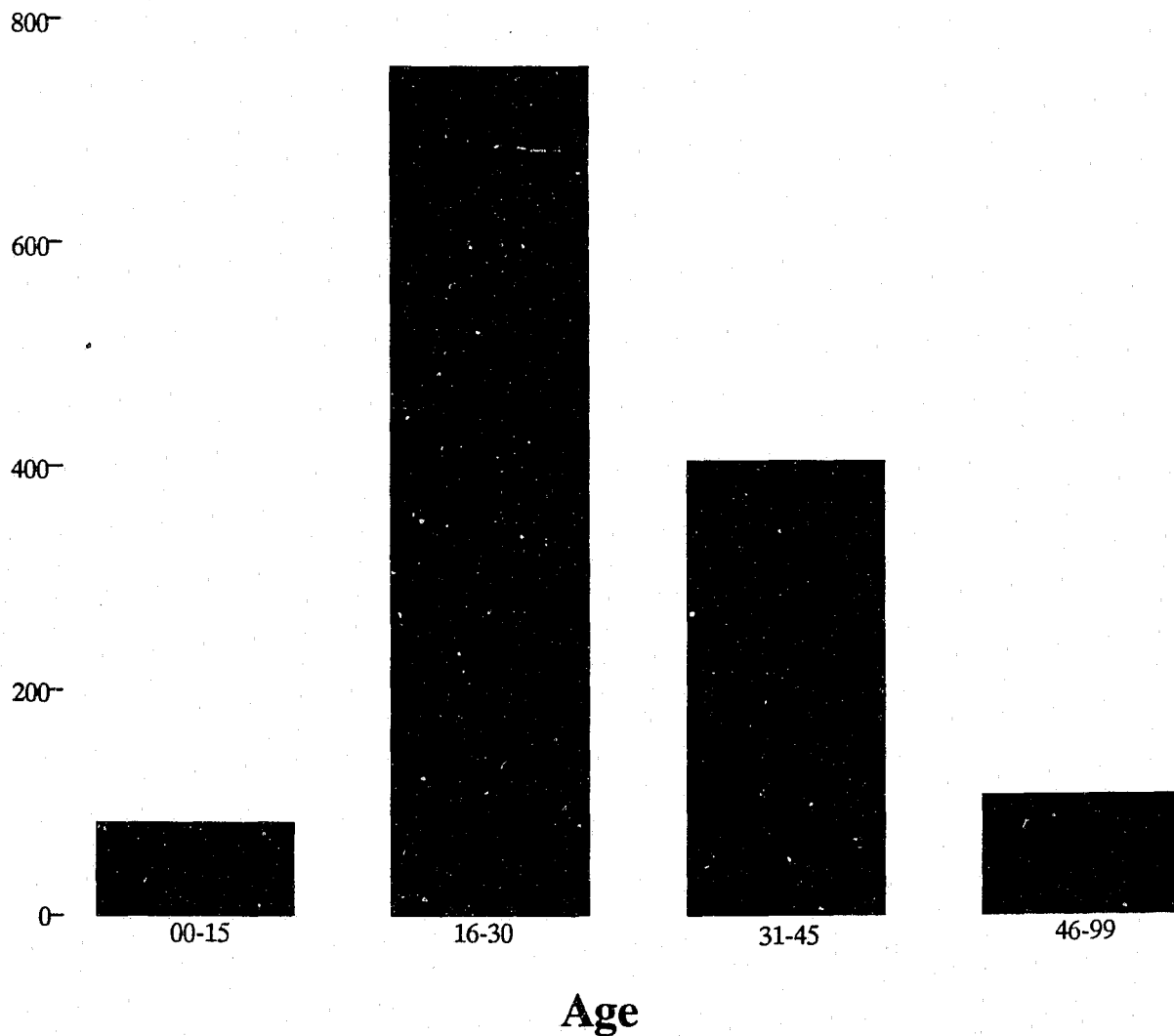
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Age of Victim*

Age	Number of Victims	%
00-15	82	6.1
16-30	757	56.2
31-45	404	30.0
46-99	105	7.8
Total	1,348	100.0**

*Assailant ages are not reported here because data was complete on only 719 of the 1,348 reports used for analysis.

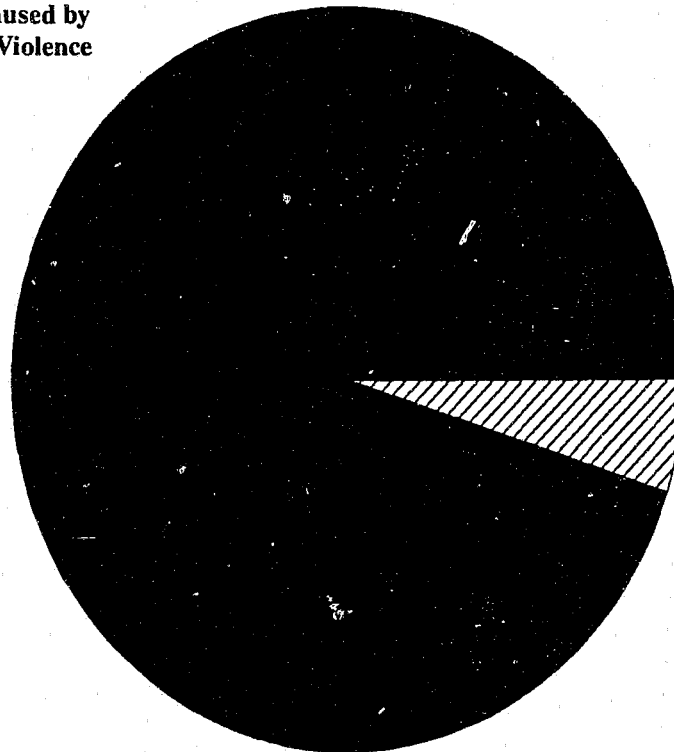
** Percents may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.



Victim Verified Injury Was Caused by Family Violence

Why Treatment Was Reported	Number of Victims	%
Verified by Victim	1,241	92.1
Suspected by Reporter	65	4.8
Unknown/Not Reported	42	3.1
Total	1,348	100.0

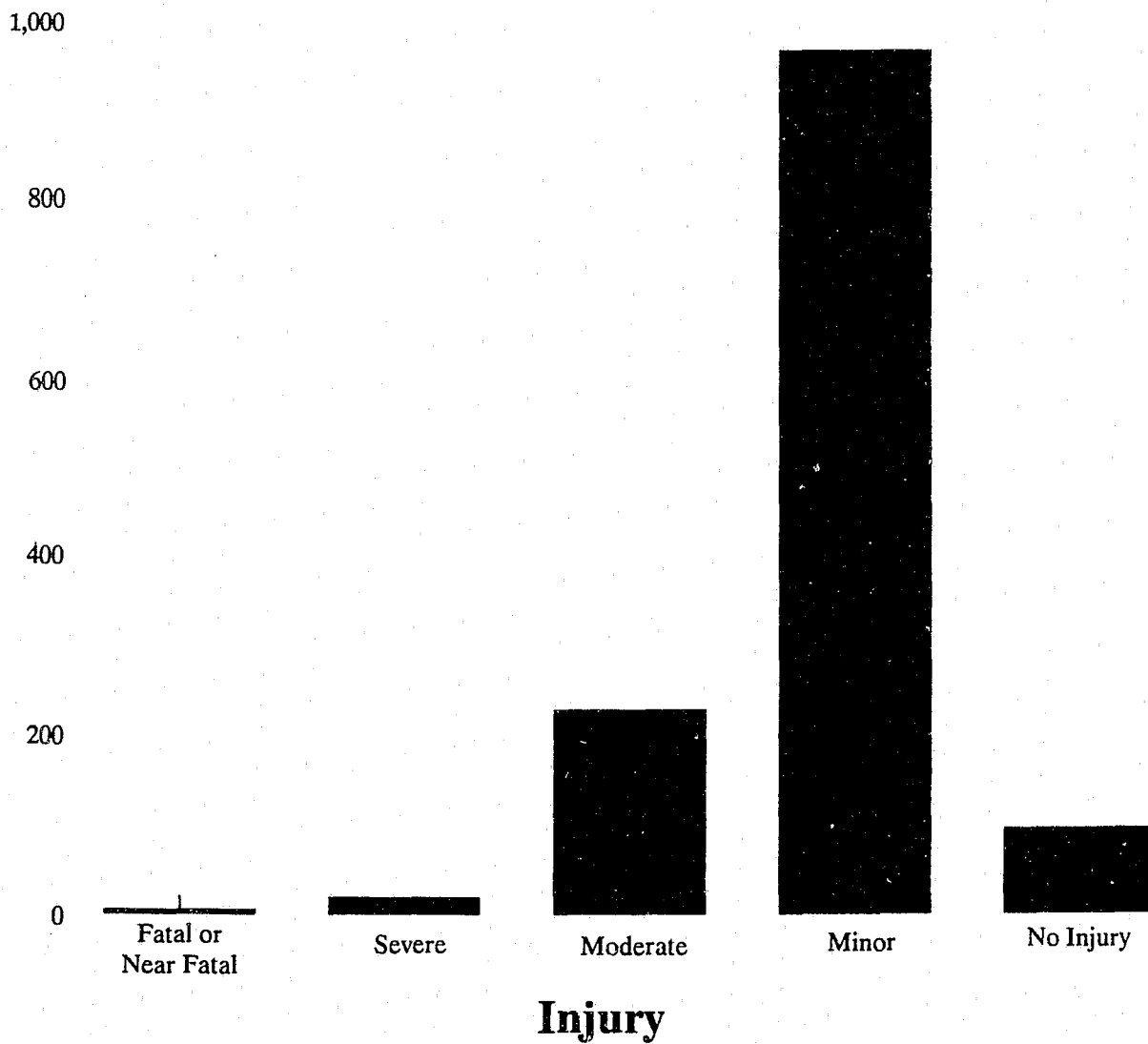
**Victim Verified Injury
Was Caused by
Family Violence**



**Family Violence
Suspected by Reporter**

Injury Sustained

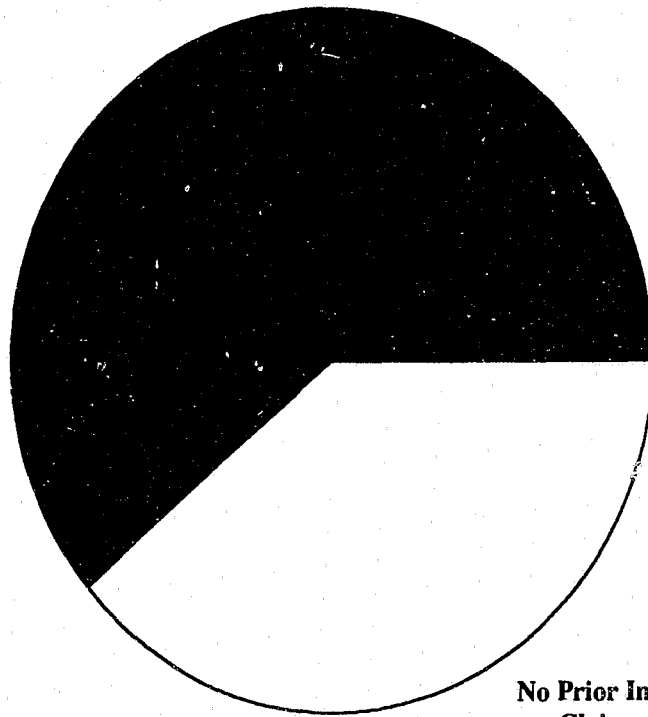
Type of Injury	Number of Victims	%
Fatal or Near Fatal	3	0.2
Severe	17	1.3
Moderate	225	16.7
Minor	965	71.6
No Injury	93	6.9
Unknown/Not Reported	45	3.3
Total	1,348	100.0



Prior Injury From Family Violence Reported by Victim

Prior Injury Claimed	Number of Victims	%
Yes	648	48.1
No	411	30.5
Unknown/Not Reported	289	21.4
Total	1,348	100.0

Victim Claims Prior
Family Violence Injury



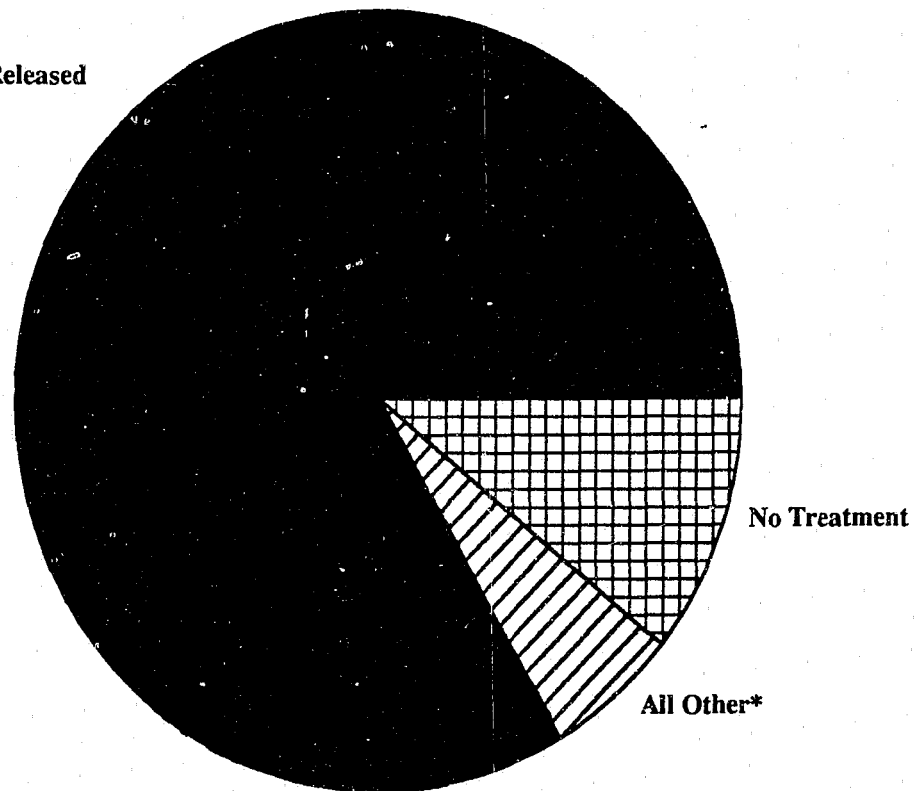
No Prior Injury
Claimed

Type of Medical Treatment Provided to Victim*

Treatment	Number of Victims	%
Admitted for Extended Care	38	2.8
Admitted for Observation	28	2.1
Transferred to Other Facility	10	0.7
Treated and Released	1,074	79.9
No Treatment Given/Needed	139	10.3
Unknown/Not Reported	56	4.2
Total	1,345*	100.0

* 3 Victims died from their injuries.

Treated & Released

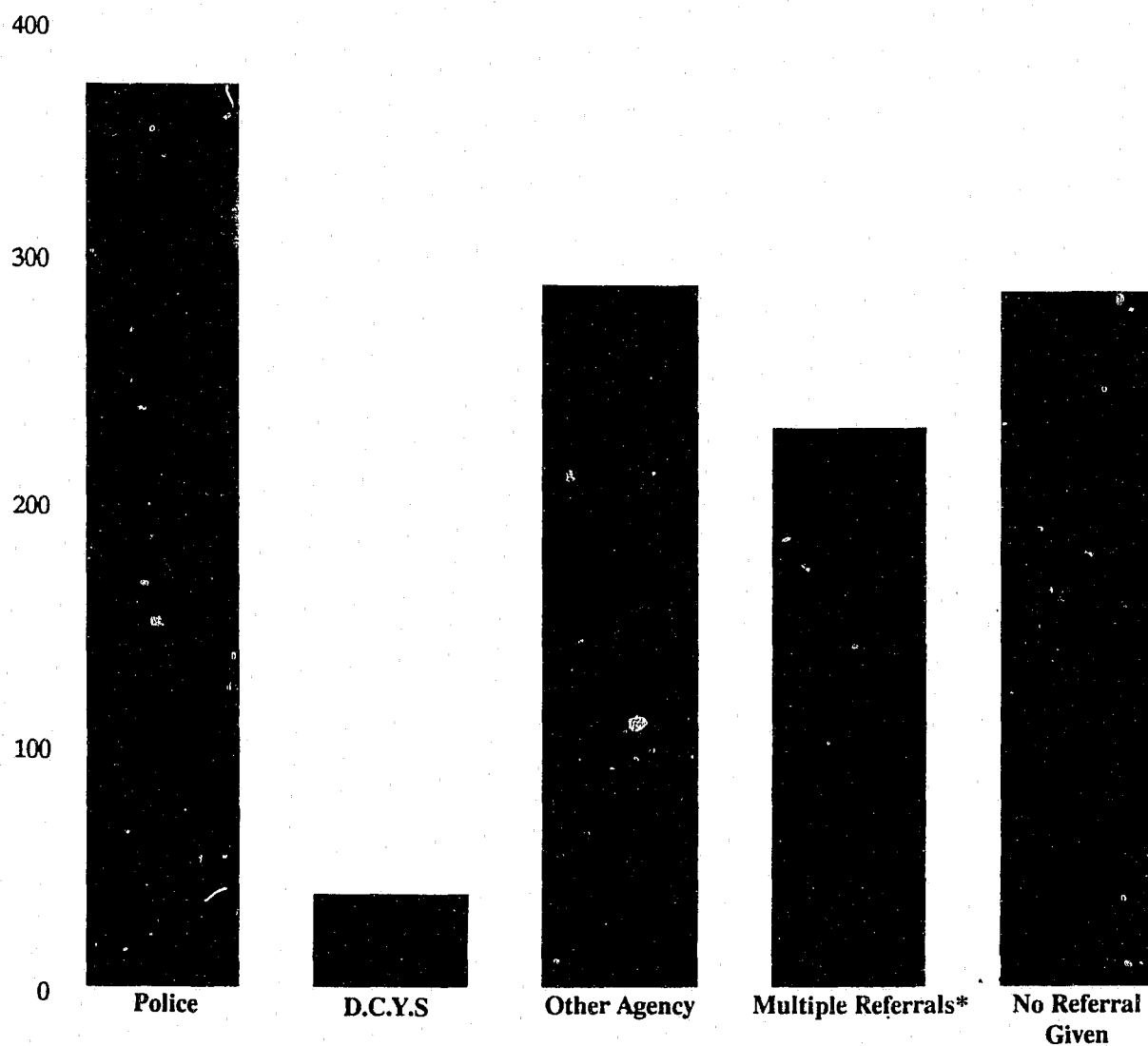


* All Other = Admitted for Extended Care + Admitted for Observation + Transferred. Three victims who died from their injuries are not included.

Referral Given to Victim

Referred to	Number of Victims	%
Police	377	28.0
Department of Children & Youth Services	38	2.8
Other Agency (Battered Women's Shelter, etc.)	293	21.7
Multiple Referrals*	233	17.3
No Referral Given	290	21.5
Unknown/Not Reported	117	8.7
Total	1,348	100.0

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Medical Data Collection Reports
Number Submitted by Agency
1989

AGENCY TOTALS

	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1989	1988	% CHANGE
BRANFORD							
COASTLINE MEDICAL CENTER	1	4	-	-	5	-	*
BRIDGEPORT							
BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL	13	14	23	5	55	39	+41.0
PARK CITY HOSPITAL	20	17	18	9	64	7	+814.3
ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL	10	15	11	2	38	45	-15.6
BRIDGEPORT COMM. HEALTH CENTER	-	-	-	1	1	-	*
BRISTOL							
BRISTOL HOSPITAL	5	-	4	7	16	23	-30.4
CROMWELL							
GROVE HILL MEDICAL CENTER	1	-	1	2	4	-	*
DANBURY							
DANBURY HOSPITAL	8	8	8	3	27	17	+58.8
DERBY							
GRIFFIN HOSPITAL	6	8	16	7	37	62	-40.3
EAST HARTFORD							
KAISER FOUNDATION HEALTH PLAN	3	2	-	4	9	11	-18.2
IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE CENTER	1	-	-	-	1	-	*
EAST WINDSOR							
EAST WINDSOR WALK-IN MED CENTER	-	-	-	-	-	1	-100.0
ENFIELD							
ENFIELD AMBULATORY CARE CENTER	-	-	-	-	-	4	-100.0
PLANNED PARENTHOOD	-	1	-	-	1	-	*
ESSEX							
SHORELINE CLINIC	9	6	4	4	23	25	-8.0
FARMINGTON							
UConn HEALTH CENTER	-	-	-	2	2	6	-66.7
GREENWICH							
GREENWICH HOSPITAL	5	1	-	-	6	9	-33.3

* Cannot compute percent change from zero.

	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1989	1988	% CHANGE
GROTON							
PEQUOT CLINIC	1	2	1	2	6	10	-40.0
HAMDEN							
HAMDEN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	5	2	-	1	8	-	*
HARTFORD							
HARTFORD HOSPITAL	13	11	18	1	43	74	-41.9
MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL	2	9	5	-	16	18	-11.1
ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL	15	7	7	4	33	51	-35.3
COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES INC.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-100.0
CT. OB/GYN ASSOC. P.C.	-	1	-	-	1	-	*
HTFD. COMM. MENTAL HEALTH CENTER	-	-	-	3	3	-	*
MANCHESTER							
MANCHESTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	4	11	7	4	26	34	-23.5
IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE CENTER	-	1	-	-	1	-	*
MERIDEN							
MERIDEN WALLINGFORD HOSPITAL	4	7	2	5	18	45	-60.0
WWII VETERANS MEMORIAL HOSP	10	10	9	4	33	46	-28.3
MIDDLETOWN							
MIDDLESEX MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	-	-	-	-	-	3	-100.0
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	2	-	-	-	2	1	+100.0
MILFORD							
MILFORD HOSPITAL	15	15	9	11	50	34	+47.1
NEW BRITAIN							
NEW BRITAIN GENERAL HOSPITAL	10	4	11	12	37	40	-7.5
NEW HAVEN							
ST. RAPHAEL HOSPITAL	1	3	6	15	25	16	+56.3
YALE NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL	64	55	35	23	177	190	-6.8
FAIR HAVEN COMM. HLTH CLINICS	-	-	-	-	-	2	-100.0
HILL HEALTH CENTER	3	3	6	1	13	20	-35.0
WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES	1	-	2	3	6	-	*
COMMUNITY HLTH CARE PLAN (CHCP)	-	-	-	3	3	-	*
NEW LONDON							
LAWRENCE AND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	22	27	18	33	100	110	-9.1
EXPANDED HEALTH SERVICES	1	-	-	3	4	-	*

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	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1989	1988	% CHANGE
NEW MILFORD							
NEW MILFORD HOSPITAL	3	-	-	-	3	13	-76.9
NORWALK							
NORWALK HOSPITAL	6	6	1	10	23	42	-45.2
NORWICH							
BACKUS HOSPITAL	6	18	14	10	48	26	+84.6
PUTNAM							
DAY KIMBALL HOSPITAL	8	11	7	6	32	35	-8.6
SOUTHINGTON							
BRADLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	5	3	6	3	17	16	+6.3
SOUTH WINDSOR							
SOUTH WINDSOR AMBULATORY HOSPITAL -	-	-	-	-	-	1	-100.0
CENTER FOR ADULT & ADOLESCENT PSYCHOTHERAPY	1	1	-	2	4	-	*
STAFFORD							
JOHNSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	4	6	8	5	23	22	+4.5
STAMFORD							
ST. JOSEPH HOSPITAL	11	7	5	8	31	13	+138.5
STAMFORD HOSPITAL	4	3	7	2	16	32	-50.0
KAISER PERMANENTE HEALTH CENTER	-	-	-	-	-	1	-100.0
STRATFORD							
MED-NOW WALK-IN CLINIC	1	-	-	-	1	5	-80.0
TORRINGTON							
CHARLOTTE HUNGERFORD HOSPITAL	4	4	1	-	9	20	-55.0
VERNON							
ROCKVILLE GENERAL HOSPITAL	8	10	8	8	34	20	+70.0
WATERBURY							
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL	23	31	20	24	98	89	+10.1
WATERBURY HOSPITAL	25	21	17	17	80	119	-32.8
WATERTOWN							
WATERTOWN MEDICAL ASSOCIATES	-	-	-	1	1	-	*

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	1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1989	1988	% CHANGE
WEST HARTFORD							
IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE CENTER	1	2	-	2	5	-	*
WEST HAVEN							
WALK-IN MEDICAL SERVICES	-	-	2	-	2	-	*
WETHERSFIELD							
IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE CENTER	-	-	2	1	3	-	*
WINSTED							
WINSTED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1	1	-	-	2	12	-83.3
WINDHAM							
WINDHAM COMM. MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	2	6	8	6	22	15	+46.7
STATE TOTALS	368	374	327	279	1,348	1,425**	-5.4

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** There were an additional 139 reports submitted for 1988 which were unusable and 59 reports submitted by private agencies which could not be entered into the database. The total number of reports received for 1988 was 1,623 and the total number received for 1989 was 1,405 (1,348 plus 57 which were unusable), making for a 13.4% reduction in overall reporting.



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