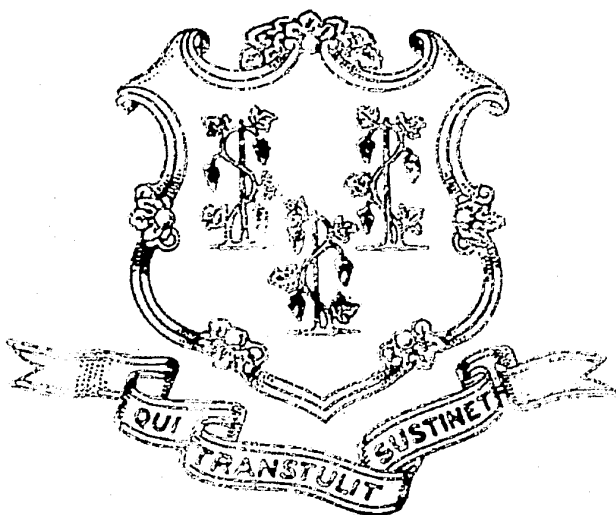


Family Violence Arrests 1989 Annual Report

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Statistical Summary

1989 Family Violence Arrest Cases

There were 21,909 incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 1989. This represents a 2.6% increase in the number of incidents over 1988.

Nearly nine in ten cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct. In 42.2% of cases the most serious offense for which an arrest was made was assault. Breach of peace was the most serious offense in 23.9% of cases and disorderly conduct was the most serious offense in 21.7% of cases.

83.3% of victims were female and 88.5% of offenders were male.

For forty-four percent of victims their relationship to the offender was "live-in" (live together, ever lived together, share a child). Half (49.0%) of Both arrestees were live-ins.

More than half (59.4%) of the participants were between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five.

Physical force was the most serious weapon used in 72.1% of the incidents.

Prior orders existed in 15.7% of the incidents in which that history was known (Restraining or Protective Orders).

Incidents in which serious injury occurred declined 7.6% since 1988 (serious injury has declined for two straight years).

Liquor/drugs were involved in half (50.5%) of the incidents in which that information was known.

Thirty-seven percent of incidents occurred on Saturday (18.8) or Sunday (18.1%).

Forty-four percent of incidents occurred during the six hour period between 6:01 p.m. and midnight.

Children were present or directly involved in 44.7% of incidents. Specifically, children were involved in 10.4% of cases and present in 34.3% of cases.

Definitions

ARREST INCIDENT: An occurrence of family violence in which at least one arrest has been made. One arrest incident is counted for each Family Violence Offense Report submitted; regardless of the number of parties arrested.

BREACH OF PEACE AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT: Crimes of threatening; harassment and reckless endangerment may be reported under either breach of peace or disorderly conduct.

BOTH (ALL) PEOPLE ARRESTED: An individual is assigned the status of BOTH when involved in a family violence incident in which all parties were arrested. Each participant who has been coded as BOTH has committed an offense involving family violence, and therefore cannot be considered a "pure" victim. However, an individual classified as BOTH cannot be classified as a "pure" offender either, since s/he has also been the target of a violent domestic crime. Note that these incidents frequently involve more than two people.

FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS: Spouses; 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 resided together in the past; and persons who share a child in common regardless of their marital status or living arrangement.

FAMILY VIOLENCE: An incident resulting in physical harm; bodily injury or assault; or an act of threatened violence that causes fear of imminent physical harm; bodily injury or assault between or among family or household members. Verbal abuse or argument alone does not constitute family violence. Nor are acts of parents or guardians in disciplining their minor children classified as family violence unless such acts constitute abuse. In order for an offense to be classified as family violence, there must be present danger, the likelihood that physical violence will occur and the relationship between the parties conforms to the definition of "Family or Household Members."

FAMILY VIOLENCE CRIME: A crime as defined in section 53a-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes which contains as an element an act of violence directed at a family or household member.

HIERARCHY OF OFFENSES: Although multiple offenses are frequently reported, particularly for multiple arrest incidents, only one offense code is accepted into the computer system. When there are multiple offenses, the offense code highest in the following list is accepted: homicide; assault; kidnapping; sexual assault; criminal mischief; risk of injury to a minor; breach of peace; disorderly conduct; and other.

INJURY: A serious injury is a physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death; or which causes serious disfigurement; serious impairment of health or serious loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ. A minor injury means impairment of physical condition or pain. Non-physical injuries include threats and attempts to cause harm.

LIVE-IN: Persons presently residing together or who have resided together in the past; and persons who share a child in common.

"OTHER" CRIME: Offenses included under the classification of "Other" include all family violence crimes which are not covered by the offense types listed. "Other" crimes include, but are not limited to: robbery; burglary; arson; and criminal trespass.

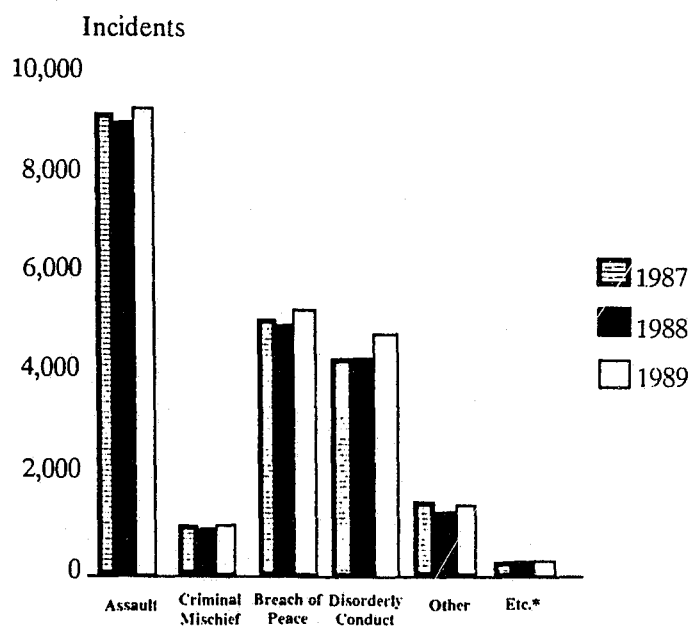
RELATIVE (SAME/OTHER HOME): Includes parents and children; brothers; sisters; aunts; uncles; in-laws; cousins; etcetera.

Status of Participants and Number of Incidents By Offense

	# of Arrest Incidents	% Change 1988/89	Victims	Both People Arrested*	Offenders
Homicide	21	+5.0	21	-	22
Assault	9,242	+0.7	8,471	3,356	7,763
Kidnapping	28	+21.7	33	-	28
Sexual Assault	78	-3.7	82	-	79
Criminal Mischief	1,007	+1.2	1,050	140	947
Risk of Injury	174	-13.9	319	-	197
Breach of Peace	5,228	+3.6	4,260	2,751	3,981
Disorderly Conduct	4,745	+9.3	3,966	2,571	3,549
Other	1,386	-5.3	1,440	60	1,362
TOTAL	21,909	+2.6	19,642	8,878	17,928

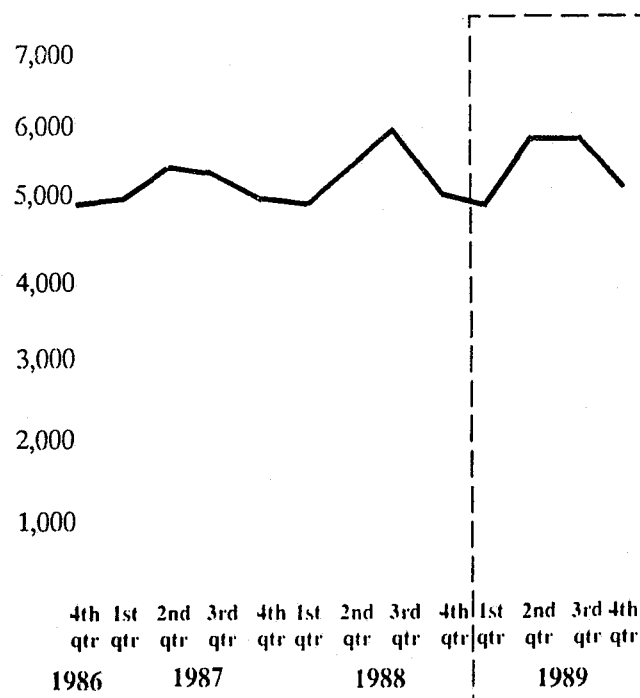
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Type of Incident 1987-1989



* Etc. = Homicide + Kidnapping + Sexual Assault + Risk of Injury

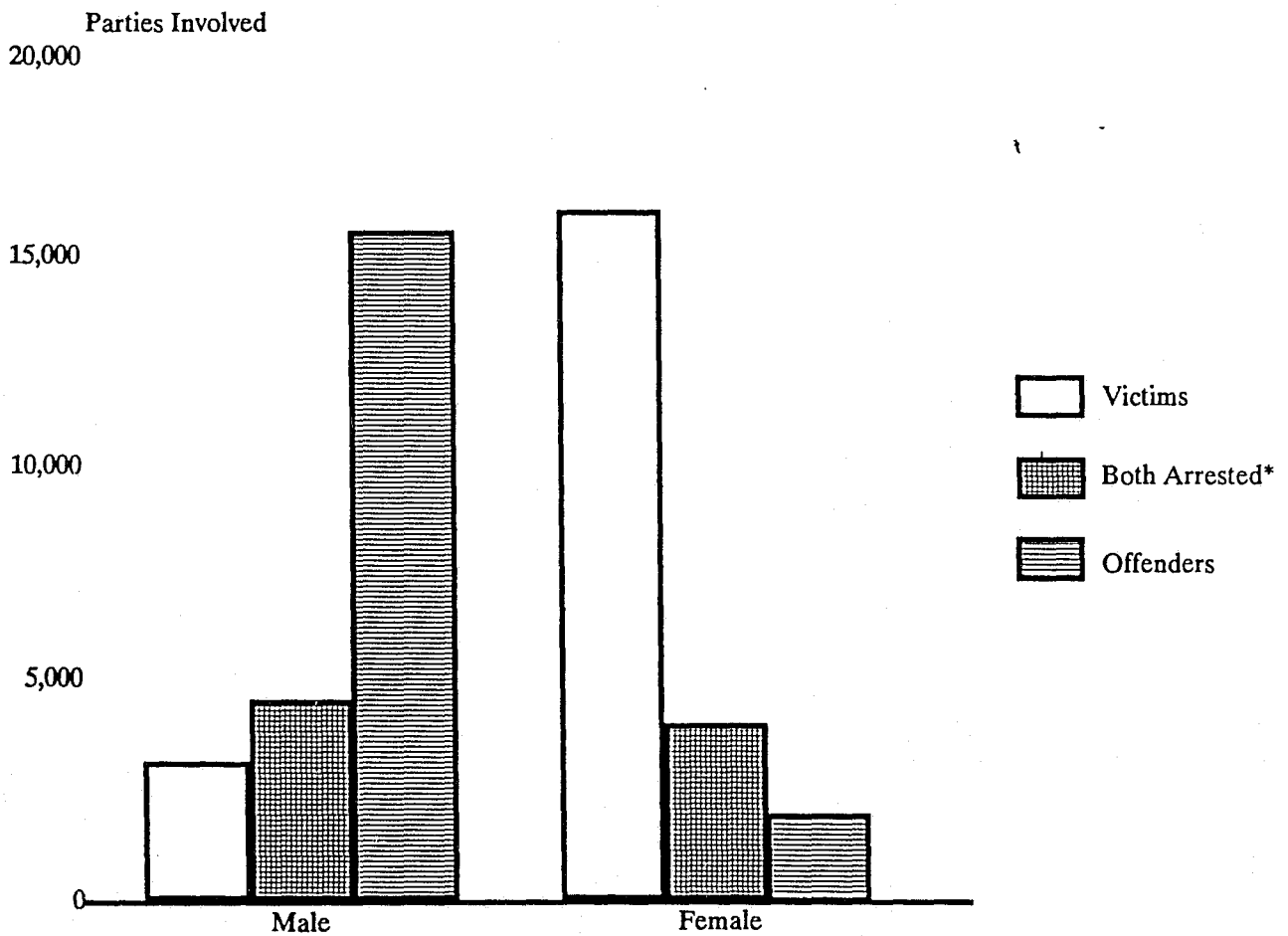
Incidents by Quarter 1986-1989



Sex of Participants

	Victims	Both People Arrested*	Offenders	Total
Male	3,280	4,723	15,871	23,874
Female	16,362	4,155	2,057	22,574
TOTAL	19,642	8,878	17,928	46,448

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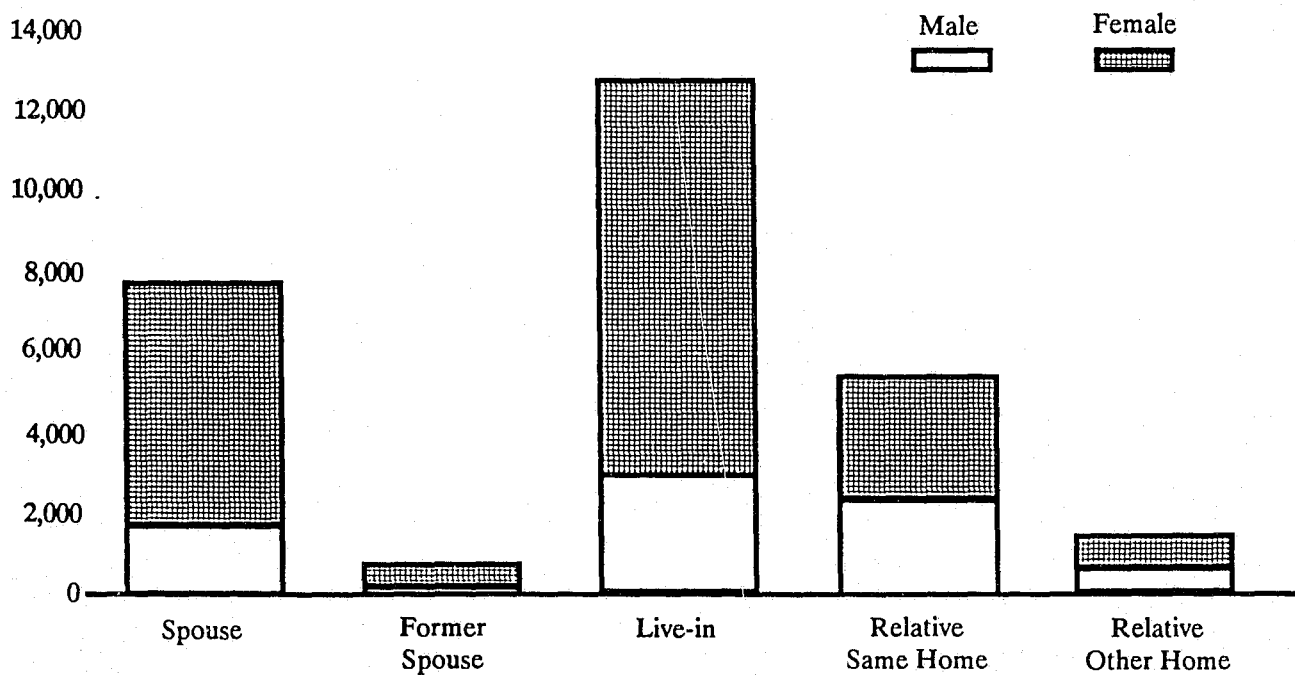


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Relationship and Sex of Participants **(Victim to Offender and Both Arrestees to Each Other)**

Relationship	Victim to Offender	Both People Arrested*	Total
Spouse	5,310	2,504	7,814
Male	447	1,253	1,700
Female	4,863	1,251	6,114
Former Spouse	553	218	771
Male	56	108	164
Female	497	110	607
Live-in	8,639	4,347	12,986
Male	876	2,216	3,092
Female	7,763	2,131	9,894
Relative (same home)	4,175	1,341	5,516
Male	1,563	834	2,397
Female	2,612	507	3,119
Relative (different home)	965	468	1,433
Male	338	312	650
Female	627	156	783
TOTAL	19,642	8,878	28,520

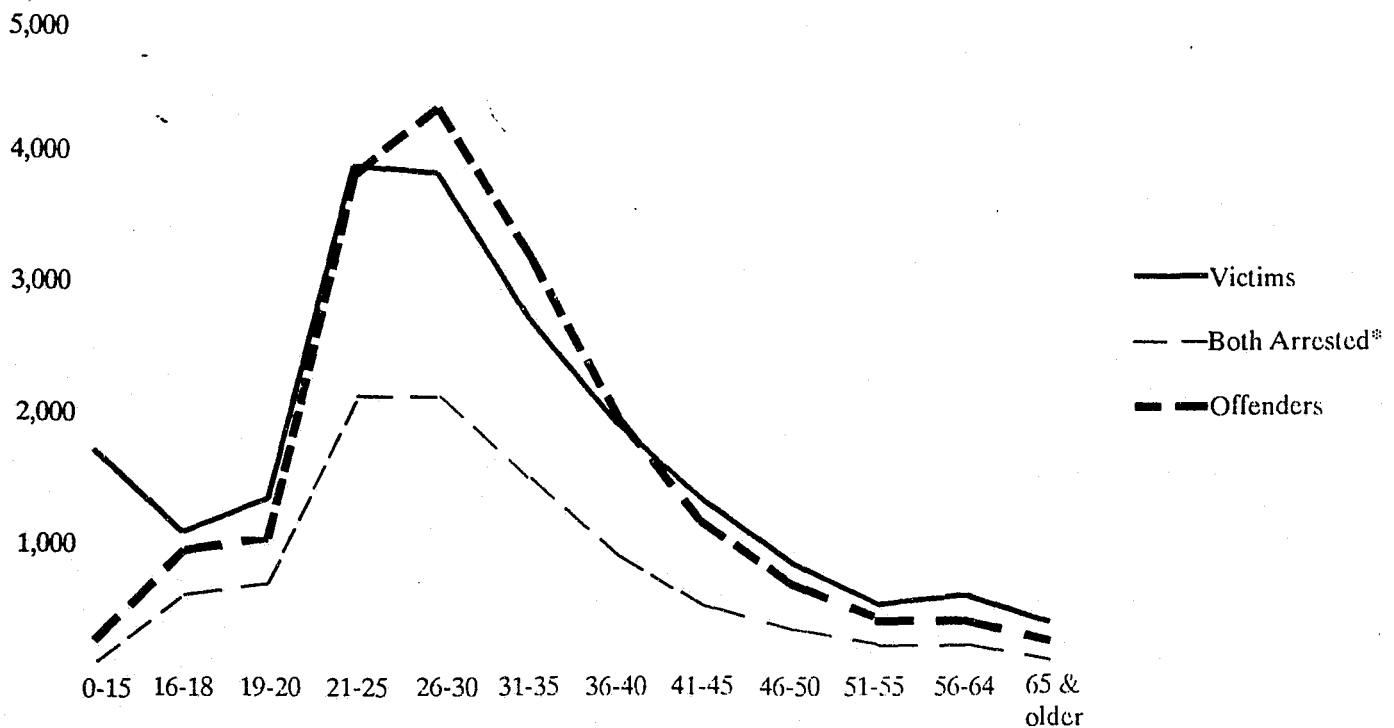
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Age of Participants

Age	Victims	Both People Arrested*	Offenders	Total
00-15	1,670	68	177	1,915
16-18	1,049	548	871	2,468
19-20	1,283	631	972	2,886
21-25	3,891	2,064	3,809	9,764
26-30	3,911	2,143	4,360	10,414
31-35	2,722	1,449	3,237	7,408
36-40	1,852	862	1,949	4,663
41-45	1,235	485	1,115	2,835
46-50	729	276	652	1,657
51-55	455	159	359	973
56-64	506	138	305	949
65 & Older	339	55	122	516
TOTAL	19,642	8,878	17,928	46,448

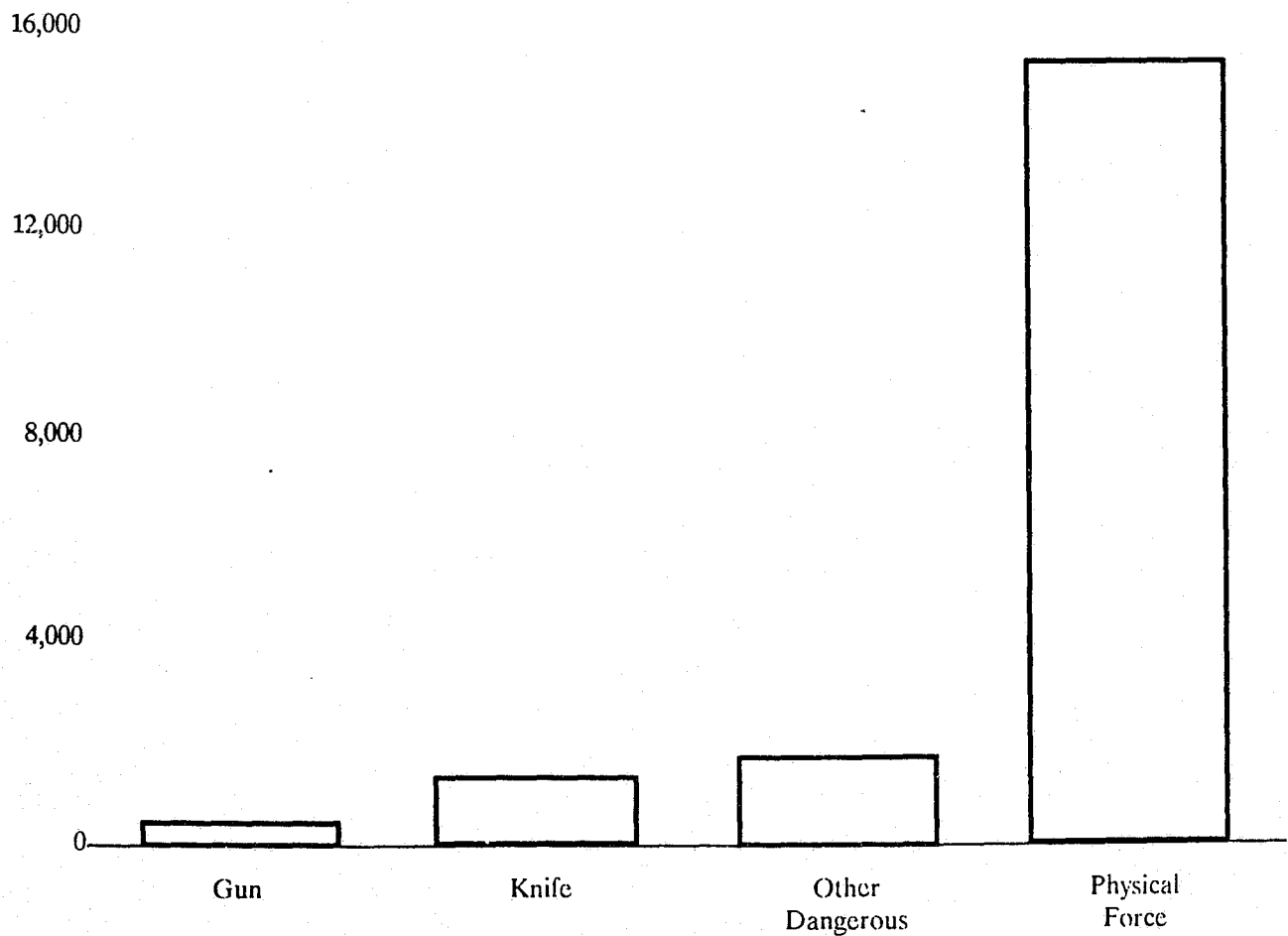
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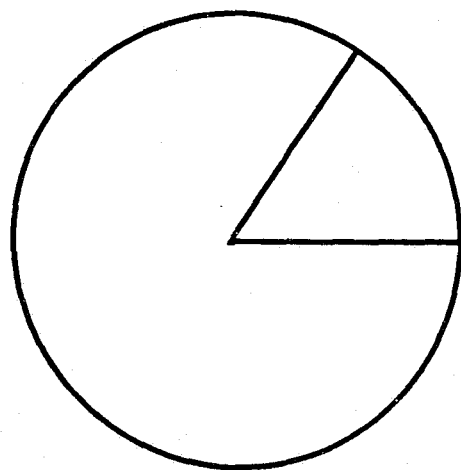
Weapons Used

	Incidents	%
Gun	386	1.8
Knife	1,183	5.4
Other Dangerous	1,605	7.3
Physical Force	15,805	72.1
No Weapon Used	2,930	13.4
TOTAL	21,909	100.0



Prior Orders and Extent of Injury

Prior Orders	Extent of Injury			Total	% Change 1988/89
	Serious	Minor	Non-Physical		
Yes	69	1,545	1,572	3,186	+14.6
No	389	11,592	5,126	17,107	+2.2
Unknown	64	1,080	472	1,616	-12.1
Total	522	14,217	7,170	21,909	+2.6
% Change 1988/89	-7.6	+1.7	+5.4	+2.6	



No Prior Order

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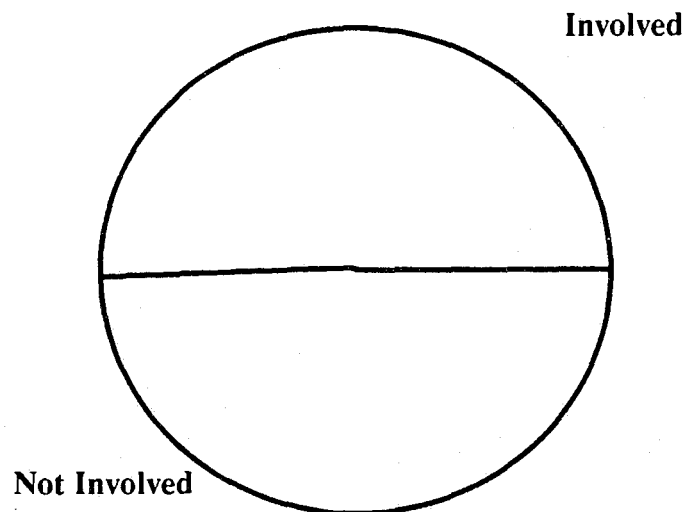
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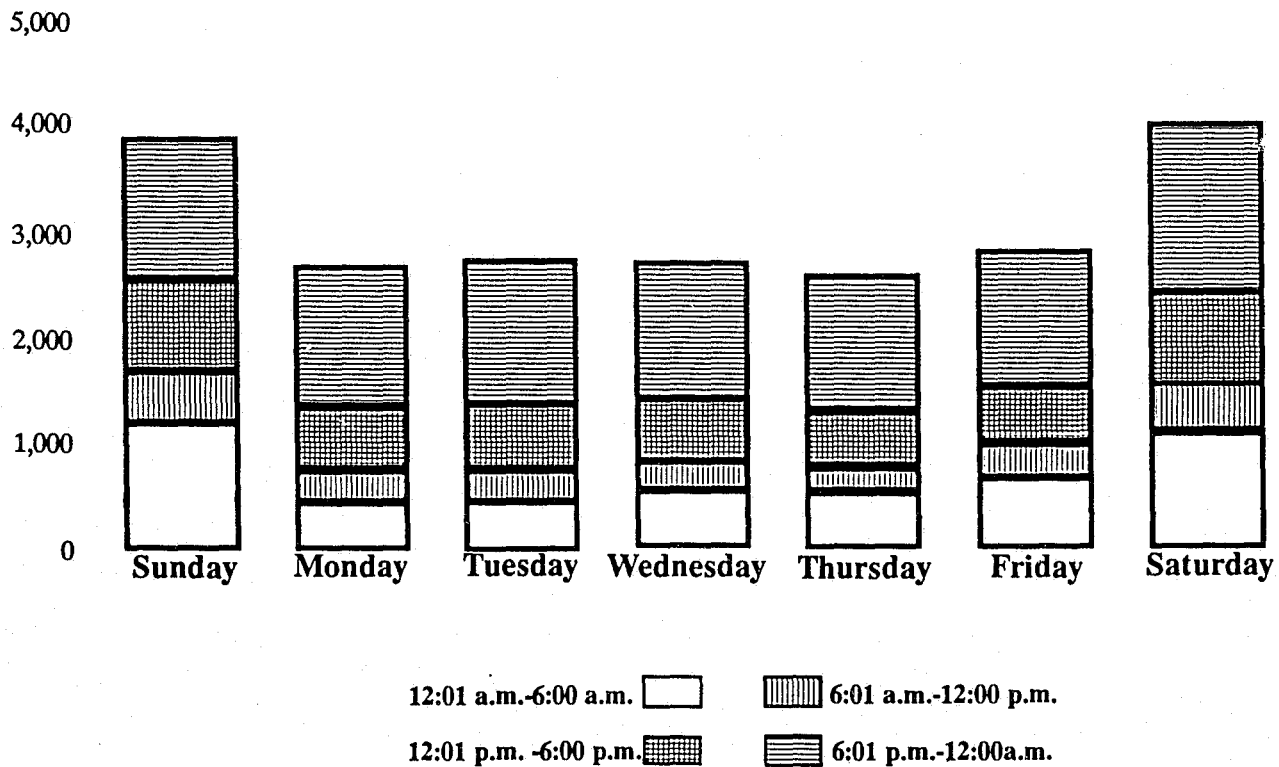
Liquor/Drugs Involved

	Yes	No	Unknown	Total
Homicide	7	8	6	21
Assault	4,544	4,408	290	9,242
Kidnapping	16	10	2	28
Sexual Assault	36	37	5	78
Criminal Mischief	536	443	28	1,007
Risk of Injury	83	87	4	174
Breach of Peace	2,610	2,520	98	5,228
Disorderly Conduct	2,442	2,232	71	4,745
Other	519	816	51	1,386
Total	10,793	10,561	555	21,909



Day of Week and Time of Day

	12:01 a.m.- 6:00 a.m.	6:01a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	12:01 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	6:01 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.	Total
Sunday	1,225	482	912	1,342	3,961
Monday	450	307	644	1,328	2,729
Tuesday	490	321	611	1,372	2,794
Wednesday	571	283	615	1,300	2,769
Thursday	556	263	522	1,305	2,646
Friday	681	328	561	1,327	2,897
Saturday	1,118	478	892	1,625	4,113
Total	5,091	2,462	4,757	9,599	21,909



**FAMILY VIOLENCE
HOMICIDE**

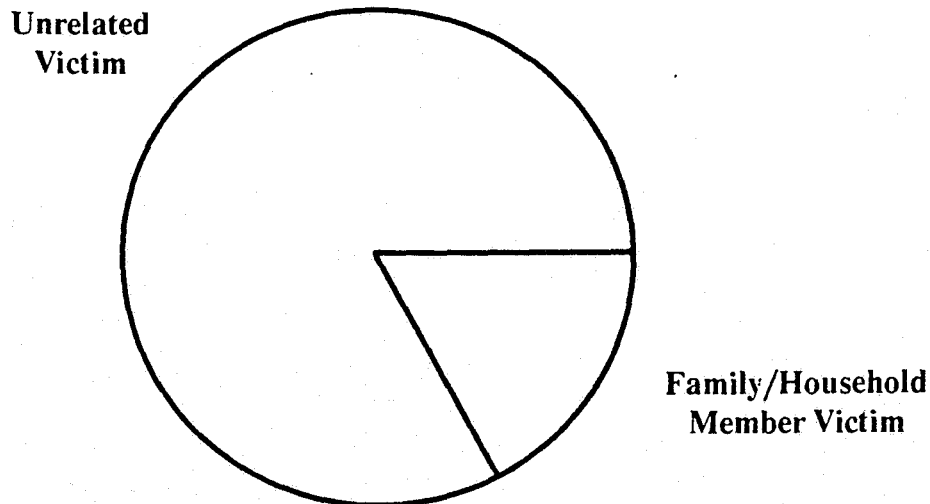
Family Violence Homicide 1989

Introduction

The following summarizes cases of family violence homicide which occurred during 1989. Homicides were chosen for rigorous analysis because the small number of incidents allow examination of each piece of descriptive information available concerning the act and the parties involved. Such close scrutiny would not be possible for other types of family violence offenses such as assault due to the great number of offenses and the character of data available.

Family violence homicides which occurred during 1989 resulted in either the arrest or suicide of the offender. Information on arrest cases was taken from Family Violence Offense Reports submitted to the Family Violence Reporting Program and verified as homicides through the reporting agency and/or the Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). Murder-suicide information was taken from UCR records.

Of the 190 homicides reported to UCR during 1989, thirty-two (16.8%) were verified as conforming to the definition of "Family or Household Member" as set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes (Title 46b, Section 38a(2)).*



* Note that while the total number of UCR homicides includes offenses which may have occurred in prior years and were not reported until 1989, the incidents identified as family violence only include offenses committed during 1989. Also, the definition of "Family or Household Member" can be found in the definitions at the beginning of the family violence section.

Homicide Breakdown

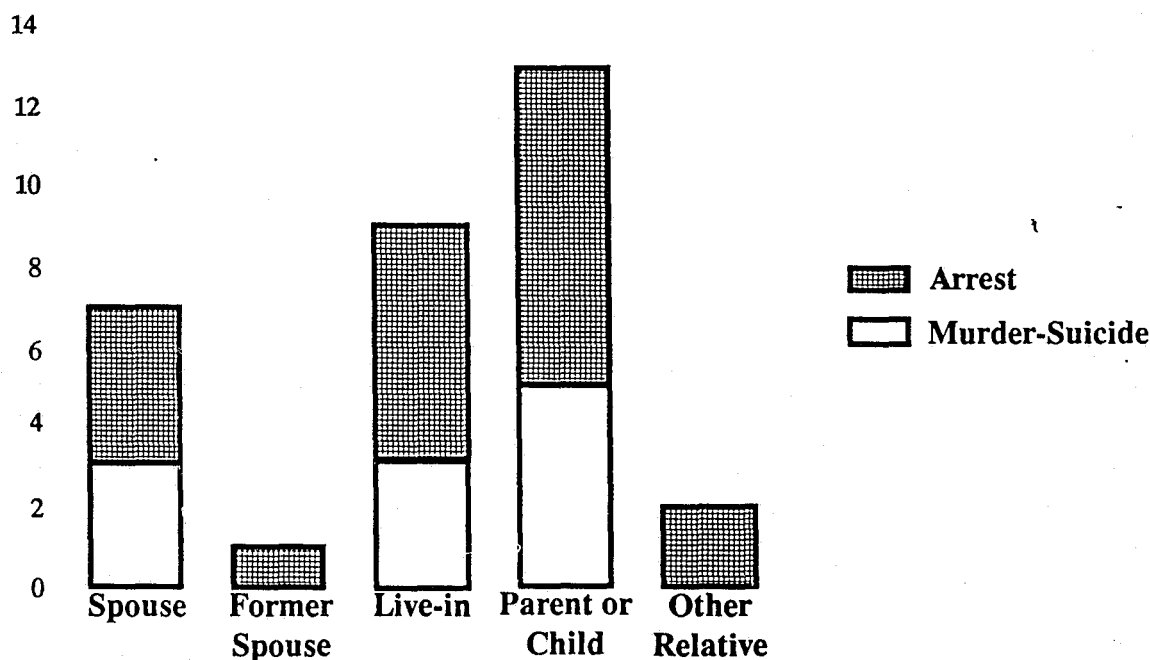
Date	Victim's Age	Sex	Relation to Offender	Offender's Age	Sex	Weapon Used	
1/19	41	M	Spouse	42	F	Gun	A R R E S T
1/28	31	F	Former Spouse	33	M	Knife	
2/4	32	M	Spouse	22	F	Gun	
2/7	22	F	Spouse	23	M	Gun	
2/27	0	F	Relative	22	M	Force	
3/10	47	F	Live-in	63	M	Gun	
4/6	63	M	Relative	20	M	Knife	
4/11	67	M	Live-in	56	F	Knife	
5/13	57	M	Relative	27	M	Gun	
6/3	45	F	Live-in	57	M	Knife	
6/3	28	F	Spouse	29	M	Gun	
6/18	50	F	Relative	21	M	Knife	
9/3	40	F	Live-in	37	M	Force	
9/5	0	M	Relative	26	M	Other	
9/28	0	F	Relative	18	F	Force	
10/19	46	M	Relative	17	M	Gun	
10/20	0	F	Relative	31	F	Force	
11/16	42	F	Live-in	53	M	Gun	
11/22	34	F	Live-in	43	M	Force	
11/29	46	M	Relative	28	F	Knife	
(two offenders)				24	M		
12/6	85	F	Relative	23	M	Other	
6/4	17	F	Live-in	24	M	Gun	M U R D E R S U I C I D E
6/22	70	F	Spouse	74	M	Gun	
7/10	47	F	Spouse	47	M	Gun	
(three victims)	17	M	Relative				
	21	F	Relative				
7/11	45	F	Live-in	60	M	Gun	
8/6	13	F	Live-in	45	M	Gun	
8/13	62	F	Relative	37	M	Gun	
(two victims)	17	M	Relative				
9/1	46	F	Spouse	34	M	Gun	
11/30	9	M	Relative	42	M	Knife	

Of the thirty-two family or household members who were victims, two-thirds were female. Half (46.9%) of the victims were relatives (parent, child, grandparent, etc.) of the offender.

Eighty percent of the thirty offenders were male (one arrest incident involved two offenders). Females accounted for 20.0% of the offenders while, overall, females accounted for 7.6% of all the homicides reported during 1989 (information taken from UCR reports). Guns or knives were used in 78.1% of the homicides.

Murder-Suicide

In one-third (34.4%) of the homicides the offender committed suicide. Two of the offenders were previously arrested for family violence (one prior arrest each).* Eight of the eleven victims were female and all eight of the offenders were male. Five of the victims were relatives of the offender, three were spouses and three were live-ins. Guns were used as the murder weapon in ten of the eleven murder-suicides.



Arrest

During 1989, there were twenty-one homicides for which a family or household member was arrested.

*Information taken from Family Violence Reporting Program computer files using names and dates of birth supplied by the law enforcement agency where the incident occurred. Records reflect data from October 1, 1986 through to the time of the incident.

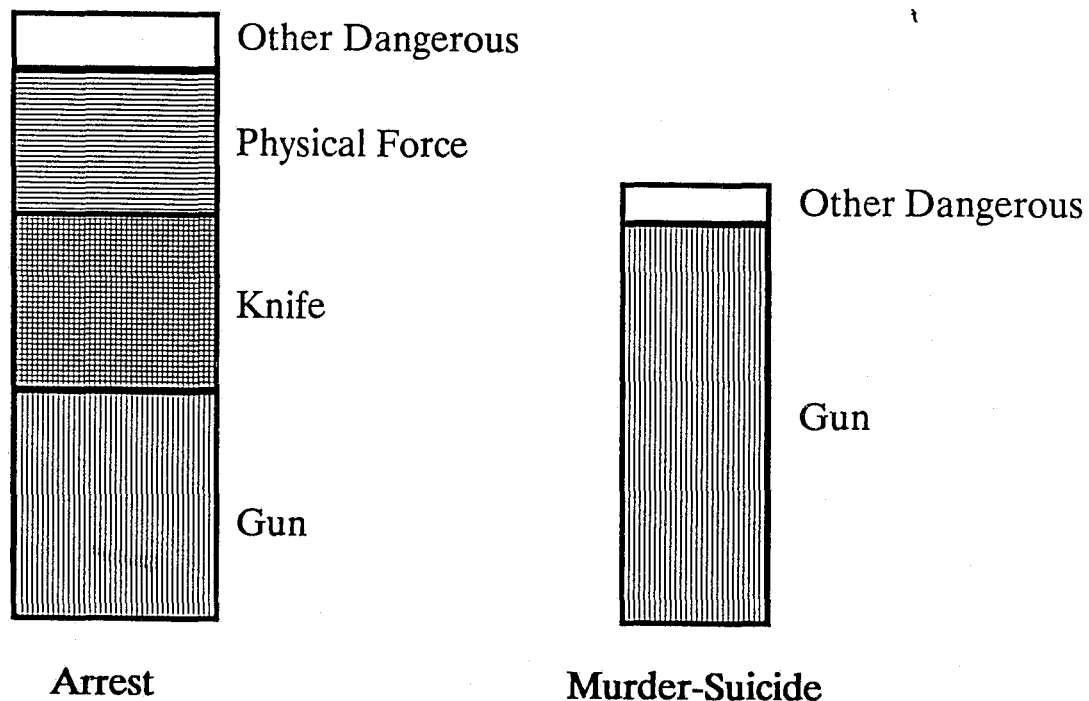
Thirteen victims were female and eight were male. Ten of the victims were relatives, six were live-ins, four were spouses and one was the former spouse of the offender.

Sixteen of the twenty-two offenders were male and six were female. Eight offenders used guns, seven used knives, five used physical force and two used some other dangerous weapon.

Prior court orders (Restraining or Protective Orders) had been issued in two of the sixteen incidents for which that information is known.

Children were either involved as victims or present as witnesses in ten of the twenty-one homicides.

Liquor/drugs were involved in seven of the fifteen incidents for which that information is known.



Prior Family Violence Arrests

Homicide Arrestees	
No Previous Incidents	14
One Previous Incident	4
Two or Three Previous Incidents	3
Four or More Previous Incidents	1
Total Offenders	22

Eight of the twenty-two arrested offenders were previously arrested for family violence offenses.*

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**FAMILY VIOLENCE
INCIDENTS BY CONTRIBUTOR**

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1989 Total	% Change 1988/89
Ansonia	0	99	0	0	13	0	34	21	9	176	+2.3
Avon	0	14	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	18	+125.0
Berlin	0	19	0	0	3	0	5	8	0	35	-7.9
Bethel	0	26	0	0	2	0	9	34	6	77	-4.9
Bloomfield	0	54	0	0	2	1	8	26	3	94	+2.2
Branford	0	39	0	0	14	1	34	80	9	177	+18.8
Bridgeport	0	907	2	3	70	7	66	126	119	1,300	-6.5
Bristol	0	133	1	1	21	5	127	184	29	501	+4.4
Brookfield	0	6	0	1	3	0	5	29	1	45	+80.0
Canton	0	5	0	0	0	0	8	12	0	25	-35.9
Cheshire	0	22	0	0	2	1	29	29	2	85	-3.4
Clinton	0	25	0	0	3	0	3	36	0	67	+6.3
Coventry	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	31	2	38	0.0
Cromwell	0	9	0	0	1	0	7	16	2	35	-5.4
Danbury	0	277	1	1	18	3	26	67	37	430	+25.4
Darien	0	12	0	0	0	0	6	17	0	35	+52.2
Derby	0	43	1	0	3	0	32	13	4	96	-28.9
East Hampton	0	17	0	0	5	1	16	13	2	54	-12.9
East Hartford	1	167	1	4	17	2	87	138	16	433	+11.3
East Haven	0	54	1	2	17	5	35	90	43	247	+7.4
Easton	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	-16.7
East Windsor	0	31	1	1	2	0	16	11	0	62	29.2
Enfield	0	135	0	0	20	5	32	73	18	283	+40.8
Fairfield	0	43	0	0	2	0	16	8	8	77	-10.5
Farmington	0	11	0	0	1	2	8	24	2	48	-23.8
Glastonbury	0	15	0	0	4	1	9	59	8	96	+6.7
Granby	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	12	+20.0
Greenwich	0	8	0	2	2	0	7	70	2	91	-20.2
Groton City	0	20	0	1	3	1	70	9	4	108	-15.0
Groton Long Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.0
Groton Town	1	69	0	1	5	2	19	122	7	226	-16.0
Guilford	0	24	0	0	2	1	9	16	4	56	-17.6
Hamden	1	45	0	0	7	1	75	62	11	202	-3.3
Hartford	0	1,877	6	12	172	30	227	329	240	2,893	-14.6
Jewett City	0	5	0	0	3	0	21	18	2	49	+36.1

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1989 Total	% Change 1988/89
Madison	0	11	0	0	5	0	13	28	6	63	+152.0
Manchester	0	147	3	2	17	4	114	34	26	347	+17.6
Meriden	1	293	0	3	21	13	126	191	58	706	-9.6
Middlebury	1	11	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	17	+30.8
Middletown	0	173	0	0	31	1	171	99	44	519	+14.3
Milford	0	54	0	0	8	2	65	76	12	217	+6.4
Monroe	0	9	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	19	-17.4
Naugatuck	0	107	0	0	10	6	32	78	13	246	+19.4
New Britain	4	488	0	3	23	2	42	76	27	665	+16.7
New Canaan	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	25	+25.0
New Haven	0	499	1	7	81	12	1,049	81	127	1,857	+5.6
Newington	1	42	0	1	2	1	10	12	5	74	+4.2
New London	0	138	0	0	38	3	270	49	42	540	+0.7
New Milford	1	27	0	0	1	0	59	31	0	119	-16.2
Newtown	0	23	0	0	1	0	11	13	0	48	+45.5
North Branford	0	9	0	0	1	0	4	33	4	51	+13.3
North Haven	1	14	0	0	3	1	11	45	7	82	-8.9
Norwalk	2	190	2	0	14	5	146	158	17	534	+6.8
Norwich	0	181	1	4	12	4	196	61	16	475	+31.9
Old Saybrook	0	5	0	0	5	1	14	7	1	33	-17.5
Orange	0	8	1	0	2	1	12	10	2	36	0.0
Plainfield	0	16	0	0	4	1	12	18	4	55	-24.7
Plainville	0	30	0	1	3	2	15	35	9	95	-10.4
Plymouth	0	57	0	1	12	0	7	22	4	103	+32.1
Putnam	0	19	0	1	5	0	18	18	0	61	-6.2
Ridgefield	0	10	0	0	1	0	5	14	0	30	+7.1
Rocky Hill	1	33	0	1	3	0	15	15	3	71	+39.2
Seymour	0	19	0	0	4	0	40	50	6	119	+52.6
Shelton	0	48	0	1	1	1	12	38	4	105	+14.1
Simsbury	0	7	0	0	1	0	3	13	0	24	-20.0
Southington	0	47	0	0	1	1	2	18	0	69	-33.7
South Windsor	0	15	1	2	1	0	23	24	4	70	+32.1
Stamford	0	284	2	2	22	4	75	135	38	562	+3.5
Stonington	0	35	0	0	10	1	11	61	3	121	-4.7
Stratford	0	141	0	0	16	0	52	22	18	249	+22.1

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1989 Total	% Change 1988/89
Suffield	0	7	0	0	1	0	0	19	3	30	+66.7
Thomaston	0	15	0	0	6	0	9	14	10	54	+10.2
Torrington	1	90	1	1	14	4	121	65	30	327	-4.4
Trumbull	0	45	0	0	3	0	2	20	5	75	+63.0
Vernon	0	61	0	4	13	4	123	29	11	245	+8.4
Wallingford	0	38	0	2	8	3	60	64	6	181	+28.4
Waterbury	0	606	1	3	80	10	521	160	97	1,478	+6.4
Waterford	1	14	0	0	4	0	60	7	6	92	+29.6
Watertown	0	20	0	0	6	0	20	55	3	104	+14.3
West Hartford	0	77	0	1	3	1	27	24	6	139	+3.7
West Haven	0	131	0	0	18	0	185	69	25	428	-0.5
Weston	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	5	3	14	-6.7
Westport	1	16	0	0	1	0	4	37	0	59	-15.7
Wethersfield	0	53	0	0	9	1	16	19	6	104	+16.9
Willimantic	0	48	0	1	8	1	126	14	5	203	+32.7
Wilton	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	19	1	26	-10.3
Windsor	0	48	0	0	1	0	18	19	1	87	-3.3
Windsor Locks	0	40	0	0	6	0	9	16	8	79	+3.9
Winsted	0	77	0	0	1	1	14	18	6	117	+8.3
Wolcott	1	21	0	0	7	0	14	20	1	64	-7.2
Woodbridge	0	4	0	1	1	0	8	8	3	25	-21.9
C.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*
E.C.S.U.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
S.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
W.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	*
UConn Avery Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0
UConn Health Center	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*
UConn Storrs	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	5	*
Yale	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-88.9
D.E.P.	0	3	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	11	+120.0
Amtrak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
State Police	2	393	1	6	39	13	191	666	56	1,367	+12.5
State Total	21	9,242	28	78	1,007	174	5,228	4,745	1,386	21,909	+2.6
* Cannot compute percent change from zero.											