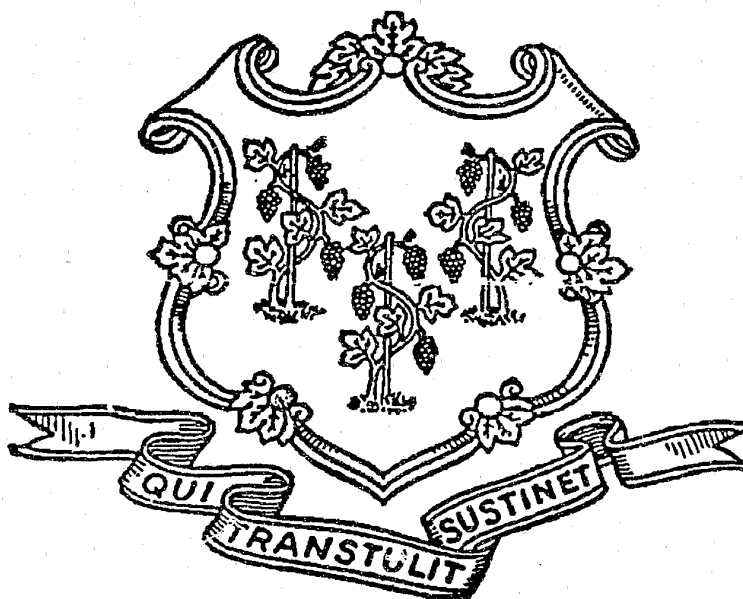


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Family Violence Arrests 1992 Annual Report

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Statistical Summary

1991 Family Violence Arrest Cases

There were 21,520 incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 1991. This represents a 7.5% decrease in the number of incidents since 1990.

Nearly nine in ten cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct. In 40.8% of cases the most serious offense for which an arrest was made was assault. Breach of peace was the most serious offense in 23.6% of cases and disorderly conduct was the most serious offense in 23.3% of cases.

81.7% of victims were female and 87.1% of offenders were male.

For forty-six percent of victims their relationship to the offender was "live-in" (live together, ever lived together, share a child). Half (49.5%) of "Both Arrestees" were live-ins.

More than half (58.3%) of the participants were between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five.

Physical force was the most serious weapon used in 72.4% of the incidents.

Incidents in which serious injury occurred declined 6.6% since 1990. Serious injury has declined for four consecutive years.

Prior court orders (either Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders) existed in 18.0% of the incidents in which that history was known.

Liquor/drugs were involved in half (49.5%) of the incidents in which that information was known.

Thirty-five percent of incidents occurred on Sunday (19.0%) or Monday (16.2%).

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

Children were present or directly involved in 44.5% of incidents. Specifically, children were involved in 11.0% of cases and present in 33.5% 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.

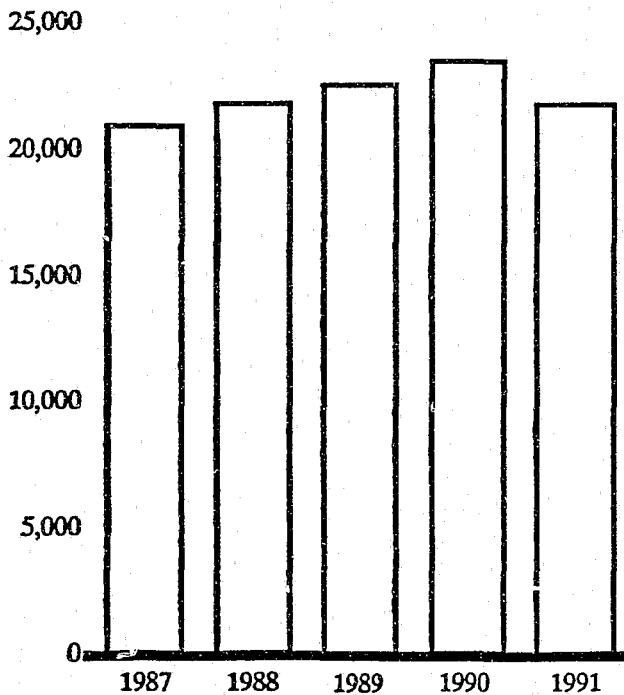
RELATIVE (SAME/OTHER HOME): Includes parents and children; brothers; sisters; aunts; uncles; in-laws; cousins; etcetera.

Status of Participants and Number of Incidents By Offense

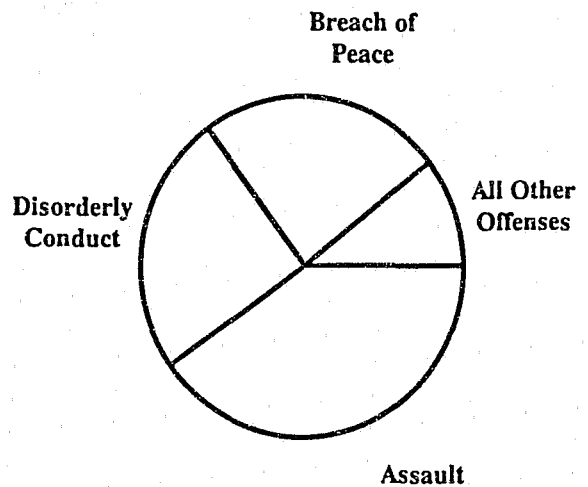
	Incidents		Victims		Arrestees					
	Total Incidents	% Change 1990/91	Total Victims	% Change 1990/91	Both Arrested*	% Change 1990/91	% Change Offenders 1990/91	Total Arrested	% Change 1990/91	
Homicide	17	+21.4	17	+13.3	0	0.0	17	+21.4	17	+21.4
Assault	8,788	-11.0	8,036	-12.1	3,281	-6.5	7,302	-11.9	10,583	-10.3
Kidnapping	30	-6.3	34	-12.8	4	**	28	-12.5	32	0.0
Sexual Assault	108	0.0	108	-3.6	2	**	109	-1.8	111	0.0
Criminal Mischief	864	-5.2	895	-10.1	123	+48.2	810	-7.8	933	-3.0
Risk of Injury	146	-3.3	222	-11.6	3	**	158	-10.7	161	-9.0
Breach of Peace	5,086	-8.5	4,172	-7.8	2,694	-11.2	3,847	-7.5	6,541	-9.0
Disorderly Conduct	5,013	-2.4	4,071	-4.5	2,860	+2.7	3,681	-4.1	6,541	-1.2
Other	1,468	-0.7	1,547	+1.0	80	-24.5	1,436	-0.3	1,516	-1.9
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5	19,102	-8.5	9,047	-4.9	17,388	-8.2	26,435	-7.1

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Number of Incidents by Year



Arrests by Most Serious Offense

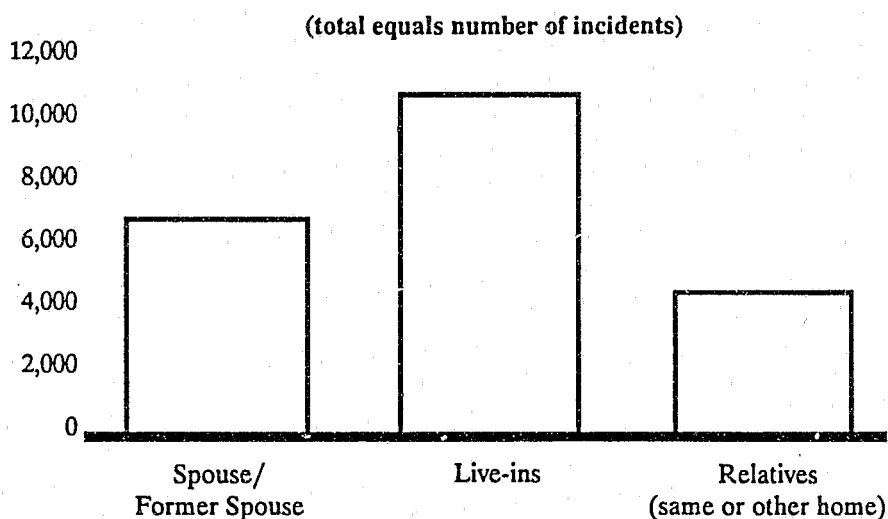


Sex of Participants

	Victims	% Change 1990/91	Both People Arrested*	% Change 1990/91	Offenders	% Change 1990/91	Total	% Change 1990/91
Male	3,503	-4.2	4,734	-6.3	15,144	-9.1	23,381	-7.8
Female	15,599	-9.4	4,313	-3.3	2,244	-1.8	22,156	-7.6
TOTAL	19,102	-8.5	9,047	-4.9	17,388	-8.2	45,537	-7.7

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Closest Relationship of Parties



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

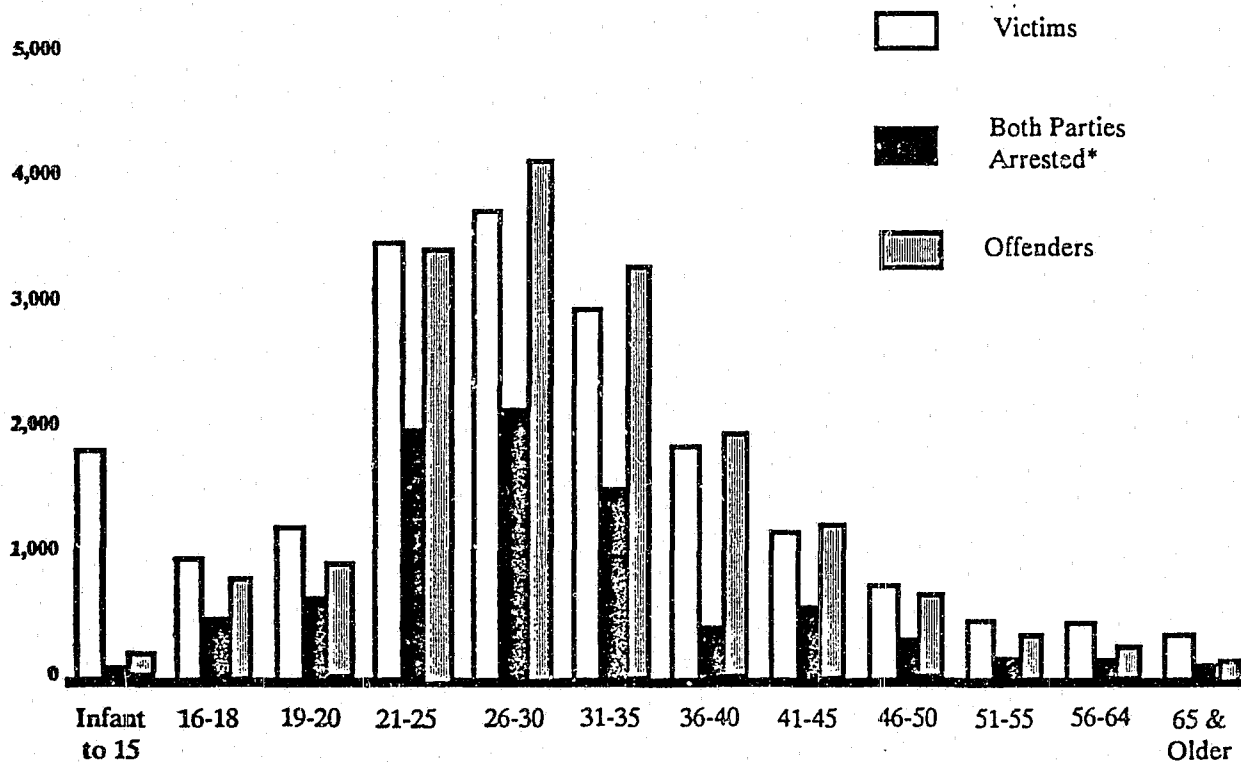
Relationship	Victim to Offender	% Change 1990/91	Both People Arrested* (to each other)	% Change 1990/91
Spouse	4,785	-9.9	2,501	-5.3
Former Spouse	499	-10.9	196	-10.5
Live-in	8,817	-8.6	4,481	-4.8
Relative (same home)	4,042	-4.7	1,357	-9.4
Relative (different home)	959	-14.3	512	+13.5
TOTAL	19,102	-8.5	9,047	-4.9

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Age of Participants

Age	Victims	% Change 1990/91	Both People Arrested*	% Change 1990/91	Offenders	% Change 1990/91	Total	% Change 1990/91
00-15	1,815	-7.9	106	+37.7	204	+14.6	2,125	-4.5
16-18	960	-13.4	492	-7.0	803	-6.3	2,255	-9.6
19-20	1,223	-5.4	646	-11.5	914	-7.0	2,783	-7.4
21-25	3,468	-15.1	1,959	-12.9	3,409	-13.9	8,836	-14.2
26-30	3,703	-10.0	2,116	-4.8	4,140	-10.6	9,959	-9.2
31-35	2,939	-4.6	1,512	-1.2	3,286	-5.8	7,737	-4.5
36-40	1,829	-2.3	922	+1.5	1,970	-6.9	4,721	-3.6
41-45	1,170	-3.8	589	+7.1	1,214	-4.9	2,973	-2.3
46-50	742	-2.4	317	-3.4	679	+2.7	1,738	-0.6
51-55	440	-9.7	155	-18.4	366	+1.1	961	-7.5
56-64	450	-14.3	163	+13.2	270	-2.9	883	-6.8
65 & Older	363	-0.5	70	+25.0	133	-8.3	566	0.0
TOTAL	19,102	-8.5	9,047	-4.9	17,388	-8.2	45,537	-7.7

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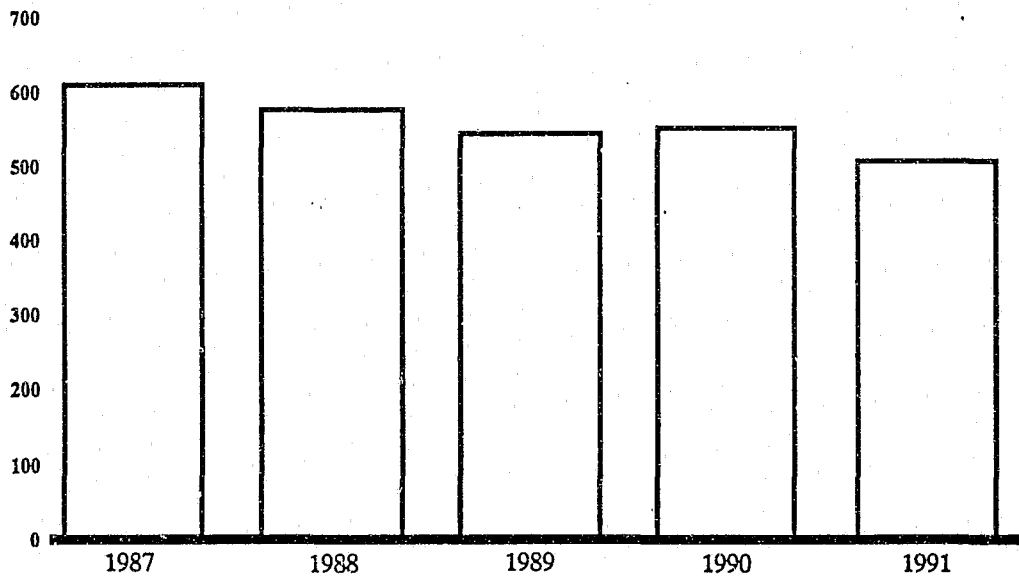


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Weapons Used

	Incidents	% Change 1990/91
Gun	366	-1.9
Knife	1,024	-10.7
Other Dangerous	1,640	-10.5
Physical Force	15,583	-7.6
No Weapon Used	2,907	-4.8
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5

Serious Injury 1987-1991



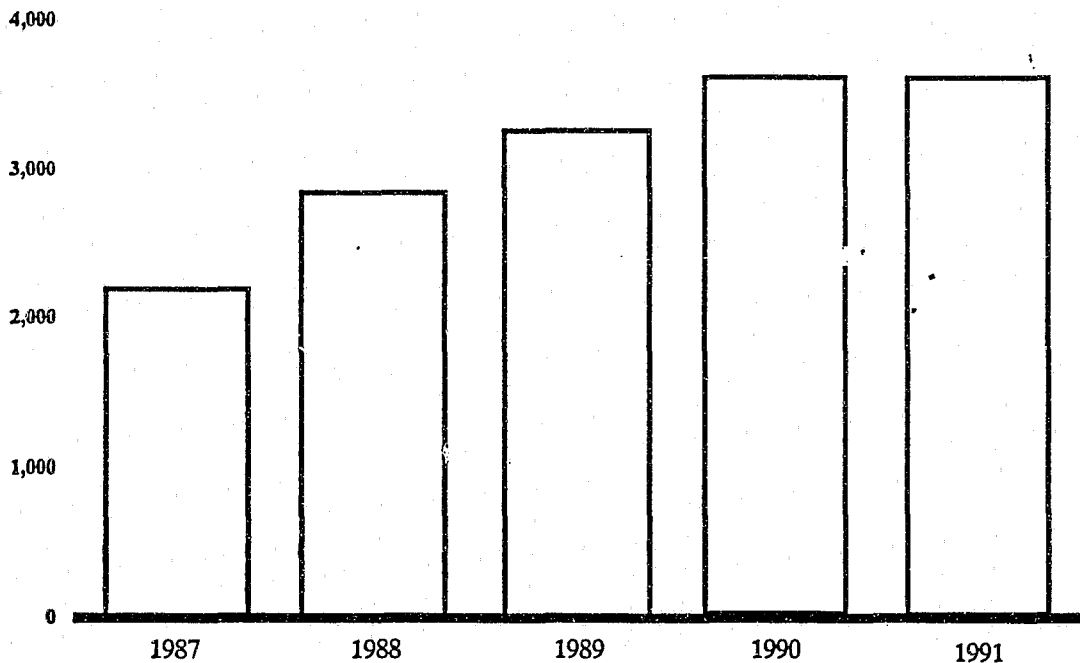
Extent of Injury

	Incidents	% Change 1990/91
Serious	507	-6.6
Minor	13,973	-8.5
Non-Physical	7,040	-5.5
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5

Prior Court Orders (Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders)

History of Court Orders?	Incidents	% Change 1990/91
Yes	3,599	+0.5
No	16,361	-9.4
Unknown	1,560	-4.4
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5

Cases with Prior Court Orders 1987-1991

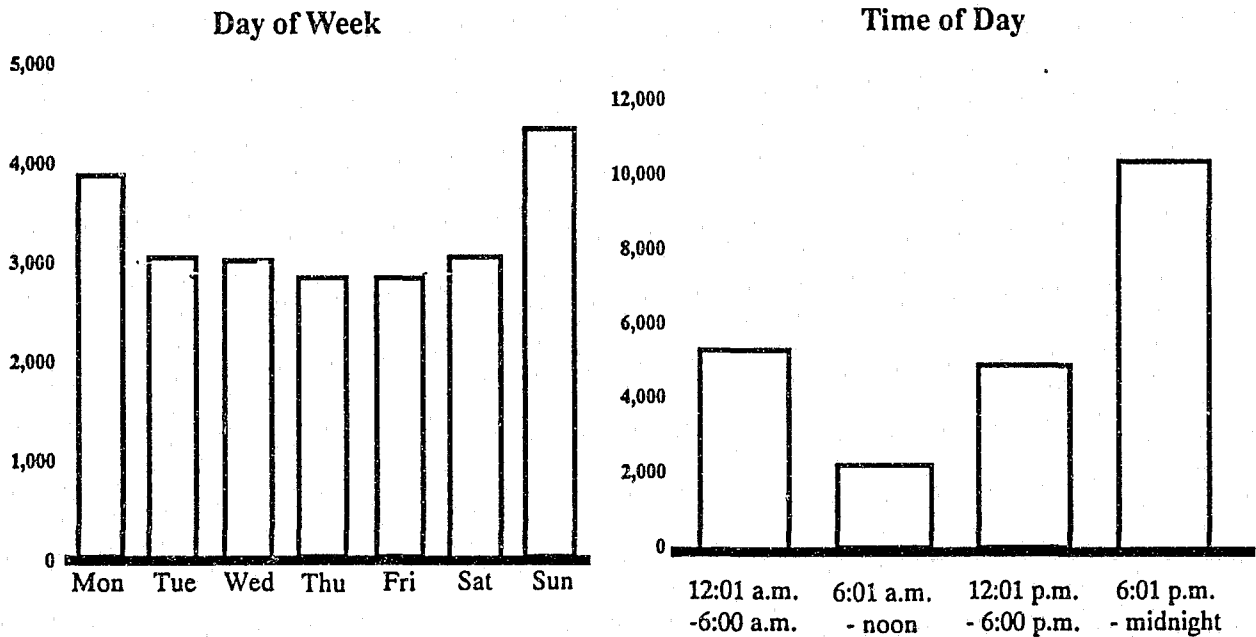


Liquor/Drugs Involved

Liquor/Drugs Involved?	Incidents	% Change 1990/91
Yes	10,337	-11.5
No	10,563	-4.2
Unknown	620	+12.1
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5

Day of Week

Day of Occurrence	Incidents	% Change 1990/91
Monday	3,490	-10.1
Tuesday	2,683	-13.8
Wednesday	2,896	-5.0
Thursday	2,664	-6.9
Friday	2,804	-3.3
Saturday	2,904	-5.9
Sunday	4,079	-6.7
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5



Time of Day

Time of Occurrence	Incidents	% Change 1990/91
12:01 a.m. - 6 a.m.	4,991	-7.9
6:01 a.m. - noon	2,337	-1.4
12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m.	4,899	-2.2
6:01 p.m. - midnight	9,293	-11.2
TOTAL	21,520	-7.5

Family Violence Homicide 1991

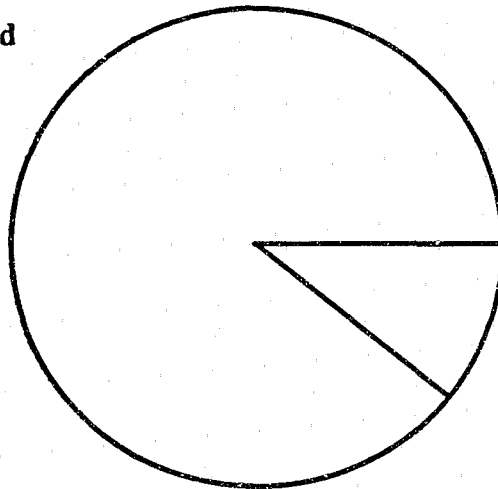
Introduction

The following summarizes cases of family violence homicide which occurred during 1991. 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 1991 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.

There were twenty-one homicides committed during 1991 which 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)).* This represents an increase in family violence homicides of 5.0% from the number committed during 1990. Of the 187 homicides reported to UCR during 1991, twenty-one (11.2%) were verified as conforming to Connecticut's definition of family violence. In the previous year, family violence homicides made up 11.9% of homicides reported to UCR.

Unrelated
Victim



Family/Household
Member Victim

Of the twenty-one family or household members who were victims, half were female. Forty-three percent of the victims were relatives (parents, children, grandparents, etc.), thirty-three percent lived with, formerly lived with or had a child in common with the offender, and twenty-four percent were spouses of the offender.

Eighteen of the twenty-one offenders were male. Females accounted for three (14.3%) of the family violence homicide offenders while, overall, females accounted for 4.7% of all the homicides reported during 1991 for which the sex of the offender was known (information taken from UCR reports). There were seven homicides reported statewide which were known to have been committed by females-- three of those homicides were identified as family violence. Guns or knives were used in 76.2% of the family violence homicides.

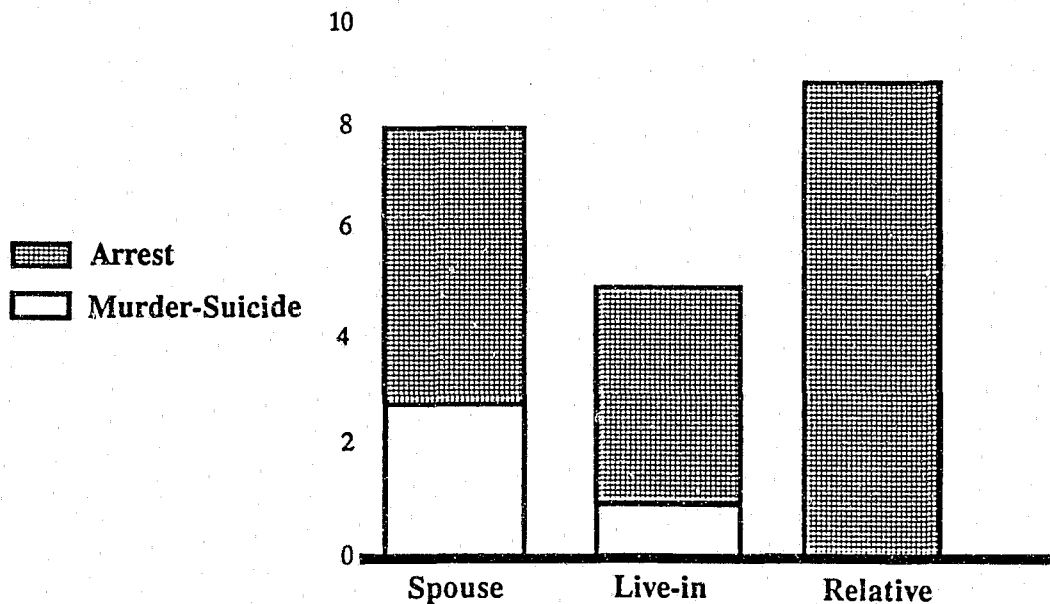
* Note that while the total number of UCR homicides includes offenses which may have occurred in prior years and were not reported until 1991, the incidents identified as family violence only include offenses committed during 1991. Also, the definition of "Family or Household Member" can be found in the definitions at the beginning of the family violence section.

Homicide Breakdown

Date	Victim		Relationship	Offender		Murder Weapon	
	Age	Sex		Age	Sex		
1/1	34	M	Spouse	29	F	Knife	A R R E S T
1/4	75	M	Relative	37	M	Other dangerous	
1/27	22	M	Relative	37	M	Knife	
2/8	74	M	Relative	40	M	Knife	
4/4	31	M	Relative	33	M	Knife	
4/8	35	F	Spouse	30	M	Knife	
4/22	Infant	M	Relative	17	F	Other dangerous	
5/20	21	F	Live-in	33	M	Knife	
5/21	27	F	Live-in	52	M	Knife	
6/5	83	F	Relative	64	F	Other dangerous	
7/5	69	M	Relative	49	M	Force	
7/5	25	M	Live-in	32	M	Gun	
9/29	24	F	Live-in	24	M	Knife	
10/19	27	F	Live-in	22	M	Gun	
11/21	57	M	Relative	18	M	Gun	
11/29	62	M	Relative	30	M	Knife	
12/14	30	F	Live-in	21	M	Other dangerous	
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3/21	50	F	Spouse	55	M	Gun	
5/9	21	F	Spouse	22	M	Gun	
9/9	21	F	Live-in	22	M	Gun	
9/15	37	F	Spouse	37	M	Gun	

Murder-Suicide

In four of the homicides the offender committed suicide. Two of the four offenders were previously arrested for family violence.* Neither of the other two offenders had been previously arrested for family violence in Connecticut. All four of the victims were female and all four of the offenders were male. Three of the four victims were the spouse of the offender and one victim was the live-in partner of the offender. Guns were used as the murder weapon in all four murder-suicides.

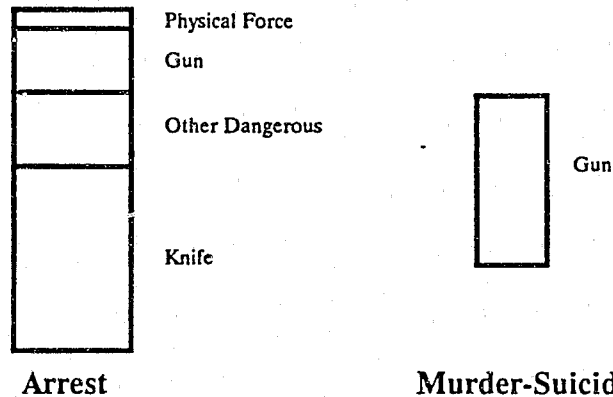


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Arrest

During 1991, there were seventeen homicides for which a family or household member was arrested. Ten victims were male and seven were female. Nine of the victims were relatives, six were live-ins and two were spouses of the offender.

Murder Weapon



Fourteen of the seventeen offenders were male and three were female. Nine offenders used knives, four used other dangerous weapons, three used guns and one used physical force.

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

One child was involved as a victim and children were present as witnesses in five of the remaining eleven homicides for which that information is known.

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

Prior Family Violence Arrests

	Arrestees	Murder-Suicide	Total
No Previous Incidents	9	2	11
One Previous Incident	4	2	6
Two or Three Previous Incidents	3	0	3
Four or More Previous Incidents	1	0	1
Total Offenders	17	4	21

Eight of the seventeen arrested offenders were previously arrested for family violence offenses.*

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Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1991 Total	% Change 1990/91
Ansonia	0	61	0	1	11	5	34	21	7	140	-26.3
Avon	0	13	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	16	-15.8
Berlin	0	18	0	0	0	0	5	8	3	34	-20.9
Bethel	0	10	0	0	6	0	11	35	6	68	-20.0
Bloomfield	0	44	0	0	2	2	11	45	6	110	-11.3
Branford	0	27	0	0	10	0	52	94	17	200	+8.7
Bridgeport	1	888	1	8	65	6	40	140	138	1,287	+3.5
Bristol	0	208	1	0	24	3	235	175	58	704	+7.2
Brookfield	0	4	0	0	3	0	3	23	4	37	+12.1
Canton	0	2	0	1	0	1	9	8	0	21	-38.2
Cheshire	0	14	0	1	1	1	31	22	8	78	-17.0
Clinton	0	23	0	0	1	0	6	38	7	75	-1.3
Coventry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	0	44	+37.5
Cromwell	0	9	0	0	0	1	13	16	3	42	-10.6
Danbury	0	262	0	2	19	2	30	69	19	403	-0.2
Darien	0	9	0	0	0	0	4	33	4	50	+35.1
Derby	0	29	0	0	6	0	38	30	5	108	-9.2
East Hampton	0	9	0	0	2	0	4	23	1	39	-25.0
East Hartford	0	217	2	7	18	11	66	169	15	505	+6.5
East Haven	1	60	0	0	9	0	25	94	25	214	-12.3
Easton	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	14	+16.7
East Windsor	0	31	0	3	3	0	18	9	2	66	+3.1
Enfield	0	137	0	3	7	1	23	69	8	248	-12.4
Fairfield	0	44	0	0	0	0	13	17	7	81	-16.5
Farmington	0	16	0	0	3	1	23	21	3	67	+26.4
Glastonbury	0	18	0	1	7	0	6	45	1	78	-27.8
Granby	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	13	2	23	-4.2
Greenwich	0	11	0	1	2	1	6	87	4	112	0.0
Groton City	0	20	0	0	1	2	78	10	7	118	+9.3
Groton Long Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0
Groton Town	0	94	0	0	9	6	21	133	7	270	-4.6
Guilford	0	29	0	0	1	1	9	31	13	84	+35.5
Hamden	0	51	0	0	4	0	48	105	7	215	+17.5
Hartford	3	1,868	7	24	166	36	317	385	283	3,089	-13.3
Jewett City	0	11	0	1	0	1	12	10	0	35	+12.9

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1991 Total	% Change 1990/91
Madison	0	9	0	0	5	1	13	24	11	63	+10.5
Manchester	0	153	0	3	15	2	135	29	24	361	+0.6
Meriden	0	235	1	2	17	2	103	153	47	560	-11.5
Middlebury	0	15	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	23	+76.9
Middletown	0	130	0	5	22	1	147	118	28	451	-7.6
Milford	0	40	0	0	7	2	81	70	20	220	-17.0
Monroe	0	15	0	0	1	0	4	13	3	36	-7.7
Naugatuck	0	78	0	0	2	0	25	79	9	193	-26.3
New Britain	0	449	1	2	21	1	65	93	26	658	-4.6
New Canaan	0	7	0	0	1	0	1	12	1	22	-21.4
New Haven	2	463	3	9	53	7	742	50	115	1,444	-19.6
Newington	0	45	0	0	3	0	8	19	7	82	-9.9
New London	0	115	0	1	21	3	285	33	34	492	-22.8
New Milford	0	17	1	0	3	0	79	34	6	140	+11.1
Newtown	0	7	0	0	1	0	6	15	0	29	-19.4
North Branford	0	18	0	0	4	0	8	43	4	77	+18.5
North Haven	0	12	0	0	8	0	18	47	3	90	-4.3
Norwalk	0	171	1	4	13	3	137	211	38	578	-2.0
Norwich	0	182	0	0	13	2	159	125	11	492	-5.2
Old Saybrook	1	9	0	0	1	0	10	7	0	28	+12.0
Orange	0	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	15	-53.1
Plainfield	0	23	0	0	8	0	28	27	5	91	+5.8
Plainville	0	25	0	1	5	1	21	61	11	125	+15.7
Plymouth	0	34	1	1	9	1	9	35	6	96	+26.3
Putnam	0	10	0	0	0	0	21	13	3	47	-20.3
Ridgefield	0	8	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	18	-25.0
Rocky Hill	1	30	0	0	2	0	26	9	11	79	-1.3
Seymour	0	22	0	0	0	0	40	20	4	86	-19.6
Shelton	1	27	0	0	3	1	17	21	6	76	-6.2
Simsbury	0	18	0	2	0	0	4	15	1	40	+5.3
Southington	0	65	0	0	4	0	15	28	4	116	+31.8
South Windsor	0	18	0	0	0	0	34	34	4	90	+21.6
Stamford	1	321	0	4	14	3	71	146	30	590	-2.3
Stonington	0	32	0	1	5	1	13	32	4	88	-31.8
Stratford	1	114	1	0	6	0	22	10	16	170	-7.6
Suffield	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	12	0	18	-25.0

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Thomaston	0	11	0	0	2	0	12	14	5	44	-29.0
Torrington	0	107	0	2	15	7	172	64	37	404	-6.0
Trumbull	0	33	0	0	8	0	5	14	9	69	+19.0
Vernon	1	49	1	2	6	2	109	12	9	191	-14.7
Wallingford	0	25	1	0	3	1	66	87	12	199	+10.6
Waterbury	1	532	4	4	64	7	442	113	59	1,226	-15.0
Waterford	0	9	0	0	2	0	69	4	4	88	-8.3
Watertown	0	20	0	0	4	0	14	60	2	100	+1.0
West Hartford	0	76	0	1	5	0	39	39	10	170	+13.3
West Haven	2	143	0	1	20	1	198	95	41	501	+8.0
Weston	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	13	-23.5
Westport	0	16	0	0	1	0	8	41	1	67	0.0
Wethersfield	0	38	0	1	1	0	10	25	3	78	-23.5
Willimantic	0	26	0	1	8	1	131	38	12	217	+9.6
Wilton	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	14	2	22	-12.0
Windsor	0	34	1	0	1	0	18	36	3	93	0.0
Windsor Locks	0	25	0	0	7	0	11	20	5	68	-1.4
Winsted	0	39	0	0	4	1	10	15	4	73	-36.5
Wolcott	0	19	0	2	6	1	8	13	3	52	0.0
Woodbridge	0	5	0	0	2	0	5	6	2	20	-35.5
C.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	*
E.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0.0
UCONN Avery Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
UCONN Health Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-50.0
UCONN Storrs	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	10	+25.0
Yale	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	+300.0
D.E.P.	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	10	+42.9
Amtrak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Metro North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0
State Police	1	380	3	6	55	13	190	618	73	1,339	-9.7
State Hospitals	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-50.0
State Total	17	8,788	30	108	864	146	5,086	5,013	1,468	21,520	-7.5
* Cannot compute percent change from zero.											