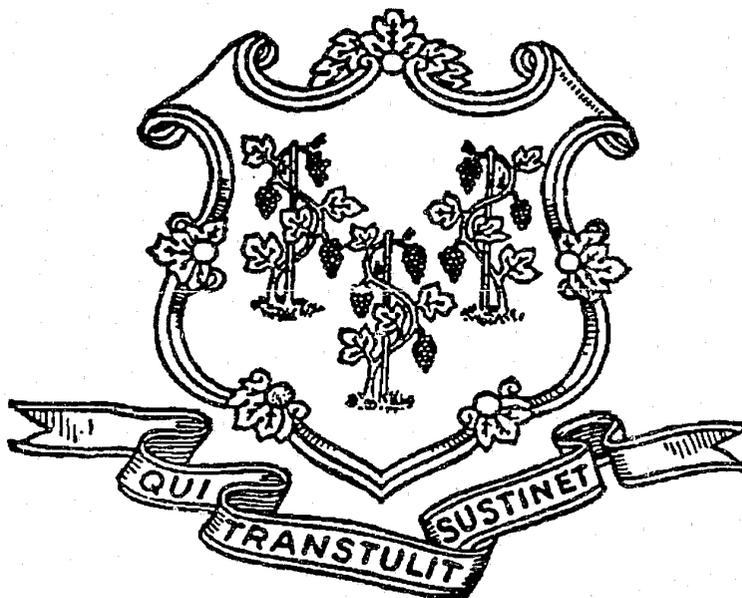


Family Violence Arrests Annual Report 1992

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Statistical Summary

1992 Family Violence Arrest Cases

There were 20,322 incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 1992. This represents a 6.4% decrease in the number of incidents since 1991.

Nearly nine in ten cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct. In 40.9% of cases the most serious offense for which an arrest was made was assault. Breach of peace was the most serious offense in 23.2% of cases and disorderly conduct was the most serious offense in 23.0% of cases.

81.9% of victims were female and 86.8% of offenders were male.

For forty-eight percent of victims their relationship to the offender was "live-in" (live together, ever lived together, share a child). Half (48.9%) of "Both Arrestees" were live-ins.

More than half (58.2%) of the participants were between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five.

Physical force was the most serious weapon used in 71.7% of the incidents.

Incidents in which serious injury occurred declined 3.1% since 1991. Serious injury has declined for six consecutive years.

Prior court orders (either Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders) existed in 18.4% of the incidents in which that history was known.

Liquor/drugs were involved in half (48.8%) of the incidents in which that information was known.

Thirty-five percent of incidents occurred on Sunday (18.1%) or Monday (16.6%).

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 44.9% of incidents. Specifically, children were involved in 11.4% 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.

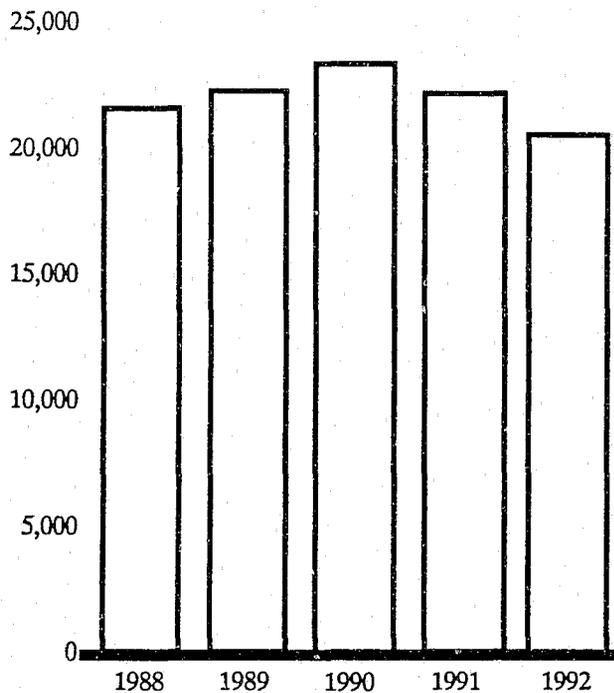
RELATIVE (SAME/OTHER HOME): Includes parents and children; brothers; sisters; aunts; uncles; in-laws; cousins; etcetera.

Status of Participants and Number of Incidents By Offense

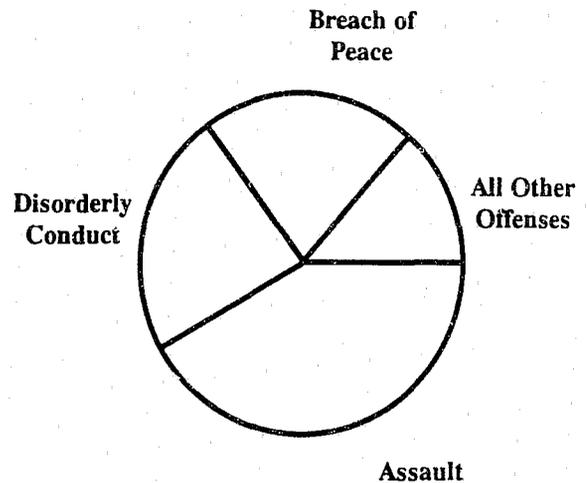
	Incidents		Victims		Arrestees					
	Total Incidents	% Change 1991/92	Total Victims	% Change 1991/92	Both Arrested*	% Change 1991/92	% Change Offenders 1991/92	Total Arrested	% Change 1991/92	
Homicide	20	+17.6	20	+17.6	0	0.0	20	+17.6	20	+17.6
Assault	8,305	-6.7	7,739	-5.2	2,937	-10.5	6,991	-5.8	9,928	-7.2
Kidnapping	43	+50.0	51	+50.0	0	-100.0	44	+57.1	44	+37.5
Sexual Assault	95	-15.9	99	-13.2	0	-100.0	95	-16.7	95	-18.1
Criminal Mischief	890	+1.4	930	+2.0	125	+1.6	838	+17.0	963	+16.9
Risk of Injury	138	-6.8	193	-14.2	0	-100.0	155	-3.1	155	-4.9
Breach of Peace	4,716	-7.6	3,820	-8.9	2,537	-5.9	3,544	-8.3	6,081	-7.3
Disorderly Conduct	4,683	-6.9	3,847	-5.8	2,690	-6.1	3,410	-7.7	6,100	-7.5
Other	1,432	-3.7	1,536	-1.9	60	-25.0	1,404	-3.5	1,464	-4.6
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4	18,235	-5.6	8,349	-7.8	16,501	-6.1	24,850	-6.8

*Please see definitions at the beginning of this section.

Number of Incidents by Year



Arrests by Most Frequent Offense



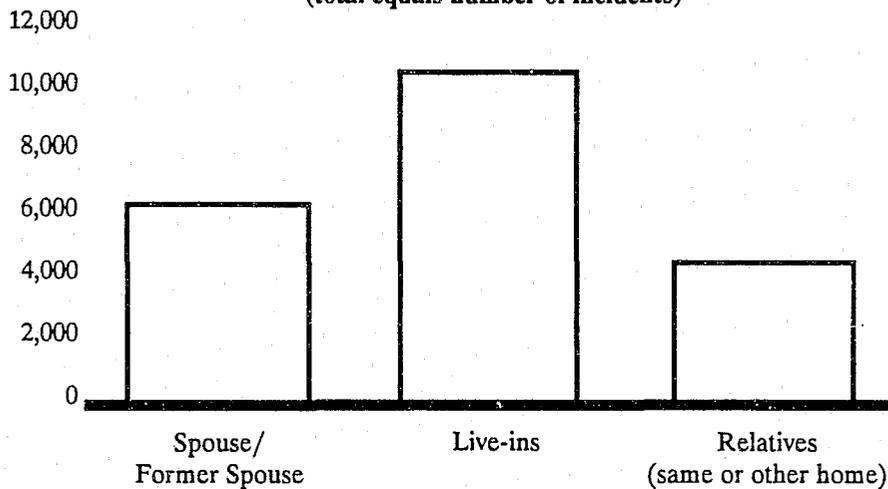
Sex of Participants

	Victims	% Change 1991/92	Both People Arrested*	% Change 1991/92	Offenders	% Change 1991/92	Total	% Change 1991/92
Male	3,292	-6.7	4,345	-8.3	14,326	-6.5	21,963	-6.9
Female	14,943	-5.3	4,004	-7.3	2,175	-3.7	21,122	-5.1
TOTAL	18,235	-5.6	8,349	-7.8	16,501	-6.1	43,085	-6.2

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Closest Relationship of Parties

(total equals number of incidents)



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

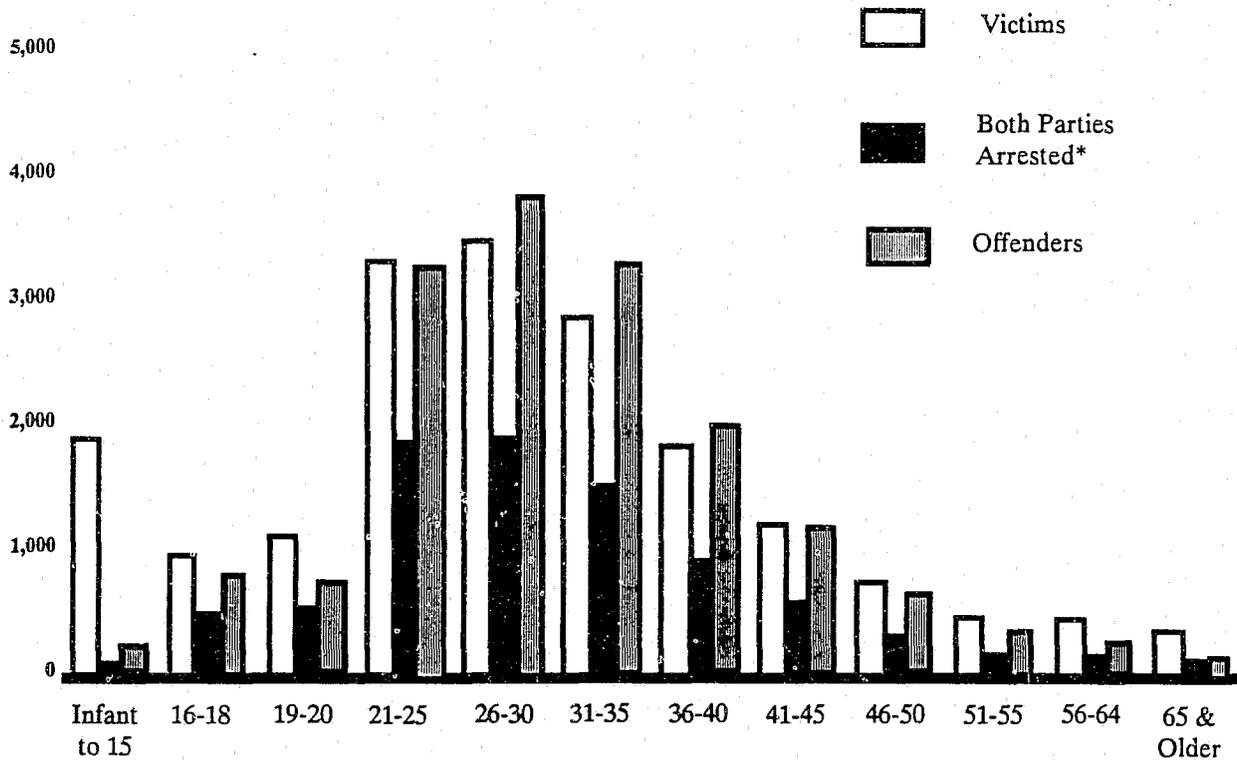
Relationship	Victim to Offender	% Change 1991/92	Both People Arrested* (to each other)	% Change 1991/92
Spouse	4,264	-11.4	2,301	-8.2
Former Spouse	485	-4.7	190	-2.1
Live-in	8,771	-2.1	4,080	-9.1
Relative (same home)	3,797	-6.6	1,302	-4.1
Relative (different home)	918	-4.8	476	-7.0
TOTAL	18,235	-5.6	8,349	-7.8

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Age of Participants

Age	Victims	% Change 1991/92	Both People Arrested*	% Change 1991/92	Offenders	% Change 1991/92	Total	% Change 1991/92
00-15	1,859	+1.0	106	0.0	228	+11.8	2,193	+2.0
16-18	915	-5.8	448	-9.3	749	-7.5	2,112	-7.2
19-20	1,078	-12.9	494	-23.5	744	-19.8	2,316	-17.6
21-25	3,285	-6.8	1,830	-6.6	3,228	-6.7	8,343	-6.7
26-30	3,448	-8.1	1,874	-11.5	3,816	-9.0	9,138	-9.2
31-35	2,831	-4.4	1,508	-0.6	3,249	-2.2	7,588	-2.7
36-40	1,786	-3.3	895	-3.0	2,000	+0.4	4,681	-1.7
41-45	1,194	+1.4	553	-6.1	1,152	-5.5	2,899	-2.9
46-50	703	-5.9	319	+0.6	619	-9.1	1,641	-6.0
51-55	415	-5.9	140	-9.7	325	-11.7	880	-8.7
56-64	396	-12.2	113	-30.7	260	-3.7	769	-13.0
65 & Older	325	-10.2	69	-1.4	131	-1.5	525	-7.1
TOTAL	18,235	-5.6	8,349	-7.8	16,501	-6.1	43,085	-6.2

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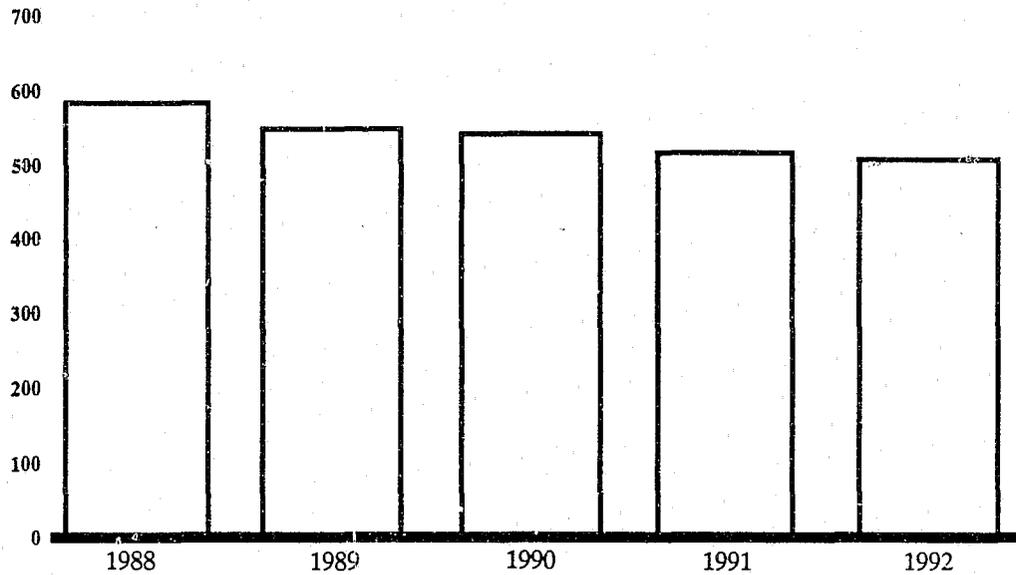


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Weapons Used

	Incidents	% Change 1991/92
Gun	319	-14.2
Knife	989	-4.4
Other Dangerous	1,585	-4.6
Physical Force	14,562	-7.3
No Weapon Used	2,867	-2.2
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4

Serious Injury 1988-1992



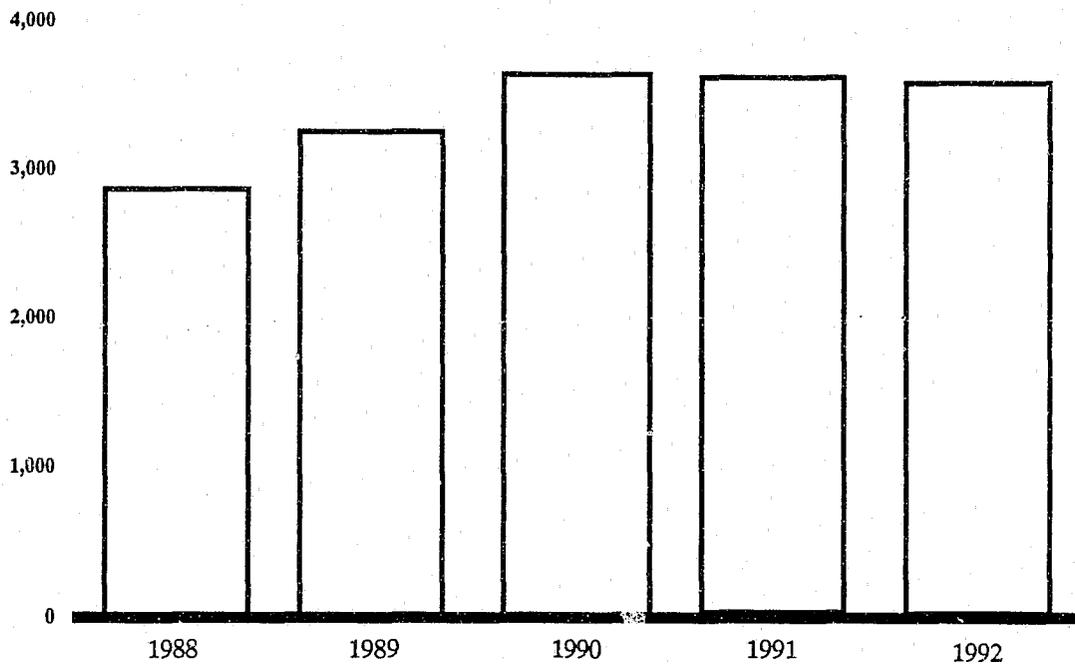
Extent of Injury

	Incidents	% Change 1991/92
Serious	497	-3.1
Minor	13,175	-6.6
Non-Physical	6,650	-6.3
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4

Prior Court Orders (Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders)

History of Court Orders?	Incidents	% Change 1991/92
Yes	3,507	-3.4
No	15,539	-5.9
Unknown	1,276	-19.1
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4

Cases with Prior Court Orders

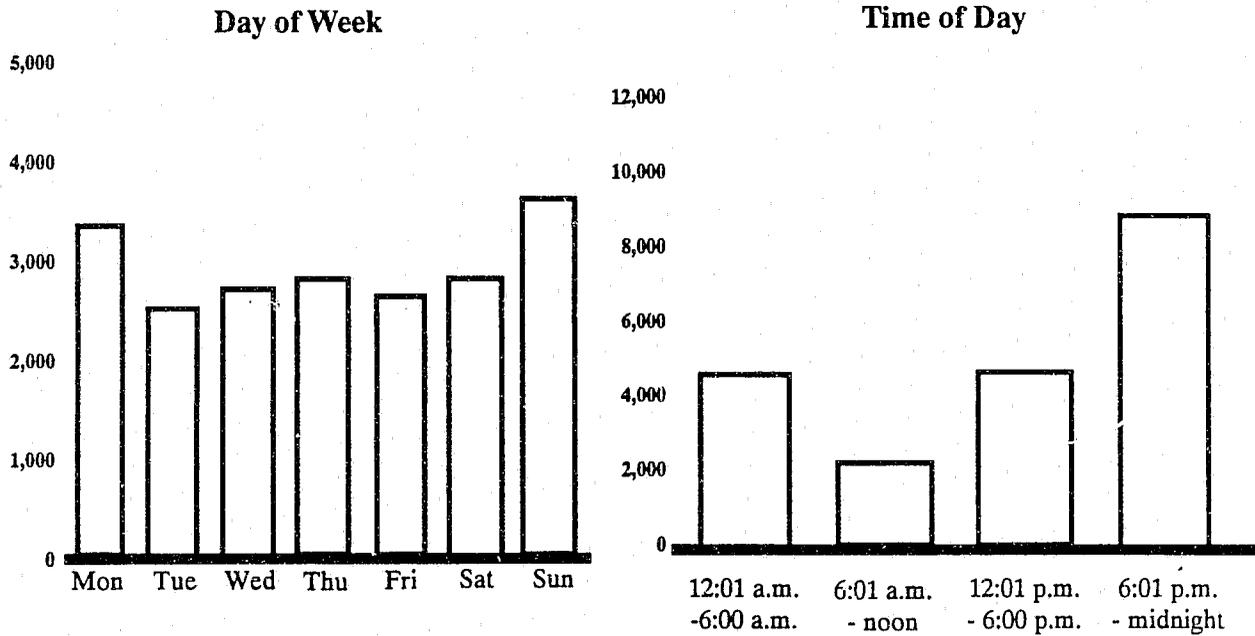


Liquor/Drugs Involved

Liquor/Drugs Involved?	Incidents	% Change 1991/92
Yes	9,687	-6.9
No	10,154	-4.9
Unknown	481	-24.1
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4

Day of Week

Day of Occurrence	Incidents	% Change 1991/92
Monday	3,370	-4.2
Tuesday	2,454	-9.4
Wednesday	2,668	-8.8
Thursday	2,763	+2.9
Friday	2,596	-8.1
Saturday	2,797	-4.7
Sunday	3,674	-10.7
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4



Time of Day

Time of Occurrence	Incidents	% Change 1991/92
12:01 a.m. - 6 a.m.	4,675	-7.1
6:01 a.m. - noon	2,174	-7.7
12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m.	4,584	-7.2
6:01 p.m. - midnight	8,889	-5.3
TOTAL	20,322	-6.4

Family Violence Homicide

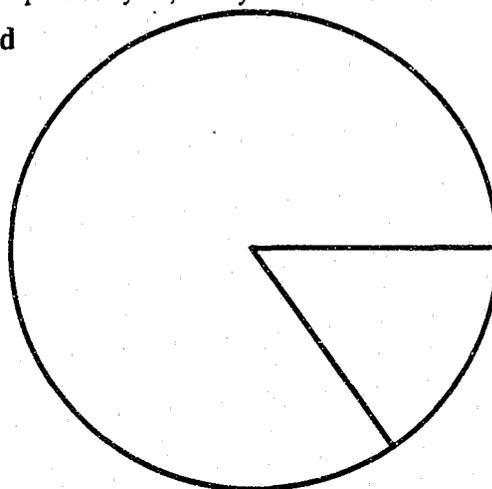
Introduction

The following summarizes cases of family violence homicide which occurred during 1992. 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 for this portion of the report include both the arrest incidents discussed earlier and incidents during which the offender committed suicide ("murder-suicide"). 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-four homicides committed during 1992 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 14.3% from the number committed during 1991. Of the 168 homicides reported to UCR during 1992, twenty-four (14.3%) were verified as conforming to Connecticut's definition of family violence. In the previous year, family violence homicides made up 11.2% of homicides reported to UCR.

Unrelated
Victim



Family/Household
Member Victim

Of the twenty-four family or household members who were victims, eighteen were female. Fifty 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 seventeen percent were spouses of the offender.

Nineteen of the twenty-four offenders were male. Females accounted for five (20.8%) of the family violence homicide offenders while, overall, females accounted for 5.6% of all the homicides reported during 1992 for which the sex of the offender was known (information taken from UCR reports). There were ten homicides reported statewide which were known to have been committed by females-- five of those homicides were identified as family violence. Guns or knives were used 83.3% of the family violence homicides.

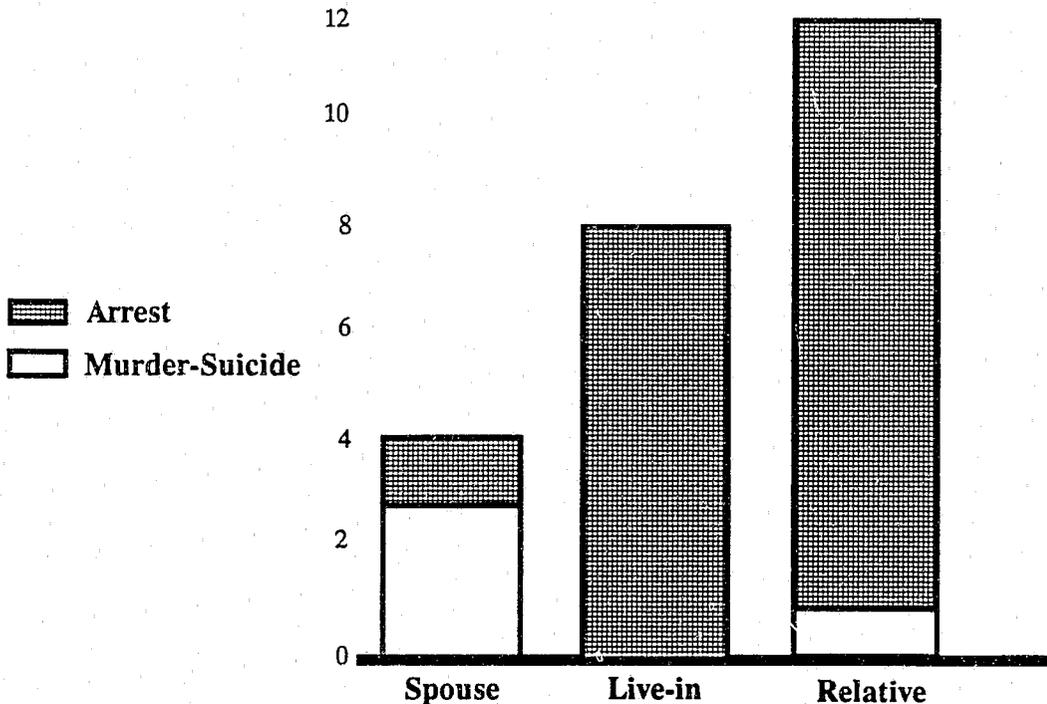
* Note that while the total number of UCR homicides includes offenses which may have occurred in prior years and were not reported until 1992, the incidents identified as family violence only include offenses committed during 1992. Also, the definition of "Family or Household Member" can be found in the definitions at the beginning of the family violence section.

Homicide Breakdown

Date	Victim		Relationship	Offender		Murder Weapon	
	Age	Sex		Age	Sex		
1/13	infant	F	Relative	13	F	Force	A R R E S T
2/1	26	F	Live-in	22	M	Knife	
3/12	94	F	Relative	88	M	Other Dangerous	
3/12	2	F	Relative	35	F	Force	
3/27	27	M	Relative	23	M	Knife	
3/29	40	F	Live-in	35	M	Gun	
4/14	50	M	Relative	27	M	Knife	
4/15	34	M	Live-in	23	F	Knife	
5/1	72	F	Relative	26	M	Gun	
5/25	51	M	Relative	15	M	Gun	
5/31	41	F	Spouse	42	M	Knife	
7/6	35	F	Live-in	36	M	Knife	
7/10	17	M	Relative	56	M	Gun	
7/12	22	F	Live-in	26	M	Knife	
7/23	25	M	Live-in	21	F	Knife	
10/26	20	F	Live-in	19	M	Gun	
10/27	32	F	Relative	41	F	Knife	
10/30	39	F	Relative	33	M	Knife	
11/2	6	F	Relative	40	M	Gun	
12/1	26	F	Live-in	22	M	Knife	
1/31	41	F	Spouse	24	M	Knife	M U R D E R S U I C I D E
5/29	2	F	Relative	27	M	Gun	
8/5	22	F	Spouse	22	M	Gun	
12/4	75	F	Spouse	81	M	Other Dangerous	

Murder-Suicide

In four of the homicides the offender committed suicide. One of the four offenders were previously arrested for family violence.* None of the other three 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 relative of the offender. Guns were used as the murder weapon in two incidents, a knife was used in one incident and an other dangerous weapon was used in the fourth murder-suicide.

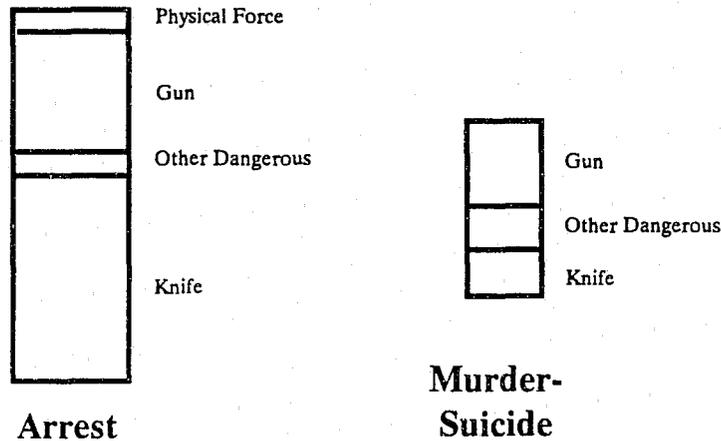


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Arrest

During 1992, there were twenty homicides for which a family or household member was arrested. Fourteen victims were female and six were male. Eleven of the victims were relatives, eight were live-ins and one was the spouse of the offender.

Murder Weapon



Fifteen of the twenty offenders were male and five were female. Eleven offenders used knives, one used other dangerous weapons, six used guns and two used physical force.

Prior court orders (Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders) had not been issued in any of the nine incidents for which that information is known.

Four children were involved as victims and children were present as witnesses in three of the remaining twenty homicides for which that information is known.

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

Prior Family Violence Arrests

	Arrestees	Murder-Suicide	Total
No Previous Incidents	16	3	19
One Previous Incident	1	0	1
Two or Three Previous Incidents	2	1	3
Four or More Previous Incidents	1	0	1
Total Offenders	20	4	24

Four of the twenty 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	1992 Total	% Change 1991/92
Ansonia	0	62	1	1	19	0	23	9	13	128	-8.6
Avon	0	13	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	16	0.0
Berlin	0	20	0	0	1	0	1	9	4	35	+2.9
Bethel	0	19	0	0	8	0	13	27	8	75	+10.3
Bloomfield	0	52	0	0	6	0	9	47	6	120	+8.1
Branford	0	26	0	0	16	2	50	91	24	209	+4.5
Bridgeport	3	785	1	2	70	7	41	115	145	1,169	-9.2
Bristol	0	201	0	6	31	0	194	92	38	562	-21.2
Brookfield	0	6	0	0	1	0	3	29	0	39	+5.4
Canton	0	1	0	0	2	1	11	8	2	25	+19.0
Cheshire	0	14	0	0	1	1	40	40	4	100	+28.2
Clinton	0	29	0	0	3	0	2	50	14	98	+30.7
Coventry	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	31	0	37	-15.9
Cromwell	0	4	0	0	5	0	16	29	5	59	+40.5
Danbury	1	253	1	1	11	2	16	93	19	397	-1.5
Darien	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	18	-64.0
Derby	0	45	0	1	10	1	33	28	3	121	+11.0
East Hampton	0	18	1	0	4	0	8	16	4	51	+30.8
East Hartford	0	242	1	2	11	4	83	176	30	549	+8.7
East Haven	0	47	0	1	6	2	32	82	42	212	-0.9
Easton	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	15	+7.1
East Windsor	0	32	0	0	4	0	18	12	2	68	+3.0
Enfield	0	119	0	2	11	2	14	46	8	202	-18.5
Fairfield	0	47	0	1	2	0	6	11	3	70	-13.6
Farmington	0	7	0	0	2	0	13	32	7	61	-9.0
Glastonbury	0	21	0	3	6	0	7	45	4	86	+10.3
Granby	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	1	22	-4.3
Greenwich	0	17	0	1	5	0	11	71	12	117	+3.5
Groton City	0	32	3	2	3	2	59	8	6	115	-2.5
Groton Long Point	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	+100.0
Groton Town	0	80	1	0	9	3	29	113	23	258	-4.8
Guilford	0	16	0	1	1	1	8	36	5	68	-20.0
Hamden	1	40	0	1	6	1	29	100	9	187	-14.2
Hartford	0	1,703	10	11	144	25	316	254	203	2,666	-17.4
Jewett City	0	10	0	1	1	0	11	6	1	30	-14.3

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1992 Total	% Change 1991/92
Madison	0	5	0	0	3	0	11	18	15	52	-17.5
Manchester	0	120	1	4	11	2	137	35	25	335	-7.2
Meriden	0	190	2	2	16	3	83	151	42	489	-12.7
Middlebury	0	6	0	2	0	0	4	2	1	15	-34.8
Middletown	0	118	2	1	30	0	163	95	19	428	-5.3
Milford	0	57	0	0	8	2	66	83	15	231	+5.0
Monroe	0	15	0	0	0	0	2	17	0	34	-5.6
Naugatuck	0	75	0	1	6	4	29	127	7	249	+28.4
New Britain	0	405	4	4	21	1	47	106	29	617	-7.2
New Canaan	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	12	2	25	+13.6
New Haven	4	515	3	3	56	16	738	66	104	1,505	+4.2
Newington	0	44	0	0	1	0	6	27	6	84	+2.4
New London	0	119	0	3	19	3	279	28	29	480	-3.2
New Milford	0	23	1	0	6	1	80	45	7	163	+16.4
Newtown	0	15	0	0	0	0	7	13	2	37	+27.6
North Branford	0	5	1	0	4	1	6	41	12	70	-9.1
North Haven	0	13	0	1	6	0	13	50	6	89	-1.1
Norwalk	0	140	2	0	11	1	133	154	32	473	-18.2
Norwich	0	145	1	5	10	4	126	106	15	412	-18.1
Old Saybrook	0	9	0	1	4	0	16	8	2	40	+42.9
Orange	1	11	0	0	0	0	9	7	4	32	+113.3
Plainfield	0	23	0	0	13	0	33	30	3	102	+10.9
Plainville	0	24	0	1	7	2	17	55	7	113	-10.3
Plymouth	0	28	0	2	8	0	8	32	4	82	-14.6
Putnam	0	19	0	0	1	0	12	18	3	53	+12.8
Ridgefield	0	5	0	1	0	0	2	21	1	30	+66.7
Rocky Hill	1	21	0	0	2	0	31	10	11	76	-3.8
Seymour	0	21	0	0	1	2	32	24	2	82	-4.7
Shelton	0	32	0	0	1	1	16	11	7	68	-10.5
Simsbury	1	7	0	0	1	0	2	18	3	32	-20.0
Southington	0	63	0	0	5	0	13	38	12	131	+12.9
South Windsor	0	8	0	0	3	0	23	24	5	63	-30.0
Stamford	1	306	1	4	18	3	71	119	39	562	-5.1
Stonington	0	37	0	1	11	0	13	37	9	108	+22.7
Stratford	0	114	1	0	11	1	25	9	13	174	+2.4
Suffield	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	27	1	31	+72.2

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1992 Total	% Change 1991/92
Thomaston	0	12	0	0	2	0	25	24	5	68	+54.5
Torrington	1	82	2	1	16	2	162	69	48	383	-6.1
Trumbull	0	27	0	0	2	0	5	14	2	50	-27.5
Vernon	0	44	0	4	4	0	123	8	7	190	-0.5
Wallingford	0	25	0	0	4	1	39	100	10	179	-10.9
Waterbury	1	534	0	1	60	7	361	118	49	1,131	-7.7
Waterford	0	11	0	0	0	0	64	10	4	89	+1.1
Watertown	0	11	0	0	2	0	17	42	4	76	-24.0
West Hartford	0	100	0	0	10	0	31	44	13	198	+16.5
West Haven	0	150	2	0	17	3	146	88	41	447	-11.1
Weston	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	11	-15.4
Westport	0	13	0	2	0	0	7	19	5	46	-31.3
Wethersfield	0	39	0	1	4	0	9	8	3	64	-20.0
Willimantic	0	25	1	1	6	1	118	8	11	171	-21.2
Wilton	0	8	0	1	0	0	2	12	1	24	+4.3
Windsor	1	37	0	0	2	0	24	36	10	110	+18.3
Windsor Locks	1	31	0	0	3	1	5	27	2	70	+2.9
Winsted	0	49	0	0	2	3	13	19	8	94	+28.8
Wolcott	0	8	0	1	5	0	10	15	3	42	-19.2
Woodbridge	0	5	0	0	1	0	6	6	0	18	-16.0
C.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0
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	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	+200.0
UCONN Storrs	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	8	-20.0
Yale	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	8	+100.0
D.E.P.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	-80.0
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	0.0
State Police	2	359	0	10	56	18	178	597	66	1,286	-4.2
State Hospitals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
State Total	20	8,305	43	95	890	138	4,716	4,683	1,432	20,322	-6.4