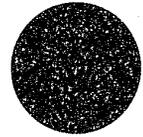


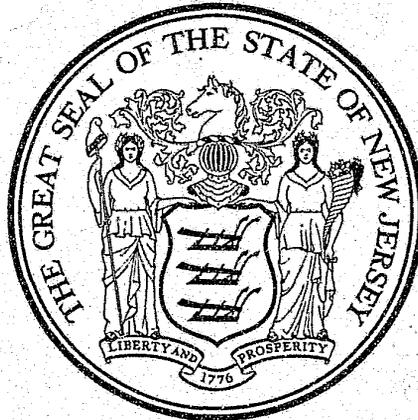
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# 1993 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT



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# ELEVENTH ANNUAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE REPORT 1993

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## INTRODUCTION

The violence within the American domicile has been recognized for decades by elements of government and society with little done to correct the problem. Only recently has this phenomenon begun to receive the attention it deserves. In an effort to understand, identify and treat the incidents of abuse occurring within the home, the State of New Jersey, through its legislature, has provided the means to gain a meaningful insight into this issue.

In 1982, the Domestic Violence Act was instituted to protect battered victims and study the complex problems that spark such aggressive behavior. This legislation also provided the opportunity to identify the causes of violence in the home and put forth a more comprehensive effort to combat the crime of Domestic Violence.

Improvements since the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act are continuing; serious concern has been displayed within many municipal and county agencies whereby various committees and working groups have been formed to help battle this important problem. Revised investigation and reporting procedures by the police; improved processing of domestic complaints by the courts; mandatory in-service training for police and court personnel have all enabled the victim to come forward and implement the constitutional rights granted to all Americans.

The following pages of narrative and graphics in this chapter are the result of gathered data displaying the complexities of domestic violence found within the State of New Jersey. As stated in the following pages, reported domestic violence acts increased twenty-seven percent over 1992. (NOTE: Legislation effective November 12, 1991, added terroristic threats and criminal trespass as occurrences which constitute domestic violence acts; these additional offenses may effect comparisons of the volume of reported domestic violence acts.) It is through analysis of this data that, hopefully the keys to preventing future violence can be found.



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The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Governor of the State of New Jersey

Honorable Members of the Senate and  
Assembly of the State of New Jersey

Dear Governor and Members of the Legislature:

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2C:25-24*, I herewith submit for your information and review the eleventh annual report on domestic violence in New Jersey. The annual report is based on Domestic Violence Offense Reports submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 1993.

It would have been impossible to complete this report without the cooperation of New Jersey's criminal justice family. It is with appreciation to these dedicated public servants, and in the interest of the thousands of persons in this state who are victims of domestic disputes, that this eleventh Domestic Violence Report is submitted.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah T. Portiz".

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Dear Attorney General Poritz:

Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 2C:25-24*, the eleventh annual report on domestic violence in New Jersey is submitted. This report contains statistics related to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act. All information is based on domestic violence offense reports submitted to the New Jersey Uniform Crime Reporting System by every New Jersey law enforcement agency for the year 1993. The report contains comparisons and analyses between 1992 and 1993 data.

This report has evolved through the cooperation of all New Jersey law enforcement agencies. It is being forwarded for your information and presentation to the Governor and members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Colonel Carl A. Williams  
Superintendent

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 1993 domestic violence statistics are listed below:

- There were 66,248 domestic violence offenses reported by the police in 1993, a 27% increase compared to the 52,321 reported in 1992.
- Murders decreased 10% in 1993 (54) when compared to 1992 (60).
- Assaults accounted for 57% (37,760) of the reported offenses in 1993.
- The total arrests for 1993 (24,115) increased 22% over 1992 (19,720).
- Arrests were made in 36% (24,115) of the offenses reported for 1993.
- The most frequent day of domestic violence occurrences was Sunday (12,239).
- For the eleventh consecutive year, the most frequent hours of domestic violence incidents were between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, when 30% (19,855) of the offenses were reported.
- Children were involved or present during 50% of all domestic violence offenses occurring in 1993. Specifically, 9% (5,736) were involved and 42% (27,505) were present.
- Wives were the victims in 31% (20,652) and ex-wives were the victims in 3% (1,975) of the reported domestic violence offenses in 1993. Overall, females were victims in 83% (54,830) of all domestic violence offenses.
- The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender increased from 12,051 in 1992 to 15,631 in 1993. This is an increase of 30%.
- Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 41% (27,042) of the reported offenses occurring in 1993. Alcohol involvement alone accounted for 35% (23,449) of the total domestic violence offenses reported.
- Persons age 60 or over were victims in 3% (1,941) of all reported domestic violence offenses that occurred in 1993.
- Domestic Violence does not occur at a regular frequency, but when viewed as a ratio of its occurrence to a fixed time interval, one act of domestic violence would occur every seven (7) minutes and fifty-six (56) seconds.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1992/1993

Type of Domestic Violence Offense		Number of Offenses	Percent Distribution	* Number of Arrests	* Percent of Offenses Involving an Arrest
Homicide	1992	60	-	48	80
	1993	54	-	35	65
	Percent Change	-10		-27	-19
Assault	1992	30,292	58	15,227	50
	1993	37,760	57	18,488	49
	Percent Change	+25	-2	+21	-2
Terroristic Threats	1992	3,026	2	954	32
	1993	3,999	6	1,219	30
	Percent Change	+32	(1)	+28	-6
Kidnapping	1992	14	-	4	29
	1993	15	-	5	33
	Percent Change	+7		(1)	+14
Criminal Restraint	1992	82	-	31	38
	1993	93	-	33	35
	Percent Change	+13		+6	-8
False Imprisonment	1992	28	-	10	36
	1993	21	-	10	48
	Percent Change	-25		-	+33
Sexual Assault	1992	92	-	41	45
	1993	122	-	53	43
	Percent Change	+33		+29	-4
Criminal Sexual Contact	1992	25	-	10	40
	1993	28	-	17	61
	Percent Change	+12		(1)	+53
Lewdness	1992	6	-	1	17
	1993	11	-	5	45
	Percent Change	(1)		(1)	+165
Criminal Mischief	1992	2,553	5	854	33
	1993	3,237	5	1,121	35
	Percent Change	+27	-	+31	+6
Burglary	1992	293	1	72	25
	1993	418	1	127	30
	Percent Change	+43	-	+76	+20
Criminal Trespass	1992	478	1	225	47
	1993	560	1	248	44
	Percent Change	+17	-	+10	-6
Harassment	1992	15,372	29	2,243	15
	1993	19,930	30	2,754	14
	Percent Change	+30	+3	+23	-7
<b>TOTAL</b>	1992	52,321	100	19,720	38
	1993	66,248	100	24,115	36
	Percent Change	+27		+22	-5

(1) Computing percent changes for these offenses was eliminated due to small volume.

\* Incidents are reported soon after they occur; therefore, arrests made after that time are not included.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1989 through 1993

Type of Domestic Violence Offense	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	Offenses	Arrests								
Homicide	49	37	57	47	61	48	60	48	54	35
Assault	32,640	13,331	32,268	13,726	34,319	15,237	30,292	15,227	37,760	18,488
Terroristic Threats*	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,026	954	3,999	1,219
Kidnapping	11	3	17	5	20	6	14	4	15	5
Criminal Restraint	114	46	96	34	120	54	82	31	93	33
False Imprisonment	18	7	26	7	32	11	28	10	21	10
Sexual Assault	72	19	84	28	82	33	92	41	122	53
Criminal Sexual Contact	22	5	23	9	19	11	25	10	28	17
Lewdness	13	2	12	3	8	1	6	1	11	5
Criminal Mischief	2,623	811	2,460	785	2,768	885	2,553	854	3,237	1,121
Burglary	263	81	291	86	382	101	293	72	418	127
Criminal Trespass*	-	-	-	-	-	-	478	225	560	248
Harassment	15,960	2,322	15,489	2,305	17,887	2,740	15,372	2,243	19,930	2,754
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51,785</b>	<b>16,664</b>	<b>50,823</b>	<b>17,035</b>	<b>55,698</b>	<b>19,127</b>	<b>52,321</b>	<b>19,720</b>	<b>66,248</b>	<b>24,115</b>

- Arrests for domestic violence offenses increased (22%), and reflected the highest number of arrests since the inception of the Domestic Violence Program.
- The violent crimes of homicide (54), aggravated assault (5,949) and sexual assault (122) accounted for nine (9) percent of reported domestic violence offenses (66,248).
- \* Domestic Violence offenses of Terroristic Threats and Criminal Trespass were first reported during 1992.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES  
BY TYPE OF WEAPON AND EXTENT OF INJURY  
1992/1993**

Type of Weapon		Extent of Injury			Total
		Aggravated Serious	Non-Aggravated Minor	None	
Gun	1992	154	117	123	394
	1993	224	135	103	462
	Percent Change	+45	+15	-16	+17
Knife	1992	684	755	304	1,743
	1993	842	1,052	208	2,102
	Percent Change	+23	+39	-31	+21
Other Dangerous	1992	515	1,189	189	1,893
	1993	610	1,494	168	2,272
	Percent Change	+18	+26	-11	+20
Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.	1992	1,347	21,574	4,185	27,106
	1993	1,582	28,287	3,818	33,687
	Percent Change	+17	+31	-8	+24
None	1992	-	-	21,185	21,185
	1993	-	-	27,725	27,725
	Percent Change			+31	+31
<b>TOTAL</b>	1992	2,700	23,635	25,986	52,321
	1993	3,258	30,968	32,022	66,248
	Percent Change	+21	+31	+23	+27

- Fifty-two percent (34,226) of all domestic violence complaints resulted in injury. This is a 30% increase when compared to the 26,335 that occurred in 1992.
- Of all the domestic violence offenses involving weapons (38,523), hands, fists, feet, etc. were used in 87% (33,687) of these offenses.
- Domestic violence offenses involving a gun increased 17%, from 394 in 1992 to 462 in 1993.
- There were 3,258 serious injuries reported in 1993, a 21% increase when compared to the 2,700 reported in 1992.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY COUNTY**  
**1992/1993**

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprisonment
Atlantic	1992	1	1,185	86	-	4	-
	1993	4	1,510	137	-	4	-
Bergen	1992	7	1,903	183	1	3	2
	1993	2	2,435	302	1	7	2
Burlington	1992	5	1,677	85	-	2	1
	1993	2	1,710	88	1	3	-
Camden	1992	7	3,183	183	-	12	1
	1993	6	3,419	185	1	6	1
Cape May	1992	-	610	47	-	1	1
	1993	-	753	57	-	5	-
Cumberland	1992	-	1,011	99	1	4	-
	1993	5	1,254	113	1	4	-
Essex	1992	8	3,838	504	2	8	1
	1993	12	4,948	788	3	10	2
Gloucester	1992	1	752	59	-	2	1
	1993	-	1,203	73	-	3	-
Hudson	1992	7	1,994	215	1	4	3
	1993	-	2,902	320	4	4	3
Hunterdon	1992	-	135	13	-	1	1
	1993	-	176	13	-	-	1
Mercer	1992	4	1,308	50	1	3	2
	1993	2	1,562	63	-	3	-

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY COUNTY**  
**1992/1993**

Sexual Assault	Criminal Sexual Contact	Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	County Total	Percent Change
2	1	-	108	10	11	870	2,278	+39
3	-	-	152	13	21	1,320	3,164	
3	-	1	98	8	57	1,301	3,567	+31
4	1	2	129	9	74	1,691	4,659	
7	2	-	141	8	21	873	2,822	+4
6	1	-	135	12	26	951	2,935	
13	-	2	300	43	41	1,951	5,736	+8
11	1	1	316	49	39	2,168	6,203	
1	-	1	66	4	21	532	1,284	+36
3	-	-	81	7	22	819	1,747	
1	1	-	112	21	19	273	1,542	+28
4	3	1	141	29	17	407	1,979	
15	5	-	198	37	24	595	5,235	+33
29	5	-	272	74	31	769	6,943	
2	-	-	70	1	10	327	1,225	+58
1	-	-	103	6	17	526	1,932	
4	4	-	133	25	9	773	3,172	+45
3	2	-	160	31	14	1,154	4,597	
-	-	-	7	-	6	75	238	+42
-	-	-	12	-	3	132	337	
8	-	-	124	14	30	573	2,117	+24
11	1	1	187	13	49	726	2,618	

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY COUNTY**  
**1992/1993**

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprisonment
Middlesex	1992	1	1,927	284	1	7	6
	1993	5	2,724	376	-	6	1
Monmouth	1992	2	2,254	221	2	4	2
	1993	2	2,651	228	1	3	3
Morris	1992	1	879	96	1	6	1
	1993	1	1,153	134	-	6	1
Ocean	1992	2	1,599	217	3	3	1
	1993	4	2,055	310	2	6	1
Passaic	1992	4	1,965	296	1	3	-
	1993	1	2,221	339	-	7	1
Salem	1992	1	286	14	-	3	-
	1993	-	410	13	-	1	1
Somerset	1992	1	800	26	-	6	-
	1993	1	921	50	-	3	1
Sussex	1992	1	368	56	-	1	-
	1993	-	499	53	-	4	1
Union	1992	7	2,354	258	-	3	3
	1993	6	2,939	332	1	6	1
Warren	1992	-	264	34	-	2	2
	1993	1	315	25	-	2	1
TOTAL	1992	60	30,292	3,026	14	82	28
	1993	54	37,760	3,999	15	93	21

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY COUNTY**  
**1992/1993**

Sexual Assault	Criminal Sexual Contact	Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	County Total	Percent Change
7	3	-	198	22	29	939	3,424	+43
8	3	2	306	23	39	1,415	4,908	
5	3	1	255	24	53	1,482	4,308	+18
9	1	-	303	28	46	1,789	5,064	
2	1	-	89	10	15	653	1,754	+31
1	2	1	111	9	27	855	2,301	
3	-	1	142	13	27	1,002	3,013	+33
8	-	1	171	30	29	1,376	3,993	
10	1	-	128	19	25	831	3,283	+9
5	1	2	142	27	19	821	3,586	
-	-	-	30	3	2	198	537	+36
2	-	-	30	1	11	260	729	
2	-	-	97	5	16	643	1,596	+29
3	1	-	165	7	25	886	2,063	
1	-	-	31	2	9	318	787	+38
2	1	-	55	5	8	455	1,083	
5	4	-	201	23	48	973	3,879	+25
9	4	-	231	43	39	1,228	4,839	
1	-	-	25	1	5	190	524	+8
-	1	-	35	2	4	182	568	
92	25	6	2,553	293	478	15,372	52,321	+27
122	28	11	3,237	418	560	19,930	66,248	

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES**  
**(By Type and Sex of Victim)**  
**1993**

Type of Offense		Relationship of Victim to Offender						Total	Total Number of Offenses
		Spouse	Ex-Spouse	Co-Parent	Relative	Friend	Ex-Friend		
Homicide	Male	3	-	2	4	4	-	13	54
	Female	22	1	3	5	8	2	41	
Assault	Male	2,040	164	660	1,622	1,825	218	6,529	37,760
	Female	11,326	658	5,791	2,673	9,193	1,590	31,231	
Terroristic Threats	Male	128	20	43	170	79	54	494	3,999
	Female	1,306	246	628	365	579	381	3,505	
Kidnapping	Male	1	-	1	-	-	1	3	15
	Female	2	1	4	-	4	1	12	
Criminal Restraint	Male	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	93
	Female	31	2	14	7	23	14	91	
False Imprisonment	Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
	Female	11	1	-	1	8	-	21	
Sexual Assault	Male	-	-	-	2	1	-	3	122
	Female	33	6	25	10	31	14	119	
Criminal Sexual Contact	Male	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	28
	Female	5	-	2	7	8	5	27	
Lewdness	Male	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	11
	Female	2	-	1	1	4	1	9	
Criminal Mischief	Male	183	25	89	158	160	59	674	3,237
	Female	809	97	439	366	615	237	2,563	
Burglary	Male	15	2	3	22	7	19	68	418
	Female	75	33	64	47	39	92	350	
Criminal Trespass	Male	16	7	11	27	14	14	89	560
	Female	117	43	88	59	72	92	471	
Harassment	Male	1,277	197	325	730	761	250	3,540	19,930
	Female	6,913	887	2,248	1,502	3,559	1,281	16,390	
Total	Male	3,664	416	1,135	2,735	2,852	616	11,418	-
	Female	20,652	1,975	9,307	5,043	14,143	3,710	54,830	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>24,316</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>10,442</b>	<b>7,778</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>4,326</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,248</b>

**ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
**(Alcohol or Drugs Involved) \***  
**1993**

Type of Domestic Violence Offense	Total Number of Offenses	Substance Involved			Total Alcohol or Drugs	Percent of Offenses Involving Alcohol or Drugs
		Only Alcohol	Only Drugs	Both Alcohol & Drugs		
Homicide	54	17	1	1	19	35
Assault	37,760	14,687	844	1,300	16,831	45
Terroristic Threats	3,999	1,066	146	173	1,385	35
Kidnapping	15	9	-	-	9	60
Criminal Restraint	93	23	4	3	30	32
False Imprisonment	21	8	1	2	11	52
Sexual Assault	122	34	4	6	44	36
Criminal Sexual Contact	28	5	1	1	7	25
Lewdness	11	6	1	-	7	64
Criminal Mischief	3,237	1,213	77	121	1,411	44
Burglary	418	71	33	20	124	30
Criminal Trespass	560	165	21	15	201	36
Harassment	19,930	6,145	408	410	6,963	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,248</b>	<b>23,449</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>27,042</b>	<b>41</b>

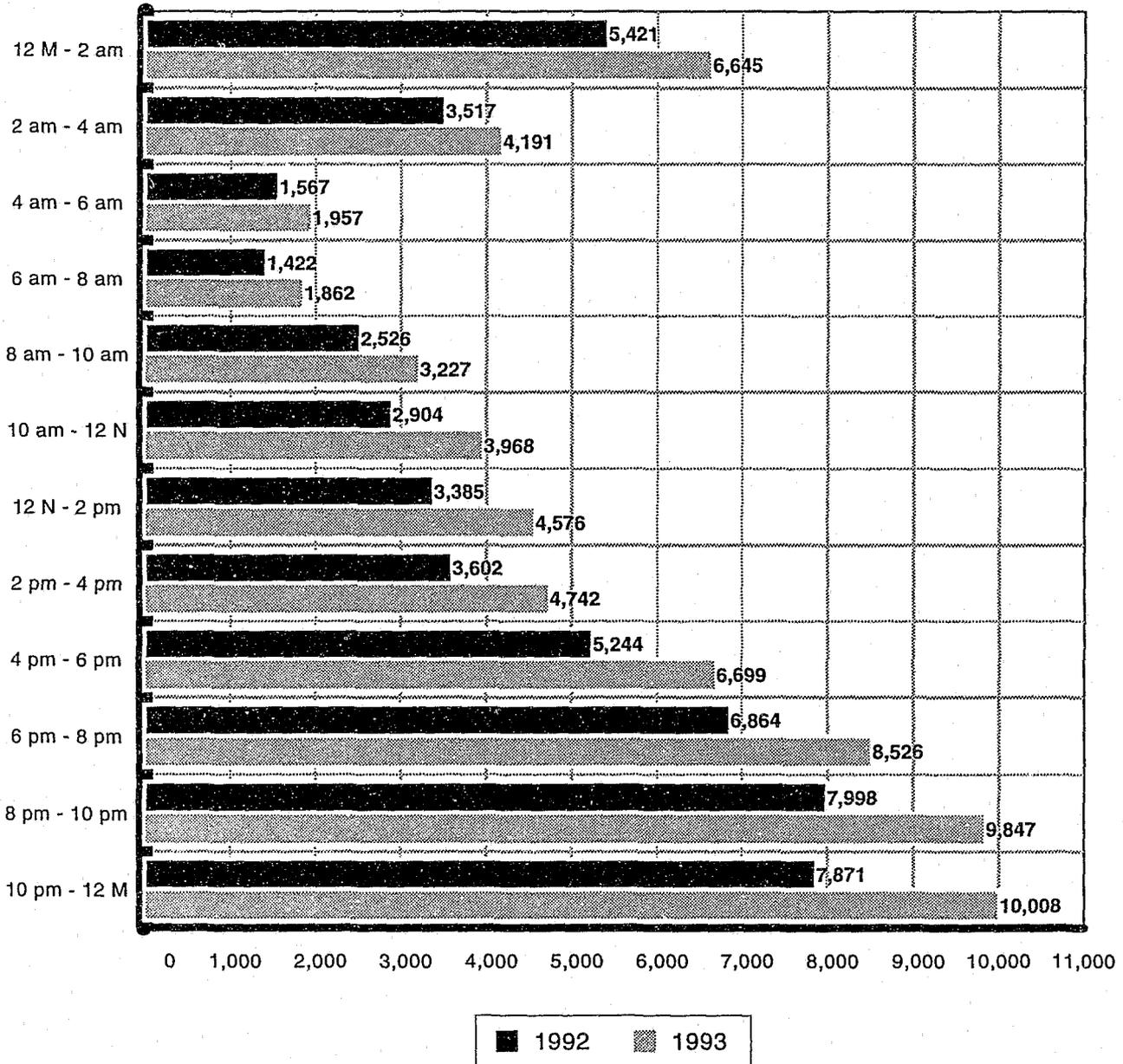
- Drugs or alcohol were involved in 35% (19) of the reported domestic violence offenses of homicides.
- Forty-one percent (27,042) of the reported acts of domestic violence (66,248) involved the use of drugs or alcohol.
- \* Indicates alcohol or drug use by either victim or offender

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES AGAINST ELDERLY VICTIMS**  
**(60 Years of Age or Over)**  
**1993**

Type of Domestic Violence Offense	Total Number of Offenses	Relationship of Victim to Offender											
		Spouse		Ex-Spouse		Co-Parent		Relative		Friend		Ex-Friend	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Homicide	8	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Assault	839	73	190	3	8	8	30	160	280	45	35	6	1
Terroristic Threats	184	7	38	-	3	1	15	38	67	4	9	1	1
Kidnapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Restraint	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
False Imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Assault	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal Sexual Contact	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lewdness	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Mischief	122	5	5	-	-	3	7	39	58	-	4	1	-
Burglary	15	-	-	-	1	-	2	5	5	1	-	-	1
Criminal Trespass	32	-	3	1	1	-	1	6	15	1	-	1	3
Harassment	737	37	168	6	12	6	41	124	283	20	25	7	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>

- Assaults accounted for 43% (839) of all domestic violence offenses for victims 60 years of age or over.
- Females, 60 years of age or over, were the victims in 69% (1,331) of the 1,941 elderly abuse offenses.
- Persons age 60 or over were the victims in 3% (1,941) of all the reported domestic violence offenses during this period.

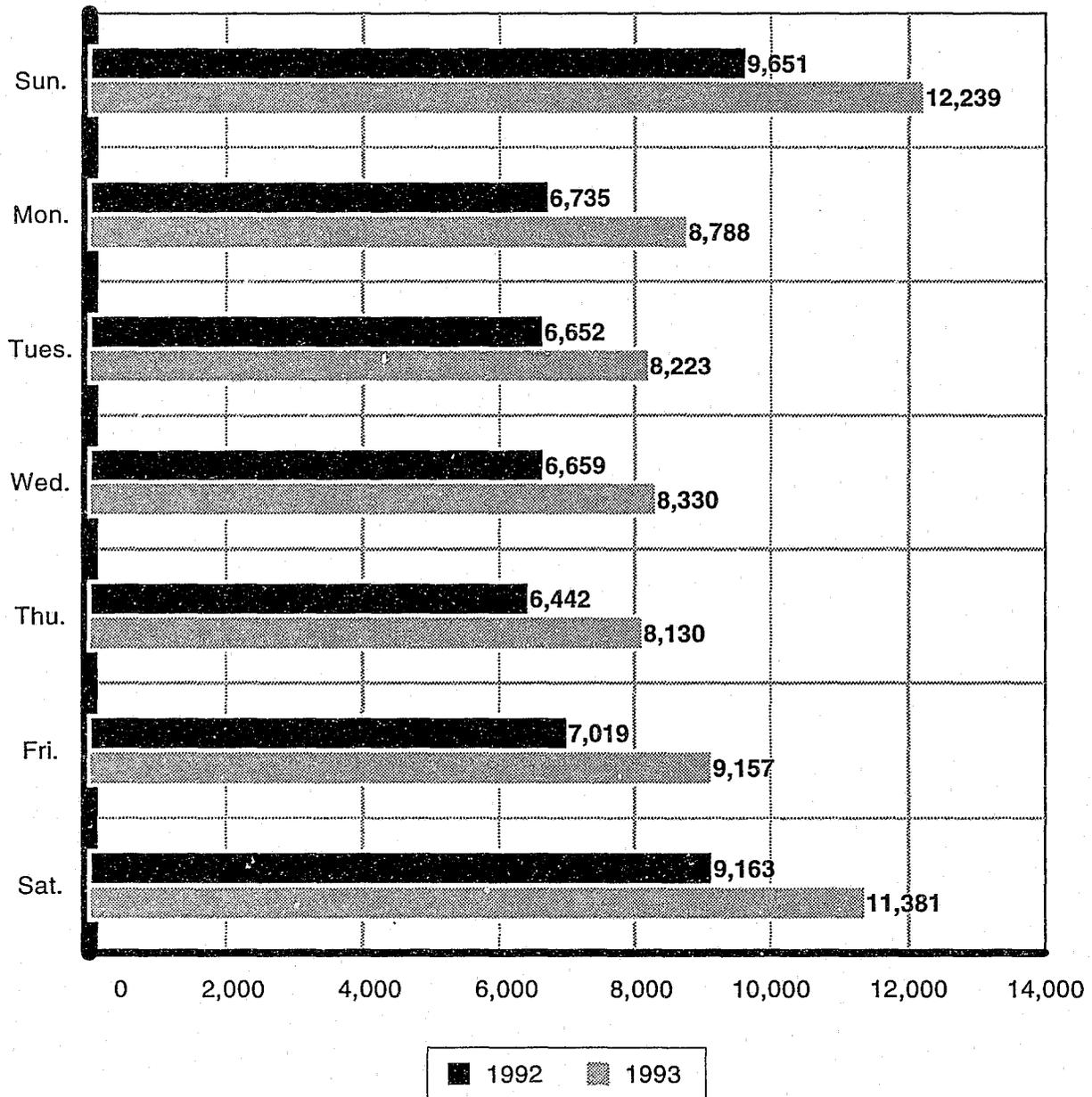
# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TIME OF DAY 1992/1993



- During 1993 forty-three percent (28,381) of the reported Domestic Violence offenses occurred between 6:00 p.m. and 12 Midnight.

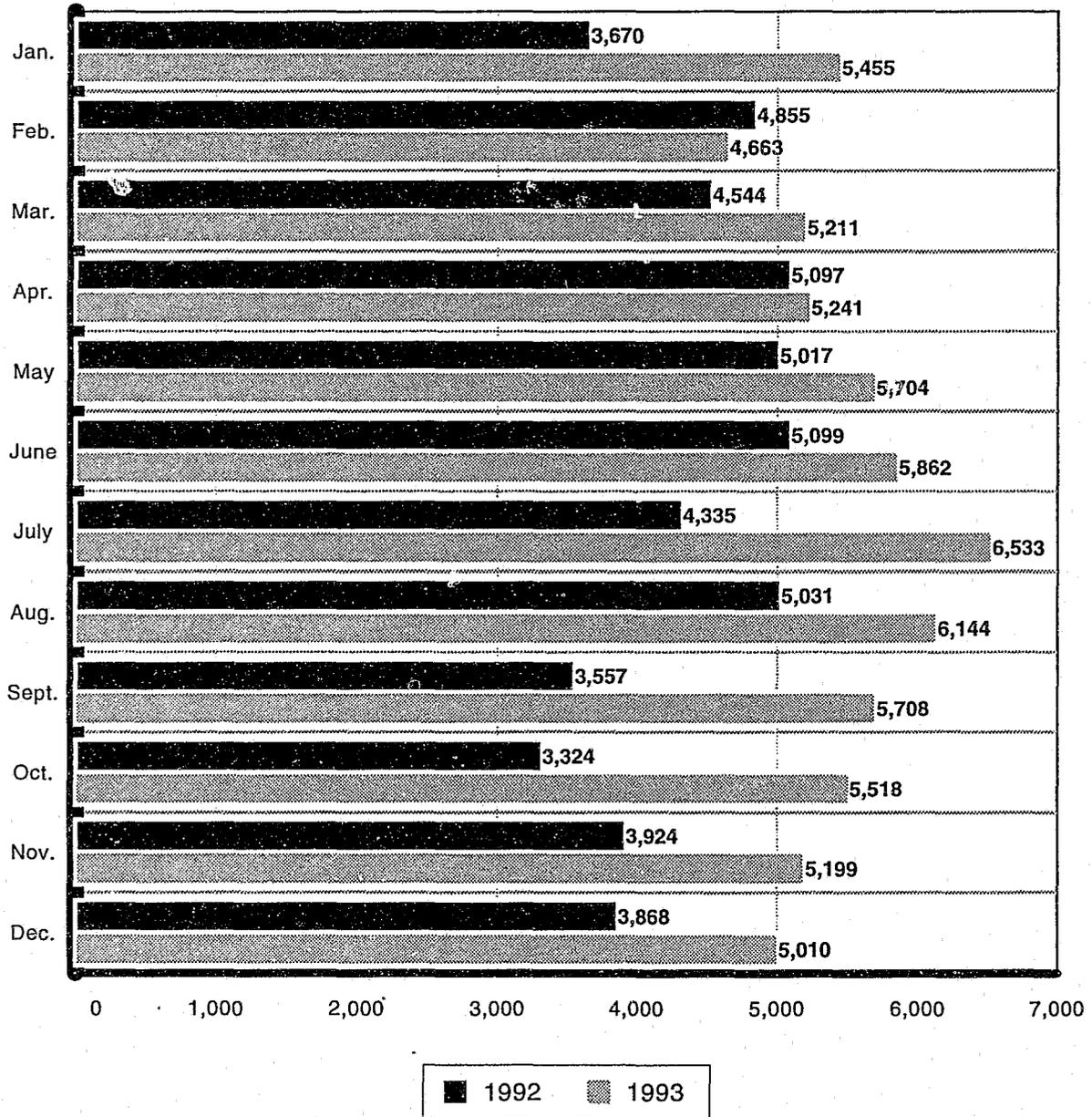
# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY DAY OF WEEK

## 1992/1993



- The most frequent day of occurrence for Domestic Violence during 1993 was Sunday.
- During 1993, thirty-six percent (23,620) of the reported Domestic Violence offenses occurred during the weekend (SATURDAY and SUNDAY).

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY MONTH OF YEAR 1992/1993



- In 1993, the highest number of Domestic Violence offenses occurred during the months of July and August.
- During 1993, the month with the lowest number of reported Domestic Violence offenses was February.