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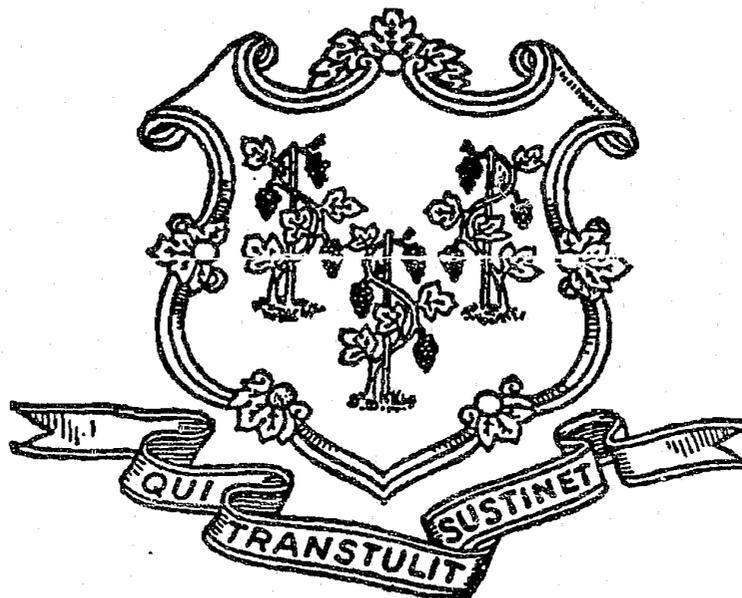
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Statistical Summary

1993 Family Violence Arrest Cases

There were 19,629 incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 1993. This represents a 3.7% decrease in the number of incidents since 1992.

Nearly nine in ten cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct. In 39.1 % of cases the most serious offense for which an arrest was made was assault. Breach of peace was the most serious offense in 23.4% of cases and disorderly conduct was the most serious offense in 23.5 % of cases.

80.4% of victims were female and 85.6% of offenders were male.

For 47.2% percent of victims their relationship to the offender was "live-in" (live together, ever lived together, share a child). Half (49.3%) of "Both Arrestees" were live-ins.

More than half (55.9%) of the participants were between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five.

Physical force was used in 82.8% of those incidents where weapons were involved.

Incidents in which serious injury occurred declined 8.4% since 1992.

Prior court orders (either Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders) existed in 18.3% of the incidents in which that history was known.

Liquor/drugs were involved in half (46.5%) of the incidents in which that information was known.

Thirty-five percent of incidents occurred on Saturday (17.9%) or Sunday (17.2%).

43.5% of incidents occurred during the six hour period between 6:01 p.m. and midnight.

Children were present or directly involved in 45.0% of incidents. Specifically, children were involved in 12.5% of cases and present in 32.5% 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.

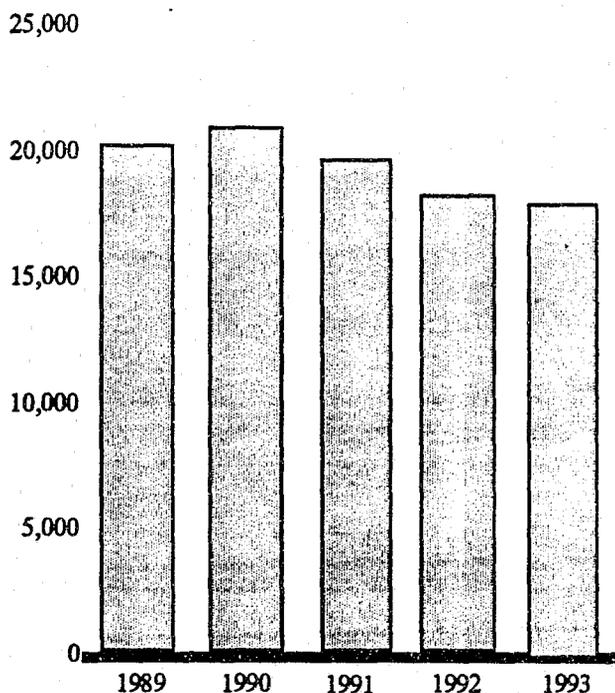
Status of Participants and Number of Incidents By Offense

	Incidents		Victims		Arrestees					
	Total Incidents	% Change 1992/93	Total Victims	% Change 1992/93	Both Arrested*	% Change 1992/93	% Change Offenders 1992/93	Total Arrested	% Change 1992/93	
Homicide	16	-20.0	19	-5.0	0	0.0	16	-20.0	16	-20.0
Assault	7,680	-8.0	7,143	-8.2	2,800	-4.7	6,420	-8.7	9,220	-7.5
Kidnapping	35	-18.6	41	-19.6	0	0.0	35	-20.5	35	-20.5
Sexual Assault	100	+5.3	103	+4.0	0	0.0	100	+5.3	100	+5.3
Criminal Mischief	907	-11.7	949	+1.8	120	-4.0	859	+2.3	979	+1.5
Risk of Injury	160	+15.1	254	+30.9	0	0.0	172	+10.3	172	+10.3
Breach of Peace	4,600	-2.6	3,766	-1.6	2,438	-4.0	3,470	-2.3	5,908	-3.0
Disorderly Conduct	4,618	-1.5	3,889	+1.0	2,460	-8.8	3,471	+1.7	5,931	-2.9
Other	1,513	+5.2	1,611	+4.5	68	+13.3	1,485	+5.3	1,553	+5.6
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7	17,775	-2.9	7,886	-5.6	16,028	-3.2	23,914	-4.0

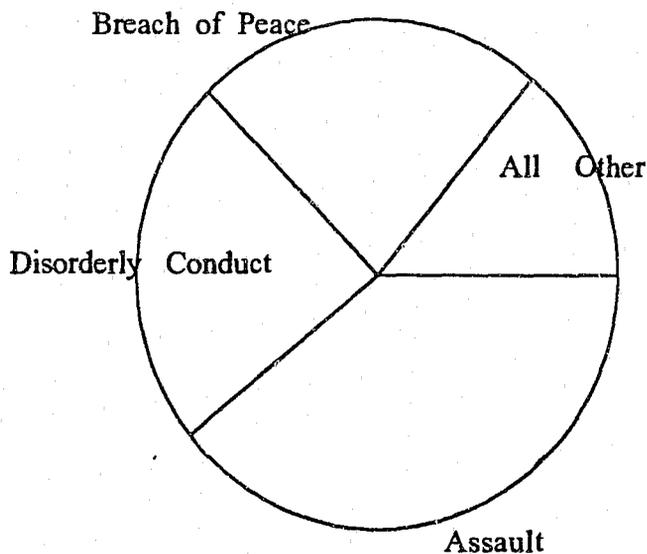
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Number of Incidents by Year



Arrests by Most Serious Offense



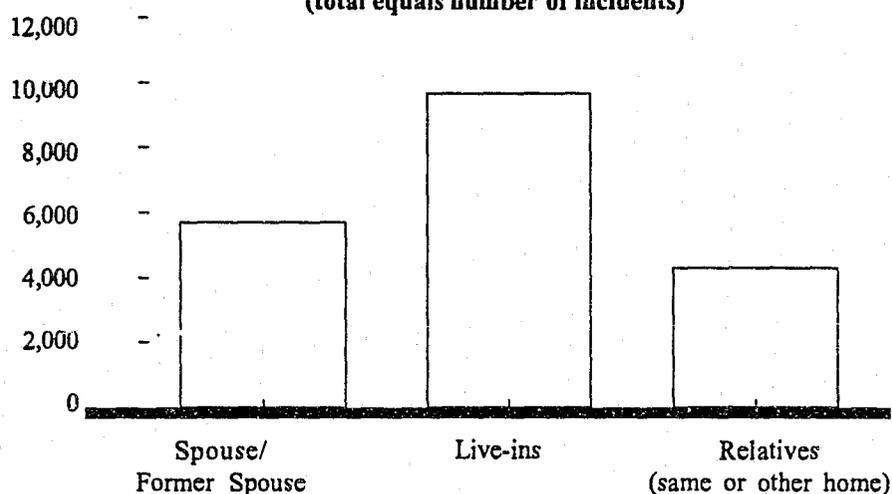
Sex of Participants

	Victims	% Change 1992/93	Both People Arrested*	% Change 1992/93	Offenders	% Change 1992/93	Total	% Change 1992/93
Male	3,483	+5.7	4,052	-6.9	13,714	-4.7	21,249	-3.6
Female	14,292	-4.8	3,834	-4.3	2,314	+6.2	20,440	-3.6
TOTAL	17,775	-2.9	7,886	-5.6	16,028	-3.2	41,689	-3.6

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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)

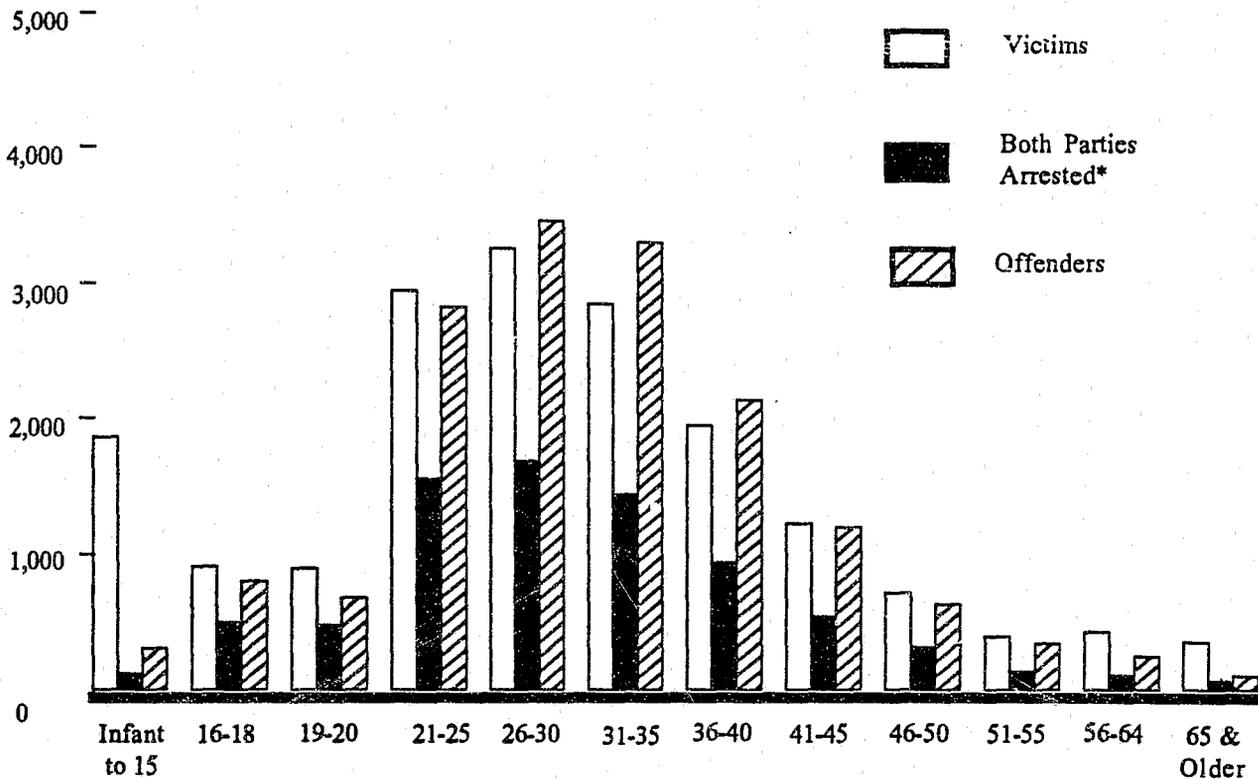
Relationship	Victim to Offender	% Change 1992/93	Both People Arrested* (to each other)	% Change 1992/93
Spouse	4,156	-2.8	2,114	-8.1
Former Spouse	438	-10.1	120	-36.8
Live-in	8,391	-4.8	3,884	-4.9
Relative (same home)	3,866	+1.7	1,382	+5.7
Relative (different home)	924	+0.4	386	-18.9
TOTAL	17,775	-2.9	7,886	-5.6

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Age of Participants

Age	Victims	% Change 1992/93	Both People Arrested*	% Change 1992/93	Offenders	% Change 1992/93	Total	% Change 1992/93
00-15	1,861	-0.1	120	+12.1	310	+36.0	2,291	+4.2
16-18	910	-1.2	496	+10.2	802	+6.4	2,208	+3.9
19-20	896	-17.5	478	-3.4	681	-8.7	2,055	-11.7
21-25	2,945	-10.8	1,554	-15.1	2,824	-13.0	7,323	-12.6
26-30	3,253	-6.0	1,688	-10.0	3,454	-9.9	8,395	-8.4
31-35	2,845	+0.3	1,441	-4.4	3,296	+1.1	7,582	-0.3
36-40	1,946	+8.6	941	+5.0	2,132	+6.3	5,019	+6.9
41-45	1,226	+2.3	540	-2.5	1,200	+3.7	2,966	+2.0
46-50	717	+2.0	317	-0.6	632	+1.8	1,666	+1.4
51-55	395	-5.0	136	-2.9	343	+5.5	874	-0.8
56-64	430	+8.3	108	-4.4	249	-4.6	787	+2.1
65 & Older	351	+7.7	67	-2.9	105	-19.8	523	-0.6
TOTAL	17,775	-2.9	7,886	-5.6	16,028	-3.2	41,689	-3.6

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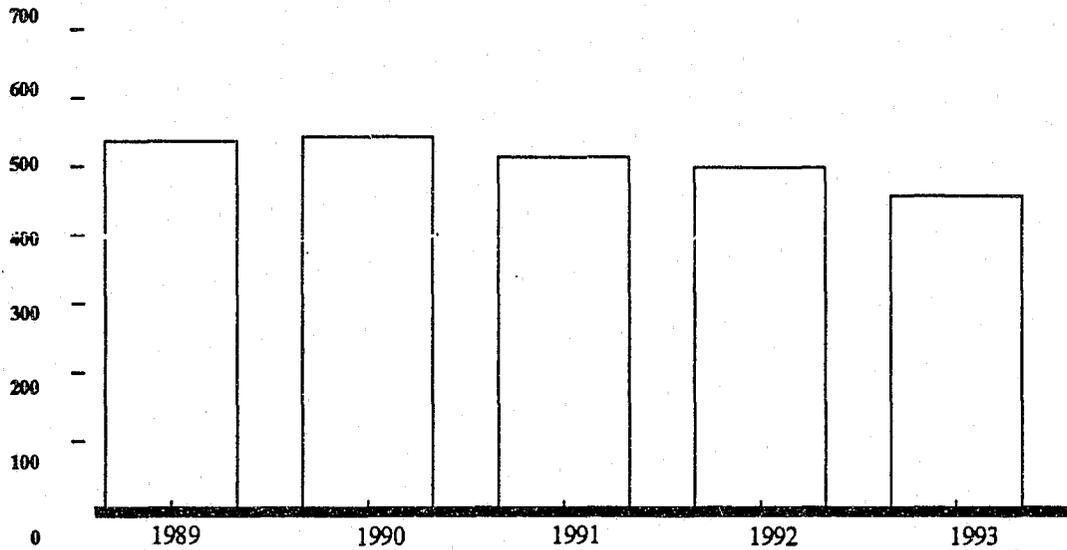


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Weapons Used

	Incidents	% Change 1992/93
Gun	324	+1.3
Knife	986	-0.8
Other Dangerous	1,552	-2.3
Physical Force	13,809	-5.5
No Weapon Used	2,958	+2.9
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7

Serious Injury 1989-1993



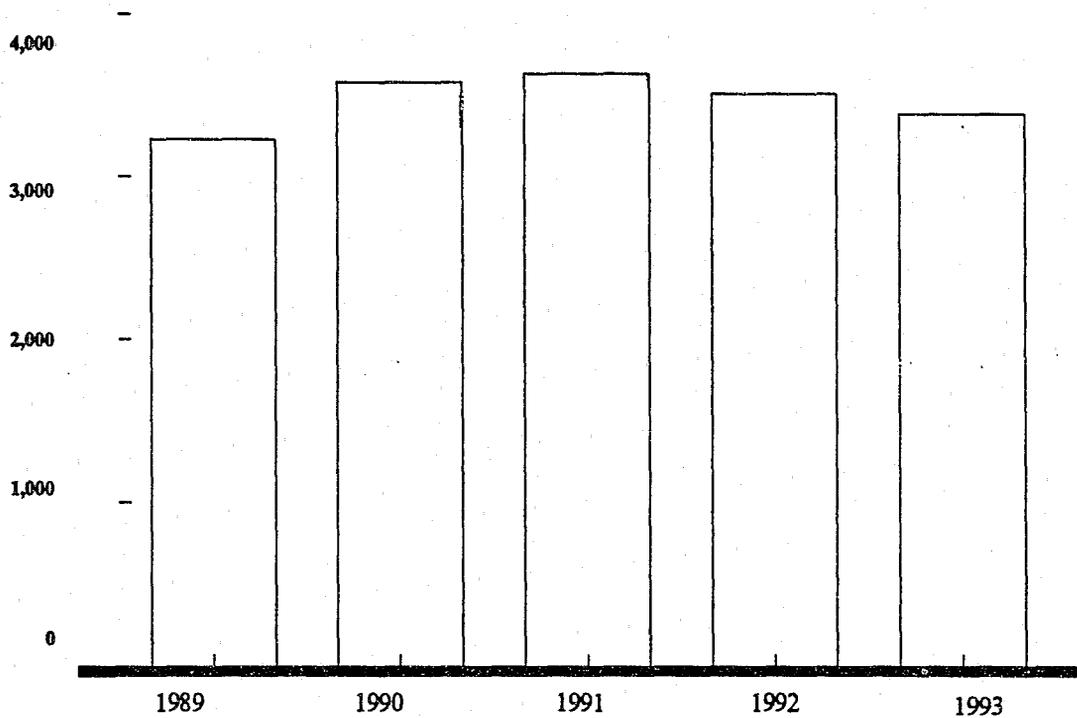
Extent of Injury

	Incidents	% Change 1992/93
Serious	456	-8.4
Minor	12,506	-5.5
Non-Physical	6,667	+0.1
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7

Prior Court Orders (Temporary Restraining or Protective Orders)

History of Court Orders?	Incidents	% Change 1992/93
Yes	3,381	-3.9
No	15,102	-3.1
Unknown	1,146	-10.4
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7

Cases with Prior Court Orders

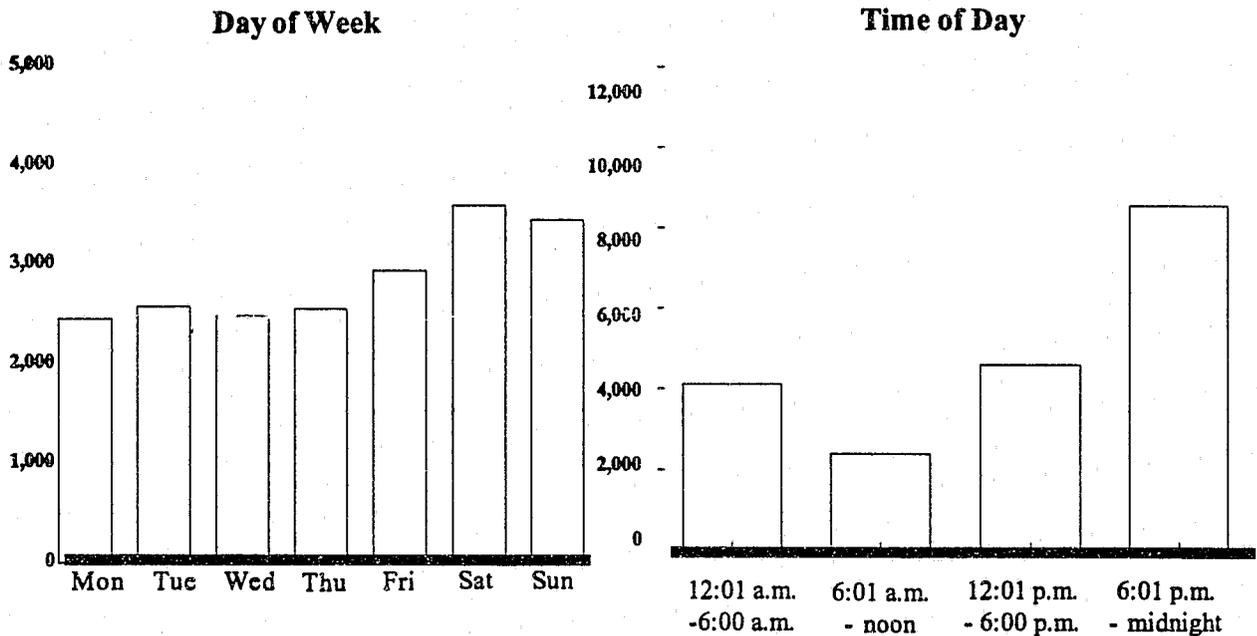


Liquor/Drugs Involved

Liquor/Drugs Involved?	Incidents	% Change 1992/93
Yes	8,919	-8.2
No	10,278	+0.9
Unknown	432	-11.5
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7

Day of Week

Day of Occurrence	Incidents	% Change 1992/93
Monday	2,401	-2.5
Tuesday	2,522	-6.0
Wednesday	2,428	-12.3
Thursday	2,501	-3.9
Friday	2,875	+2.4
Saturday	3,522	-4.4
Sunday	3,380	0.0
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7



Time of Day

Time of Occurrence	Incidents	% Change 1992/93
12:01 a.m. - 6 a.m.	4,109	-12.4
6:01 a.m. - noon	2,388	+9.5
12:01 p.m. - 6 p.m.	4,590	-0.2
6:01 p.m. - midnight	8,542	-4.2
TOTAL	19,629	-3.7

Family Violence Homicide

Introduction

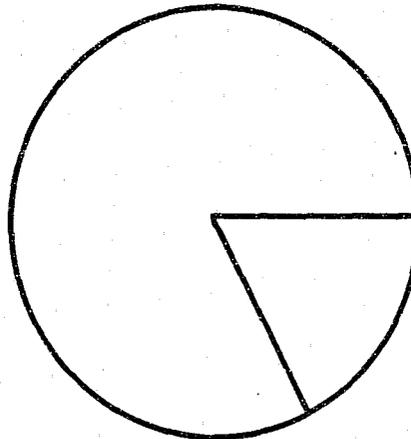
The following summarizes cases of family violence homicide which occurred during 1993. Homicides were chosen for rigorous analysis because the small number of incidents allow examination of each piece of descriptive information available concerning the act and the parties involved. Such close scrutiny 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 examined in this portion of the report include sixteen arrest incidents (with nineteen victims) and seven incidents (with nine victims) which resulted in the 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-eight victims of family violence homicide during 1993 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 deaths due to family violence of 16.7% from 1992 to 1993.

Of the 206 homicides reported to UCR during 1993, twenty-eight (13.6 %) were verified as conforming to Connecticut's definition of family violence.

Unrelated
Victim



Family/Household
Member Victim

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

Twenty-one of the twenty-three offenders (91.3%) were male. Females accounted for two (8.7%) of the family violence homicide offenders. Guns or knives were used in 82.6% of the family violence homicides.

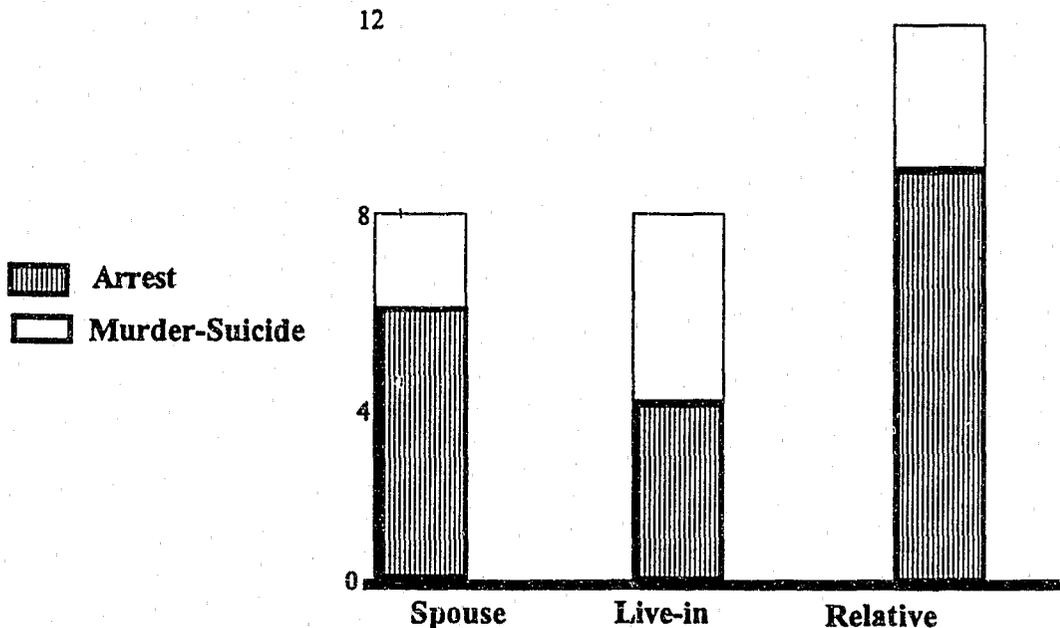
* Note that while the total number of UCR homicides includes offenses which may have occurred in prior years and were not reported until 1993, the incidents identified as family violence only include offenses committed during 1993. Also, the definition of "Family or Household Member" can be found in the definitions at the beginning of the family violence section.

Homicide Breakdown

Date	Victim		Relationship	Offender		Murder Weapon	
	Age	Sex		Age	Sex		
1/16	38	F	Wife	43	M	Gun	A R R E S T
2/8	23	F	Wife	26	M	Gun	
2/11	29	M	Brother	41	M	Knife	
3/29	64	M	Live-in	41	M	Knife	
5/14	25	M	Live-in	25	M	Knife	
6/12	Newborn	F	Daughter	26	F	Asphixiation	
7/30	48	M	Relative	22	M	Gun	
" "	46	F	Relative	" "	" "	" "	
" "	14	M	Relative	" "	" "	" "	
" "	6	F	Relative	" "	" "	" "	
8/1	41	M	Brother	27	M	Gun	
9/07	64	F	Wife	65	M	Axe	
9/30	25	F	Wife	34	M	Knife	
10/12	46	M	Father	16	M	Knife	
10/19	23	F	Wife	24	M	Strangulation	
11/13	54	M	Boyfriend	31	F	Gun	
12/9	24	F	Girlfriend	28	M	Gun	
12/19	37	F	Ex-wife	31	M	Gun	
12/30	67	F	Mother	46	M	Hands	
3/12	19	F	Girlfriend	23	M	Gun	M U R D E R S U I C I D E
4/6	73	F	Wife	72	M	Gun	
4/19	46	F	Girlfriend	56	M	Knife	
5/2	35	F	Girlfriend	29	M	Knife	
8/7	54	F	Wife	60	M	Gun	
7/19	22	F	Daughter	42	M	Gun	
" "	13	M	Son	" "	" "	" "	
" "	13	M	Son	" "	" "	" "	
11/25	25	F	Girlfriend	25	M	Gun	

Murder-Suicide

In seven of the homicides the offender committed suicide. Two of the four offenders for whom prior history was available (not available on three offenders) were previously arrested for family violence in Connecticut. Of the nine victims, seven were female. All seven of the offenders were male. Two of the victims were the spouse of the offender, four victims were live-in partners, and in the multiple victim situation, a father killed his three children.

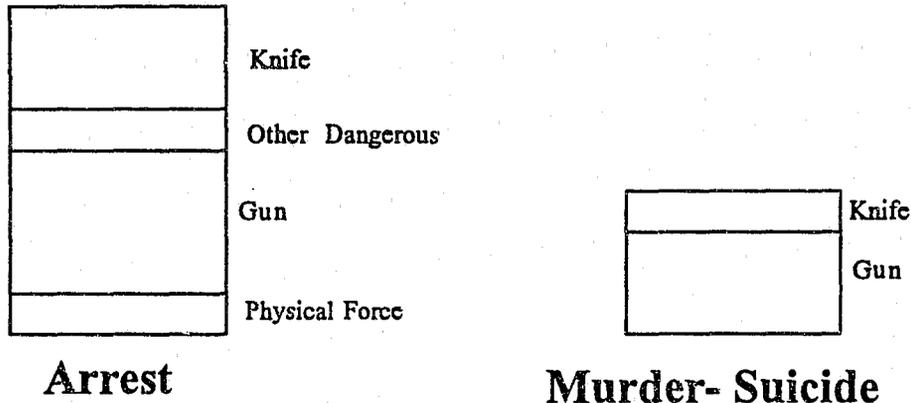


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Arrest

During 1993, there were sixteen persons arrested for the homicides of nineteen family members. Eleven victims were male and eight were female. Nine of the victims were relatives, four were live-ins and six were the spouse or ex-spouse of the offender.

Murder Weapon



Fourteen of the sixteen offenders were male and two were female. Five offenders used knives, two used other dangerous weapons, seven used guns and two used physical force.

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

Three children were killed in situations resulting in arrest.

Liquor and/or drugs were involved in 62.5% of those situations in which this information was known.

Prior Family Violence Arrests

	Arrestees	Murder-Suicide	Total
No Previous Incidents	12	2	14
One Previous Incident	3	1	4
Two or Three Previous Incidents	1	1	2
Previous Incidents Unknown	0	3	3
Total Offenders	16	7	23

Four of the sixteen arrested offenders were previously arrested for family violence offenses.*

*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.

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Cyberstalking	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1993 Total	% Change 1992/93
Ansonia	0	79	1	1	13	2	51	10	21	178	+39.1
Avon	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	13	-18.8
Berlin	0	22	0	1	2	0	4	8	3	40	+14.3
Bethel	0	6	0	0	1	2	10	36	6	61	-18.7
Bloomfield	0	39	0	1	3	0	20	48	5	116	-4.1
Branford	1	26	0	1	4	1	50	82	10	175	-16.3
Bridgeport	2	728	2	9	70	9	34	110	141	1,100	-5.6
Bristol	0	179	1	2	30	1	227	115	40	595	+5.5
Brookfield	0	3	0	0	3	0	5	25	1	37	-7.5
Canton	0	3	0	0	0	0	19	12	2	27	+8.0
Cheshire	0	12	0	1	1	1	35	36	13	99	-1.0
Clinton	0	15	0	2	3	0	6	31	6	63	-35.7
Coventry	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	32	0	42	+13.5
Crosswell	0	5	0	0	1	1	14	12	2	35	-40.7
Danbury	0	232	1	4	26	0	25	79	21	388	-2.3
Darien	0	10	1	1	0	0	2	14	0	28	+55.6
Derby	0	42	0	0	11	4	21	27	14	119	-1.7
East Hampton	0	18	0	0	5	0	8	34	4	59	+35.3
East Hartford	0	196	1	4	25	8	86	178	42	540	-1.6
East Haven	0	39	0	1	2	2	34	89	17	184	-13.2
Easton	0	5	0	1	2	0	3	11	6	28	+86.7
East Windsor	0	21	0	0	5	1	10	15	2	54	-21.7
Enfield	0	120	0	0	14	4	26	55	12	231	+14.4
Fairfield	1	41	0	0	3	0	18	11	6	80	+14.3
Farmington	0	6	1	2	0	1	16	12	0	38	-37.7
Glastonbury	0	22	0	2	5	0	9	58	5	101	+17.4
Granby	0	12	0	0	0	0	2	10	1	25	+13.6
Greenwich	0	12	0	0	6	2	8	87	12	127	+8.5
Groton City	0	27	0	4	6	1	73	4	15	130	+13.0
Groton Long Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0.0
Groton Town	0	55	1	0	19	1	35	114	21	246	-4.7
Guilford	0	8	0	0	2	0	16	44	11	81	+19.1
Hamden	1	69	0	0	6	0	27	88	8	199	+6.4
Hartford	2	1,466	8	8	152	24	270	279	222	2,431	-10.2
Jewett City	0	9	0	0	2	0	16	2	1	30	0.0

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1993 Total	% Change 1992/93
Madison	0	4	0	0	2	0	7	23	6	42	-19.2
Manchester	0	106	1	3	10	7	159	36	36	358	+5.9
Meriden	0	176	2	1	10	6	88	123	30	436	-10.8
Middlebury	0	7	0	0	1	0	4	6	0	18	+20.0
Middletown	0	121	2	0	18	2	152	59	23	377	-12.5
Milford	0	39	0	2	6	2	79	69	17	214	-7.8
Monroe	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	31	-8.8
Namagatuck	0	89	0	2	10	3	35	117	13	260	+4.4
New Britain	0	387	0	3	16	3	37	79	40	565	-8.6
New Canaan	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	22	-12.0
New Haven	2	551	1	9	65	15	660	63		1,457	-3.2
Newington	0	43	0	0	5	1	6	16	8	79	-6.0
New London	0	81	0	0	22	3	230	13	40	389	-19.1
New Milford	0	14	0	1	5	3	85	24	9	141	-13.5
Newtown	0	11	1	0	2	0	7	21	2	44	+18.9
North Branford	0	10	0	0	3	0	6	33	4	56	-20.0
North Haven	0	14	0	0	6	0	12	33	6	71	-20.2
Norwalk	1	207	0	3	22	6	143	207	49	638	+34.9
Norwich	0	151	2	3	3	4	89	102	28	382	-7.3
Old Saybrook	0	8	0	0	1	0	4	10	1	24	-40.0
Orange	0	6	0	0	2	0	12	10	4	34	+3.0
Plainfield	0	10	0	0	7	2	47	25	3	94	-9.6
Plainville	0	27	0	1	8	0	10	48	9	103	-8.8
Plymouth	0	44	1	2	13	0	9	30	4	103	+25.6
Potnam	0	11	0	0	3	0	15	11	8	48	-9.4
Ridgefield	0	8	0	0	0	0	4	11	2	25	-16.7
Rocky Hill	0	22	2	0	3	0	26	7	2	62	-18.4
Seymour	0	18	0	0	4	2	30	16	12	82	0.0
Shelton	0	25	0	0	8	0	30	23	4	90	+32.4
Simsbury	0	10	0	0	0	0	6	17	6	39	+21.9
Southington	0	68	0	2	6	4	18	54	14	166	+26.7
South Windsor	1	8	0	0	3	0	10	32	5	59	-6.3
Stamford	0	316	0	6	21	3	72	153	46	617	+9.8
Stonington	0	28	0	0	6	0	36	47	4	121	+12.0
Stratford	0	123	0	0	12	1	21	10	7	174	0.0
Suffield	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	41	3	51	+64.5

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	1993 Total	% Change 1992/93
Thomaston	0	11	0	0	0	0	17	23	4	55	-19.1
Torrington	0	74	0	1	9	1	108	49	48	290	-24.3
Trumbull	0	26	0	0	3	0	5	11	3	48	-4.8
Vernon	0	38	1	1	5	2	121	12	7	187	-2.6
Wallingford	0	35	0	1	3	0	64	88	19	210	+16.7
Waterbury	3	408	1	2	58	5	380	125	41	1,023	-9.5
Waterford	0	6	0	0	1	0	53	14	6	80	-10.1
Watertown	0	15	0	0	2	0	28	52	6	103	+35.5
West Hartford	0	99	0	0	5	0	17	39	17	177	-18.6
West Haven	0	105	0	3	12	3	137	72	39	371	-17.4
Weston	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	12	+9.1
Westport	0	7	0	0	1	0	9	42	1	60	+30.4
Wethersfield	0	31	0	2	2	1	5	14	6	61	-4.7
Willimantic	0	35	1	0	13	1	101	23	10	184	+7.6
Wilton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12	-50.0
Windsor	0	39	0	3	4	0	27	53	14	140	+27.3
Windsor Locks	0	31	0	0	5	1	4	15	4	60	-14.3
Winsted	0	51	1	0	15	0	13	35	8	123	+30.9
Wolcott	0	13	0	0	7	0	11	10	2	52	+23.8
Woodbridge	0	7	0	0	0	0	11	13	1	32	+77.8
C.C.S.U.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	-33.3
UCONN Storrs	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	11	+37.5
Yale	0	13	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	18	+125.0
D.E.P.	0	1	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	8	+3.00
Austrak	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	1	329	2	4	37	11	139	530	66	1,119	-13.3
State Hospitals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
State Total	16	7,680	35	100	907	160	4,600	4,618	1,513	19,629	-3.7

* Cannot compute percent change from zero.



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