

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS: NEW JERSEY



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.⁴
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- Due to funding and staff shortages at many domestic violence programs, there is a lack of sufficient outreach to diverse and underserved communities, including an inability to address issues of diversity in shelters (such as the reluctance of certain racial groups to use shelters or lack of knowledge about customs, traditions, or beliefs of different cultures), as well as insufficient bilingual and multicultural services to refer clients to.⁹

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"We only have one shelter for 900,000 people in Bergen County, and a lack of affordable housing makes it even more difficult to move women out of the shelter into permanent housing."

~Executive Director, Shelter Our Sisters

"We are in dire need of funding in the southern region to be able to provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence in order to help them gain the financial independence they need to leave their abuser."

~Executive Director, Coalition Against Rape and Abuse, Inc.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN NEW JERSEY

- 73,749 domestic violence offenses were reported in 2006.⁷
- In 2006, 31% of reported domestic violence offenses ended in an arrest of the offender.⁷
- 3,102 total arrests in 2006 involved a domestic violence restraining order.⁷
 - 1,818 were arrests for violations of a restraining order only.
 - 1,284 were arrests for violations of a restraining order with an offense arrest.
- 1,720 women, 1,903 children, and 6 men were sheltered by domestic violence programs in 2006.⁸
- 42 domestic violence homicides were committed in New Jersey in 2006.⁷
- 306 domestic violence stalking offenses were reported in 2006.⁷
- 1,200 rapes were reported in Ohio in 2006.⁷
- 3,888 children were involved in and 20,857 were present during a domestic violence offense.⁷

STATE RESOURCES

New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women
www.njcbw.org

- NJCBW is a private, non-profit state-wide coalition of 23 domestic service programs and concerned individuals whose purpose and mission is to end violence in the lives of women. The Coalition acts as an advocate for battered women with the state's government agencies and legislature to support legislation and policies that help victims. The Coalition also provides information, resources, technical assistance and training to domestic violence programs, the public and those agencies, organizations and individuals involved with domestic violence victims in New Jersey.

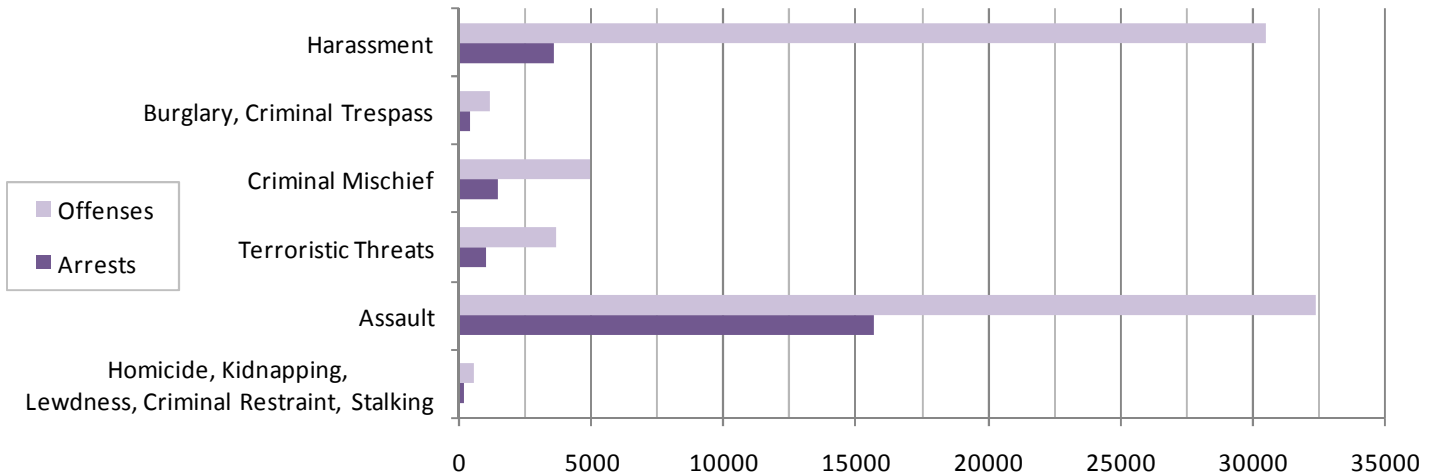
New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.njcasa.org

- NJCASA's 21 member programs provide a wide-range of programs, including: twenty-four hour hotline and crisis intervention; information and referral services; short-term crisis counseling; advocacy; accompaniment to the hospital, police department, and/or court; support groups; emergency client needs.

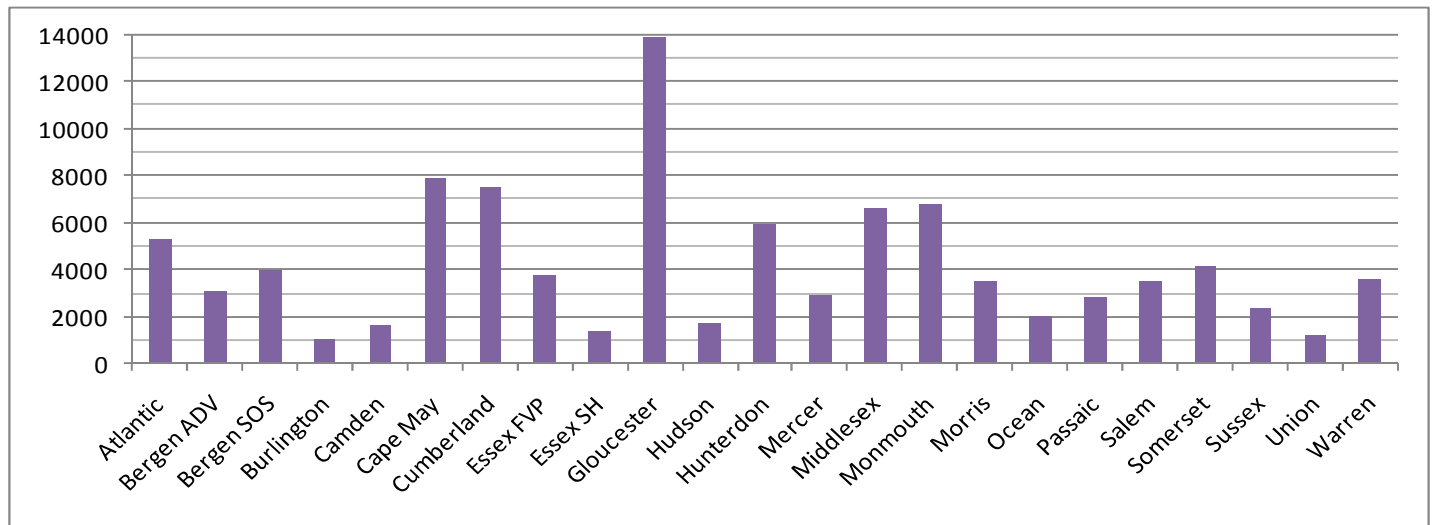
For more information or to get help, please contact the
 New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline at
1-800-572-SAFE (7233)

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

Domestic Violence Offenses and Arrests, 2006⁷



Domestic Violence Hotline Calls By County¹⁰



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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.