



NEW YORK STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DASHBOARD PROJECT 2008 DATA

Introduction From the Executive Director

We are pleased to introduce you to the New York State Domestic Violence Dashboard for 2008. For the second year, we have tried to paint a picture of both the prevalence of domestic violence, and the strength of New York State's response to it, based on available information. By collecting this cross-system data, we are improving our ability to measure the totality of the domestic violence challenge in our state, and encouraging a holistic analysis of our response.

As was the case last year, the source agency for data referenced in each statement is indicated at the end of the sentence: published source material is footnoted. All statistics cited represent statewide data for the 2008 calendar year unless otherwise indicated. We cite to New York City data when statewide data is not available. The criteria for inclusion in this document were that the figures be comparable across systems; that the data refer to "intimate partner violence" (IPV), not broader domestic violence, which can also include other familial violence; that the data be relevant; and that it be as precise as possible.

With two years of data, the Dashboard is just the beginning of our efforts to track changes over time. Although two years cannot yet identify real trends, the data suggests that New York, like many other places, has shown an increase in indicators of domestic violence. Between 2007 and 2008, we saw an increase in: the number of intimate partner homicides; calls to domestic violence hotlines; individual claims for reimbursement by domestic violence and sexual assault victims; public assistance applicants disclosing current danger due to domestic violence; and temporary orders of protection issued. While we cannot responsibly draw broad conclusions from these numbers, they certainly confirm the lived experience of everyone in the field that the circumstances for victims seem to be getting more severe. Now more than ever we need our systems to work together to address the multiple needs facing victims.

Last year's Dashboard [introduction](#) gave a full explanation of the systems from which the data on domestic violence is captured, including an explanation of terminology. We only have a few additional points to add this year. The full explanation of the orders of protection data was explained in some detail last year: this year we added a data point regarding orders of protections issued under the new Expanded Access to Family Court legislation. That new law, which was enacted in July, 2008, now enables two individuals in an intimate relationship – such as a dating relationship without children – to petition the family court for an order of protection. OPDV is engaged in an project to evaluate the impact of this new law (visit our [website](#) soon for more information).

Finally, we know that data is only part of the story and does not capture all of the work being done by domestic violence service providers, the law enforcement community, and local government, all of which assist victims of domestic violence to get and stay safe every day. The Dashboard reflects the past year, while our programs represent the future. I invite you to subscribe to the [Quarterly OPDV Bulletin](#) and [e-alerts](#) for ongoing updates regarding the broad efforts being undertaken at the state level to prevent and respond to domestic violence. In June, those efforts and more will be summarized in our second NYS Domestic Violence Annual Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Barasch".

Amy Barasch

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The Domestic Violence Dashboard Project is a product of the New York State Domestic Violence Advisory Council.

The goals of the Advisory Council are to:

Make recommendations regarding strategies for the prevention of domestic violence.

Assist in the development of appropriate policies and priorities for effective intervention, public education and advocacy.

Facilitate and assure communication and coordination efforts among state agencies and between different levels of government, state, federal, and municipal, for the prevention of domestic violence.





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PUBLIC SAFETY

Homicides¹

91 intimate partner homicides were reported in 2008, an increase of 25% from 2007. Counties outside New York City reported a 45% increase, with 45 intimate partner homicides reported. (DCJS)



Intimate partner homicides represented 11% of all homicides statewide in 2008, up from 9% in 2007. (DCJS)

In 2008, 50% of females aged 16 and older who were victims of homicide were killed by an intimate partner. Four percent (4%) of male homicide victims were killed by an intimate partner. (DCJS)

Law Enforcement

In 2008, there were 86,805 assaults reported by police agencies outside of New York City, representing 11% of overall crime. (DCJS)

Twenty percent (20%) of the total assaults outside of New York City were committed by intimate partners in 2008 (for a total of 17,777 assaults by intimate partners). (DCJS)

In 80% of the intimate partner assaults outside of New York City, the victims were female. (DCJS)

In 2008, 9,942 law enforcement officers and other criminal justice professionals were trained on responding to domestic violence. (OPDV, DCJS, DPCA, NYSP, NYPD)

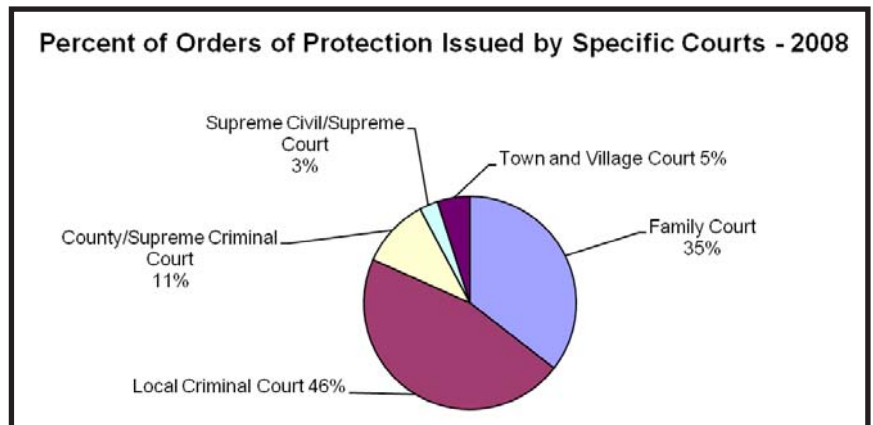
¹ Homicide numbers: DCJS report, "[Domestic Homicide in New York State, 2008](#)" by Matthew Fetzer and Adriana Fernandez-Lanier. Published 10/09.

Courts

The 31 Domestic Violence Courts in New York handled over 31,000 cases.² (OCA)

In 2008, the 41 Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Courts handled over 17,100 cases and served approximately 3,000 families, a 5% increase from 2007. (OCA)

New York State courts issued a total of 220,719 orders of protection, of which 172,290 were required³ to be recorded in the UCS' Domestic Violence Registry. (OCA)



Orders of Protection in UCS' Domestic Violence Registry with an Issue Date 1/1/07 - 12/31/08 (Required)				
	Temporary		Final	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Family Court Statewide	46,757	49,446	11,731	11,708
Local Criminal Court Statewide	63,166	67,518	11,773	12,041
County/Supreme Criminal Court Statewide	13,188	14,526	3,768	3,625
Supreme Civil/Supreme Court Statewide	3,364	3,196	1,725	1,667
Town and Village Court Statewide	6,906	6,606	1,953	1,957
Total	133,381	141,292	30,950	30,998

There was a 6% increase in temporary orders of protection issued from 2007 to 2008, but no substantial change in final orders of protection issued between 2007 and 2008. (OCA)

11% of the family offense dockets filed between July 23, 2008 and December 31, 2008 fell under the new "intimate relationship" definition of the Family Court Expanded Access Law. (OCA)

² In 2007, data was collected from 23 of the 31 Domestic Violence Courts. In 2008, data was collected from 29 of these courts.

³ Under Executive Law § 221 many orders of protection (OPs) are required to be listed in the statewide order of protection registry (support, paternity, custody and visitation, guardianship, and OP cases in family court, and domestic violence cases from criminal court). Most of those protect an individual against their intimate partner, but some may protect a child against a parent or other guardian.

PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

Health Care

Slightly more than 4,000 women were treated in NYC emergency departments for injuries resulting from intimate partner violence. (DOHMH 2007)

More than 900 men were treated in NYC emergency departments for injuries resulting from intimate partner violence. (DOHMH 2007)

Public Assistance

In 2008, the number of applicants for public assistance who indicated danger due to domestic violence was 17,863, a 20% increase from 2007. (OTDA)

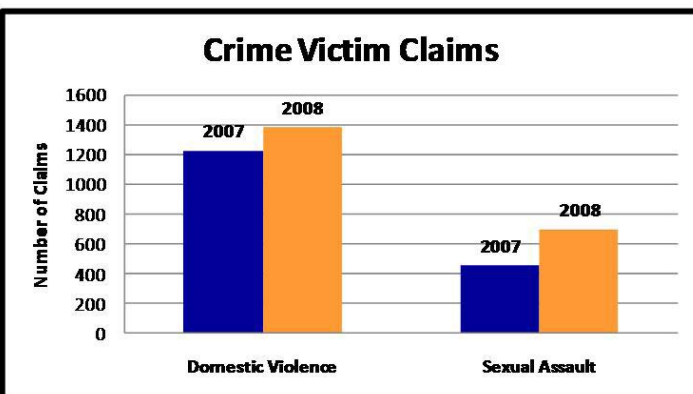
In 2008, Family Violence Option waivers were granted to 10,064 applicants under the Temporary Assistance Program, a 17% increase from 2007. (OTDA)

Statewide there are over 100 Domestic Violence Liaisons (DVLs). Over 550 DVLs and other public assistance workers were trained on domestic violence in 2008. (OPDV, OTDA)

Domestic Violence Services

Domestic violence and sexual assault victims received services at 286 programs including general advocacy programs and domestic violence-specific programs. Services included crime victim assistance, information, referral, counseling, advocacy, and community education and outreach services. (DCJS, OCFS, CVB)

Crime victim claims for financial reimbursement increased from 2007 to 2008; claims from domestic violence victims increased by 12%, and sexual assault claims increased by 51%. (CVB)



In 2008, New York State's two Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotlines received over 18,000 calls, while NYC's Domestic Violence hotline received approximately 135,000 calls, for a total of 153,000 calls, a 9% increase from 2007. (OPDV, Safe Horizon)



In addition, the 96 local domestic violence hotlines received nearly 177,000 calls, from March 2008 to March 2009. (OCFS)

Domestic Violence Shelter Services¹

There are 160 certified shelter programs in the state with a total capacity of 2,930 beds, 10 transitional housing programs with 541 beds, and 5 safe home networks with 36 safe homes. (OCFS)

More than half of the people served in emergency shelters in New York State in 2008 were children, with 6,974 adults and 8,422 children housed. (OCFS)

Teen Dating Violence

16,861 calls from teens were received by the City's Domestic Violence Hotline. (Safe Horizon 2007)

In New York State, 12.1% of high school students surveyed report that they were hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the previous 12 months.² (CDC 2007)

New York State high school students surveyed indicate that 8.6% were physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to.³ (CDC 2007)

Three teens between the ages of 16 and 19 were killed by their intimate partners in 2008. (DCJS)

¹ NYS Office of Children and Family Services, [The Domestic Violence Prevention Act 2008 Annual Report](#).

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\), 2007 data](#). The YRBSS is a self-administered survey on a range of risk behaviors.

³ Id.