



NEW YORK STATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DASHBOARD PROJECT 2009 DATA

Introduction From the Executive Director

This is the 3rd Annual New York State Domestic Violence Dashboard. For government, the press, the domestic violence community and legislators, the Dashboard has been a useful tool to understand where systems are strong, and where they can use some assistance. We hope it helps you to analyze your own response in greater detail.

With three years worth of data, we are starting to identify real trends. Once again in 2009, unfortunately, the data suggests that New York, like many other places, is experiencing an increase in indicators of domestic violence. Some of the upward trends identified between 2007 and 2008 continued through 2009, such as more claims from domestic violence and sexual assault victims filed with the Crime Victims Board (replaced by the NYS Office of Victim Services as the result of legislation enacted in June 2010) and more public assistance applicants disclosing current danger due to domestic violence. Fortunately, domestic violence homicides did not continue to rise, however they did stay at the same inflated level as in 2008. Other numbers rose notably between 2008 and 2009, such as the number of temporary and final orders of protection issued, which jumped in all courts, but particularly in criminal, local and town courts. The Dashboard does contain some heartening data as well: in 2009 NYS opened an additional four integrated domestic violence courts, and an additional nine domestic violence courts; the State provided more family violence option waivers to temporary assistance recipients in danger than ever before; and over 15,000 people were able to obtain civil orders of protection in Family Court under the newly expanded "intimate relationship" category. In addition, the Office of Court Administration ("OCA") created the Integrated Domestic Violence Court Initiatives (IDVCI), with a goal of bringing the benefits of the integrated model to the entire state. The OCA opened IDVCIs in 7 counties, which have already served 80 families with 251 cases.

We must be careful when we analyze information like this. A rise in some indicators could suggest an increased prevalence of domestic violence, but it could also mean only that more people are reporting, without telling us whether prevalence has increased, decreased, or stayed the same. Regardless, we know that more victims sought assistance in 2009 than in 2008. And either way, the news is sobering. With more people reaching out for help, and fewer resources to help them, we must use this data to encourage ourselves to collaborate across disciplines, and invent innovative strategies to connect existing resources to the individuals who need them. We are going to have to get smarter about how we do what we do. For more information about the statewide programmatic response to domestic violence, please look to the [2009 NYS Domestic Violence Annual Report](#) on the [OPDV website](#).

Once again, 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 2009 calendar year. The criteria for inclusion in this document are that the figures be comparable across systems; that the data be relevant; and that it is as precise as possible. In its first year, the [2007 Dashboard introduction](#) offered a full explanation of the systems from which the data was captured, including an explanation of terminology; further explanation was offered in the [2008 dashboard introduction](#), both of which can be found on the OPDV website. There are no new data points that need clarification this year.

Thank you for reviewing this succinct document, which reflects a broad commitment across agencies to coordinate, and hard work by dedicated OPDV staff to compile information in a way that is meaningful and useful. I invite you to [subscribe](#) to our quarterly e-newsletter (the OPDV Bulletin) on our website, and to "fan" [our page on Facebook](#) so that you can receive regular information updates from OPDV.

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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.



The following agencies contributed to the 2009 Domestic Violence Dashboard Project:

New York City Police Department (NYPD)

New York State Crime Victims Board (CVB) (replaced by the NYS Office of Victim Services as the result of legislation enacted in June 2010)

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives (DPCA) (replaced by DCJS' Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives)

New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV)

New York State Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS)

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)

New York State Parole (NYS Parole)

New York State Police (NYSP)

Office of Court Administration (OCA)

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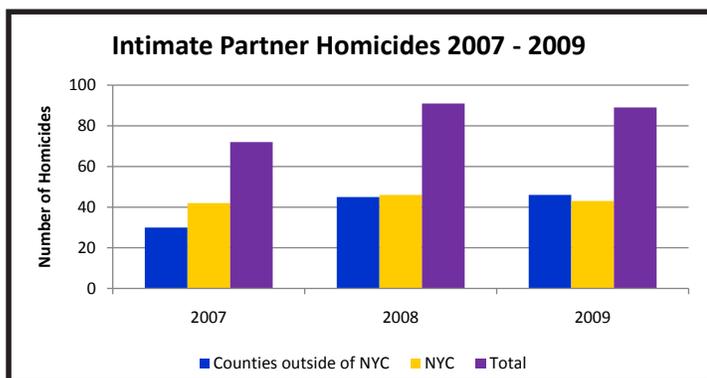


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PUBLIC SAFETY

Homicides¹

89 intimate partner homicides were reported in 2009; counties outside of New York City reported 46 of these homicides. The numbers remained relatively stable from 2008 to 2009, but increased 24% statewide, and 53% in counties outside of New York City, from 2007. (DCJS)



In 2009, there were 15 intimate partner murder-suicides in New York State. (DCJS)

In 2009, females were the victims in 76% of the intimate partner homicides in New York State (68 of 89). (DCJS)

Law Enforcement

In 2009, there were 105,515 total assaults reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting program by police agencies outside of New York City. Of these 26,251 were committed by intimate partners, representing 25% of the total reported.² (DCJS)

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

In 2009, 12,694 law enforcement officers and other criminal justice professionals were trained on responding to domestic violence. (OPDV, DCJS, DPCA, NYS, NYPD, NYS Parole)

¹ Homicide numbers: DCJS report, "Domestic Homicide in New York State, 2009" by Matthew Fetzer. Published 7/10.

² Assaults include both aggravated assaults and simple assaults as defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting program. 2009 figures cannot be compared to prior years because changes in domestic violence reporting were implemented in 2008. A detailed explanation of changes may be found at http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/crimnet/ojsa/crimereporting/ucr_ref-man/dv_report_detail.pdf

Courts

The 40 Domestic Violence Courts in New York State handled 35,244 cases in 2009. (OCA)

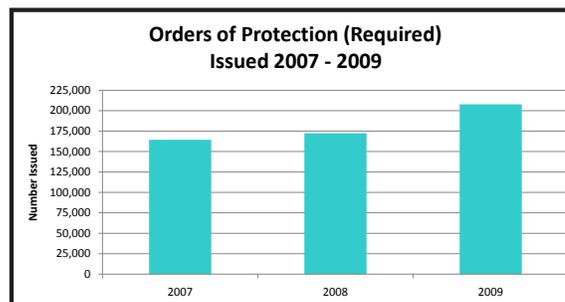
In 2009, the 45 Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Courts handled 17,101 cases and served 3,217 families. (OCA)

New York State courts issued a total of 262,327 orders of protection in 2009, of which 207,726 were required to be recorded in the UCS' Domestic Violence Registry.

There was a 21% increase in required orders of protections issued from 2008 and a 26% increase from 2007. Every court experienced an increase from 2008 to 2009 and from 2007 to 2009. (OCA)

In 2009, 14% of the family offense filings in New York State Family Courts fell under the newly expanded definition of "intimate relationship".³ (OCA)

In 2009, 4% of the family offense filings in New York State Family Courts under the newly expanded definition of "intimate relationship" were made by individuals in current or former same-sex relationships. (OCA)



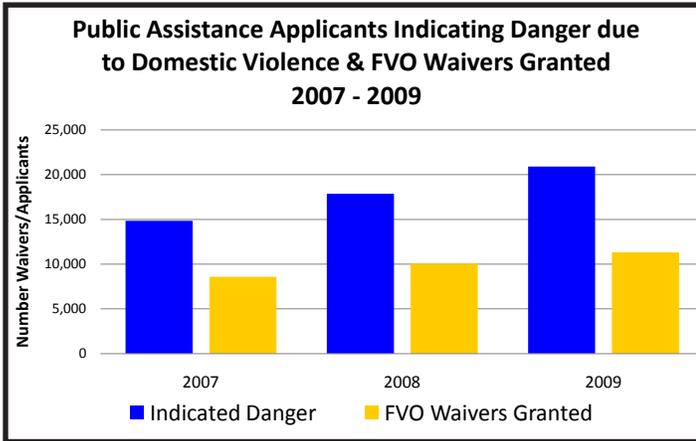
Orders of Protection in UCS' Domestic Violence Registry (Required) 2007 - 2009						
Statewide	Temporary			Final		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
Family Court	46,757	49,446	56,449	11,731	11,708	13,613
Local Criminal Court	63,166	67,518	82,113	11,773	12,041	15,897
County/Supreme Criminal Court	13,188	14,526	18,523	3,768	3,625	3,880
Supreme Civil/Supreme Court	3,364	3,196	4,096	1,725	1,667	1,923
Town and Village Court	6,906	6,606	8,652	1,953	1,957	2,580
Total	133,381	141,292	169,833	30,950	30,998	37,893

³ In July 2008, New York State family law changed to allow people who are (or have been) in an "intimate relationship" to file for a civil order of protection in family court. Examples of an intimate relationship include people who are (or were) dating, living together, or in a same-sex relationship.

PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

Public Assistance

In 2009, the number of applicants for public assistance who indicated danger due to domestic violence was 20,909, a 17% increase from 2008 and a 41% increase from 2007. (OTDA)

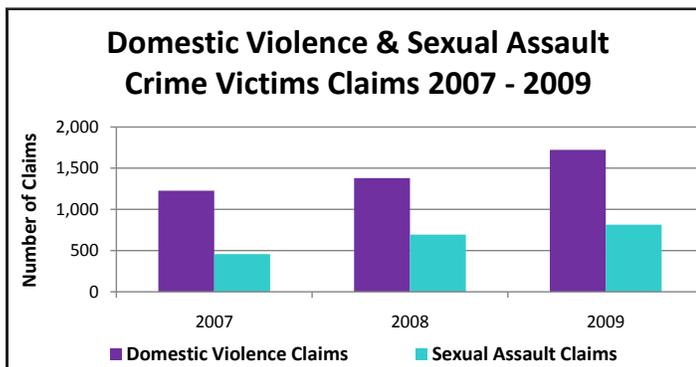


In 2009, Family Violence Option (FVO) waivers were granted to 11,312 applicants under the Temporary Assistance Program, a 12% increase from 2008 and a 32% increase from 2007. (OTDA)

Every county in New York State has at least one trained Domestic Violence Liaison (DVL) and one trained back up. Over 440 DVLs and other public assistance workers were trained on domestic violence in 2009. (OPDV, OTDA)

Domestic Violence Services

Crime victims' claims for financial reimbursement from domestic violence victims increased 25% from 2008 and 40% from 2007, and claims from sexual assault victims increased 17% from 2008 and 78% from 2007. (CVB)



Over 335,000 domestic violence and sexual assault hotline calls were received in New York State in 2009:

- New York State's two Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotlines received 16,725 calls in 2009, an 8% decrease from 2008. (OPDV)

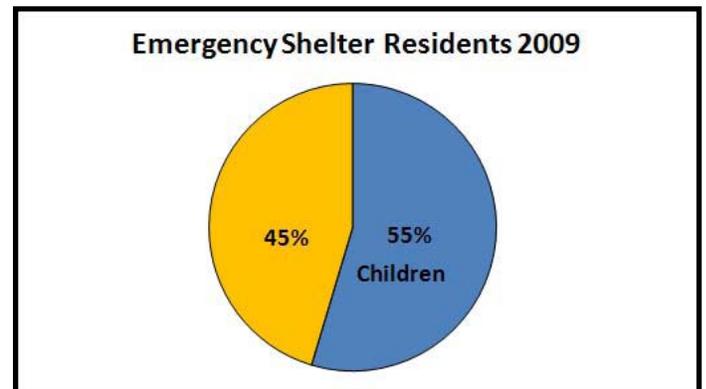
- The New York City Domestic Violence Hotline received 137,077 calls representing a 2% increase from 2008. (Safe Horizon)
- The 95 local domestic violence hotlines received 186,046 calls in 2009. (OCFS)¹

There were 87 OCFS-approved non-residential domestic violence programs that served 45,943 adults and children in 2009. This represents an increase of people served of 8% from 2008 and 13% from 2007. (OCFS)

Domestic Violence Shelter Services²

There were 163 domestic violence residential programs licensed by OCFS with a total of 3,006 beds, 10 transitional housing programs with 707 beds, and 5 safe home networks containing 32 safe homes. (OCFS)

In 2009, 15,692 people received emergency shelter in New York State. Over half of them were children, with 7,118 adults and 8,574 children housed. (OCFS)



Over 13,800 adults and 16,000 children were denied shelter, an increase of almost 6,000 individuals from 2008. The most common reason cited for denial was "facility at capacity". (OCFS)

Teen Dating Violence

In 2009, almost 900 individuals under the age of 21 filed family offense petitions in New York State Family Courts under the recently expanded definition of "intimate relationship".³ (OCA)

Three teens between the ages of 16 and 19 were killed by their intimate partner in 2009. The same number of teens in that age range were killed by their intimate partner in 2008 and 2007. (DCJS)

¹ This number should not be compared to the local domestic violence hotline statistic cited on the 2008 Domestic Violence Dashboard, as that data reflected the total number of calls from March 2008 - March 2009. Therefore, there are three months of overlap between the statistics for 2008 and 2009.

² NYS Office of Children and Family Services, [The Domestic Violence Prevention Act 2009 Annual Report](#).

³ See footnote 3 under Courts on previous page.