STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

FAMILY VIOLENCE ARRESTS ANNUAL REPORT 2010



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FAMILY VIOLENCE 2010

DEFINITION

Police in Connecticut make an arrest whenever they respond to a call that involves family violence and there is sufficient probable cause to effect an arrest. Officers report each family violence arrest incident to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

In order for an offense to be classified as family violence, there must be either injury or present danger with the likelihood that physical violence will occur, and the relationship between parties conforms to the definition of "family or household members."¹ Verbal abuse or argument, without violence or threatened violence, does not constitute family violence. Acts of parents when disciplining minor children do not constitute family violence unless the actions are abusive.²

ANALYSIS

Volume

There were $20,990^3$ incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 2010. This represents less than a 1% decrease since 2009. For each incident one offense type was recorded following a hierarchy rule to ensure the most serious offense was counted. About 87% (18,264) of cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct, which is less than a 1% decrease from 2009.

Family Violence	Family Violence Total					
Arrest Incidents	20,990					
Victims	18,356					
Offenders	17,072					
Both/All Arrested ⁴	8,404					

¹"Family or household member" means (A) spouses, former spouses; (B) parents and their children; (C) persons eighteen years of age or older related by blood or marriage; (D) persons sixteen years of age or older other than those persons in subparagraph (C) presently residing together or who have resided together; (E) persons who have a child in common regardless of whether they are or have been married or have lived together at any time; and (F) persons in, or have recently been in, a dating relationship. Connecticut General Statutes 46b-38a(2). ²Connecticut General Statutes 46b-38a(3). ³Includes incidents that resulted in an arrest and submitted to the Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection prior to July 1, 2011. ⁴An individual is assigned the status of BOTH/ALL when involved in a family violence incident in which all parties were arrested. ⁵Includes homicides cleared by death of the offender (i.e. murder-suicide).





Status of Participants and Number of Incidents by Offense*						
	Victims Offenders		Both/All Arrested			
Homicide ⁵	22	21	0			
Assault	5,833	5,410	2,968			
Kidnapping	35	28	0			
Sexual Assault	111	108	0			
Criminal Mischief	145	146	0			
Risk of Injury to Minor	178	108	0			
Breach of Peace	3,788	3,582	1,992			
Disorderly Conduct	5,926	5,430	3,257			
Other	2,318	2,239	187			
TOTAL	18,356	17,072	8,404			

*Reflects most serious charge per incident.

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In 2010 there were 22 homicide victims which is a 22% increase from 2009. Victims of assault decreased more than 4% to 5,833 from 6,093 in 2009 and victims of sexual assault decreased almost 12% to 111 from 126 in 2009.

There were 43,832 participants involved in the incidents. There were 18,356 victims, 17,072 arrested offenders and 8,404 participants involved in incidents in which all participants were arrested (i.e. dual arrest incidents). Approximately 20% of the incidents were dual arrest incidents.

Of the 18,356 victims, 74% (13,595) were female and 26% (4,761) were male (similar to last year). There were 17,072 total offenders, 77% (13,093) of whom were male and 23% (3,979) were female. There were 8,404 dual arrests (both/all arrested), of whom approximately 50% (4,195) were male and 50% (4,209) were female.

	Victims	Offenders	Both/All Arrested
Female	13,595	3,979	4,209
Male	4,761	13,093	4,195



For 31% of victims, and 33% of "boths," their relationship was "live-in" (people who live together, ever lived together or share a child) and 19% of victims and 20% "boths" were boyfriend/girlfriend. Spouses (current and former) made up 19% of victims and 19% of "both" arrested. Intimate partners⁶ overall made up 69% (12,723) of victims and 72% (6,072) of both/all parties arrested.

Relationship of Participants						
Victim to Both/A Offender Arrest						
Spouse	3,069	1,277				
Former Spouse	437	352				
Live-in, or Child in Common ⁶	5,718	2,754				
Relative*	5,633	2,332				
Boyfriend / Girlfriend	3,499	1,689				
TOTAL	18,356	8,404				

^{*}Includes relatives residing and not residing in the home.

⁶The "Live-in or child in common" category includes a small portion of participants that may not be intimate (e.g. roommates, children of boy/girlfriend or spouse living in the home, etc.). However, due to the limitation of the database these participants are counted as intimates.

Of the victims 11% (1,972) were involved in disorderly conduct incidents with another relative residing in the home (e.g. parents and children or siblings). Another 11% (1,936) of the victims involved in assaults were in live-in relationships or had a child in common. The highest percentages of both/all arrested were involved in either disorderly conduct (12%) or assault (12%) with participants in a live-in relationship or with a child in common. These results are very similar to last year.

Victim/Offender Relationship by Offense Type						
	Spouse	Former Spouse	Relative residing in the home	Relative not residing in the home	Live-in or child in common	Boyfriend / Girlfriend
Homicide	9	1	5	1	4	2
Assault	918	73	1,362	375	1,936	1,169
Kidnapping	7	1	7	0	13	7
Sexual	16	3	40	8	26	18
Assault		ł.				
Criminal	14	- 3	27	5	49	47
Mischief						
Risk of Injury	7	0	118	27	24	2
Breach of	528	97	734	305	1,270	854
Peace						
Disorderly	1,176	116	1,972	331	1,592	739
Conduct					-	
Other	394	143	174	142	804	661
Total	3,069	437	4,439	1,194	5,718	3,499

Relationship of Both/All Arrested by Offense Type						
	Spouse	Former Spouse	Relative residing in the home	Relative not residing in the home	Live-in or child in common	Boyfriend / Girlfriend
Homicide	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Assault	403	112	529	266	1,021	637
Kidnapping	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sexual Assault	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Criminal Mischief	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Risk of Injury	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Breach of Peace	260	.68	347	194	638	485
Disorderly Conduct	588	154	761	220	1,045	489
Other	26	18	11	4	50	78
Total	1,277	352	1,648	684	2,754	1,689

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Of the participants, 61% were between the ages of 21and 44. Over 78% of all participants were under the age of 45. The breakdown for the age of participants is very similar to previous years.

Age of Participants						
	Victims	Offenders	Both/All Arrested	Total		
0-15	1,231	572	159	1,962		
16-18	920	1,216	724	2,860		
19-20	1,072	1,097	646	2,815		
21-24	2,300	2,314	1,415	6,029		
25-29	2,415	2,584	1,296	6,295		
30-34	2,106	2,101	924	5,131		
35-39	1,928	1,805	819	4,552		
40-44	1,973	1,895	797	4,665		
45-49	1,777	1,685	769	4,231		
50-54	1,173	993	461	2,627		
55-59	633	428	232	1,293		
60-64	353	223	105	681		
65+	475	159	57	691		
TOTAL	18,356	17,072	8,404	43,832		



Offenses

Arrestees used guns in less than 1% (160) of incidents, knives in 3% (679), other dangerous weapons in 6% (1,315) and physical force in 64% (13,504) of incidents. 25% (5,332) of incidents had no weapons involved. Serious injury occurred in 221 incidents; and minor physical injury in 8,314 incidents. No physical injury occurred in 12,434 and fatal injuries occurred in 21 incidents.

A prior court order, either a Temporary Restraining Order issued by the civil court or a Protective Order issued by the criminal court⁷ was issued in 4,004 of the cases, over a 4% increase from last year. Liquor or drugs were known to be involved in 6,926 of the cases, less than a 1% decrease from last year.



Time of Day					
· · · · · · · · ·	# of Incidents				
12: 01 a.m 6:00 a.m.	4,000				
6:01 a.m Noon	3,193				
12: 01 p.m 6:00 p.m.	5,568				
6: 01 p.m Midnight	7,721				
Unknown	508				

Day of Week					
	# of Incidents				
Sunday	3,538				
Monday	2,847				
Tuesday	2,732				
Wednesday	2,781				
Thursday	2,672				
Friday	2,908				
Saturday	3,512				



In 14% (2,977) of the incidents, children were directly involved as either victims or offenders which is a 15% decrease from last year. In an additional 20% (4,147) of the incidents, children were present in the household, but were not involved in the incident, which is less than a 1% increase from last year. In 66% (13,866) of the incidents children were neither involved nor present, which is over a 3% increase from the previous year.

⁷Temporary Restraining Orders are usually issued at the request of the person to be protected. See C.G.S. 46b-15. Protective Orders are generally issued at the arraignment of a family violence arrestee. See C.G.S.46b-38c.

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Hartford County had the highest rate of Family Violence crimes with 757 incidents per 100,000 inhabitants. Tolland County had the lowest crime rate with 318 incidents per 100,000 inhabitants.

	Offense Type by County								
	Fairfield	Hartford	Litchfield	Middlesex	New Haven	New London	Tolland	Windham	Total
Homicide	6	5	0	1	.7	1	0	1	21
Assault	1,300	2,425	217	160	1,836	487	135	223	6,783
Kidnapping	3	9	0	0	11	6	0	1	30
Sexual Assault	23	27	8	2	32	9	3	5	109
Criminal Mischief	34	40	4	4	33	12	4	13	144
Risk of Injury	15	26	9	4	35	2	5	5	101
Breach of Peace	426	1,362	306	97	1,542	488	114	170	4,505
Disorderly Conduct	1,382	2,002	460	364	1,741	532	159	329	6,969
Other	265	867	154	84	553	186	69	150	2,328
Total	3,454	6,763	1,158	716	5,790	1,723	489	897	20,990
Population*	914,394	893,224	191,758	168,866	861,159	270,976	153,829	119,891	3,574,097
Crime Rate per 100,000	378	757	604	424	672	636	318	748	587

* The 2010 population estimates were provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigations using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2009 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Family Violence Homicides⁸

There were twenty-one family violence homicide incidents in 2010. This number does not include a homicide from a previous year for which the offender was arrested in 2010. One Family Violence homicide incident involved two victims. Each of the 21 incidents involved one offender. Fourteen offenders were arrested and seven offenders committed suicide.

Spouses were victims in 41% (9) of the homicides. Relatives residing and not residing in the home were victims in 27% (6) of the homicides and almost 9% (2) were presently or recently in a dating relationship with the offender.

Relationship of Homicide Victim to Offender					
	Arrested Offender	Murder- Suicide			
Spouse	4.	5			
Former Spouse	-1	0 .			
Live in, Or Child in Common	4	0			
Relative [*]	5	1			
Boyfriend / Girlfriend	1	1			
TOTAL	15	7			

Includes relatives residing and not residing in the home.



Seven offenders (33%) committed suicide. Of the victims involved in murder-suicide incidents 86% (6) were in intimate relationships with the offender. One (14%) victim was not in an intimate relationship with the offender.



Firearms were used in 41% (9) of the deaths, knives or cutting instruments in 32% (7) and physical force in 23% (5). A blunt object (i.e. baseball bat) was used in one incident.

Four of the seven murder-suicides involved a firearm. 50% (4) of the Family Violence homicide incidents involving firearms were murder-suicides.

Weapons Used in Homicides*						
Weapon	Arrested Offender	Murder- Suicide				
Firearm	4	4				
Knife	5	2				
Other Dangerous Weapon	. 1	. O				
Physical Force ^{**}	4	1				

*Reflects most serious weapon per incident. **Includes blunt force trauma and strangulation.



⁸As of the publish date of this report the total number of homicides in Connecticut for 2010 was not compiled for comparison to the family violence homicides.

Of the homicide victims, 73% (16) were female and 27% (6) were male. Of the offenders 95% (20) were male. There was one female homicide offender. All of the murder-suicide offenders were male.



Almost 27% (6) of the victims were under the age of 30. There were no victims under one year old. 23% (5) of the homicide victims were fifty-five or older.



In the past ten years the number of family violence homicide victims ranged from 17 to 29. The numbers listed below may be different from previously published reports. In some cases the offenders were arrested after publication of the data.





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2010 FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENT BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY												
Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap-	Sexual	Criminal	Risk of	Breach	Disorderly		2010	2009	% Change
		}	ping	Assault	Mischief	Injury	of Peace	Conduct	Other	Totals	Totals	2009-2010
Ansonia	0	62	1	1	0	3	16	47	25	155	172	-9.9%
Avon	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	26	5	42	50	-16.0%
Berlin	0	24	0	0	0	0	8	28	9	69	50	38.0%
Bethel	0	11	0	0	0	1	4	46	4	66	72	-8.3%
Bloomfield	0	45 ⁻	0	0	1	0	40	45	13	144	136	5.9%
Branford	0	32	0	2	0	0	24	83	38	179	170	5.3%
Bridgeport	4	417	1	2	18	5	115	211	48	821	880	-6.7%
Bristol	0	213	0	0	2	1	127	30	55	428	426	0.5%
Brookfield	0	15	0	1	0	0	0	20	2	38	65	-41.5%
Canton	0	3	0	1	0	0	1	15	3	23	23	0.0%
Capitol	0	0 .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CCSU	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	N/A
Cheshire	0	21	0	3	0	0	. 9	58	11	102	118	-13.6%
Clinton	0	16	0	1	1	0	17	48	21	104	111	-6.3%
Coventry	0	10	0	0	0	1	0	18	3	32	49	-34.7%
Cromwell	0	4	0	0	0	0	6	28	9	47	52	-9.6%
Danbury	0	154	0	4	2	2	42	144	25	373	384	-2.9%
Darien	0	14	0	0	0	0	4	19	4.	41	32	28.1%
Derby	0	31	0	2	2	2	4	30	3	74	54	37.0%
E. Hampton	0	13	0	0	0	0	2	45	2	62	55	12.7%
E. Hartford	0	147	0	0	6	4	45	175	47	424	414	2.4%
E. Haven	0	87	0	2	3	2	41	109	48	292	233	25.3%
E. Windsor	0	30	0	1	0	1	35	15	10	92	113	-18.6%
ECSU	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	_7	5	N/A
Easton	0	5	0	1	0	0	3	9	0	18	. 16	12.5%
Enfield	1	142	0	2	0	2	100	38	92	377	332	13.6%
Fairfield	0	34	0	1	0	1	17	48	6	107	104	2.9%
Farmington	0	22	0	0	1	1	48	14	26	112	93	20.4%
Glastonbury	0	16	1	0	0	0	6	66	18	107	96	11.5%
Granby	0	5	0	1	0	0	5	22	4	37	50	-26.0%
Greenwich	0	44	0	0	1	1	15	55	10	126	138	-8.7%
Groton City	0	19	0	0	1	0	25	61	10	116	135	-14.1%
Groton L P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	N/A
Groton Town	1	65	0	1	0	0	30	23	18	138	154	-10.4%
Guilford	0	19	0	1	3	0	8	47	17	95	77	23.4%
Hamden	1	46	1	2	3	0	37	80	22	192	174	10.3%
Hartford	2	776	5	5	18	4	422	416	177	1825	1830	-0.3%
Madison	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	29 ·	5	54	61	-11.5%
Manchester	0	182	1	4	2	5	179	159	88	620	674	-8.0%
Meriden	0	144	0	4	2	5	58	201	47	461	564	-18.3%
Middlebury	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	14	11	N/A
Middletown	0	78	0	1	2	3	48	136	34	302	369	-18.2%
Milford	0	54	0	2	0	1	22	72	27	178	182	-2.2%
Monroe	0	12	0	1	0	1	7	19	7	47	56	-16.1%
Naugatuck	0	67	1	2	0	i O	, 39	128	28	265	258	2.7%

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Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap-	Sexual	Criminal	Risk of	Breach	Disorderly		2010	2009	% Change
		<u> </u>	ping	Assault	Mischief	Injury	of Peace	Conduct	Other	Totals	Totals	2009-2010
New Britain	1	420	1	3	4	0	101	364	95	989	911	8.6%
New Canaan	0	9	0	0	0	1	. 1	14	4	29	33	-12.1%
New Haven	0	600	7	5	9	15	601	76	58	1371	1556	-11.9%
New London	0	97	2	1	4	0	200	100	48	452	390	15.9%
New Milford	0	28	0	0	1	1	16	89	22	157	120	30.8%
Newington	0	63	0	1	1	2	26	62	22	177	186	-4.8%
Newtown	0	19	0	0	1	0	7	38	5	70	78	-10.3%
No Branford	0	5	0	0	1	0	6	40	7	59	56	5.4%
North Haven	1	22	0	0	0	0	9	45	6	83	81	2.5%
Norwalk	1	153	1	3	6	1	98	300	65	628	692	-9.2%
Norwich	0	168	2	4	2	0	71	163	55	465	453	2.6%
Old Saybrook	0	5	0	0	0	1	8	30	2	46	34	35.3%
Orange	0	11	0	0	2	0	2	12	5	32	32	0.0%
Plainfield	0	27	0	1	0	0	6	46	17	97	101	-4.0%
Plainville	0	32	0	0	4	0	21	68	21	146	112	30.4%
Plymouth	0	23	0	1	0	1	7	45	20	97	109	-11.0%
Portland	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	14	3	24	33	-27.3%
Putnam Mun	0	26	0	0	0	1	16	56	17	116	102	13.7%
Redding	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	1	14	13	N/A
Ridgefield	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	30	2	37	42	-11.9%
Rocky Hill	0	16	0	0	0	0	12	18	14	60	61	-1.6%
Seymour	0	32	0	1	0	1	43	21	16	114	64	78.1%
Shelton	0	32	0	2	0	0	22	64	10	130	139	-6.5%
Simsbury	0	13	0	2	0	0	3	25	9	52	69	-24.6%
So Windsor	0	10	0	2	0	0	20	42	9	83	94	-11.7%
SCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	10	N/A
Southington	0	63	0	3	0	2	49	78	25	220	232	-5.2%
Stamford	0	193	1	2	4	2	24	129	19	374	388	-3.6%
Stonington	0	27	0	0		. 0	49	13	17	107	117	-8.5%
Stratford	0	103	0	4	0	0	32	83	23	245	199	
Suffield	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	17	7	31	45	23.1%
Thomaston	0	6	0	. 0	0	0	5	17	3	33		-31.1%
Torrington	0	83 .	0	0	0	2	154	60	53	352	37	-10.8%
Trumbull	0	50	0	1	0	0	6	42	- 53 9	352 108	410	<u>-14.1%</u>
UCONN HC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	9 1		126	<u>-14.3%</u>
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Vernon	0	40	0	1	0	2			1	29	17	70.6%
Wallingford	0	70	0	2	1		85	23	28	179	166	7.8%
Waterbury	0	-321	0			3	37	121	45	279	252	10.7%
Waterbury	0	h-h		0	3	1	473	262	73	1133	1235	-8.3%
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	14	0	0	0	0	28	27	5	74	71	4.2%
Watertown	0	7	0	1	0	2	69	38	15	132	135	-2.2%
W. Hartford	0	76	1	1	1	1	38	106	51	275	272	1.1%
W. Haven	3	133	0	0	2	0	63	163	41	405	269	50.6%
WCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	. 0	2	N/A
Weston	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	7	11	N/A

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Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2010 Totals	2009 Totals	% Change 2009-2010
Westport	0	5	0	0	1	0	4	45	4	59	52	13.5%
Wethersfield	0	33	0	0	0	0	4	37	21	95	89	6.7%
Willimantic	0	61	1	1	10	1	90	74	48	286	218	31.2%
Wilton	0	4	0	0	1	0	3	30	7	45	36	25.0%
Winchester	0	21	0	1	0	1	12	56	13	104	120	-13.3%
Windsor	1	32	0	0	0	0	46	· 76	16	171	170	0.6%
Windsor Lks	0	20	0	0	0 .	0	10	18	14	62	114	-45.6%
Wolcott	1	27	0	2	0	1	7	38	9	85	87	-2.3%
Woodbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	· 1	1	2	3	N/A
Yale	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	15	N/A
Amtrak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	N/A
Metro North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CVH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
DMHAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
DEP	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	N/A
Troop A CSP	· 0	33	0	1	0	0	20	74	24	152	144	5.6%
Troop B CSP	0	40	0	4	0	1	22	70	12	149	116	28.4%
Troop C CSP	0	71	0	2	- 4	2	17	90	32	218	165	32.1%
Troop D CSP	1	94	0	3	3	3	49	128	56	337	260	29.6%
Troop E CSP	0	65	0	1	4	1	44	62	22	199	233	-14.6%
Troop F CSP	1	34	0	0	0	0	17	50	13	115	111	3.6%
Troop G CSP	1	4	0	0	0	0	6	1	3	15	20	-25.0%
Troop H CSP	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	10	11	-23.0% N/A
Troop I CSP	1	22	0	1	0	1	15	29	8	77	69	
Troop K CSP	0	54	1	1	1	1	20	146	29			11.6%
Troop L CSP	0	20	0	1	3	2	33	102	29	253	189	33.9%
Troop R (Casino)	•	_						102	<u> </u>	183	157	16.6%
Troop W CSP	0	5	0	0	0	0	33	6	· 0	44	42	4.8%
DD T-4-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 ·	N/A
PD Totals		6,338	27	93	127	89	4,230	6,212	2,105	19,238	19,501	-1.3%
CSP Totals	4	447		14	15	11	278	759	223	1,752	1,517	15.5%
CT Totals 2010 there were		6,785	28	107	142	100	4,508	6,971	2,328	20,990	21,018	-0.1%

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*In 2010 there were twenty-one family violence homicide incidents involving twenty-two victims (i.e. one incident involved two victims).

(Percent changes not calculated for agencies with less than 15 Family Violence incidents in either year).