

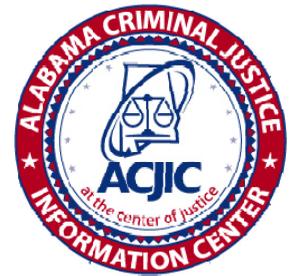
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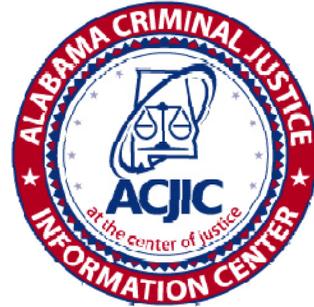
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Domestic Violence

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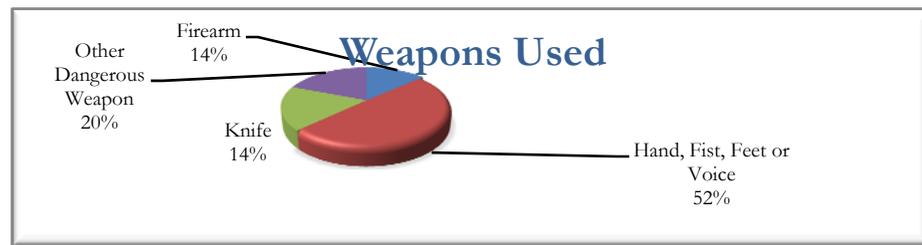
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Domestic Violence – 2009

- Of the **20,167** violent offenses* reported in 2009, **12%** were domestic violence incidents. Domestic violence was indicated in **2,368** offenses reported: in **40** homicides; **267** rapes; **85** robberies; and in **1,976** aggravated assaults. **1,141** incidents of domestic violence were cleared for a **49%** clearance rate. **36%** of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- There were **29,976** domestic simple assaults, which represent **36%** of all simple assaults reported in 2009. **15,174** domestic simple assaults were cleared for a **51%** clearance rate. **41%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- **77%** of the victims were females, and **23%** were males. **52%** of the victims were black, and **48%** were white. In **58%** of the offenses, the offender was black, and in **78%** the offender was male.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **14%** of the offenses; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **52%**; a knife was the weapon used in **14%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **20%**.
- **47%** of the victims suffered injuries: **9%** were injured with a firearm; **19%** were injured with a knife; **52%** were injured with fists, hands or feet; and **20%** were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- In **26%** of domestic violence offenses the victim was the wife/ex-wife of the offender; in **46%** the victim was the girlfriend/ex-girlfriend of the offender.

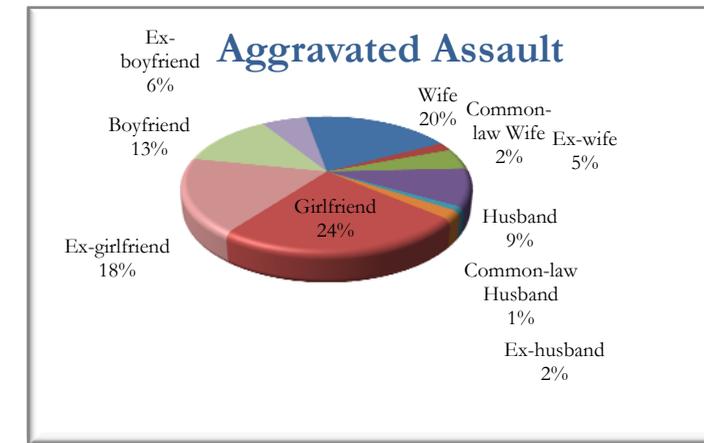
*Excluding simple assaults



Domestic Violence - Aggravated Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

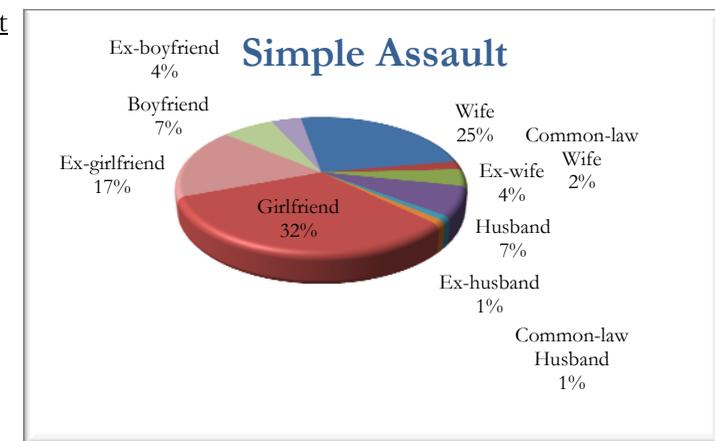
| The Victim was: | Percent |
|--------------------|---------|
| Wife | 20% |
| Common-law wife | 2% |
| Ex-wife | 5% |
| Husband | 9% |
| Common-law husband | 1% |
| Ex-husband | 2% |
| Girlfriend | 24% |
| Ex-girlfriend | 18% |
| Boyfriend | 13% |
| Ex-boyfriend | 6% |



Domestic Violence - Simple Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

| The Victim was: | Percent |
|--------------------|---------|
| Wife | 25% |
| Common-law wife | 2% |
| Ex-wife | 4% |
| Husband | 7% |
| Common-law husband | 1% |
| Ex-husband | 1% |
| Girlfriend | 32% |
| Ex-girlfriend | 17% |
| Boyfriend | 7% |
| Ex-boyfriend | 4% |



Domestic Violence – Assault

Aggravated

- Of the **12,369** aggravated assaults reported in 2009, **1,976** were domestic aggravated assaults - or **16%** of all aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. **939** incidents of domestic aggravated assault were cleared for a **48%** clearance rate. **32%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **14%** of the assaults; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **49%**; a knife was the weapon used in **16%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **21%**.
- **50%** of the victims were injured: **7%** with a firearm; **21%** with a knife; **50%** with hands, fists or feet; and **22%** with other dangerous weapons.
- **27%** of the victims were a wife or ex-wife of the offender; **42%** of the victims were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; and **12%** of the victims were a husband or ex-husband of the offender. **59%** of the offenders were black, and **75%** were males.

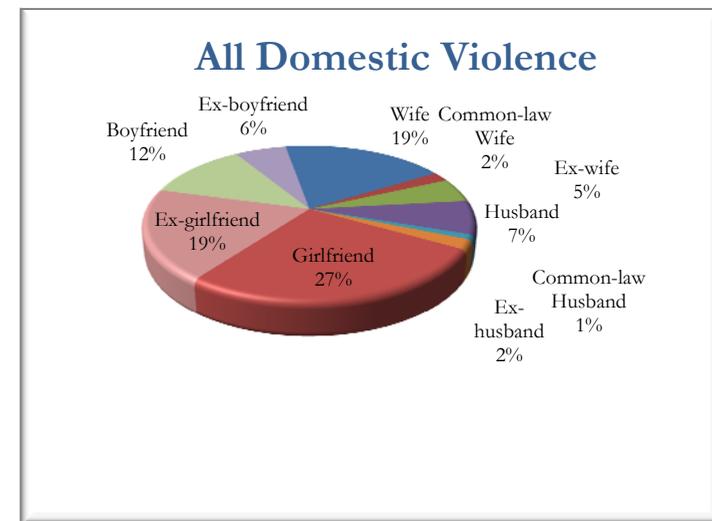
Simple

- There were **29,976** domestic simple assaults reported in 2009, or **36%** of all simple assaults for that year. **15,174** incidents of domestic simple assaults were cleared for a **52%** clearance rate. **41%** of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- Hands, fists, feet or voice were used as a weapon in **88%** of these assaults, however, **37%** of the victims still reported injuries.
- **31%** of the victims were a wife or ex-wife to the offender; **49%** were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend.

Domestic Violence

Relationship of Victim and Offender

| The Victim was: | Percent |
|--------------------|---------|
| Wife | 19% |
| Common-law wife | 2% |
| Ex-wife | 5% |
| Husband | 7% |
| Common-law husband | 1% |
| Ex-husband | 2% |
| Girlfriend | 27% |
| Ex-girlfriend | 19% |
| Boyfriend | 12% |
| Ex-boyfriend | 6% |



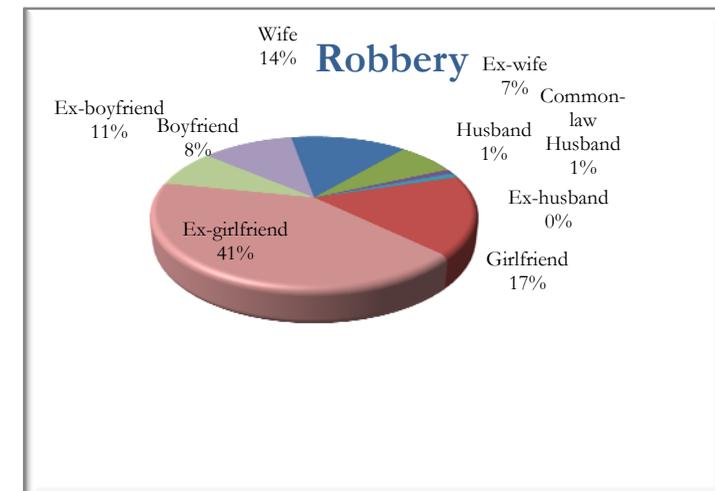
Domestic Violence - Homicide

- There were **40** domestic homicides reported in 2009, representing **13%** of the **318** homicides reported in Alabama for that year. **22** domestic homicides were cleared for a **67%** clearance rate.
- **23%** of the victims were males, and **77%** were females. **53%** of the victims were black, and **47%** were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **65%** of the homicides; a knife was the weapon used **20%**; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **3%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **12%**.
- In **45%** of the homicides the victim was the wife or ex-wife of the offender; in **10%** the victim was the husband or ex-husband; in **35%** the victim was the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend; and in **10%** of the homicides the victim was the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.
- **85%** of the homicides occurred at a residence; **6%** occurred in a parking lot; and **9%** occurred in other locations.
- In **50%** of the homicides the offender was black; and in **83%** the offender was a male. **48%** of the homicides had black victims and black offenders; **33%** had white victims and white offenders; **2%** had white victims and black offenders; **2%** had black victims and white offenders; and in **15%** of the cases the race of the offender was unknown.

Domestic Violence - Robbery

Relationship of Victim and Offender

| The Victim was: | Percent |
|--------------------|---------|
| Wife | 14% |
| Common law-wife | 0% |
| Ex-wife | 7% |
| Husband | 1% |
| Common law-husband | 1% |
| Ex-husband | 0% |
| Girlfriend | 17% |
| Ex-girlfriend | 41% |
| Boyfriend | 8% |
| Ex-boyfriend | 11% |



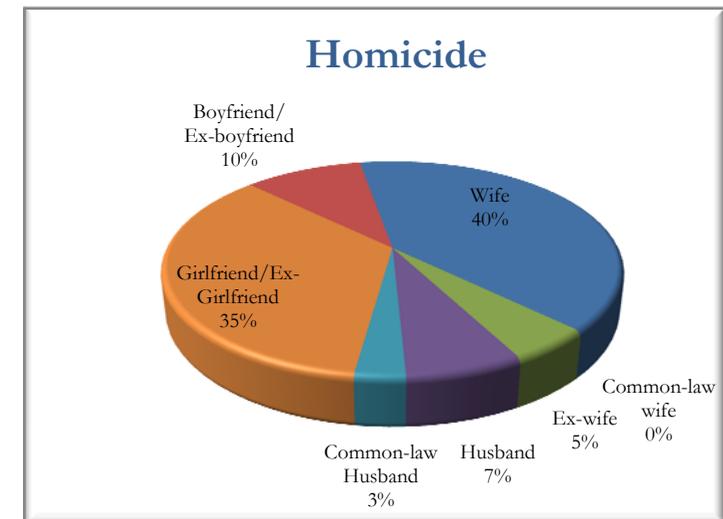
Domestic Violence - Robbery

- There were **85** robberies in 2009 that indicated domestic violence. This represents **1%** of the **6,052** robberies reported for Alabama in that year. **38** domestic robberies were cleared for a **45%** clearance rate. **61%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **34%** of the robberies; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **49%**; a knife was the weapon used in **5%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **12%**.
- **36%** of the victims suffered injuries: **35%** were injured with a firearm; **0%** were injured with a knife; **56%** were injured with fists, feet or hands; and **9%** were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- **58%** of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; **21%** of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.
- **41%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **17%** occurred in a street or alley; and **42%** occurred in other locations.
- In **83%** of the robberies, the offender was black and in **90%** the offender was a male.

Domestic Violence - Homicide

Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Wife | 40% |
| Common-law wife | 0% |
| Ex-wife | 5% |
| Husband | 7% |
| Common-law husband | 3% |
| Ex-husband | 0% |
| Girlfriend/Ex-girlfriend | 35% |
| Boyfriend/Ex-boyfriend | 10% |



Domestic Violence - Rape

- There were **267** domestic violence rapes in 2009, representing **19%** of the **1,428** rapes reported in Alabama for that year. **116** domestic rapes were cleared for a **47%** clearance rate. **55%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- **36%** of the victims were black females and **62%** were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **5%** of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **84%**; a knife was the weapon used in **3%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **8%**.
- **32%** of the victims suffered injuries: **4%** were injured with a firearm; **4%** were injured with a knife; **84%** were injured with fists, feet or hands; and **5%** were injured with other dangerous weapons.
- **76%** of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender, and **24%** of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.
- **84%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **1%** occurred in a street or alley; and **15%** occurred in other locations.
- In **51%** of the rapes the offender was white, in **47%** the offender was black, and in **2%** the offender was of another race.
- **34%** of domestic rape victims were juveniles, but only **9%** of the offenders were juveniles.

Domestic Violence - Rape

Relationship of Victim and Offender

| <u>The Victim was:</u> | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Wife | 17% |
| Common-law wife | 1% |
| Ex-wife | 6% |
| Girlfriend | 50% |
| Ex-girlfriend | 26% |

