

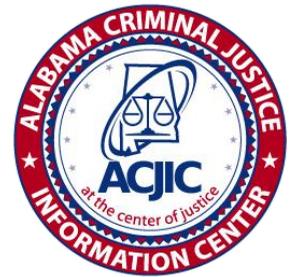
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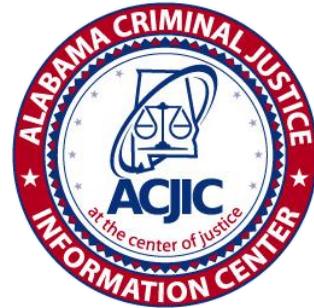
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## 2011 Domestic Violence in Alabama



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## Domestic Violence

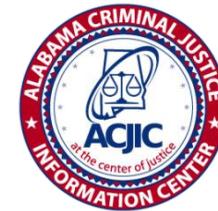
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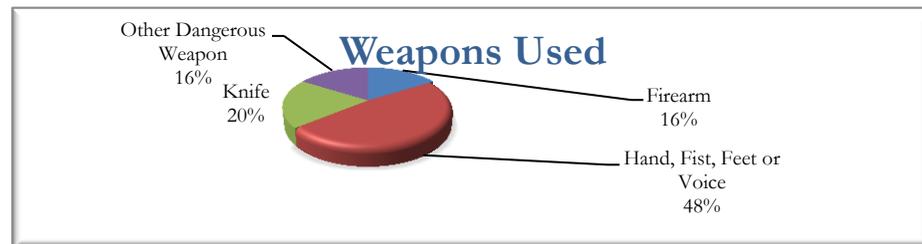
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## Domestic Violence – 2011

- Of the **20,290** violent offenses\* reported in 2011, **10%** were domestic violence incidents. Domestic violence was indicated in **2,118** offenses reported: in **26** homicides; **181** rapes; **58** robberies; and in **1,853** aggravated assaults. **1,260** incidents of domestic violence were cleared for a **60%** clearance rate. **44%** of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- There were **23,472** domestic simple assaults, which represent **38%** of all simple assaults reported in 2011. **12,888** domestic simple assaults were cleared for a **55%** clearance rate. **52%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- **79%** of the victims were females, and **21%** were males. **46%** of the victims were black, and **54%** were white. In **79%** the offender was male.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **16%** of the offenses; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **48%**; a knife was the weapon used in **20%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **16%**.
- **83%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **7%** occurred in a highway, street or alley; **3%** occurred in a parking lot; **1%** occurred in a hotel or motel; and **6%** occurred in all other locations.
- In **24%** of domestic violence offenses the victim was the wife/ex-wife of the offender; in **42%** the victim was the girlfriend/ex-girlfriend of the offender.

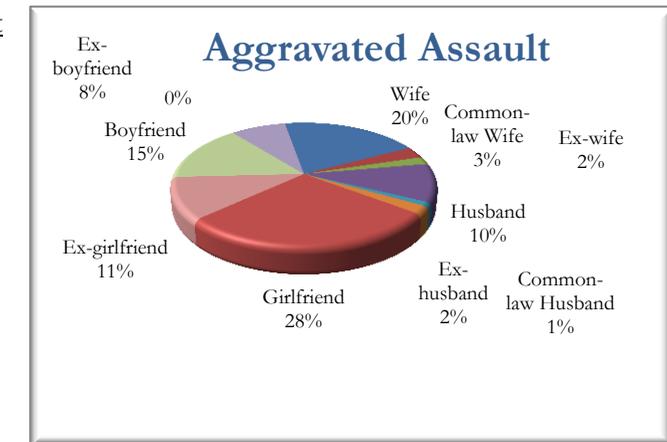
\*Excluding simple assaults



## Domestic Violence - Aggravated Assault

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

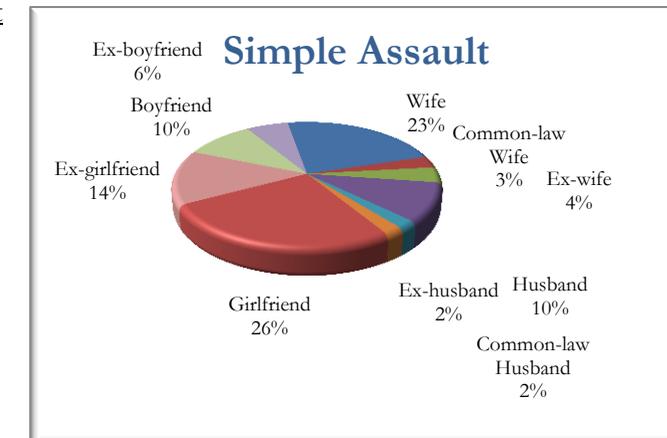
The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	20%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	2%
Husband	10%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	28%
Ex-girlfriend	11%
Boyfriend	15%
Ex-boyfriend	8%



## Domestic Violence - Simple Assault

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	23%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	4%
Husband	10%
Common-law husband	2%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	26%
Ex-girlfriend	14%
Boyfriend	10%
Ex-boyfriend	6%



## Domestic Violence – Assault

### Aggravated

- Of the **13,690** aggravated assaults reported in 2011, **1,853** were domestic aggravated assaults - or **14%** of all aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. **1,103** incidents of domestic aggravated assault were cleared for a **60%** clearance rate. **41%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **16%** of the assaults; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **45%**; a knife was the weapon used in **22%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **17%**.
- **58%** of the victims were injured.
- **25%** of the victims were a wife or ex-wife of the offender; **39%** of the victims were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; **13%** of the victims were a husband or ex-husband of the offender; and **23%** were the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender. **41%** of the offenders were black, and **64%** were males.

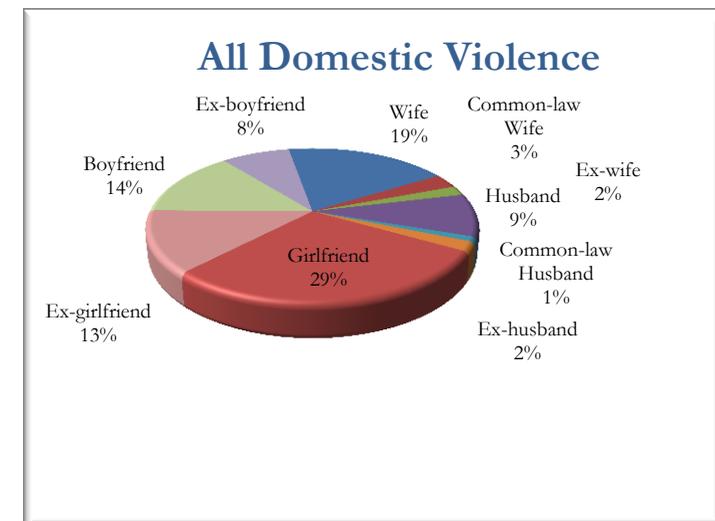
### Simple

- There were **23,472** domestic simple assaults reported in 2011, or **38%** of all simple assaults for that year. **12,888** incidents of domestic simple assaults were cleared for a **55%** clearance rate. **52%** of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- Hands, fists, feet or voice were used as a weapon in **90%** of these assaults; however, **39%** of the victims still reported injuries.
- **30%** of the victims were a wife or ex-wife to the offender; **40%** were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend.

## Domestic Violence

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	19%
Common-law wife	3%
Ex-wife	2%
Husband	9%
Common-law husband	1%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	29%
Ex-girlfriend	13%
Boyfriend	14%
Ex-boyfriend	8%



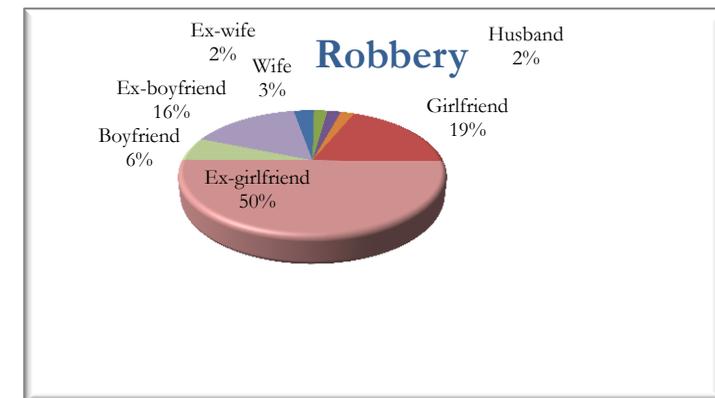
## Domestic Violence - Homicide

- There were **26** domestic homicides reported in 2011, representing **8%** of the **311** homicides reported in Alabama for that year. **23** domestic homicides were cleared for an **88%** clearance rate.
- **12%** of the victims were males, and **88%** were females. **50%** of the victims were black, and **50%** were white.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **77%** of the homicides; a knife was the weapon used **19%**; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **0%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **4%**.
- In **46%** of the homicides the victim was the wife or ex-wife of the offender; in **12%** the victim was the husband or ex-husband; in **31%** the victim was the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend; and in **11%** of the homicides the victim was the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.
- **85%** of the homicides occurred at a residence; **4%** occurred in a highway, street or alley; and **11%** occurred in other locations.
- In **42%** of the homicides the offender was black; and in **69%** the offender was a male. **42%** of the homicides had black victims and black offenders; **39%** had white victims and white offenders; **0%** had white victims and black offenders; **0%** had black victims and white offenders; and in **19%** the race of the offender was unknown.

## Domestic Violence - Robbery

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was:	Percent
Wife	3%
Common law-wife	0%
Ex-wife	2%
Husband	2%
Common law-husband	0%
Ex-husband	2%
Girlfriend	19%
Ex-girlfriend	50%
Boyfriend	6%
Ex-boyfriend	16%



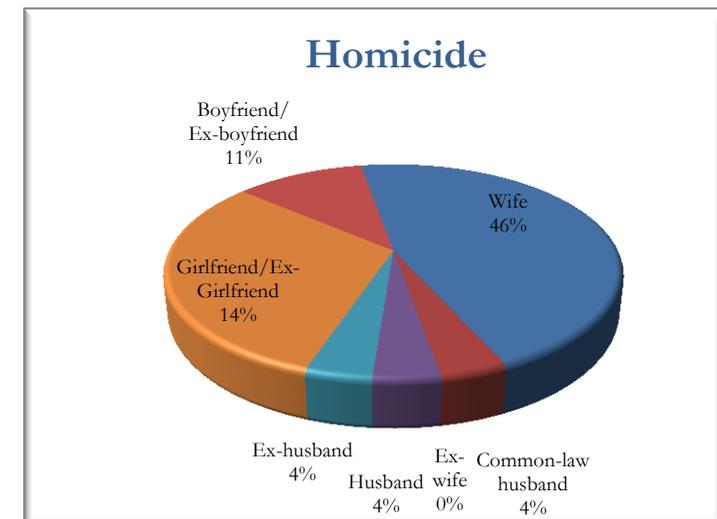
## Domestic Violence - Robbery

- There were **58** robberies in 2011 that indicated domestic violence. This represents **1%** of the **4,885** robberies reported for Alabama in that year. **28** domestic robberies were cleared for a **48%** clearance rate. **54%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **16%** of the robberies; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in **62%**; a knife was the weapon used in **14%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **8%**.
- **35%** of the victims suffered injuries.
- **69%** of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; **5%** of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender; and **22%** were the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.
- **53%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **17%** occurred in a street or alley; **9%** occurred in a parking lot; **7%** occurred at a gas station; and **14%** occurred in other locations.
- In **47%** of the robberies, the offender was black and in **74%** the offender was a male.

## Domestic Violence - Homicide

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	46%
Common-law wife	0%
Ex-wife	0%
Husband	4%
Common-law husband	4%
Ex-husband	4%
Girlfriend/Ex-girlfriend	31%
Boyfriend/Ex-boyfriend	11%



## Domestic Violence - Rape

- There were **181** domestic violence rapes in 2011, representing **13%** of the **1,404** rapes reported in Alabama for that year. **106** domestic rapes were cleared for a **59%** clearance rate. **66%** of the clearances were exceptional.
- **33%** of the victims were black females and **67%** were white females.
- A firearm was the weapon used in **2%** of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in **85%**; a knife was the weapon used in **3%**; and other dangerous weapons were used in **10%**.
- **39%** of the victims suffered injuries.
- **79%** of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender, and **21%** of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.
- **82%** of the offenses occurred at a residence; **4%** occurred in a street or alley; and **16%** occurred in other locations.
- In **45%** of the rapes the offender was white; in **30%** the offender was black; and in **25%** of the rapes the race of the offender was unknown.
- **40%** of domestic rape victims were juveniles.

## Domestic Violence - Rape

### Relationship of Victim and Offender

<u>The Victim was:</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Wife	14%
Common-law wife	4%
Ex-wife	3%
Girlfriend	51%
Ex-girlfriend	28%

