Domestic Violence

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Domestic Violence – 2006

- Of the 18,992 violent offenses* reported in 2006, 11% were domestic violence incidents. Domestic violence was indicated in 1,994 offenses reported: in 31 homicides; 224 rapes; 92 robberies; and in 1,647 aggravated assaults. 1,003 incidents of domestic violence were cleared for a 50% clearance rate. 42% of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.

- There were 26,507 domestic simple assaults, which represent 35% of all simple assaults reported in 2006. 14,128 domestic simple assaults were cleared for a 58% clearance rate. 43% of the clearances were exceptional.

- 76% of the victims were females, and 24% were males. 51% of the victims were black, and 49% were white. In 54% of the offenses, the offender was black, and in 78% the offender was male.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the offenses; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in 46%; a knife was the weapon used in 15%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 21%.

- 50% of the victims suffered injuries: 9% were injured with a firearm; 21% were injured with a knife; 49% were injured with fists, hands or feet; and 21% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

- In 32% of domestic violence offenses the victim was the wife/ex-wife of the offender; in 44% 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 26%
Common-law wife 3%
Ex-wife 5%
Husband 1%
Ex-husband 2%
Girlfriend 25%
Ex-girlfriend 14%
Boyfriend 10%
Ex-boyfriend 5%

Domestic Violence - Simple Assault

Relationship of Victim and Offender

The Victim was: Percent
Wife 27%
Common-law wife 3%
Ex-wife 5%
Husband 7%
Common-law husband 1%
Ex-husband 2%
Girlfriend 29%
Ex-girlfriend 17%
Boyfriend 5%
Ex-boyfriend 4%
Domestic Violence – Assault

Aggravated
- Of the 10,603 aggravated assaults reported in 2006, 1,647 were domestic aggravated assaults - or 16% of all aggravated assaults reported in Alabama for that year. 839 incidents of domestic aggravated assault were cleared for a 51% clearance rate. 40% of the clearances were exceptional.
- A firearm was the weapon used in 18% of the assaults; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in 41%; a knife was the weapon used in 17%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 24%.
- 51% of the victims were injured: 7% with a firearm; 24% with a knife; 46% with hands, fists or feet; and 23% with other dangerous weapons.
- 34% 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; and 12% of the victims were a husband or ex-husband of the offender. 54% of the offenders were black, and 74% were males.

Simple
- There were 26,507 domestic simple assaults reported in 2006, or 35% of all simple assaults for that year. 14,128 incidents of domestic simple assaults were cleared for a 58% clearance rate. 43% of the clearances were exceptional, i.e. lack of prosecution.
- Hands, fists, feet or voice were used as a weapon in 86% of these assaults, however, 38% of the victims still reported injuries.
- 35% of the victims were a wife or ex-wife to the offender; 46% were a girlfriend or ex-girlfriend.

Domestic Violence

Relationship of Victim and Offender

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All Domestic Violence
Domestic Violence - Homicide

- There were 31 domestic homicides reported in 2006, representing 9% of the 353 homicides reported in Alabama for that year. 23 domestic homicides were cleared for a 74% clearance rate.

- 32% of the victims were males, and 68% were females. 48% of the victims were black, and 52% were white.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 58% of the homicides; a knife was the weapon used 19%; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 20%.

- In 35% of the homicides the victim was the wife or ex-wife of the offender; in 10% the victim was the husband; in 32% the victim was the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend; and in 23% of the homicides the victim was the boyfriend or ex-boyfriend of the offender.

- 87% of the homicides occurred at a residence; 10% occurred in a street, alley, or parking lot; and 3% occurred in other locations.

- In 43% of the homicides the offender was white; and in 67% the offender was a male. 50% of the homicides had black victims and black offenders; 43% had white victims and white offenders; 7% had white victims and black offenders; and 0% had black victims and white offenders.

Domestic Violence - Robbery

Relationship of Victim and Offender

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Domestic Violence - Robbery

- There were 92 robberies in 2006 that indicated domestic violence. This represents 1% of the 6,564 robberies reported for Alabama in that year. 35 domestic robberies were cleared for a 38% clearance rate. 46% of the clearances were exceptional.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 39% of the robberies; hands, fists or feet were used as a weapon in 50%; a knife was the weapon used in 4%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 7%.

- 36% of the victims suffered injuries: 13% were injured with a firearm; 0% were injured with a knife; 79% were injured with fists, feet or hands; and 8% were injured with other dangerous weapons.

- 69% of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender; 17% of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.

- 40% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 23% occurred in a street or alley; and 37% occurred in other locations.

- In 72% of the robberies, the offender was black and in 90% the offender was a male.

Domestic Violence - Homicide

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Homicide
Domestic Violence - Rape

- There were 224 domestic violence rapes in 2006, representing 15% of the 1,472 rapes reported in Alabama for that year. 106 domestic rapes were cleared for a 47% clearance rate. 67% of the clearances were exceptional.

- 45% of the victims were black females and 55% were white females.

- A firearm was the weapon used in 5% of the rapes; hands, fists, or feet were used as a weapon in 86%; a knife was the weapon used in 3%; and other dangerous weapons were used in 6%.

- 41% of the victims suffered injuries: 7% 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.

- 80% of the victims were the girlfriend or ex-girlfriend of the offender, and 20% of the victims were the wife or ex-wife of the offender.

- 80% of the offenses occurred at a residence; 2% occurred in a street or alley; and 18% occurred in other locations.

- In 49% of the rapes the offender was white, in 49% the offender was black, and in 1% the offender was of another race.

- 33% of domestic rape victims were juveniles, but only 10% of the offenders were juveniles.

Domestic Violence - Rape

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![Graph showing the relationship of victim and offender in domestic violence cases.](image)