

**SECTION X**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**



# INTRODUCTION

The violence within the American domicile has been recognized for decades by elements of government and society with little done to correct the problem. Only recently has this phenomenon begun to receive the attention it deserves. In an effort to understand, identify and treat the incidents of abuse occurring in the home, the State of New Jersey, through its legislature, has provided the means to gain a meaningful insight into this issue.

In 1982, the Domestic Violence Act was instituted to protect battered victims and study the complex problems that spark such aggressive behavior. This legislation also provided the opportunity to identify the causes of violence in the home and put forth a more comprehensive effort to combat the crime of Domestic Violence.

Improvements since the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act are continuing; serious concern has been displayed within many municipal and county agencies whereby various committees and working groups have been formed to help battle this important problem. Revised investigation and reporting procedures by the police; improved processing of domestic complaints by the courts; mandatory in-service training for police and court personnel have all enabled the victim to come forward and implement the constitutional rights granted to all Americans.

The following pages of narrative and graphics in this chapter are the result of gathered data displaying the complexities of domestic violence found within the State of New Jersey. (NOTE: Legislation enacted August 11, 1995, added stalking as a domestic violence offense. This 1995 legislation also expanded domestic violence protection to persons involved in a dating relationship. These legislative changes will effect comparisons of the volume of reported domestic violence acts.) It is through analysis of this data that, hopefully, the keys to preventing future violence can be found.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Highlights of the 1996 domestic violence statistics are listed below:

- There were 85,018 domestic violence offenses reported by the police in 1996, a 2% decrease compared to the 86,631 reported in 1995.
- Murders decreased 30% in 1996 (43) when compared to 1995 (61).
- Assaults accounted for 51% (43,017) and harassment accounted for 36% (30,191) of the reported offenses in 1996.
- Arrests were made in 33% (28,039) of the offenses reported for 1996, a decrease of 4% when compared to 1995 (29,061).
- The most frequent day of domestic violence occurrences was Sunday (15,316).
- For the fourteenth consecutive year, the most frequent hours of domestic violence incidents were between 8:00 p.m. and midnight, when 29% (24,655) of the offenses were reported.
- Children were involved or present during 43% of all domestic violence offenses occurring in 1996. Specifically, 7% (5,545) were involved and 36% (31,003) were present.
- Wives were the victims in 24% (20,717) and ex-wives were the victims in 3% (2,201) of the reported domestic violence offenses in 1996. Overall, females were victims in 80% (68,011) of all domestic violence offenses.
- The number of domestic violence complaints that had prior court orders issued against the offender decreased from 29,061 in 1995 to 19,618 in 1996. This is a decrease of 32%.
- Alcohol and/or drugs were involved in 36% (30,784) of the reported offenses occurring in 1996. Alcohol involvement alone accounted for 31% (26,303) of the total domestic violence offenses reported.
- Persons age 60 or over were victims in 3% (2,600) of all reported domestic violence offenses that occurred in 1996.
- Domestic violence does not occur at a regular frequency, but when viewed as a ratio of its occurrence to a fixed time interval, one act of domestic violence would occur every six (6) minutes and eleven(11) seconds.
- Domestic violence offenses arising from a dating relationship accounted for 11% (9,202) of the state total. Seven of these offenses were murder.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1995/1996

Domestic Violence Offense		Number of Offenses	★ Number of Arrests	★ Percent of Offenses Involving an Arrest
<b>Homicide</b>	1995	61	48	79
	<b>1996</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-30	-48	-27
<b>Assault</b>	1995	45,509	21,952	48
	<b>1996</b>	<b>43,017</b>	<b>20,947</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-5	-5	2
<b>Terroristic Threats</b>	1995	5,348	1,438	27
	<b>1996</b>	<b>5,057</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-5	-10	-4
<b>Kidnapping</b>	1995	25	7	28
	<b>1996</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-12	&	-4
<b>Criminal Restraint</b>	1995	110	42	38
	<b>1996</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		10	7	-3
<b>False Imprisonment</b>	1995	33	13	39
	<b>1996</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-18	15	44
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	1995	195	78	40
	<b>1996</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-10	-6	3
<b>Criminal Sexual Contact</b>	1995	46	22	48
	<b>1996</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		46	36	-6
<b>Lewdness</b>	1995	19	8	42
	<b>1996</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-47	&	-5
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	1995	4,397	1,417	32
	<b>1996</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		3	3	0
<b>Burglary</b>	1995	627	182	29
	<b>1996</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		3	-3	-7
<b>Criminal Trespass</b>	1995	839	359	43
	<b>1996</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-9	-8	0
<b>Harassment</b>	1995	29,139	3,426	12
	<b>1996</b>	<b>30,191</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		4	4	0
<b>Stalking</b>	1995	283	69	24
	<b>1996</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		25	12	-8
<b>TOTAL</b>	1995	86,631	29,061	34
	<b>1996</b>	<b>85,018</b>	<b>28,039</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>		-2	-4	-3

★ Incidents are reported soon after they occur; therefore, arrests made after that time are not included.

& Percent not calculated due to small volume.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY COUNTY

## 1995/1996

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprisonment	Sexual Assault
Atlantic	1995	8	2,264	242	-	4	2	9
	<b>1996</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>
Bergen	1995	3	2,813	413	1	6	3	6
	<b>1996</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
Burlington	1995	3	2,046	113	-	5	1	8
	<b>1996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,047</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
Camden	1995	2	4,596	281	-	19	2	23
	<b>1996</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>
Cape May	1995	-	860	55	1	4	1	4
	<b>1996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Cumberland	1995	1	1,637	136	3	2	-	14
	<b>1996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>
Essex	1995	9	6,073	1,058	6	6	4	33
	<b>1996</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5,712</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>
Gloucester	1995	1	1,481	128	1	12	-	2
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
Hudson	1995	7	3,773	586	5	9	1	19
	<b>1996</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>
Hunterdon	1995	-	190	24	-	2	-	1
	<b>1996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
Mercer	1995	3	1,952	60	2	3	5	7
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY COUNTY

## 1995/1996

Criminal Sexual Contact	Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	Stalking	County Total	Percent Change
2	1	215	22	27	2,229	11	5,036	
<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,462</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>3</b>
2	3	189	23	98	2,370	27	5,957	*
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5,969</b>	
3	-	165	15	49	1,477	10	3,895	
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,051</b>	<b>4</b>
3	-	581	104	81	3,686	20	9,398	
<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9,273</b>	<b>-1</b>
2	-	69	4	39	937	12	1,988	
<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>-5</b>
5	1	179	29	30	644	6	2,687	
<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>-5</b>
-	4	340	125	38	950	29	8,675	
<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8,355</b>	<b>-4</b>
-	-	175	9	41	720	5	2,575	
<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,774</b>	<b>8</b>
8	1	275	65	32	1,616	22	6,419	
<b>7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>6,395</b>	<b>*</b>
-	1	12	1	5	210	4	450	
<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>4</b>
-	-	260	16	37	1,097	11	3,453	
<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>*</b>

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## 1995/1996

County	Year	Homicide	Assault	Terroristic Threats	Kidnapping	Criminal Restraint	False Imprisonment	Sexual Assault
Middlesex	1995	4	3,149	484	2	7	3	19
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>
Monmouth	1995	4	3,130	308	-	8	3	13
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,989</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
Morris	1995	2	1,292	182	-	4	1	4
	<b>1996</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
Ocean	1995	4	2,447	403	1	5	-	10
	<b>1996</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16</b>
Passaic	1995	5	2,383	347	2	10	2	8
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>
Salem	1995	-	520	21	-	-	1	2
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Somerset	1995	-	901	34	1	1	1	3
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Sussex	1995	-	461	66	-	-	2	2
	<b>1996</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Union	1995	5	3,240	366	-	1	1	7
	<b>1996</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
Warren	1995	-	301	41	-	2	-	1
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	1995	61	45,509	5,348	25	110	33	195
	<b>1996</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>43,017</b>	<b>5,057</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>176</b>

\* Indicates less than one-half of one percent.



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## 1995/1996

Criminal Sexual Contact	Lewdness	Criminal Mischief	Burglary	Criminal Trespass	Harassment	Stalking	County Total	Percent Change
1	-	414	38	64	1,910	25	6,120	-8
<b>9</b>	-	<b>406</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5,656</b>	
3	1	338	36	70	2,569	25	6,508	3
<b>2</b>	-	<b>430</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6,735</b>	
1	-	145	9	36	1,149	12	2,837	-7
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,637</b>	
5	2	268	37	57	2,089	27	5,355	-1
<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5,287</b>	
3	4	149	29	34	1,089	14	4,079	-18
<b>7</b>	-	<b>109</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,328</b>	
-	-	54	4	9	317	1	929	2
-	-	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>951</b>	
2	-	173	5	31	1,334	1	2,487	10
<b>3</b>	-	<b>181</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,520</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,735</b>	
1	-	59	2	14	590	7	1,204	-1
<b>1</b>	-	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,197</b>	
4	1	288	53	44	1,910	11	5,931	-6
<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5,568</b>	
1	-	49	1	3	246	3	648	-17
-	-	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>541</b>	
46	19	4,397	627	839	29,139	283	86,631	-2
<b>67</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>30,191</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>85,018</b>	

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES/ARRESTS 1992 Through 1996

Domestic Violence Offense	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Offenses	Arrests	Offenses	Arrests	Offenses	Arrests	Offenses	Arrests	Offenses	Arrests
<b>Homicide</b>	60	48	54	35	42	30	61	48	43	25
<b>Assault</b>	30,292	15,227	37,760	18,488	39,047	19,306	45,509	21,952	43,017	20,947
<b>Terroristic Threats</b>	3,026	954	3,999	1,219	4,414	1,255	5,348	1,438	5,057	1,294
<b>Kidnapping</b>	14	4	15	5	33	9	25	7	22	6
<b>Criminal Restraint</b>	82	31	93	33	85	28	110	42	121	45
<b>False Imprisonment</b>	28	10	21	10	18	4	33	13	27	15
<b>Sexual Assault</b>	92	41	122	53	118	50	195	78	176	73
<b>Criminal Sexual Contact</b>	25	10	28	17	32	13	46	22	67	30
<b>Lewdness</b>	6	1	11	5	14	4	19	8	10	4
<b>Criminal Mischief</b>	2,553	854	3,237	1,121	3,546	1,191	4,397	1,417	4,522	1,461
<b>Burglary</b>	293	72	418	127	496	144	627	182	647	177
<b>Criminal Trespass</b>	478	225	560	248	658	321	839	359	765	330
<b>Harassment</b>	15,372	2,243	19,930	2,754	22,488	3,009	29,139	3,426	30,191	3,555
<b>Stalking</b> □	-	-	-	-	-	-	283	69	353	77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52,321</b>	<b>19,720</b>	<b>66,248</b>	<b>24,115</b>	<b>70,991</b>	<b>25,364</b>	<b>86,631</b>	<b>29,061</b>	<b>85,018</b>	<b>28,039</b>

□ Stalking was first reported in 1995.

- Arrests for domestic violence offenses decreased 4%, and reflected the second highest number of arrests since the inception of the Domestic Violence Program.
- The violent crimes of homicide (43), aggravated assault (6,148), and sexual assault (176) accounted for 7 % of reported domestic violence offenses (85,018).

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TYPE OF WEAPON AND EXTENT OF INJURY 1995/1996

Type of Weapon		Extent of Injury			TOTAL
		Aggravated Serious	Non-Aggravated Minor	None	
Gun	1995	237	148	86	471
	<b>1996</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>447</b>
	Percent Change	-19	-32	81	-5
Knife	1995	951	1,056	217	2,224
	<b>1996</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>2,103</b>
	Percent Change	-9	-11	38	-5
Other Dangerous Weapon	1995	751	1,668	203	2,622
	<b>1996</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2,552</b>
	Percent Change	-2	-5	15	-3
Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.	1995	1,699	33,023	5,314	40,036
	<b>1996</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>31,095</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>37,634</b>
	Percent Change	-10	-6	-6	-6
None	1995	-	-	41,278	41,278
	<b>1996</b>	-	-	<b>42,282</b>	<b>42,282</b>
	Percent Change	-	-	2	2
TOTAL	1995	3,638	35,895	47,098	86,631
	<b>1996</b>	<b>3,322</b>	<b>33,719</b>	<b>47,977</b>	<b>85,018</b>
	Percent Change	<b>-9</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-2</b>

- Forty-four percent (37,041) of all domestic violence complaints resulted in injury. This is a 6% decrease when compared to the 39,533 that occurred in 1995.
- Of all the domestic violence offenses involving weapons (42,736), hands, fists, feet, etc. were used in 88% (37,634) of these offenses.
- Domestic violence offenses involving hands, fists, feet, etc. decreased 6%, from 40,036 in 1995 to 37,634 in 1996.
- Serious injuries were reported in 3,322 offenses a 9% decrease when compared to the 3,638 reported in 1995.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TYPE & SEX OF VICTIM 1996

Type of Offense		Relationship of Victim to Offender							Total Number of Offenses
		Spouse	Ex-spouse	Co-parent	Relative	Friend	Ex-friend	Total	
Homicide	Male	1	1	-	2	4	1	9	43
	Female	9	3	2	5	14	1	34	
Assault	Male	2,326	201	1,026	1,926	2,606	590	8,675	43,017
	Female	9,861	607	6,556	3,086	11,115	3,117	34,342	
Terroristic Threats	Male	142	38	69	212	131	131	723	5,057
	Female	1,348	279	721	420	687	879	4,334	
Kidnapping	Male	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	22
	Female	1	1	5	2	3	7	19	
Criminal Restraint	Male	1	2	2	-	1	1	7	121
	Female	29	-	18	9	29	29	114	
False Imprisonment	Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	27
	Female	10	-	3	-	13	1	27	
Sexual Assault	Male	-	-	1	-	3	-	4	176
	Female	22	6	30	9	67	38	172	
Criminal Sexual Contact	Male	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	67
	Female	17	3	6	10	18	12	66	
Lewdness	Male	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	10
	Female	3	1	3	1	-	1	9	
Criminal Mischief	Male	242	44	139	218	330	177	1,150	4,522
	Female	847	103	569	478	890	485	3,372	
Burglary	Male	17	12	10	31	15	23	108	647
	Female	76	25	114	88	70	166	539	
Criminal Trespass	Male	22	10	13	36	39	41	161	765
	Female	136	47	95	83	90	153	604	
Harassment	Male	1,887	331	649	1,016	1,409	830	6,122	30,191
	Female	8,308	1,096	3,362	2,232	5,510	3,561	24,069	
Stalking	Male	2	5	3	1	7	25	43	353
	Female	50	30	23	2	31	174	310	
TOTAL	Male	4,642	644	1,914	3,443	4,545	1,819	17,007	-
	Female	20,717	2,201	11,507	6,425	18,537	8,624	68,011	
GRAND TOTAL		25,359	2,845	13,421	9,868	23,082	10,443	-	85,018

# ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (Alcohol or Drugs Involved)\* 1996

Domestic Violence Offense	Total Number of Offenses	Substance Involved			Total Alcohol and Drugs	Percent of Offenses Involving Alcohol or Drugs
		Only Alcohol	Only Drugs	Both Alcohol and Drugs		
Homicide	43	5	1	1	7	16
Assault	43,017	15,188	1,037	1,371	17,596	41
Terroristic Threats	5,057	1,054	219	188	1,461	29
Kidnapping	22	1	1	2	4	18
Criminal Restraint	121	28	3	3	34	28
False Imprisonment	27	7	2	2	11	41
Sexual Assault	176	51	7	9	67	38
Criminal Sexual Contact	67	17	1	1	19	28
Lewdness	10	5	1	-	6	60
Criminal Mischief	4,522	1,527	120	136	1,783	39
Burglary	647	91	62	27	180	28
Criminal Trespass	765	168	35	25	228	30
Harassment	30,191	8,112	588	627	9,327	31
Stalking	353	49	9	3	61	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,018</b>	<b>26,303</b>	<b>2,086</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>30,784</b>	<b>36</b>

\* Indicates alcohol or drug use by either victim or offender.

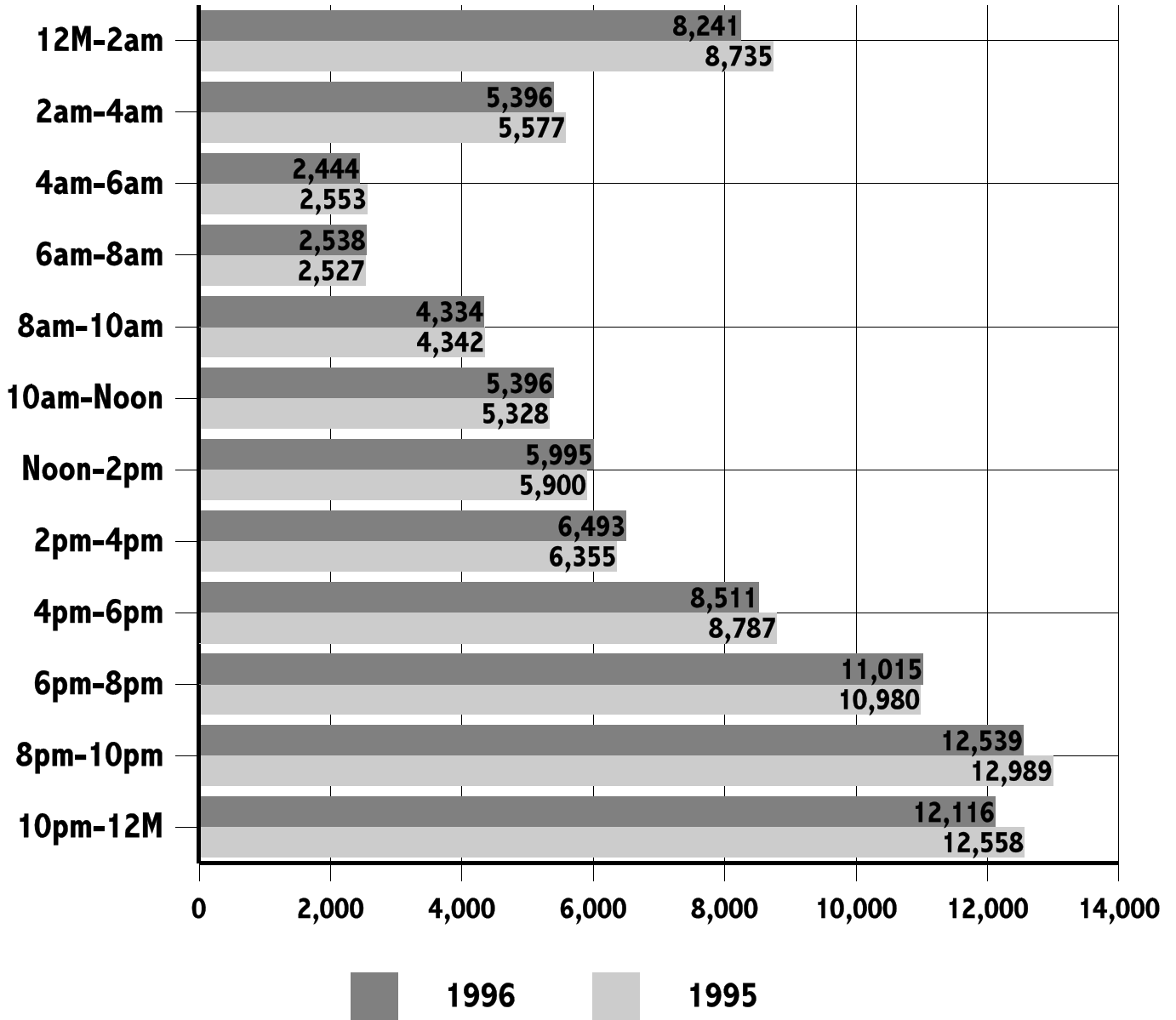
- Drugs or alcohol were involved in 16% (43) of the reported domestic violence offenses of homicides.
- Thirty-six percent (30,784) of the reported acts of domestic violence (85,018) involved the use of drugs or alcohol.

# OFFENSES AGAINST ELDERLY VICTIMS (60 Years of age or over) 1996

Domestic Violence Offense	Total Number of Offenses	Relationship of Victim to Offender											
		Spouse		Ex-spouse		Co-parent		Relative		Friend		Ex-friend	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Homicide	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-
Assault	1,023	80	202	2	5	17	28	234	328	68	49	8	2
Terroristic Threats	155	7	26	2	-	1	8	31	58	8	9	3	2
Kidnapping	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Restraint	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
False Imprisonment	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Assault	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Sexual Contact	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Lewdness	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Mischief	188	8	9	1	1	3	11	48	84	7	5	7	4
Burglary	36	3	1	-	-	1	2	9	18	1	1	-	-
Criminal Trespass	50	2	2	-	1	-	5	13	19	2	-	4	2
Harassment	1,134	83	218	9	13	16	38	204	422	57	42	14	18
Stalking	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>

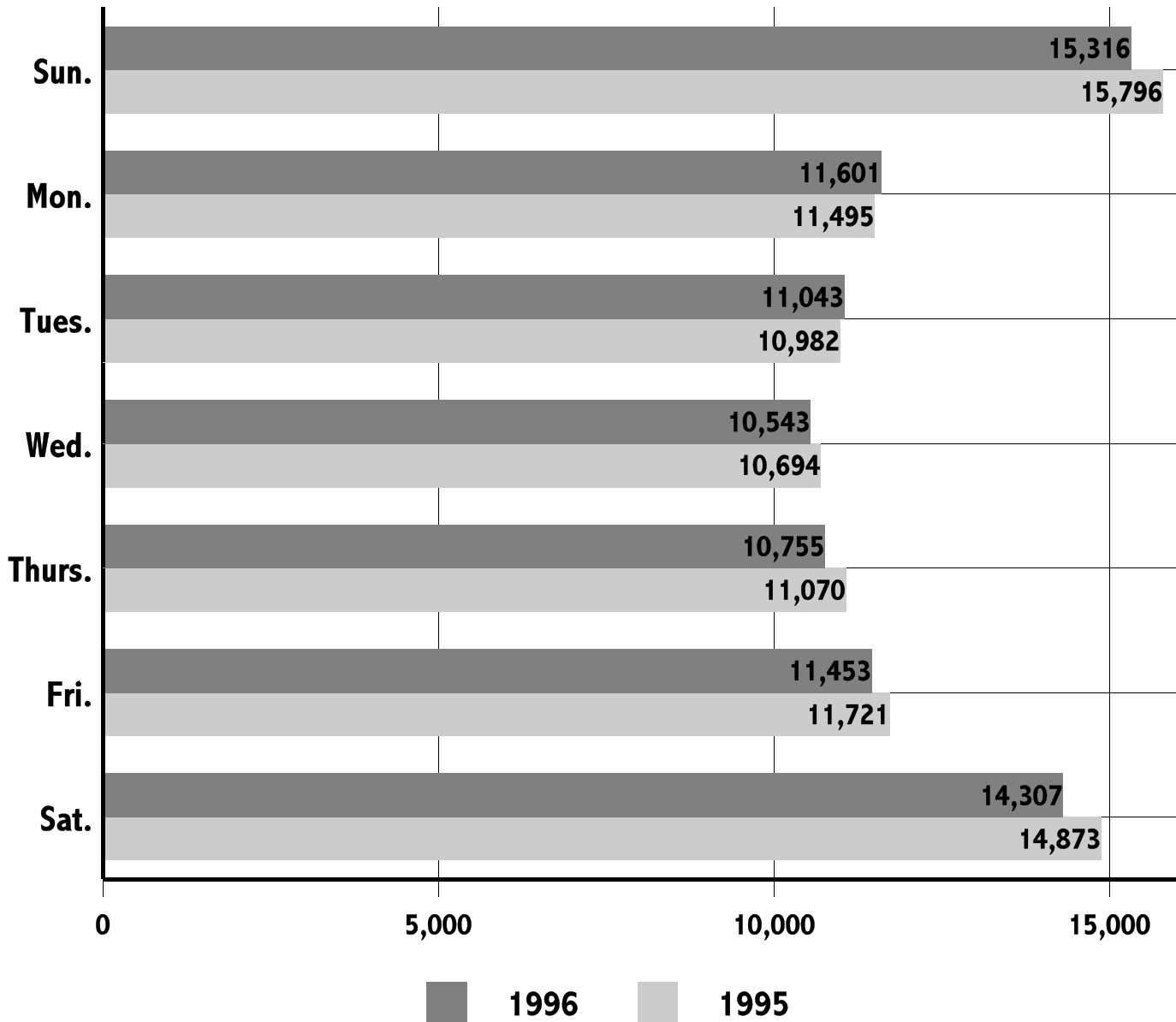
- Assaults accounted for 39% (1,023) of all domestic violence offenses for victims 60 years old or over.
- Females, age 60 or over were the victims in 63% (1,644) of the 2,600 elderly abuse offenses.
- Persons age 60 or over were the victims in 3% (2,600) of all the reported domestic violence offenses during this period.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY TIME OF DAY 1995/1996



- During 1996, 29% (24,655) of the reported domestic violence offenses occurred between 8:00 p.m. and 12 midnight.

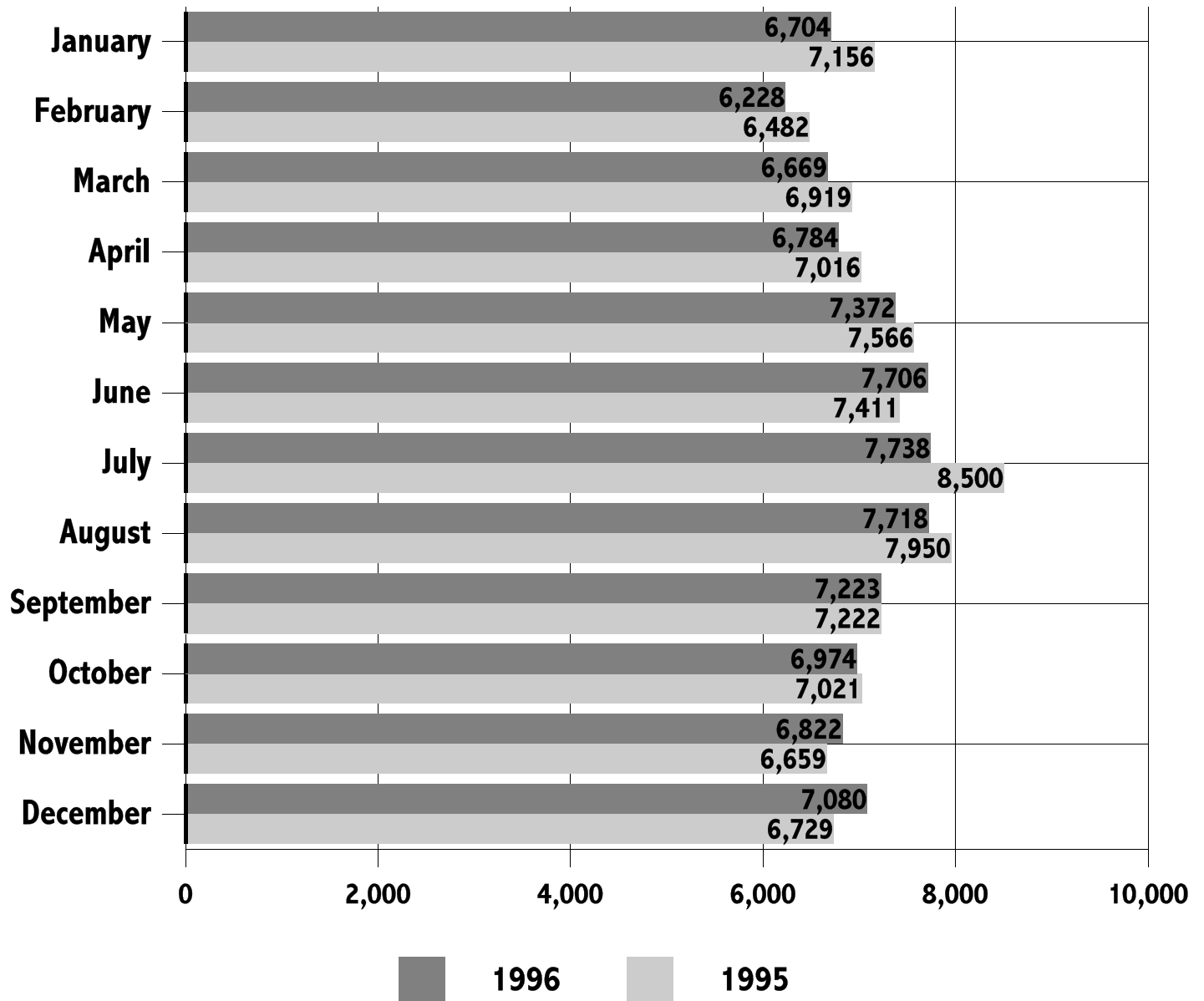
# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY DAY OF WEEK 1995/1996



- Sunday recorded the highest number of occurrences in 1996 with 15,316 offenses.
- During 1996, 35% (29,623) of the reported domestic violence offenses occurred during the weekend (Saturday and Sunday).



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES BY MONTH OF YEAR 1995/1996



- In 1996, the highest number of domestic violence offenses occurred during the month of July.
- During 1996, the month with the lowest number of reported domestic violence offenses was February.

