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DEFINITION

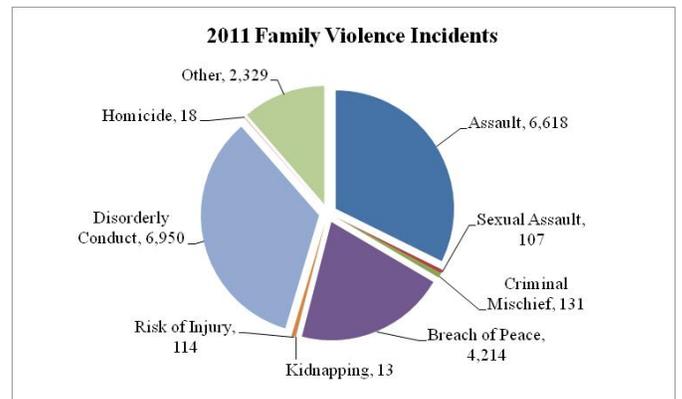
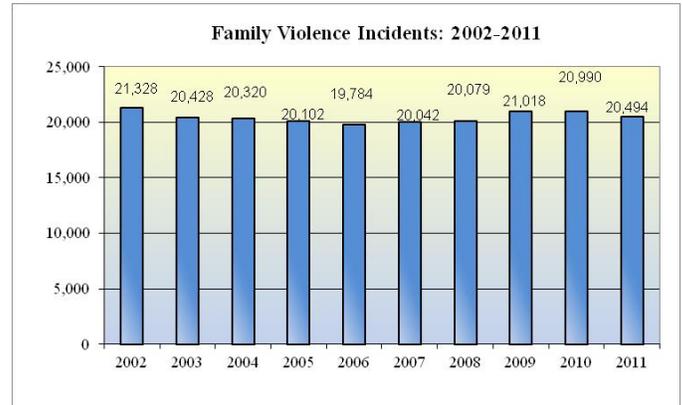
Police in Connecticut make an arrest whenever they respond to a call that involves family violence and there is sufficient probable cause to effect an arrest. Officers report each family violence arrest incident to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

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 20,494³ incidents of family violence in which at least one person was arrested during 2011. This represents over a 2% decrease since 2010. For each incident one offense type was recorded following a hierarchy rule to ensure the most serious offense was counted. About 87% (17,782) of cases involved an arrest for assault, breach of peace or disorderly conduct, which is over a 2% decrease from 2010.



Family Violence Total	
Arrest Incidents	20,494
Victims	18,132
Offenders	16,644
Both/All Arrested ⁴	8,206

Status of Participants and Number of Incidents by Offense*			
	Victims	Offenders	Both/All Arrested
Homicide⁵	18	18	0
Assault	5,693	5,207	3,029
Kidnapping	13	13	0
Sexual Assault	108	108	0
Criminal Mischief	131	123	16
Risk of Injury to Minor	193	127	0
Breach of Peace	3,578	3,322	1,872
Disorderly Conduct	6,067	5,470	3,129
Other	2,331	2,256	160
TOTAL	18,132	16,644	8,206

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 May 18, 2012.
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).

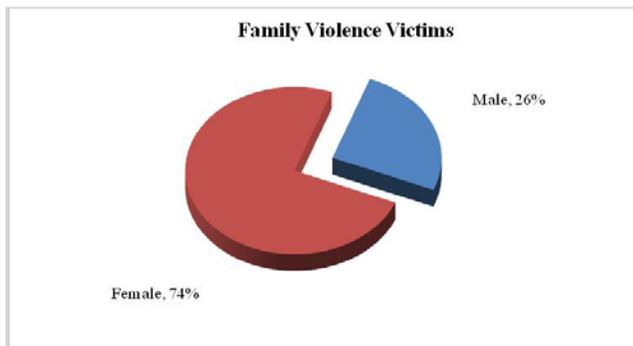
*Reflects most serious charge per incident.

In 2011 there were 18 homicide victims which is an 18% decrease from 2010. Victims of assault decreased more than 2% to 5,693 from 5,833 in 2010 and victims of sexual assault decreased almost 3% to 108 from 111 in 2010.

There were 42,982 participants involved in the incidents. There were 18,132 victims, 16,644 arrested offenders and 8,206 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 18,132 victims, 74% (13,471) were female and 26% (4,661) were male (similar to last year). There were 16,644 total offenders, 77% (12,785) of whom were male and 23% (3,859) were female. There were 8,206 dual arrests (both/all arrested), of whom approximately 50% (4,091) were male and 50% (4,115) were female.

Sex of Participants			
	Victims	Offenders	Both/All Arrested
Female	13,471	3,859	4,115
Male	4,661	12,785	4,091



For over 30% of victims, and 32% of “boths,” their relationship was “live-in” (people who live together, ever lived together or share a child) and 20% of victims and 21% “boths” were boyfriend/girlfriend. Spouses (current and former) made up 18% of victims and 18% of “both” arrested. Intimate partners⁶ overall made up 69% (12,419) of victims and 71% (5,814) of both/all parties arrested.

Relationship of Participants		
	Victim to Offender	Both/All Arrested
Spouse	2,904	1,130
Former Spouse	411	334
Live-in, or Child in Common ⁶	5,522	2,623
Relative*	5,713	2,392
Boyfriend / Girlfriend	3,582	1,727
TOTAL	18,132	8,206

*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.

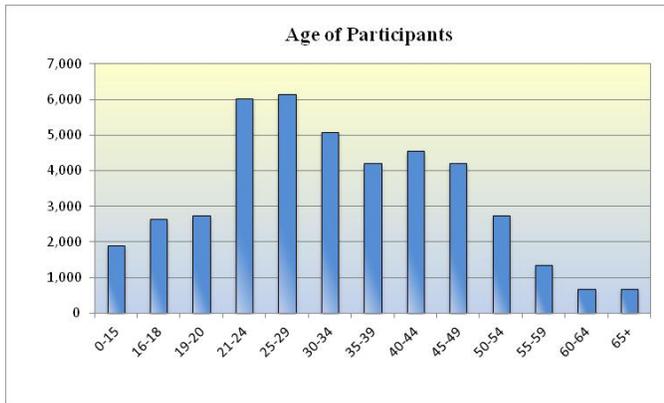
Ten percent (1,877) of the victims were involved in assault incidents with participants in a live-in relationship or with a child in common. The highest percentages of both/all arrested were involved in either assault (12%) or disorderly conduct (11%) with participants in a live-in relationship or with 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	4	1	3	0	6	4
Assault	857	72	1,303	378	1,877	1,206
Kidnapping	1	1	0	0	5	6
Sexual Assault	17	2	23	8	29	29
Criminal Mischief	10	1	41	10	34	35
Risk of Injury	9	2	136	32	12	2
Breach of Peace	483	84	738	309	1,170	794
Disorderly Conduct	1,111	124	2,030	350	1,632	820
Other	412	124	198	154	757	686
Total	2,904	411	4,472	1,241	5,522	3,582

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	373	124	569	258	1,004	701
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	0	0	6	4	0	6
Risk of Injury	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Breach of Peace	172	91	298	188	634	489
Disorderly Conduct	571	111	793	258	927	469
Other	14	8	12	6	58	62
Total	1,130	334	1,678	714	2,623	1,727

Of the participants, 61% were between the ages of 21 and 44. About 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	1,193	540	171	1,904
16-18	873	1,149	617	2,639
19-20	1,013	1,068	661	2,742
21-24	2,326	2,331	1,381	6,038
25-29	2,403	2,541	1,197	6,141
30-34	2,043	2,108	943	5,094
35-39	1,760	1,667	775	4,202
40-44	1,981	1,752	824	4,557
45-49	1,802	1,632	774	4,208
50-54	1,235	1,055	457	2,747
55-59	652	465	232	1,349
60-64	376	195	112	683
65+	475	141	62	678
TOTAL	18,132	16,644	8,206	42,982

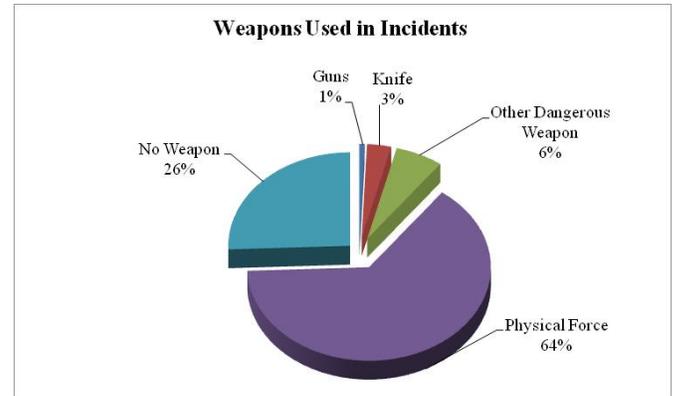


Offenses

Arrestees used guns in less than 1% (144) of incidents, knives in 3% (655), other dangerous weapons in 6% (1,298) and physical force in 64% (13,148) of incidents. 26% (5,249) of incidents had no weapons involved. Serious injury occurred in 195 incidents; and minor physical injury in 8,137 incidents. No physical injury occurred in 12,144 and fatal injuries occurred in 18 incidents.

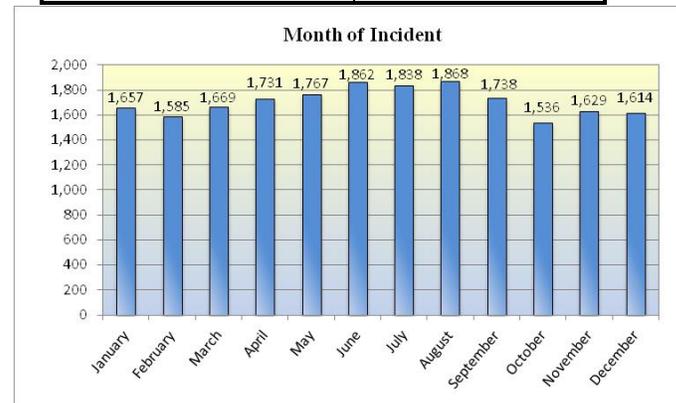
A prior court order, either a Temporary Restraining Order issued by the civil court or a Protective Order issued by the criminal court⁷ was issued in 3,966 of the cases, very similar to last year. Liquor or drugs were known to be involved in 6,812 of the cases, over a 1% decrease from last year.

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.

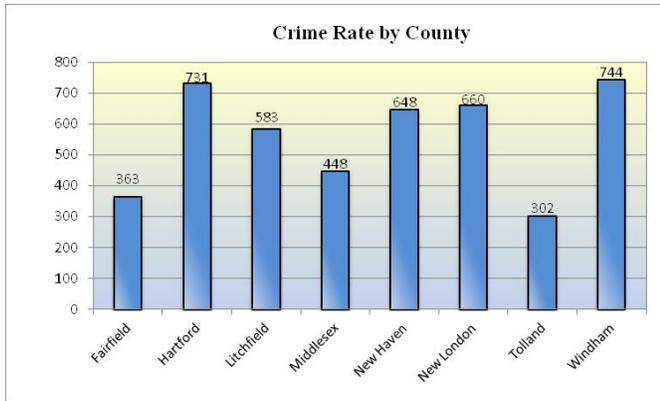


Time of Day	
	# of Incidents
12: 01 a.m.- 6:00 a.m.	3,799
6:01 a.m. - Noon	3,016
12: 01 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	5,492
6: 01 p.m. - Midnight	7,715
Unknown	472

Day of Week	
	# of Incidents
Sunday	3,288
Monday	2,782
Tuesday	2,842
Wednesday	2,696
Thursday	2,633
Friday	2,861
Saturday	3,392



In 15% (2,979) of the incidents, children were directly involved as either victims or offenders which is nearly the same as last year. In an additional 19% (3,888) of the incidents, children were present in the household, but were not involved in the incident, which is a 6% decrease from last year. In 66% (13,627) of the incidents children were neither involved nor present, which is nearly a 2% decrease from the previous year.



Windham County had the highest rate of Family Violence crimes with 744 incidents per 100,000 inhabitants. Tolland County had the lowest crime rate with 302 incidents per 100,000 inhabitants.

Offense Type by County									
	Fairfield	Hartford	Litchfield	Middlesex	New Haven	New London	Tolland	Windham	Total
Homicide	3	4	0	0	9	1	0	1	18
Assault	1,328	2,193	239	135	1,816	507	154	246	6,618
Kidnapping	1	3	0	0	7	2	0	0	13
Sexual Assault	16	34	7	2	27	8	6	7	107
Criminal Mischief	31	27	9	5	43	7	4	5	131
Risk of Injury	18	28	1	5	40	10	2	10	114
Breach of Peace	369	1,268	275	92	1,446	476	118	170	4,214
Disorderly Conduct	1,298	2,136	431	408	1,675	560	132	310	6,950
Other	273	857	147	97	533	242	46	134	2,329
Total	3,337	6,550	1,109	744	5,596	1,813	462	883	20,494
Population*	918,526	895,668	190,278	165,982	864,073	274,562	152,973	118,647	3,580,709
Crime Rate per 100,000	363	731	583	448	648	660	302	744	572

* The 2011 population estimates were provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigations using 2000 decennial population counts and 2001 through 2010 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

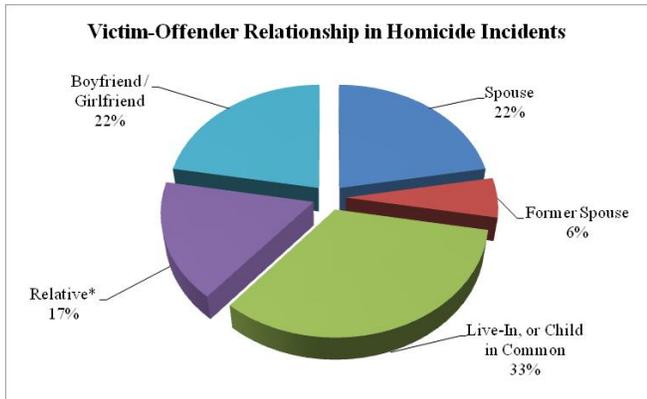
Family Violence Homicides⁸

There were eighteen family violence homicide incidents in 2011. This number does not include homicides from previous years for which the offender was arrested in 2011. All Family Violence homicide incidents involved one victim. Each of the eighteen incidents involved one offender. Thirteen offenders were arrested and five offenders committed suicide.

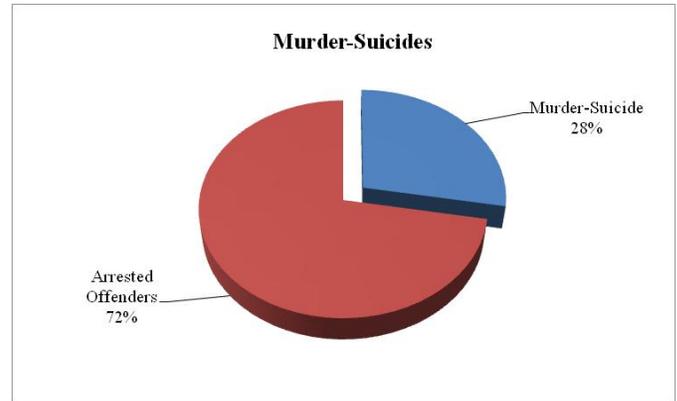
Spouses were victims in 22% (4) of the homicides. Relatives residing and not residing in the home were victims in 17% (3) of the homicides and 22% (4) were presently or recently in a dating relationship with the offender.

Relationship of Homicide Victim to Offender		
	Arrested Offender	Murder-Suicide
Spouse	2	2
Former Spouse	0	1
Live in, Or Child in Common	6	0
Relative*	2	1
Boyfriend / Girlfriend	3	1
TOTAL	13	5

*Includes relatives residing and not residing in the home.



Five offenders (28%) committed suicide. Of the victims involved in murder-suicide incidents 80% (4) were in intimate relationships with the offender. One (20%) victim was not in an intimate relationship with the offender.

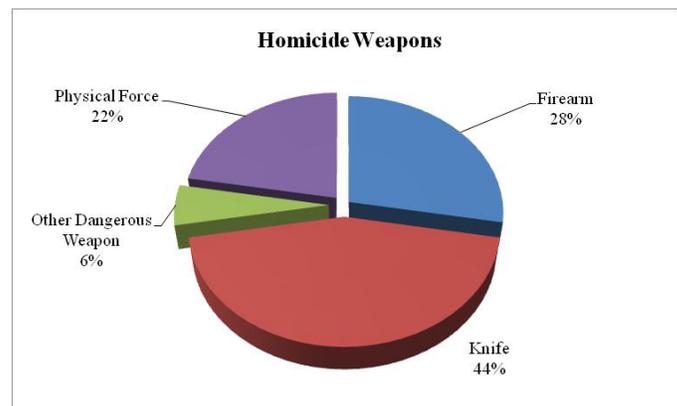


Firearms were used in 28% (5) of the deaths, knives or cutting instruments in 44% (8) and physical force in 22% (4). A blunt object (i.e. ten pound dumbbell) was used in one incident.

Four of the five murder-suicides involved a firearm. 80% (4) of the Family Violence homicide incidents involving firearms were murder-suicides.

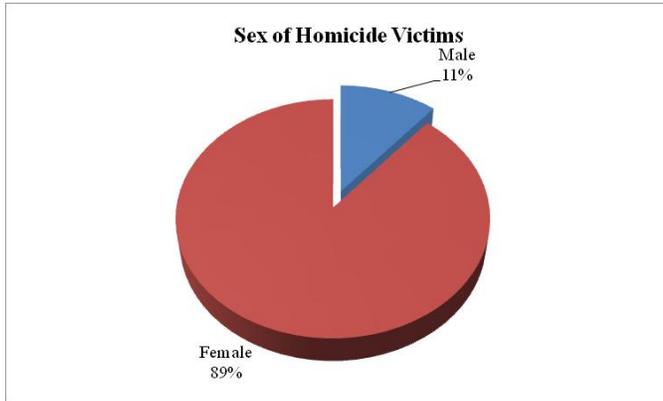
Weapons Used in Homicides*		
Weapon	Arrested Offender	Murder-Suicide
Firearm	1	4
Knife	7	1
Other Dangerous Weapon	1	0
Physical Force**	4	0

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

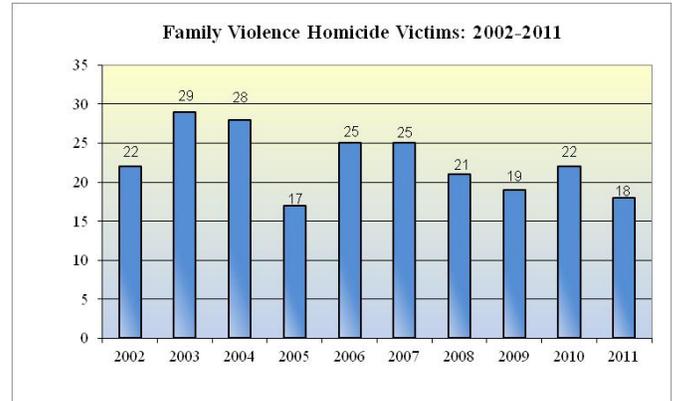


⁸As of the publish date of this report the total number of homicides in Connecticut for 2011 was not compiled for comparison to the family violence homicides.

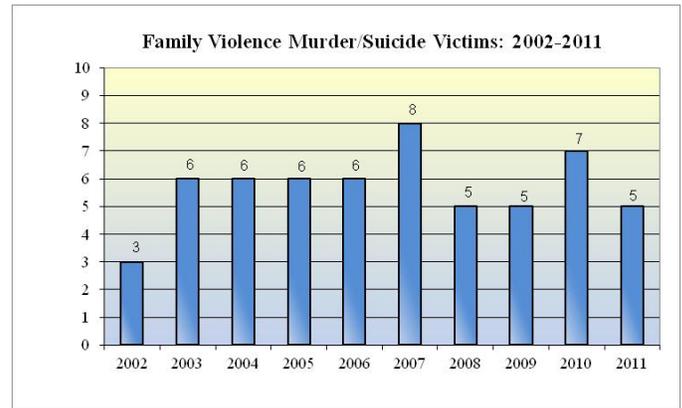
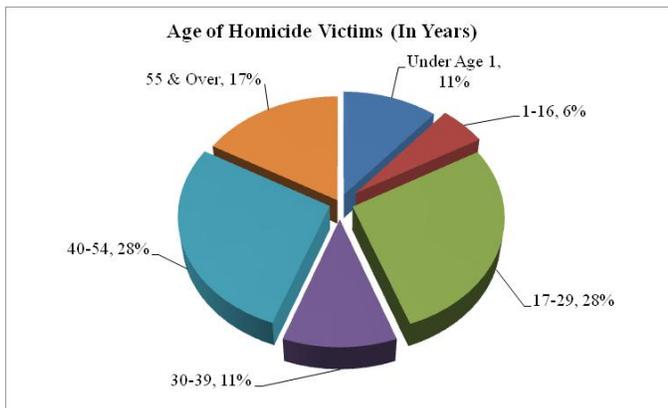
Of the homicide victims, 89% (16) were female and 11% (2) were male. Both male victims were in non-intimate relationships with the offender. All of the offenders were male.



In the past ten years the number of family violence homicide victims ranged from 17 to 29 with an average of 22 victims per year. The numbers listed below may be different from previously published reports. In some cases the offenders were arrested after publication of the data.



Almost 45% (8) of the victims were under the age of 30. The youngest victim was three months old and the oldest victim was ninety years old.



2011 FAMILY VIOLENCE INCIDENT BREAKDOWN BY AGENCY

Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2011 Totals	2010 Totals	% Change 2010-2011
Ansonia	1	70	0	0	1	2	16	33	17	140	155	-9.7%
Avon	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	26	10	47	42	11.9%
Berlin	0	25	0	1	0	0	7	23	13	69	69	0.0%
Bethel	0	8	0	0	0	0	4	44	4	60	66	-9.1%
Bloomfield	0	48	0	1	1	3	50	44	17	164	144	13.9%
Branford	0	24	0	1	1	0	25	69	33	153	179	-14.5%
Bridgeport	1	402	0	4	17	6	91	155	34	710	821	-13.5%
Bristol	0	200	1	2	2	2	117	65	53	442	428	3.3%
Brookfield	0	12	0	0	0	0	2	18	4	36	38	-5.3%
Canton	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	16	4	26	23	13.0%
Capitol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
CCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	N/A
Cheshire	0	13	0	1	1	2	10	52	6	85	102	-16.7%
Clinton	0	15	0	0	0	1	8	55	18	97	104	-6.7%
Coventry	0	9	0	1	0	0	2	17	1	30	32	-6.3%
Cromwell	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	58	12	78	47	66.0%
Danbury	1	164	1	0	3	7	46	131	30	383	373	2.7%
Darien	0	10	0	0	0	0	3	15	7	35	41	-14.6%
Derby	0	33	0	0	0	0	10	36	8	87	74	17.6%
E. Hampton	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	32	3	41	62	-33.9%
E. Hartford	0	140	0	1	3	2	55	181	57	439	424	3.5%
E. Haven	0	64	1	1	0	0	33	99	40	238	292	-18.5%
E. Windsor	0	22	0	1	0	1	27	20	17	88	92	-4.3%
ECSU	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	7	N/A
Easton	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	12	4	29	18	61.1%
Enfield	0	122	0	4	0	0	116	39	63	344	377	-8.8%
Fairfield	0	79	0	1	0	0	7	19	8	114	107	6.5%
Farmington	0	16	0	0	0	0	45	26	30	117	112	4.5%
Glastonbury	0	24	0	2	0	1	7	76	17	127	107	18.7%
Granby	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	32	37	-13.5%
Greenwich	0	26	0	2	0	0	9	94	14	145	126	15.1%
Groton City	0	26	0	0	2	0	26	51	9	114	116	-1.7%
Groton L P	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	N/A
Groton Town	0	66	0	0	0	1	48	22	20	157	138	13.8%
Guilford	0	22	0	0	1	0	3	33	6	65	95	-31.6%
Hamden	1	69	0	4	0	2	27	81	30	214	192	11.5%
Hartford	1	725	2	10	8	4	387	487	193	1817	1825	-0.4%
Madison	0	14	0	0	0	1	19	22	8	64	54	18.5%
Manchester	0	160	0	2	1	7	176	200	63	609	620	-1.8%
Meriden	0	172	1	5	3	0	77	238	64	560	461	21.5%
Middlebury	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	10	14	N/A
Middletown	0	59	0	1	4	3	50	164	38	319	302	5.6%
Milford	1	49	0	2	0	0	26	99	43	220	178	23.6%
Monroe	0	18	0	0	0	0	7	28	9	62	47	31.9%
Naugatuck	0	72	0	4	0	3	30	118	22	249	265	-6.0%

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Agency	Homicide	Assault	Kidnap- ping	Sexual Assault	Criminal Mischief	Risk of Injury	Breach of Peace	Disorderly Conduct	Other	2011 Totals	2010 Totals	% Change 2010-2011
New Britain	0	341	0	1	4	2	85	306	87	826	989	-16.5%
New Canaan	0	13	0	0	0	0	2	20	4	39	29	34.5%
New Haven	1	569	3	4	31	19	574	62	76	1339	1371	-2.3%
New London	1	111	1	2	2	4	196	122	66	505	452	11.7%
New Milford	0	28	0	0	2	0	12	92	20	154	157	-1.9%
Newington	0	48	0	2	0	0	14	74	31	169	177	-4.5%
Newtown	0	8	0	2	0	0	7	29	2	48	70	-31.4%
No Branford	0	10	0	0	0	0	3	28	17	58	59	-1.7%
North Haven	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	59	9	96	83	15.7%
Norwalk	1	167	0	4	1	2	92	301	74	642	628	2.2%
Norwich	0	166	1	6	1	0	51	161	78	464	465	-0.2%
Old Saybrook	0	13	0	0	1	0	9	23	5	51	46	10.9%
Orange	0	10	0	0	0	0	2	14	2	28	32	-12.5%
Plainfield	0	23	0	1	0	0	9	50	19	102	97	5.2%
Plainville	0	35	0	2	4	3	18	69	33	164	146	12.3%
Plymouth	0	23	0	1	0	0	12	33	15	84	97	-13.4%
Portland	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	12	4	27	24	12.5%
Putnam Mun	0	30	0	0	0	1	38	50	25	144	116	24.1%
Redding	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	7	14	N/A
Ridgefield	0	10	0	0	1	0	5	28	3	47	37	27.0%
Rocky Hill	0	16	0	0	0	0	3	23	10	52	60	-13.3%
Seymour	0	27	0	0	0	1	36	30	15	109	114	-4.4%
Shelton	0	26	0	0	2	1	14	46	13	102	130	-21.5%
Simsbury	0	9	0	0	0	0	6	35	5	55	52	5.8%
So Windsor	0	13	0	0	0	0	32	38	14	97	83	16.9%
SCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	2	N/A
Southington	1	51	0	2	0	3	31	90	43	221	220	0.5%
Stamford	0	183	0	0	5	1	26	122	16	353	374	-5.6%
Stonington	0	28	0	0	1	0	41	14	17	101	107	-5.6%
Stratford	0	93	0	3	1	0	26	79	25	227	245	-7.3%
Suffield	0	13	0	0	0	0	2	25	3	43	31	38.7%
Thomaston	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	25	4	40	33	21.2%
Torrington	0	99	0	3	3	0	156	71	55	387	352	9.9%
Trumbull	0	52	0	0	0	0	6	43	7	108	108	0.0%
UCONN HC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	N/A
UCONN	0	11	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	21	29	-27.6%
Vernon	0	55	0	1	2	0	88	27	23	196	179	9.5%
Wallingford	2	69	0	1	0	5	60	80	28	245	279	-12.2%
Waterbury	2	314	0	1	4	2	372	258	57	1010	1133	-10.9%
Waterford	0	8	0	0	0	0	22	37	13	80	74	8.1%
Watertown	0	17	0	1	0	1	54	34	12	119	132	-9.8%
W. Hartford	1	60	0	1	2	0	38	71	45	218	275	-20.7%
W. Haven	0	122	0	1	1	0	79	144	32	379	405	-6.4%
WCSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	N/A
Weston	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	12	7	N/A

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Westport	0	8	0	0	1	0	6	42	0	57	59	-3.4%
Wethersfield	0	36	0	1	0	0	7	30	17	91	95	-4.2%
Willimantic	1	59	0	0	3	2	85	63	32	245	286	-14.3%
Wilton	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	44	3	56	45	24.4%
Winchester	0	15	0	1	0	0	9	43	11	79	104	-24.0%
Windsor	0	29	0	1	2	0	21	88	16	157	171	-8.2%
Windsor Lks	0	36	0	0	0	0	17	36	14	103	62	66.1%
Wolcott	0	21	0	1	0	1	12	42	9	86	85	1.2%
Woodbridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	2	N/A
Yale	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	7	2	N/A
Amtrak	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	1	1	0	N/A
DEEP	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	N/A
Troop A CSP	1	41	0	0	1	0	9	58	14	124	152	-18.4%
Troop B CSP	0	29	0	0	3	0	9	58	12	111	149	-25.5%
Troop C CSP	0	69	0	4	0	2	17	67	16	175	218	-19.7%
Troop D CSP	0	113	0	5	2	7	34	118	51	330	337	-2.1%
Troop E CSP	0	57	0	0	1	2	38	69	26	193	199	-3.0%
Troop F CSP	0	35	0	0	0	1	15	52	9	112	115	-2.6%
Troop G CSP	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	10	15	N/A
Troop H CSP	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	6	10	N/A
Troop I CSP	0	34	2	0	0	2	7	28	4	77	77	0.0%
Troop K CSP	0	64	0	2	2	3	23	131	26	251	253	-0.8%
Troop L CSP	0	23	0	1	0	0	19	83	20	146	183	-20.2%
Troop R (Casino)	0	9	0	0	0	0	44	15	5	73	44	65.9%
Troop W CSP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
PD Totals	16	6,139	11	95	122	96	3,997	6,267	2,143	18,886	19,238	-1.8%
CSP Totals	2	479	2	12	9	18	217	683	186	1,608	1,752	-8.2%
CT Totals	18*	6,618	13	107	131	114	4,214	6,950	2,329	20,494	20,990	-2.4%

*This number does not include homicides from previous years for which the offender was arrested in 2011.
 (Percent changes not calculated for agencies with less than 15 Family Violence incidents in either year).