

Domestic Violence Related Calls for Service

Data Set Overview and History

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC) collects information on Domestic Violence Related Calls for Service (DVRCS). The DVRCS data are collected from various Law Enforcement Entities (LEA) throughout the State on a monthly basis. The data set provides summary statistical data on the total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEAs, the number of cases involving weapons, and the type of weapon used during the reported incident.

Statutory Authority

The DOJ has the statutory authority to collect DVRCS data pursuant to Penal Code section 13730(a).

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

1. Domestic violence is defined according to Penal Code section 13700(b) as abuse committed against an adult or a fully emancipated minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or person with whom the suspect has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship.
2. Abuse is defined according to Penal Code section 13700(a) as intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause bodily injury, or placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to himself or herself, or another.
3. The definition of “domestic violence” is subject to varying interpretations by law enforcement agencies. As a result, different types of domestic violence relationships may be included in the database.
4. Included in the data are any cases that resulted in a report being written by the responding LEA. Therefore, data include both cases where an arrest was made and those where circumstances did not warrant an arrest.
5. Domestic violence-related calls for assistance that involved the use, or threat of use, of a firearm, knife or cutting instrument or other dangerous weapon are reported according to the type of weapon used regardless of the outcome or injury.
6. In 2002, law enforcement agencies were given clarification about reporting personal weapons. This clarification corresponds to a notable decrease in the number of personal weapons reported. The use of a personal weapon such as hands, fists, or feet was reported as a weapon only if the assault was considered an aggravated assault under Uniform Crime

Reporting (UCR) guidelines. An aggravated assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury, such as broken bones, internal injuries, or cuts requiring stitches.

7. Reporting anomalies have required minor adjustments to the 2014 and 2016 data. Data may not match those previously published.
8. In 2017, California Penal Code section 13730 was amended. Beginning in 2018, law enforcement agencies were instructed to include whether there were indications that the incident involved strangulation or suffocation. This includes whether a witness or victim reported such an incident, or symptoms thereof, or whether an officer observed any other indications of strangulation or suffocation.

Data Elements and Values Defined

Cell Location	Data Element	Description/Definition	Value
A	YEAR	The year the data was reported for.	Four digit numeric (YYYY)
B	COUNTY	County of reporting agency.	Alpha
C	AGENCY_NAME	Reporting agency name.	Alpha
D	MONTH	The Month the data was reported for.	Two digit numeric (MM)
E	TOTAL_CALLS	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period.	Numerical count
F	NO_WEAPONS	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that did not involve the use of a weapon.	Numerical count
G	WEAPONS_INVOLVED	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that	Numerical count

		involved the use of a weapon.	
H	SUB_FIREARM	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved the use of a weapon, specifically a firearm.	Numerical count
I	SUB_KNIFE	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved the use of a weapon, specifically a knife or other cutting instrument.	Numerical count
J	SUB_OTHER	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved the use of a weapon, specifically any other weapon not specifically defined or identified elsewhere in this data set.	Numerical count
K	SUB_PERSONAL	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved the use of a personal weapon, specifically hand, feet, fists, etc.	Numerical count

L	WEAPON_NOT_RPT	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved the use of a weapon, but the weapon was not reported.	Numerical count
M	TOTAL_STRANG_SUFFO	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved strangulation or suffocation.	Numerical count
N	SUB_STRANGULATION	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved an element of strangulation.	Numerical count
O	SUB_SUFFOCATION	The total number of domestic violence related calls for service received by the LEA during the reporting period that involved an element of suffocation.	Numerical count

Agency-Specific Data Characteristics and Limitations

2022

- Eureka Police Department (located in Humboldt County) did not report July.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report January through December.
- Westmorland Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report January through December.
- Arvin Police Department (located in Kern County) did not report August.
- San Gabriel Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) did not report January through December.
- Alturas Police Department (located in Modoc County) did not report June.

- King City Police Department (located in Monterey County) did not report March and September through December.
- Fairview Developmental Center (located in Orange County) stopped reporting in February. Criminal statistics are now included in those of the Porterville Developmental Center (located in Tulare County).
- Santa Ana Police Department (located in Orange County) did not report June through December.
- Lodi Police Department (located in San Joaquin County) did not report January through December.
- Shasta County Sheriff's Department did not report January through December.
- Redding Police Department (located in Shasta County) did not report January through December.
- Los Rios Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in November.
- Mira Costa College Police Department (located in San Diego County) began reporting in September.
- Lathrop Police Department (located in San Joaquin County) began reporting in July.

2021

- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.
- Hanford Police Department (located in Kings County) did not report for July.
- Baldwin Park School Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) closed in July.
- Montebello Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) did not report for October through December.
- Novato Police Department (located in Marin County) did not report for the year.
- Garden Grove Police Department (located in Orange County) did not report for September through December.
- La Habra Police Department (located in Orange County) did not report for April through June.
- Cathedral City Police Department (located in Riverside County) did not report for March through December.
- Desert Hot Springs Police Department (located in Riverside County) did not report for March through December.
- San Joaquin Delta College Police Department (located in San Joaquin County) began reporting in December.
- Anderson Police Department (located in Shasta County) did not report for the year.
- Redding Police Department (located in Shasta County) did not report for the year.
- Shasta County Sheriff's did not report for February through December.
- Corning Police Department (located in Tehama County) did not report for May.

2020

- Diablo Range Parks and Recreation began reporting in January.
- Santa Clara BART began reporting in July.
- Sonoma and Marin Parks and Recreation merged with and began reporting under Bay Area DPR in January.
- Hollister District and Twin Cities Parks and Recreation merged with and began reporting under Diablo Range DPR in January.

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- Biggs Police Department (located in Butte County) closed in July and merged reporting with Butte County Sheriff's Office.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2019

- Clovis Unified Police Department (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.
- Baldwin Park School Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in June.
- Fresno Police Department did not report for November through December.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2018

- Kern High School District Police Department began reporting in January.
- Chaffey College Police Department (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in January.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.
- Monterey Airport Police Department closed in October. Criminal statistics are now included in those of Del Rey Oaks Police Department.
- San Diego Harbor Police Department did not report for September through December.
- Sonoma Developmental Center/Eldridge Police Department (located in Sonoma County) closed.
- Russian River DPR changed its name to Sonoma Mendocino Coast DPR.

2017

- East Bay Municipal Utility District (located in Contra Costa County) merged with and began reporting under East Bay Regional Park in January.
- Mendocino Parks and Recreation merged with and began reporting under Russian River DPR in January.
- UC Hastings Police Department (located in San Francisco) merged with and began reporting under UC San Francisco in January.
- Willows Police Department (located in Glenn County) disbanded in July. Criminal statistics are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2016

- Irvine Valley College Police Department (located in Orange County) began reporting in January.
- Mount San Jacinto Community College Police Department (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2015

- Lanterman Developmental Center (located in Los Angeles County) closed in July.
- Richmond Police Department (located in Contra Costa County) did not report for November.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.
- Lompoc Police Department (located in Santa Barbara County) did not report for September through December.

2014

- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.
- Solano Community College stopped reporting after August. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Solano County Sheriff's Department.

2013

- Orange Cove Police Department (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.
- Twin Cities Police Department and San Anselmo Police Department (located in Marin County) merged in January and now report as Central Marin Police Authority.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2012

- Millbrae Police Department (located in San Mateo County) disbanded in March and the City of Millbrae began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for Millbrae are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2011

- Eastvale (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.
- Jurupa Valley (located in Riverside County) began reporting in July.
- Half Moon Bay Police Department (located in San Mateo County) disbanded in June and the City of Half Moon Bay began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for Half Moon Bay are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.
- Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2010

- McFarland Police Department (located in Kern County) began reporting in January.
- Shasta County Marshal's Office began reporting in January.
- Reedley Community College and Fresno Community College merged in January and now report under State Center Community College.
- Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) disbanded in July and the City of Trinidad began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for Trinidad are now included with the Sheriff's Department.
- San Carlos Police Department (located in San Mateo County) disbanded in November and the City of San Carlos began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for San Carlos are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.
- Holtville Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.
- Solano County Sheriff's Department did not report for July through December.

2009

- Mendota Police Department (located in Fresno County) began reporting in September.
- Tehachapi Police Department (located in Kern County) began reporting in January.
- Rancho Cordova Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in January.
- Tehachapi DPR began reporting in January.
- Agnews Developmental Center (located in Santa Clara County) closed in July.
- Hanford Police Department (located in Kings County) did not report for July through December.
- Lemoore Police Department (located in Kings County) did not report for December.
- Upland Police Department (located in San Bernardino County) did not report for June through December.

2008

- Coalinga State Hospital (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.
- Menifee (located in Riverside County) began reporting in October.
- Wildomar (located in Riverside County) began reporting in July.
- Patton State Hospital (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in January.
- Blue Lake Police Department (located in Humboldt County) disbanded in July. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.
- Lanterman Developmental Center (located in Los Angeles County) did not report for the year.
- Grant Union School District (located in Sacramento County) merged with three other school districts to become the Twin Rivers Unified School District.

2007

- University of California Lawrence Livermore Lab (located in Alameda County) turned over management to the U.S. government and stopped reporting criminal statistics in July.
- Lanterman Developmental Center (located in Los Angeles County) did not report for February through December.
- California State University Hayward (located in Alameda County) changed its name to California State University East Bay.
- Kings River Community College (located in Fresno County) changed its name to Reedley Community College.

2006

- University of California Merced Police Department began reporting in January.
- Elk Grove Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in July.
- Citrus Heights Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in November.
- Ventura Community College Police Department began reporting in January.
- Los Alamitos Police Department (located in Orange County) did not report for November or December.
- Agnews Developmental Center (located in Santa Clara County) did not report for the year.

2005

- In January, Los Angeles Police Department began reporting under two sub-jurisdictions: Valley (San Fernando) and Non Valley. For publication purposes, the criminal statistics are combined.
- Bay Area Rapid Transit did not report for the year.
- California State University San Diego did not report for November or December.
- Vallejo Police Department (located in Solano County) did not report for July through December.
- Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department did not report for November through December.

2004

- San Jacinto (located in Riverside County) did not report for January through May.
- Agnews Developmental Center (located in Santa Clara County) did not report for the year.
- Vallejo Police Department (located in Solano County) did not report for July through December.
- San Simeon DPR closed in January. Criminal statistics are now included in those of San Luis Obispo DPR.

2003

- Solano Community College began reporting in January.
- Butte County Sheriff's Department did not report for October through December.
- Long Beach City College Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) stopped reporting after July. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Long Beach Police Department.
- San Jacinto (located in Riverside County) did not report for February through June.
- Santa Maria Police Department (located in Santa Barbara County) did not report for the year.
- Sonoma County Sheriff's Department did not report for June through December.
- Windsor (located Sonoma County) did not report for June through December.

2002

- Truckee Police Department (located in Nevada County) began reporting in January.
- Goleta (located in Santa Barbara County) began reporting in February. Statistics for January were reported by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.
- California State University Stockton, a satellite campus of CSU Stanislaus, (located in San Joaquin County) closed in July.
- Berkeley Police Department (located in Alameda County) did not report for September or October.
- Butte County Sheriff's Department did not report for May through December.
- Isleton Police Department (located in Sacramento County) did not report for October through December.
- Sebastopol Police Department (located in Sonoma County) did not report for November.

2001

- Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) began reporting again in August. Criminal statistics for January through July were included in those of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

DOJ CJSC DVRCS Context

- Long Beach City College (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in January.
- Mendocino Department of Parks and Recreation began reporting in August.
- Aliso Viejo (located in Orange County) began reporting in July.
- Grant Union School District (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in February.
- Los Angeles City College stopped reporting in January. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.
- American River DPR changed its name to Gold Fields DPR.
- Gold Rush DPR changed its name to Capital DPR.
- Los Lagos DPR changed its name to Inland Empire DPR.
- Pismo Dunes DPR changed its name to Oceano Dunes DPR.
- Russian River/Mendocino DPR changed its name to Russian River DPR.