

2005 Domestic Abuse Incident Report (DAIR) Executive Summary

Special Notes

- The Department of Justice is in the final phase of automating and streamlining data collection and presentation for this report. The change in methodology makes the direct comparison of data from reports filed previous to 2003 inaccurate.
- Racine County submitted [charging statistics](#) only and is otherwise not represented in the 2005 report.
- Dane County was unable to report disposition data. In order to maintain the integrity of the data presented in the report, counties that provide only partial data are excluded. Dane County data will be fully integrated into the report beginning with the 2006 report (released in 2007).
- Technological difficulties prevent the complete integration of Milwaukee County data into the report. Milwaukee data is integrated wherever possible and a special *Milwaukee County Report* has been compiled.
- **Specialized reports for individual counties** may be available upon request. Call (608) 261-8645 for more information.

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- **During 2005, there were 26,323 domestic violence incidents reported** to law enforcement and referred

to district attorneys' offices throughout Wisconsin. This represents an increase of 5% over the number of incidents report in 2004.

- Milwaukee County incidents comprise one-third of all reported incidents, consistent with the proportion of Milwaukee incidents reported since 2003.
- From 2003 to 2005, the age of reported victims of domestic violence outside of Milwaukee County has remained constant. During this timeframe, 18-29 year olds consistently comprised around 43 percent of reported victims; 30 – 39 year olds consistently comprised approximately 27 percent of reported victims; 40 – 49 year olds consistently comprised nearly 20 percent of reported victims and victims 50 years of age and older comprised around ten percent.
- Between 2003 and 2005 the proportion of incidents involving partners or ex-partners in a dating relationship has steadily increased, from 12 percent in 2003 to 26 percent in 2005. At the same time, the proportion of incidents reported by law enforcement as involving co-habitants and ex-cohabitants decreased, from 34 percent in 2003 to 22 percent in 2005. One explanation may be that law enforcement is more precisely identifying dating relationships and using that descriptor in place of “cohabitant/ex-cohabitant.”
- In 2005, the most common relationship between offenders and victims, as reported by law enforcement, was that of spouse/ex-spouse, followed by partner/ex-partner from a dating relationship. The third most common relationship between victims and offenders was that of cohabitant/ex-cohabitant.

[Relationship to Offender, Ethnicity, Age, Gender Data](#)

- Over the past 3 years, outside of Milwaukee County, the statewide arrest rate has been consistently near 60% of all reported incidents. In 2005, the arrest rate was 68%.
- The rate of dual arrest has also remained constant. In 2005, 2 percent of all reported incidents involved a dual arrest/situation. In 2003 and 2004, 3 percent of all incidents involved a dual arrest/situation.

[2005 Arrest Data: Law Enforcement Response](#)

- **Milwaukee County Charges Issued:** In Milwaukee County, the most common charge issued for a domestic abuse incident in 2005 was battery, followed by disorderly conduct and misdemeanor bail jumping.
- **Outside Milwaukee County: Charges Issued**
The most common charge issued statewide in 2005 was disorderly conduct, followed by battery. The third most common charge issued in 2005 was a municipal or ordinance violation.

2005 Charges Issued

- **2005 Sentencing Data**

Sentences imposed for domestic abuse incidents frequently contained a combination of behavioral and financial conditions with supervision and/or confinement requirements.

In 2005, 52 percent all reported sentences outside of Milwaukee County included some form of financial condition, compared to 19 percent of sentences imposed within Milwaukee County.

Sentences reported by counties outside of Milwaukee County were slightly more likely to utilize a deferred prosecution agreement than those imposed in Milwaukee County (4% of sentences compared to one percent in Milwaukee County).

Milwaukee County reported a more frequent use of behavioral conditions (e.g. counseling, no-contact prohibitions) than counties outside Milwaukee County (used in 35% of reported sentences in Milwaukee County versus 15% statewide).

Thirteen percent of sentences, both in Milwaukee County and outside Milwaukee included the use of supervision.

- **Sentencing Data 2003 – 2005
Outside of Milwaukee County**

Financial Conditions

Year	% Sentences Imposing Condition
2005	52
2004	51
2003	45

Behavioral Conditions

Year	% Sentences Imposing Condition
2005	15
2004	16
2003	21

Confinement

Year	% Sentences Imposing Condition
2005	15
2004	15
2003	14

Supervision Conditions

Year	% Sentences Imposing Condition
2005	13
2004	14
2003	16

[Sentencing Data, Statewide](#)

- **Milwaukee County Sentences** for domestic violence offenses differed somewhat in 2005 than the year prior, most notably in the less frequent use of financial conditions and a marked increase in the imposition of jail confinement and stayed jail sentences.

Financial conditions were imposed as part of 19% of all reported sentences in 2005, compared with 45% of reported sentences in 2004.

Behavioral conditions were imposed as part of 35% of sentences reported in 2005, compared to 21% of all sentences reported in 2004.

In 2005, the imposition of supervision was part of 13% of reported sentences, compared to 16% in 2004.

The courts imposed stayed jail terms considerably more often in 2005 (as part of 13 percent of all sentences) than in 2004 (part of 6% of all sentences). Likewise, the use of confinement increased in 2005 when it was imposed as part of 19% of all sentences, compared with 8% of sentences in 2004.

Deferred prosecution agreements were utilized as part of 1% of reported sentences in 2005, compared with 4% of sentences in 2004.

[Sentencing Data, Milwaukee County](#)

- **The 2004 Domestic Abuse Incident Report Includes:**

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