

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### Quality of Life

*Domestic violence is the willful intimidation, assault, battery, sexual assault, or other abusive behavior perpetrated by an intimate partner against another. It is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background. The impact of domestic violence on survivors, their children, and the community is detrimental. Domestic violence affects the entire family; including the 3.3 million children exposed to domestic violence each year. Family violence increases the incidence of other indicators such as crime, alcoholism, drug abuse, mental and emotional illness, healthcare, and academic issues.*

**Source:** National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

### About the Indicator

*National level data for this indicator is from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; which includes U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Local level data was compiled by the Rural Data and Resource Development, housed at Alfred University, available through the 2005-2006 Allegany County Domestic Violence Profile.*

### National Statistics

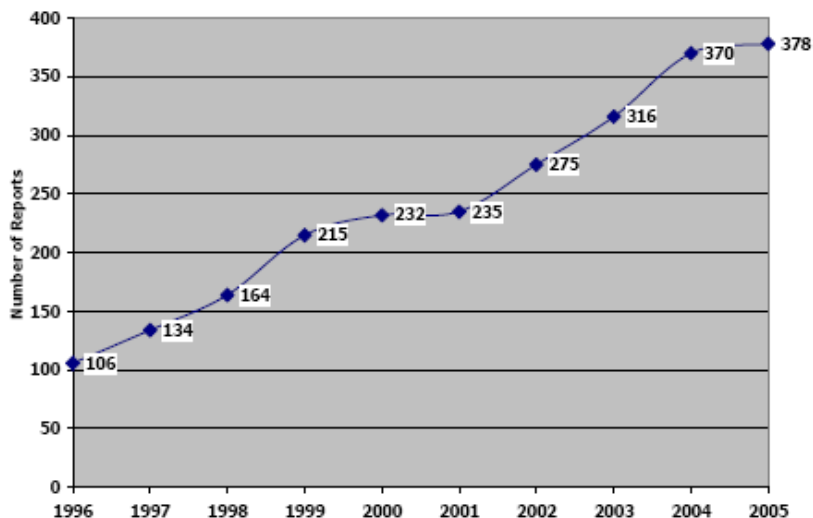
- *1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime.*
- *In 2001, 20% of violent crime against women was intimate partner violence, compared to 3% of violent crime against men.*
- *From 1992 to 2000, 54% of intimate partner violence was reported to police. Only 24% of rape or sexual assault was reported.*
- *Young women, age 16-24 experience the highest rate of domestic violence; 16 per 1,000 persons.*
- *1 in 5 women and 1 in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape.*
- *Marital rape accounts for 25% of all rapes, affecting 75,000 women each year.*

### Economic Impact

- *The costs of intimate partner violence annually exceeds \$5.8 billion, including \$4.1 billion in direct health care expenses, \$900 million in lost productivity, and \$900 million in lifetime earnings.*
- *When the costs of direct property loss, ambulance services, police response, pain and suffering, and the criminal justice process are considered, the total annual cost of intimate partner violence grows to \$67 billion.*
- *Domestic violence has been estimated to cost employers in the United States \$3—\$13 billion each year.*
- *Employee related issues include increased absenteeism, decreased productivity, and decreased earnings.*

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**NYS Police: Domestic Incident Reports**



**Source:**

Domestic Incident Reports gathered from the State Police In Allegany County RDRDI Profiles– Alfred University

**Law Enforcement Data**

Domestic violence incidence reports are filed by the New York State Troopers in Allegany County. This data does not represent all cases of domestic violence in the county due to local law enforcement agencies missing data. As well, incidents are not always reported or are not categorized as domestic violence by law enforcement. Thus, estimates of the total amount of domestic violence incidents in Allegany County are conservative.

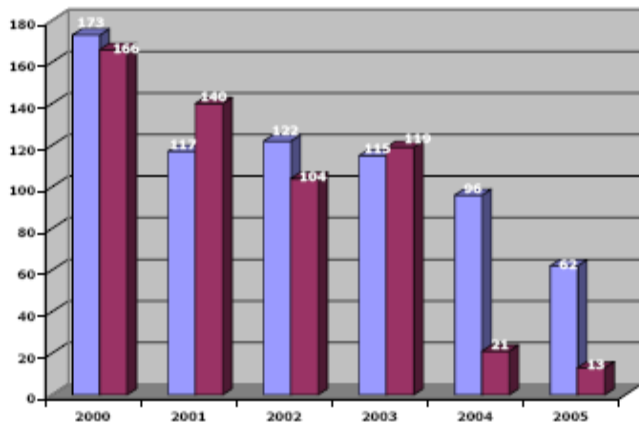
**Court Response**

An order of protection is a civil court order sought from the Allegany County Family Court System to legally protect the petitioner from his/her abuser. The document is by no means a guarantee of safety, but the first step toward independence.

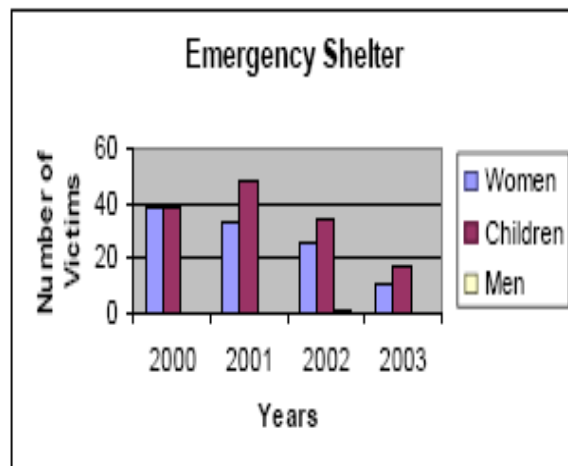
**Domestic Violence Shelter**

ACCORD Corporation has an established, six-bed, secure, and confidential domestic violence shelter. Program criteria dictates that residents be a victim of domestic violence with identified safety issues and no safe place to reside.

**Family Offense Petitions and Dispositions**



**Emergency Shelter**



**Domestic Violence Hotline Calls**– The 24-hour toll-free hotline offers victims a mechanism to find services to address the issues of shelter, safety planning and referrals.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
# of Calls	1069	696	769	504	509

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE— ELDER ABUSE

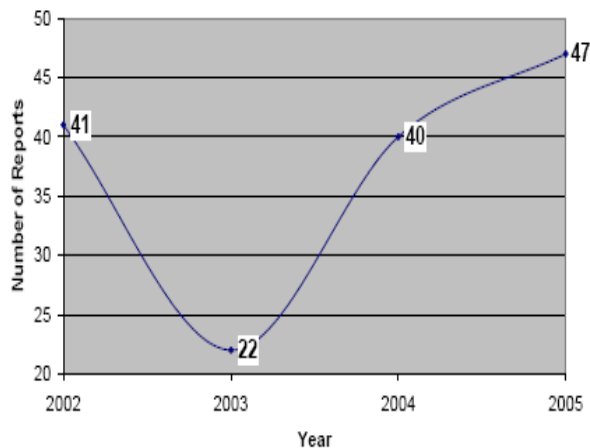
### Elder Abuse

*When children and vulnerable adults, particularly the elderly, are abused by the family and friends on whom they rely, or when those caretakers fail to prevent abuse by others, the results can be devastating to individuals and families. The incidence of child and adult abuse says much about how well social systems and human services protect and support families and care providers.*

*Although adult abuse reports are typically much lower than reports of child abuse region-wide, there is no clear pattern, by county, in adult abuse reports. Improved public awareness of adult abuse combined with a growing population over 65 may lead to increasing reports of elder abuse in the future.*

Source: State of the Region Project

Elder Abuse Neglect Reports



Source: Allegany County Department of Social Services

Note: Figures represent "indicated" reports, which are defined by the Department of Social Services as having "credible evidence that the allegations are true" but "not necessarily...enough evidence to intervene with the party's consent."

### Risk Factors and Incidence

*According to the National Center on Elder Abuse, elder abuse is a term referring to any knowing, intentional, or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult. Abuse may be physical, emotional, sexual, exploitation, neglect and abandonment. Estimates indicate that elder abuse is a problem in our society affecting as many as 500,000 Americans each year.*

*Research documenting the risk factors for physical, emotional, and/or financial abuse among older Americans is limited. Attempts to help victims are frustrated by their resistance to discuss personal or family situations. Rural communities in particular may be plagued with higher incidences of all forms of elder abuse due*

*to such factors as limited access to social and medical services and lack of transportation. According to the National Elder Abuse Incidence Survey only 16% of abuse situations are referred for help and 84% are hidden abuse situations.*

Source: Alfred University— Rural Justice Institute  
Domestic Violence Profile

### Substantiated Reports of Domestic Elder Abuse\*

The National Elder Abuse Incidence Study 1998

