



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FIRST QUARTER FACT SHEET YEAR 2009

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During the last seven years (1/1/2002 through 12/31/2008), family related homicides decreased by 8%.
During the last seven years (1/1/2002 through 12/31/2008), major domestic violence felony crimes decreased by 20%.

FAMILY RELATED HOMICIDES*

There were 12 family related homicides in 2009 as of 3/31/09.

- 3 victims were killed in the Bronx.
- 4 victims were killed in Brooklyn.
- 2 victims were killed in Manhattan.
- 3 victims were killed in Queens.
- 0 victims were killed in Staten Island.
- 72 % of these cases had no known prior police contact.
- 95 % of these cases had no current order of protection.

There were 70 family related homicides in 2008.

- 18 victims were killed in the Bronx.
- 25 victims were killed in Brooklyn.
- 7 victims were killed in Manhattan.
- 17 victims were killed in Queens.
- 3 victims were killed in Staten Island.
- 71% of these cases had no known prior police contact.
- 93% of these cases had no current order of protection.

*Data is preliminary and subject to further revision by NYPD. Family related homicide includes intimate partners as well as homicide committed by other family members and includes children who were killed as a result of family violence.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY SHELTER*

There are 2,144, domestic violence emergency shelter beds citywide, a 35% increase since January 2002.

*Statistics provided by the Human Resources Administration

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE*

Police responded to 234,988 domestic violence incidents in 2008; this averages to over 600 incidents per day. In addition, NYPD's Domestic Violence Unit conducted 72,463 home visits in 2008, a 93% increase since 2002.

As of 3/31/2009, the City's Domestic Violence Hotline advocates answered 31,596 calls since the beginning of the year; 134,903 calls were answered in 2008, averaging 370 calls per day.

* Statistics provided by NYPD and Safe Horizon

TEEN ABUSE*

16,861 teen calls were received by the City's Domestic Violence Hotline in 2007; and 9,462 were received in 2006.

* Statistics provided by Safe Horizon

Since its inception in 2005 through March 31, 2009, the New York City Healthy Relationship Training Academy of the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence reached 6,714 young people through 364 peer education workshops. The Academy has also partnered with the New York City Housing Authority, the Administration for Children's Services, and the Department of Juvenile Justice to educate both young people and staff about healthy relationships.

PROJECT H.E.A.L. (Hospital Emergency Assistance Link)

All 11 City public hospitals have digital cameras that document injuries and Domestic Violence Coordinators who assist all victims and connect them with social and legal services.

NEW YORK CITY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, BROOKLYN

Since opening in July 2005 through March 31, 2009, the New York City Family Justice in Brooklyn has served 21,787 new clients seeking domestic violence services and 4,011 children were supervised in the Center's Children's Room. An average of almost 1,500 client visits are recorded each month – this number includes both first-time and repeat visits. There have been 43,989 adult client visits to the Center since it opened. The Center has launched new initiatives to serve elderly domestic violence victims and children exposed to domestic violence.

NEW YORK CITY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER, QUEENS

Since opening in July 2008 through March 31, 2009, the New York City Family Justice Center in Queens has served 2,595 new clients seeking domestic violence services and 550 children were supervised in the Center's Children's Room, Margaret's Place. An average of almost 600 client visits are recorded each month - this number includes both first-time and repeat visits. There have been 5,342 client visits to the Center since it opened.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call 911 for emergencies; call NYC's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-621-HOPE (4673) TTY: 1- 866-604-5350 or 3-1-1 for general City services information. Help is available in all languages. Callers will receive immediate assistance including crisis counseling, safety planning and referrals.