

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Domestic Abuse Reported to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) from Fiscal Years 2001 through 2008

- Reported Spouse Abuse in Active Component Families Reported to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP):

<i>Year</i>	<i>Married Couples</i>	<i>Total Reports</i>		<i>Substantiated Reports</i>	
		<i>Reports</i>	<i>Rate/1000 Couples</i>	<i>Reports</i>	<i>Rate/1000 Couples</i>
<i>FY01</i>	664,701	18,398	27.7	10,967	16.5
<i>FY02</i>	682,656	17,909	26.2	10,546	15.4
<i>FY03</i>	69,527	17,072	24.6	9,845	14.2
<i>FY04</i>	698,160	16,392	23.5	9,434	13.5
<i>FY05</i>	702,727	15,894	22.6	8,306	11.8
<i>FY06</i>	707,895	15,399	21.7	7,586	10.7
<i>FY07</i>	708,178	15,260	21.5	7,257	10.2
<i>FY08</i>	718,526	15,939	22.2	6,767	9.4

- Substantiated Active Duty Spouse Abusers Reported to FAP:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Married Active Duty Personnel</i>	<i>Active Duty Abusers</i>	<i>Rate/1000 Active Duty Personnel</i>
<i>FY01</i>	703,446	5,332	7.6
<i>FY02</i>	725,306	5,233	7.2
<i>FY03</i>	742,321	5,000	6.7
<i>FY04</i>	746,768	4,736	6.3
<i>FY05</i>	750,320	4,398	5.9
<i>FY06</i>	754,806	3,968	5.3
<i>FY07</i>	754,255	3,928	5.2
<i>FY08</i>	718,526	3,734	4.9

- Substantiated Intimate Partner Abuse in Active Component Families Reported to FAP:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Unmarried Active Duty Personnel</i>	<i>Reports</i>	<i>Rate/1000 Active Duty Personnel</i>
<i>FY06</i>	617,848	340	0.5
<i>FY07</i>	611,316	602	1.0
<i>FY08</i>	622,858	619	0.9

- FY 01 through FY 08 data reported to the FAP includes only those incidents involving individuals in Active Component families reported to the FAP. It excludes members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Reserves of the four Services, and of the Coast Guard.

- “Reports” represent the number of incidents of abuse; therefore, one or more reports may be submitted on a single victim. This allows for the identification of families in which repeated acts of domestic abuse have occurred.
- FY 01 through FY 08 data on spouse abuse includes only those incidents involving married individuals. Either the victim or the abuser may have been an active duty service member or the civilian spouse of an active duty service member; approximately 60 percent of the incidents involve an active duty service member as the alleged perpetrator, as shown in the second table.
- In FY 06 and onward, an additional category has been added to capture substantiated incidents involving a person of the opposite sex (1) with whom the victim shares a child in common or (2) is a current or former intimate partner with whom the victim shares or has shared a common domicile. The victim or the abuser may have been an active duty service member or a civilian.
- The data only reflects domestic abuse reported to the DoD Family Advocacy Program. It is not an estimate of the total amount of domestic abuse that occurred in the Active Component of the military or in families in the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Reserves of the four Services.
- The data includes physical abuse (including acts resulting in no injuries), sexual abuse, emotional abuse (including emotional abuse without any acts of physical or sexual abuse), and neglect.
- This data should not be compared to data from other domestic violence studies unless:
 - Differences in military and civilian contexts have been addressed,
 - The studies’ design and methodologies were similar (e.g., reports to authorities should not be compared to estimates from surveys of the population),
 - The data elements were similar (e.g., the other studies excluded abuse between dating couples, cohabiting but unmarried couples, and formerly married couples, but included emotional abuse between current spouses),
 - The demographics from the studies are standardized to the military population, which is much younger and more male than the general civilian population.

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