

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Spouse Abuse Reported to the Family Advocacy Program from Fiscal Years 1998 through 2004

<u>Year</u>	<i>Couples</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Substantiated</i>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>
FY 98	743,691	21,650	29.1	14,692	19.8
FY 99	708,228	18,869	26.6	12,043	17.0
FY 00	686,309	19,479	28.4	12,078	17.6
FY 01	664,701	18,398	27.7	10,967	16.5
FY 02	682,656	17,909	26.2	10,546	15.4
FY 03	694,527	17,072	24.6	9,845	14.2
FY 04	698,160	16,392	23.5	9,434	13.5

- “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 family violence have occurred.
- The data only reflects spouse abuse reported to the DoD Family Advocacy Program. It is not an estimate of the total amount of domestic violence that occurred between military spouses or between unmarried couples in which one person was in the military.
- The data includes physical abuse (including acts resulting in no injuries), sexual abuse, and emotional abuse (including emotional abuse without any acts of physical or sexual abuse).
- Either the victim or the alleged abuser may have been an active duty service member or may have been the civilian spouse of an active duty service member.
- 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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