

## INFORMATION PAPER

**SUBJECT:** Child Abuse and Domestic Abuse Data Trends from FY 1998 to 2006

- Spouse Abuse Reported to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP):**

<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
FY 05	702,727	15,894	22.6	8,306	11.8
FY 06	707,895	15,399	21.7	7,586	10.7

- Intimate Partner Abuse Reported to the Family Advocacy Program (FAP):**

<u>Year</u>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>Substantiated</i>
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>
FY 06	743,691	0.5

- Child Abuse Reported to the FAP:**

<u>Year</u>	<i>Child</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	1,200,685	16,667	13.9	8,728	7.3
FY 99	1,172,670	15,682	13.4	7,619	6.5
FY 00	1,230,925	16,853	13.7	8,068	6.6
FY 01	1,127,492	15,898	14.1	7,612	6.8
FY 02	1,145,001	16,683	14.6	7,556	6.6
FY 03	1,149,764	16,354	14.2	7,463	6.5
FY 04	1,120,590	16,704	14.9	7,881	7.0
FY 05	1,104,716	13,852	12.5	6,178	5.6
FY 06	1,175,455	12,612	10.7	5,603	4.8

- FY 98 through FY 05 data on spouse abuse includes only those incidents involving married individuals. In FY 06, an additional category has been added to capture substantiated incidents involving intimate partners. An intimate partner is defined as a person of the opposite sex with whom the victim shares a child in common, or a person with whom the victim shares or has shared a common domicile.

- 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 child abuse and domestic abuse reported to the DoD FAP. It is not an estimate of the total amount of child abuse and domestic abuse that occurred in military families.
- 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).
- In substantiated reports, the abuser may have been an active duty service member, a civilian family member, or (in child abuse incidents) a caregiver outside the family. Beginning in FY 06, the abuser in domestic abuse may have been an intimate partner.
- This data should not be compared to data from other 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,
  - 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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