

A Prince George's County Health Department Data Snapshot of DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Overview:

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive behavior including willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, and sexual assault used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality, sex, or educational background.

Who is at Risk:

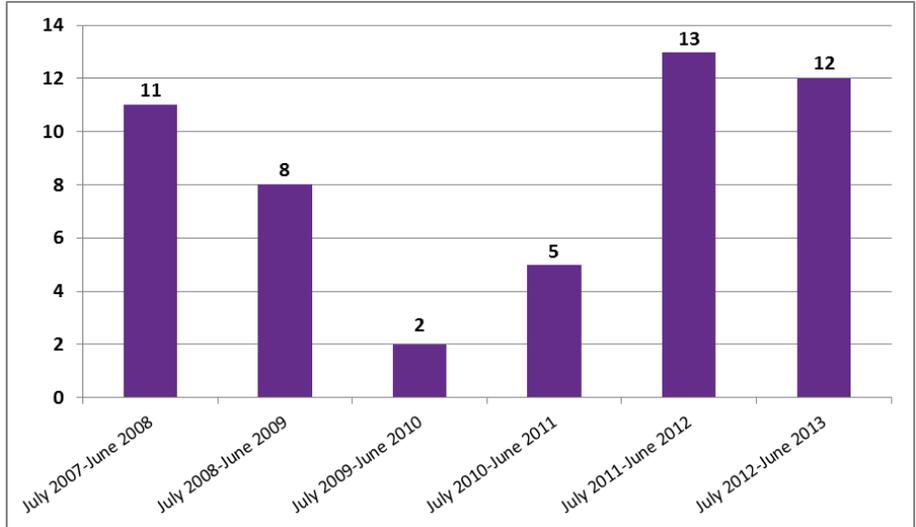
- Anyone can experience domestic violence
- Women generally experience the highest rates of partner violence compared to males
- Teenaged, pregnant, and disabled women are especially at risk
- Children who witness violence are at a higher risk of a wide range of behavioral, emotional, and intellectual problems

Prevention:

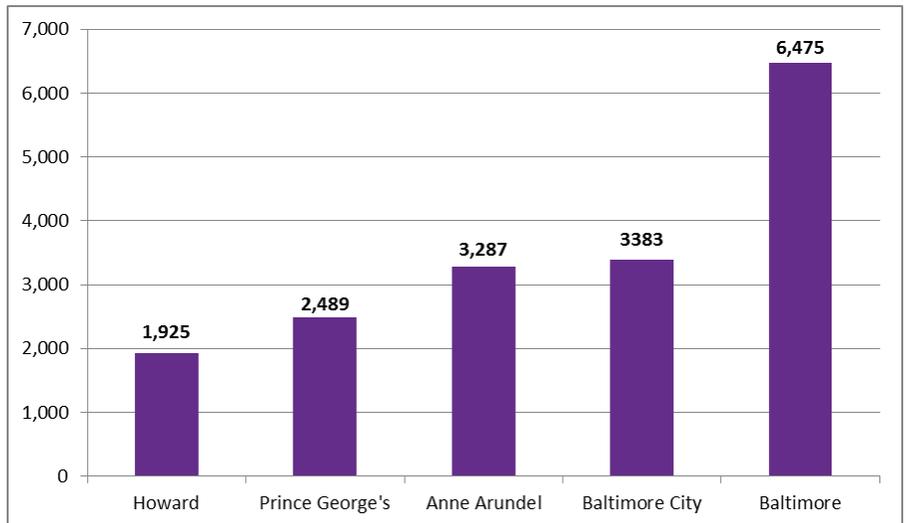
Maryland has recently added multiple laws to better address issues of domestic violence and allow easier access in obtaining protective orders. Prevention efforts depend on the population and if the goal is to:

1. prevent domestic violence before it exists (primary prevention);
2. decrease the start of a problem by targeting services to at-risk individuals and addressing risk factors (secondary prevention); or
3. minimize a problem that is clearly evident and causing harm (tertiary prevention).

Domestic Violence-Related Deaths in Prince George's County, 2007-2013



Leading Maryland Jurisdictions for the Number of Domestic Violence Cases 2013



QUICK FACTS

- Domestic violence is one of the most chronically underreported crimes (Source: U.S. Department of Justice)
- Among students who dated or went out with someone in the last year, 11.6% of Prince George's County High School students reported they had been physically hurt on purpose at least once by someone they dated. (Source: 2013 Maryland Youth Risk Behavior Survey)
- From July 2011 – June 2012, 5,276 domestic violence cases were files in the District Court for Prince George's County. (Source: Maryland Judiciary Annual Statistical Abstract, Fiscal Year 2012)
- In a national study from 2003-2012, rates of domestic violence were highest for persons ages 18 to 24 years of age at 11.6 victimizations per 1,000 persons. (Source: Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics)
- Most domestic violence (77%) occurs at or near the victim's home. (Source: Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics)