

NEW YORK CITY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACT SHEET

MAYOR'S OFFICE TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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HOMICIDES

2002

76 domestic violence victims were killed.

- 36 victims were killed in Brooklyn.
- 16 were killed in Queens.
- 9 were killed in Manhattan.
- 15 were killed in the Bronx.

66% had no known prior contact with the police.

POLICE RESPONSE

The NYPD responds to over 600 domestic violence incidents a day on average.

222,492 domestic violence incidents were reported in 2002.

- 78,441 in Brooklyn
- 50,593 in Queens
- 11,063 in Staten Island
- 55,726 in the Bronx
- 26,669 in Manhattan

4,626 felony assault complaints were filed this year in NYC.

7,485 complaints of violations of orders of protection were filed in 2002.

8,174 complaints of violations of orders of protection were filed in 2001.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS TO CITY HOTLINE NUMBER 1-800-621-HOPE*

Over 400 calls a day on average: 151,276 calls answered in 2002; 7% of callers requested shelter. 132,637 calls answered in 2001; 9% of callers requested shelter.

Profile of Callers in 2002:

- 28% from Brooklyn
- 21% from Bronx
- 21% from Manhattan
- 16% from Queens
- 3% from Staten Island
- Hotline operated by Safe Horizon. Profile of calls based on small sample of total calls to the hotline in 2002.
- Half the callers were between 22-34 years old.
- 19% were between 35-44 years old.
- 16% of the callers were between 19-21 years old.
- Women made 83% of the calls.

TEEN ABUSE

10,574 teens called the City Domestic Violence Hotline in 2002; 6,863 teens called in 2001.*

ELDER ABUSE

The Department for the Aging opened 2,472 cases between 1/1/99 and 7/31/02. Reported cases (some cases involved multiple types of abuse):

- 1,389 emotional abuse
- 611 neglect
- 1,269 financial abuse
- 21 sexual abuse
- 693 physical abuse

In 57% of the cases, the reported abuser was an adult child of the victim.