

## INFORMATION PAPER

**SUBJECT:** Child Abuse and Domestic Abuse Data Trends from FY01 to FY11

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

<u>Year</u>	<i>Couples</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Met Criteria</i>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>
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
FY 07	708,178	15,260	21.5	7,257	10.2
FY 08	718,526	15,939	22.2	6,767	9.4
FY 09	738,067	18,208	24.7	7,476	10.1
FY 10	751,758	18,785	25.0	8,411	11.2
FY 11	753,110	19,277	25.6	8,386	11.1

- Intimate Partner Abuse Reported to the FAP:

<u>Year</u>	<i>Unmarried</i>	<i>Met Criteria</i>	<i>Met Criteria</i>
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>
FY 06	617,848	340	0.5
FY 07	611,316	602	1.0
FY 08	622,858	619	0.9
FY 09	620,542	747	1.2
FY 10	618,549	721	1.2
FY 11	612,358	867	1.4

- Child Abuse Reported to the FAP:

<u>Year</u>	<i>Child</i>	<i>Total</i>		<i>Met Criteria</i>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>	<u>Reports</u>	<u>Rate/1000</u>
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	1,103,362	12,612	11.4	5,603	5.1
FY 07	1,103,270	13,788	12.5	5,434	4.9
FY 08	1,122,098	12,661	11.3	5,406	4.8
FY 09	1,147,318	12,847	11.2	5,499	4.8
FY 10	1,166,079	14,986	12.9	6,633	5.7
FY 11	1,165,812	15,081	12.9	6,819	5.8

- FY01 through FY11 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. In FY06 and onward, an additional category was added to capture met criteria incidents involving a person (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. In such cases the victim or the abuser may have been an active duty service member or a civilian.
- 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, emotional abuse (including emotional abuse without any acts of physical or sexual abuse), and neglect.
- In met criteria 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. However, in 95 percent of the met criteria child abuse incidents, the abuser was a parent or other family member.
- 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; and
  - The demographics from the studies are standardized to the military population, which is much younger and more male than the general civilian population.
- The DoD rates of child abuse have remained relatively constant and are about half of their counterpart rates in the U.S. civilian population as compiled by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.