REPORT ON THE

PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT

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INTRODUCTION

The Administrative Office of the Courts presents this statistical report on the operation of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, N.J.S.A. 2C: 25-17 through 2C: 25-35, to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Advisory Council on Domestic Violence. This report, submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C: 25-33 covers the period from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. It presents data from the Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS) and the Criminal Division Automated System (Promis Gavel). Collection and analysis of accurate data regarding trends in domestic violence proceedings serves as an important resource for many governmental, public, private and victim service provider agencies for funding, report writing, grants, future legislation and policy changes.

The format of this annual report is consistent with that of previous reports in presenting data regarding domestic violence filings, dispositions of restraining orders, and sought and granted reliefs. In addition, this report includes data pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C: 29-9b on non-indictable contempt charges which are processed in Family Court, and on violations of non-contact orders or other offenses that require arrest and criminal charges, which are processed in the Criminal Division. Civil complaints, collected as part of FACTS, are contained in the main body of the report. Criminal data related to domestic violence, collected as part of the statewide Promis/Gavel system, are contained in a separate section of the report.

The data reflect that the total number of domestic violence complaint filings in calendar year 2003 was 44,316, a slight decrease from 44,764 in 2002. The number of total filings has remained relatively stable, except for the record high of 63,465 in 1995. There were 9,663 domestic violence contempt filings in calendar 2003, a decline from 10, 525 in 2002.

The Judiciary continues to implement policies and procedures to enhance the protective process for victims of domestic violence and their families. These improvements are made possible in part through funding support that the Judiciary receives from the Federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The Domestic Violence Technical Assistance Team within the Family Practice Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts is one of these VAWA-funded programs. The Team provides technical assistance and coordination of training for judges and staff. The primary goal of the Team continues to be to promote uniform procedures and best practices as set forth in the Domestic Violence Procedures Manual (DVPM) and the Prevention of the Domestic Violence Act.

In October 2001, the Administrative Office of the Courts simplified access to the Temporary Restraining Orders (TROs) for all police agencies in the state of New Jersey. In the past, all law enforcement agencies received hard copies of the four-page, five-part TRO from the Family Practice Division. Distribution to more than five hundred agencies

presented a challenge. To ensure an unlimited supply of the TRO forms for police use, the TRO complaint was placed onto a CD-ROM and distributed to all law enforcement agencies. The CD-ROM provides an unlimited supply of the TRO forms available for police use.

New Jersey's Statewide Domestic Violence Central Registry (DVCR) makes available to law enforcement agencies and Family Court personnel up-to-date information on all Restraining Orders entered into the Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS). The purposes of this Registry is to serve as a database for law enforcement to facilitate enforcement of Temporary and Final Restraining Orders and thus to provide protection for victims as they move between municipalities and counties within the state. The Registry provides information to law enforcement personnel as part of the screening process for those individuals who apply for firearms licensing. The Registry was made possible through funding from the Federal STOP VAWA and through inter-agency cooperation among the Judiciary, the Attorney General's Office, the New Jersey State Police, and local law enforcement agencies. The Registry has been expanded to include out-of-state domestic violence orders and to provide access to the existing criminal history of persons involved in a domestic violence incident. The Registry was selected as one of the 2002 "Best of Breed" Programs by the National Center for Digital Government, which recognized the Registry as one of eleven best technology applications among more than 1,500 projects across the nation.

The State Domestic Violence Procedures Manual, originally promulgated by the Supreme Court and the Attorney General in October of 1991, continues to be a vital resource in standardizing domestic violence procedures throughout New Jersey. In 2003, the Manual was updated to reflect statutory and other procedural changes.

The Domestic Violence Hearing Officer (DVHO) Program, begun by the Judiciary as a pilot program in 1993 in Hudson and Ocean Counties, has been a permanent program since 1998. Presently 17 out of New Jersey's 21 counties have a DVHO. In one multi-county vicinage (Morris/Sussex) the DVHO stationed in Morris also handles Sussex applications through the use of video conferencing. The DVHO program continues to be a valuable component of the overall effort to facilitate access by victims to the court. Further, the availability of the DVHO reduces the need for judges to interrupt ongoing trials to handle applications for emergent relief. Extensive training continues to be a mainstay of the DVHO program in order to ensure the highest quality service to the public.

The availability of Victim Waiting Rooms in every county courthouse has been a long-standing need of victims of domestic violence. In those courthouses that still do not have such separate waiting rooms, victims often must wait in communal waiting rooms with other litigants, presenting the significant risk of contact with the offender. A Federal Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) grant has made possible the establishment of Victim Waiting Rooms in eight counties: Cumberland, Gloucester, Hudson, Mercer, Morris, Ocean, Salem and Union. Enhancements also have been made to the Victim Waiting Rooms in Burlington and Essex.

In 2003, the Family Practice Division, the Division of Criminal Justice, and the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women continued to develop and produce five Domestic

Violence Training Videos. Upon completion, copies of these tapes will be provided to Vicinage Management staff as the initial resource for a videotape library on domestic violence issues to be made available to newly assigned or appointed judges and court personnel in furtherance of the statutory mandates regarding domestic violence training. The five training videotapes will cover the following: (1) the domestic violence event, (2) the TRO hearing conducted by the DVHO, (3) the FRO and contempt hearing, (4) a TRO hearing in Municipal Court, and (5) customer service. The five videos will include information on the dynamics of domestic violence, the law, and police procedures. In addition to these videos, the Judiciary plans to develop a series of CD-ROMs for court personnel that will provide information on advanced topics relating to domestic violence. Topics will include mental health, substance abuse, cyber stalking, immigration, and cultural considerations.

Further enhancements have been made to the domestic violence aspects of FACTS. In October 2002, the electronic TRO (e-TRO) began its pilot phase in Delran Township, Burlington County. This project will improve TRO data entry and quality, expedite the linkage of the TRO to the DVCR on FACTS to create a more comprehensive TRO index, and expedite docketing of the TRO at the Family Court. The electronic transmission of the complaint and TRO eliminates the need for police officers to fax the documents to the Family Division. Police must still print and have the victim sign a copy of the TRO and must retain that copy for their records. In April 2003, the Supreme Court authorized expansion of the pilot to Municipal Courts in Camden, Cape May, Essex, and Somerset Counties. Currently, the e-TRO project is in production in 25 municipalities statewide and is moving towards statewide implementation.

The Superior Court of New Jersey consists of courts in 21 counties (grouped into 15 vicinages). The demographics of the counties range from heavily populated urban counties to counties with many rural communities. Although there are some common denominators in the vicinages when providing assistance to victims of domestic violence, the vicinages are diverse in providing needed services to domestic violence victims. In 2002-2003, the Judiciary received grant funds from STOP Violence Against Women Act for the vicinages to identify and respond to the special needs of victims in their communities. Most vicinages have chosen to use those monies to augment annual domestic violence training tailored to local needs. The Family Practice Division, having identified volunteers that provide services to families who have been affected by violence as in need of domestic violence training, organized regional training for over 400 volunteers on the Dynamics of Domestic Violence and the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act.

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SECTION ONE:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (FV) FILINGS - NEW COMPLAINTS STATEWIDE FILINGS

1. NUMBER OF NEW COMPLAINTS FILED (MUNICIPAL, FAMILY DIVISION, TRANSFERS AND REOPENED TEMPORARY RESTRAING ORDERS.)

In calendar year 2003, total domestic violence filings decreased in all areas.

NUMBER OF FILINGS	2002 1/02-12/02	2003 1/03-12/03	+/-
Municipal Courts	17,811	17,609	-202
Family Division	24,062	23,837	-225
Transfers	255	235	-20
Reopened TROs	2,636	2,635	-1
Total Filings	44,764	44,316	-448

*(Please Note: Sections 2-5 total #of filings based on Municipal Court, Family Division and Transfers, 41,681)

2. GENDER OF PARTIES

In 2003, the vast majority of *plaintiffs* filing domestic violence complaints continue to be female and the vast majority of *defendants* continue to be male.

Gender of Parties	2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
Male Plaintiff	9,009	21.4%	8,801	21.1%
Female Plaintiff	33,118	78.6%	32,881	78.9%
Male Defendant	32,792	77.8%	32,607	78.2%
Female Defendant	9,337	22.2%	9,073	21.8%

3. RELATIONSHIP OF PLAINTIFF - DEFENDANT

In 2003, the statistics regarding the relationship between plaintiff and defendant remained essentially unchanged from the statistics of the previous year.

Relationship of Parties				
Relationship of Parties	2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	2003	%of Total Filings (41,681)
Spouse w/Children	9,823	23.3%	9,765	23.4%
Spouse w/o Children	3,519	8.4%	3,302	7.9%
Former Spouse w/Children	1,219	2.9%	1,313	3.2%
Former Spouse w/o Children	243	.6%	243	.6%
Never Married w/Children	7,264	17.2%	7,260	17.4%
Never Married Expectant Parents	298	.7%	333	.8%
Present Household Member	5,610	13.3%	5,466	13.1%
Dating Relationship	9,496	22.5%	9,320	22.4%
Former Household Member	4,656	11.1%	4,679	11.2%

4. LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF PLAINTIFFS AND DEFENDANTS IN NEW COMPLAINTS

The statistics for the living arrangements for plaintiffs and defendants filing new domestic violence complaints showed only a slight change between 2002 and 2003.

Living Arrangements	2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
Living Together	17,720	42.1%	17,310	41.5%
Previously Living Together	18,198	43.2%	18,217	43.7%
Never Living Together	6,210	14.7%	6,154	14.8%

5. TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED

The Domestic Violence Summary showed the proportion of domestic violence cases in which TROs were issued remained essentially unchanged in 2003 from the previous year.

TROs Issued	2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
	36,391	86.4%	35,413	85%

TROs Denied (Final Hearing Scheduled)	2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
	830	2%	629	1.5%

TROs Denied (Complaint Dismissed)	2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
	3,834	9.1%	3,853	9.2%

B. COUNTY FIGURES

RUNDATE: 01/30/2004
PROGRAM: MS#FV#F
(PART B/Y2K)

Domestic Violence Filings
New/TRO Extended

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

County	New Cases Municipal Court Doc Source = 06	%	New Cases Family Court Doc Source = 01	%	Cases Received From Other Counties (01/57)-(01/58)	%	ReOpened Dfndt Served With TRO (06/)	%	Total New/TRO Extended
Atlantic	946	47.0	990	49.2	1	.0	76	3.8	2013
Bergen	1206	42.5	1450	51.1	16	.6	167	5.9	2839
Burlington	1166	57.3	840	41.3	13	.6	17	.8	2036
Camden	1940	53.3	1645	45.2	11	.3	43	1.2	3639
Cape May	348	50.7	305	44.5	6	.9	27	3.9	686
Cumberland	778	47.2	673	40.8	29	1.8	169	10.2	1649
Essex	1411	33.3	2555	60.3	18	.4	241	5.7	4225
Gloucester	709	43.6	861	52.9	6	.4	52	3.2	1628
Hudson	1320	35.1	2354	62.6	0	.0	84	2.2	3758
Hunterdon	162	51.4	136	43.2	8	2.5	7	2.2	313
Mercer	534	22.6	1217	51.5	3	.1	610	25.8	2364
Middlesex	1089	39.6	1494	54.3	22	.8	141	5.1	2746
Monmouth	969	33.4	1854	63.8	19	.7	62	2.1	2904
Morris	770	52.5	625	42.6	18	1.2	55	3.7	1468
Ocean	1293	40.4	1755	54.8	11	.3	144	4.5	3203
Passaic	410	12.3	2452	73.6	5	.2	463	13.9	3330
Salem	208	41.9	229	46.2	10	2.0	49	9.9	496
Somerset	690	61.0	407	36.0	16	1.4	19	1.7	1132
Sussex	318	53.2	265	44.3	6	1.0	9	1.5	598
Union	1009	37.8	1455	54.5	14	.5	190	7.1	2668
Warren	333	53.6	275	44.3	3	.5	10	1.6	621
TOTAL	17609	39.7	23837	53.8	235	.5	2635	5.9	44316

RUNDATE: 01/27/2004
PROGRAM: DVSEX
(Y2K)

Domestic Violence
Gender of Parties in Newly Filed and Docketed Complaints
For the Period From January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

County	Complaints Filed and Docketed #	Plaintiffs Male #	Plaintiffs Male %	Plaintiffs Female #	Plaintiffs Female %	Defendants Male #	Defendants Male %	Defendants Female #	Defendants Female %
Atlantic	1937	420	21.7	1517	78.3	1501	77.5	436	22.5
Bergen	2672	577	21.6	2095	78.4	2099	78.6	573	21.4
Burlington	2019	429	21.2	1590	78.8	1600	79.2	419	20.8
Camden	3596	729	20.3	2867	79.7	2819	78.4	777	21.6
Cape May	659	168	25.5	491	74.5	511	77.5	148	22.5
Cumberland	1480	297	20.1	1183	79.9	1166	78.8	314	21.2
Essex	3984	814	20.4	3170	79.6	3121	78.3	863	21.7
Gloucester	1576	375	23.8	1201	76.2	1215	77.1	361	22.9
Hudson	3674	752	20.5	2922	79.5	2868	78.1	806	21.9
Hunterdon	306	63	20.6	243	79.4	239	78.1	67	21.9
Mercer	1754	400	22.8	1354	77.2	1314	74.9	440	25.1
Middlesex	2605	490	18.8	2115	81.2	2123	81.5	482	18.5
Monmouth	2842	584	20.5	2258	79.5	2248	79.1	594	20.9
Morris	1413	333	23.6	1080	76.4	1104	78.1	309	21.9
Ocean	3059	655	21.4	2405	78.6	2378	77.8	680	22.2
Passaic	2867	587	20.5	2280	79.5	2242	78.2	625	21.8
Salem	447	90	20.1	357	79.9	348	77.9	99	22.1
Somerset	1113	275	24.7	838	75.3	837	75.2	276	24.8
Sussex	589	122	20.7	467	79.3	457	77.6	132	22.4
Union	2478	496	20.0	1982	80.0	1947	78.6	531	21.4
Warren	611	145	23.7	466	76.3	470	76.9	141	23.1
TOTAL	41681	8801	21.1	32881	78.9	32607	78.2	9073	21.8

1 Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 The figures in the 'Complaints Filed and Docketed' column are the sum total of 'New Cases' and 'Cases Received from Other Counties'.
3 The '%' in the 'Male' and 'Female' columns reflect the percentage of total plaintiffs or defendants of that gender.

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PROGRAM: DVRELATE
(Y2K)

Domestic Violence
Relationship of Plaintiff and Defendant in Newly Filed and Docketed Complaints
For the Period From January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

County	Complaints Filed and Docketed #	11 (a) Spouse With Child(ren) #	%	11 (b) Spouse Without Child(ren) #	%	11 (c) Fmr Spouse With Child(ren) #	%	11 (d) Fmr Spouse Without Child(ren) #	%	11 (e) Nvr Married With Child(ren) #	%	11 (f) Nvr Married Expectant Parents #	%	11 (g) Present Househld Member #	%	11 (h) Dating Rltnship #	%	11 (i) Former Househld Member #	%
Atlantic	1937	270	13.9	280	14.5	61	3.1	13	.7	404	20.9	25	1.3	189	9.8	559	28.9	136	7.0
Bergen	2672	783	29.3	230	8.6	145	5.4	22	.8	323	12.1	9	.3	332	12.4	614	23.0	214	8.0
Burlington	2019	468	23.2	154	7.6	50	2.5	26	1.3	218	10.8	10	.5	459	22.7	345	17.1	289	14.3
Camden	3596	725	20.2	226	6.3	95	2.6	19	.5	748	20.8	45	1.3	518	14.4	848	23.6	372	10.3
Cape May	659	134	20.3	79	12.0	18	2.7	4	.6	116	17.6	7	1.1	72	10.9	169	25.6	60	9.1
Cumberland	1480	242	16.4	134	9.1	22	1.5	11	.7	384	25.9	33	2.2	218	14.7	248	16.8	188	12.7
Essex	3984	769	19.3	250	6.3	77	1.9	7	.2	946	23.7	56	1.4	364	9.1	1184	29.7	331	8.3
Gloucester	1576	454	28.8	127	8.1	56	3.6	5	.3	262	16.6	7	.4	188	11.9	338	21.4	139	8.8
Hudson	3674	735	20.0	271	7.4	101	2.7	28	.8	857	23.3	37	1.0	305	8.3	874	23.8	466	12.7
Hunterdon	306	105	34.3	39	12.7	24	7.8	1	.3	22	7.2	0	.0	25	8.2	67	21.9	23	7.5
Mercer	1754	329	18.8	124	7.1	37	2.1	8	.5	399	22.7	15	.9	160	9.1	525	29.9	157	9.0
Middlesex	2605	650	25.0	217	8.3	85	3.3	6	.2	296	11.4	21	.8	496	19.0	539	20.7	295	11.3
Monmouth	2842	807	28.4	206	7.2	120	4.2	21	.7	340	12.0	1	.0	327	11.5	635	22.3	385	13.5
Morris	1413	483	34.2	55	3.9	65	4.6	3	.2	141	10.0	2	.1	208	14.7	322	22.8	134	9.5
Ocean	3059	907	29.7	252	8.2	135	4.4	31	1.0	361	11.8	6	.2	409	13.4	628	20.5	330	10.8
Passaic	2867	573	20.0	206	7.2	46	1.6	15	.5	727	25.4	21	.7	398	13.9	398	13.9	483	16.8
Salem	447	97	21.7	33	7.4	12	2.7	2	.4	101	22.6	3	.7	49	11.0	85	19.0	65	14.5
Somerset	1113	280	25.2	123	11.1	41	3.7	6	.5	117	10.5	7	.6	160	14.4	227	20.4	152	13.7
Sussex	589	215	36.5	66	11.2	27	4.6	2	.3	60	10.2	10	1.7	56	9.5	107	18.2	46	7.8
Union	2478	575	23.2	174	7.0	70	2.8	8	.3	364	14.7	15	.6	437	17.6	504	20.3	331	13.4
Warren	611	164	26.8	56	9.2	26	4.3	5	.8	74	12.1	3	.5	96	15.7	104	17.0	83	13.6
TOTAL	41681	9765	23.4	3302	7.9	1313	3.2	243	.6	7260	17.4	333	.8	5466	13.1	9320	22.4	4679	11.2

1 Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 The figures in the 'Complaints Filed and Docketed' column are the sum total of 'New Cases' and 'Cases Received From Other Counties'.
3 The '%' columns reflect the percentage of domestic violence cases in which the plaintiffs and the defendants had a particular relationship at the time the complaints were filed.

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Domestic Violence[1]
Living Arrangements of Plaintiff and Defendant in Newly Filed and Docketed Complaints
For the Period From January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

County	Complaints Filed and Docketed[2] #	Living Together #	Living Together %	Previously Lived Together #	Previously Lived Together %	Never Lived Together #	Never Lived Together %
Atlantic	1937	861	44.5	786	40.6	290	15.0
Bergen	2672	1247	46.7	1016	38.0	409	15.3
Burlington	2019	907	44.9	843	41.8	269	13.3
Camden	3596	1501	41.7	1586	44.1	509	14.2
Cape May	659	269	40.8	319	48.4	71	10.8
Cumberland	1480	571	38.6	713	48.2	196	13.2
Essex	3984	1495	37.5	1737	43.6	752	18.9
Gloucester	1576	684	43.4	658	41.8	234	14.8
Hudson	3674	1254	34.1	1838	50.0	582	15.8
Hunterdon	306	145	47.4	125	40.8	36	11.8
Mercer	1754	594	33.9	819	46.7	341	19.4
Middlesex	2605	1240	47.6	944	36.2	421	16.2
Monmouth	2842	1160	40.8	1337	47.0	345	12.1
Morris	1413	622	44.0	584	41.3	207	14.6
Ocean	3059	1344	43.9	1395	45.6	320	10.5
Passaic	2867	1064	37.1	1341	46.8	462	16.1
Salem	447	162	36.2	217	48.5	68	15.2
Somerset	1113	539	48.4	430	38.6	144	12.9
Sussex	589	297	50.4	231	39.2	61	10.4
Union	2478	1068	43.1	1033	41.7	377	15.2
Warren	611	286	46.8	265	43.4	60	9.8
TOTAL	41681	17310	41.5	18217	43.7	6154	14.8

1 Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 The figures in the 'Complaints Filed and Docketed' column are the sum total of 'New Cases' and 'Cases Received from Other Counties'.
3 The '%' columns reflect the percentage of domestic violence cases in which the plaintiffs and defendants had a particular living arrangement at the time the complaints were filed.

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Domestic Violence
Temporary Restraining Order Summary
For the Period From January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003

County	TROs Issued Document=0005	- TROs Denied - Final Hearing Scheduled Proceeding=1605	- TROs Denied - Complaint Dismissed (05/40)
Atlantic	1684	0	131
Bergen	2322	113	292
Burlington	1595	1	302
Camden	3301	0	190
Cape May	579	0	66
Cumberland	1327	13	47
Essex	3560	0	248
Gloucester	1341	1	200
Hudson	2917	0	575
Hunterdon	240	0	53
Mercer	1583	0	93
Middlesex	2414	0	168
Monmouth	1701	0	277
Morris	1154	12	240
Ocean	2751	2	193
Passaic	2451	172	230
Salem	383	0	15
Somerset	886	91	192
Sussex	496	0	66
Union	2205	217	223
Warren	523	7	52
TOTAL	35413	629	3853

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Domestic Violence
Filings Summary

January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2003

County	2002 New/TRO Extended	2002 %	2002 Reopened Post-Disposition	2002 %	2002 Total Filings	2003 New/TRO Extended	2003 %	2003 Reopened Post-Disposition	2003 %	2003 Total Filings	Percent Change New/TRO Extended	Percent Change Reopened Post-Disposition	Percent Change Total Filings
Atlantic	2179	76.3	676	23.7	2855	2013	77.8	573	22.2	2586	-7.6	-15.2	-9.4
Bergen	2982	64.4	1647	35.6	4629	2839	63.4	1638	36.6	4477	-4.8	-.5	-3.3
Burlington	1906	71.9	745	28.1	2651	2036	74.4	701	25.6	2737	6.8	-5.9	3.2
Camden	3756	83.0	770	17.0	4526	3639	82.4	777	17.6	4416	-3.1	.9	-2.4
Cape May	735	62.5	441	37.5	1176	686	61.2	434	38.7	1120	-6.7	-1.6	-4.8
Cumberland	1655	70.9	678	29.1	2333	1649	63.7	940	36.3	2589	-.4	38.6	11.0
Essex	4831	71.4	1933	28.6	6764	4238	69.6	1852	30.4	6090	-12.3	-4.2	-10.0
Gloucester	1604	63.6	918	36.4	2522	1628	66.6	815	33.4	2443	1.5	-11.2	-3.1
Hudson	3520	76.2	1102	23.8	4622	3758	74.2	1308	25.8	5066	6.8	18.7	9.6
Hunterdon	348	74.8	117	25.2	465	315	70.6	131	29.4	446	-9.5	12.0	-4.1
Mercer	2589	87.0	386	13.0	2975	2364	83.4	471	16.6	2835	-8.7	22.0	-4.7
Middlesex	2659	69.4	1173	30.6	3832	2749	71.4	1099	28.6	3848	3.4	-6.3	.4
Monmouth	2476	73.1	911	26.9	3387	2904	75.3	953	24.7	3857	17.3	4.6	13.9
Morris	1484	75.9	472	24.1	1956	1468	73.7	525	26.3	1993	-1.1	11.2	1.9
Ocean	2994	78.5	820	21.5	3814	3203	75.5	1037	24.5	4240	7.0	26.5	11.2
Passaic	3244	72.1	1258	27.9	4502	3330	73.2	1217	26.8	4547	2.7	-3.3	1.0
Salem	588	51.8	547	48.2	1135	496	45.1	603	54.9	1099	-15.6	10.2	-3.2
Somerset	1173	74.7	397	25.3	1570	1132	75.4	369	24.6	1501	-3.5	-7.1	-4.4
Sussex	656	64.8	356	35.2	1012	598	65.8	311	34.2	909	-8.8	-12.6	-10.2
Union	2751	64.4	1518	35.6	4269	2670	67.5	1285	32.5	3955	-2.9	-15.3	-7.4
Warren	638	81.3	147	18.7	785	621	77.5	180	22.5	801	-2.7	22.4	2.0
TOTAL	44768	72.5	17012	27.5	61780	44336	72.0	17219	28.0	61555	-1.0	1.2	-.4

SECTION TWO:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TERMINATIONS (FVs)

NEW COMPLAINTS

A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

*(Please Note: Sections 2-5 total #of filings based on Municipal, Family and Transfers, 41,681)

1. TRO DENIED/COMPLAINT DISMISSED (ALL COURTS)

The percentage of cases disposed by the denial of a TRO and dismissal of the domestic violence complaint remained about the same in calendar year 2003 as in the previous year.

TROs Denied 2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	TROs Denied 2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
3,834	9.1%	3,853	9.2%

2. COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN BY PLAINTIFF

The percentage of complaints withdrawn by the plaintiff decreased in 2003 from the previous year.

Complaint Withdrawn by Plaintiff 2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	Complaint Withdrawn by Plaintiff 2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
15,663	37.2%	14,388	34.5%

3. FAILURE OF PLAINTIFF TO APPEAR/COMPLAINT DISMISSED

The percentage of cases dismissed due to failure of the plaintiff to appear increased slightly in 2003 as compared to 2002.

Dismissed Failure to Appear Plaintiff 2002	% of Total Filings (42,128)	Dismissed Failure to Appear Plaintiff 2003	% of Total Filings (41,681)
4,065	9.6%	4,218	10.1%

4. TRO APPEALED/COMPLAINT DISMISSED (FAMILY DIVISION)

The number of cases in which emergent appeals were granted prior to the final hearing increased substantially from 2002 to 2003.

TRO EMERGENT APPEAL GRANTED (# of Cases)	
2002	27
2003	94

5. RELIEF DENIED AT FINAL HEARING/COMPLAINT DISMISSED

In 2003, the percentage of cases in which final restraining orders were denied and the complaint dismissed remained essentially unchanged for 2003.

Year	FROs Denied	Total Filings	% Total Filings
2002	6,048	42,128	14.4%
2003	6,181	41,681	14.8%

6. TRO EXTENDED

A TRO can be extended indefinitely when attempts have been made to serve the defendant, but defendant cannot be located. In 2003, the percentage of extended TROs remained essentially unchanged from 2002.

Year	Extended TROs	Total Filings	% Total Filings
2002	4,075	42,128	9.7%
2003	3,955	41,681	9.5%

7. FINAL RESTRAINING ORDERS ENTERED/ SOME OR ALL RELIEF GRANTED

In 2003, the percentage of final restraining orders entered with some or all relief granted increased slightly from 2002.

Year	FROs Entered	Total Filings	% Total Filings
2002	11,117	42,128	26.4%
2003	11,423	41,681	27.4%

8. TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER COUNTY IN NEW JERSEY

A case may be transferred from one county to another for any four reasons: plaintiff or defendant works in Family Court in the original county of venue; there is an FM or FD matter pending in the other county, the TRO and FRO were filed in the county where the act occurred but plaintiff or both parties reside in another county, or for other good cause shown. In 2003 the number of such case transfers decreased from 2002.

DV Cases Transferred To Another County (# of Cases)	
2002	242
2003	205

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Domestic Violence Terminations
New/TRO Extended

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

County	TRO Denied (05/40)	%	Wthdrwn (05/56)	%	Failed to Appear (05/41)	%	TRO Appealed (05/87)	%	Relief Denied at Final Hearing (05/42)	%	TRO Extended (05/44)	%	Some or All Reliefs Granted (05/43)	%	Transferred to Other County (05/60)	%	Total New/TRO Extended
Atlantic	131	6.5	709	35.4	236	11.8	2	.1	355	17.7	112	5.6	453	22.6	4	.2	2002
Bergen	292	10.2	1032	36.0	238	8.3	3	.1	274	9.6	276	9.6	739	25.8	13	.5	2867
Burlington	302	14.9	709	34.9	243	12.0	0	.0	252	12.4	43	2.1	473	23.3	8	.4	2030
Camden	190	5.2	1261	34.6	673	18.5	2	.1	321	8.8	115	3.2	1069	29.4	10	.3	3641
Cape May	66	9.5	233	33.6	44	6.3	3	.4	103	14.9	36	5.2	208	30.0	0	.0	693
Cumberland	47	2.9	507	30.9	188	11.4	3	.2	279	17.0	167	10.2	436	26.6	15	.9	1642
Essex	248	5.9	1163	27.4	675	15.9	0	.0	823	19.4	554	13.1	741	17.5	16	.4	4237
Gloucester	200	12.2	574	35.1	109	6.7	1	.1	251	15.4	69	4.2	414	25.3	16	1.0	1634
Hudson	575	15.4	1464	39.1	442	11.8	46	1.2	124	3.3	269	7.2	818	21.9	5	.1	3743
Hunterdon	53	16.7	126	39.7	6	1.9	0	.0	49	15.5	7	2.2	70	22.1	4	1.3	317
Mercer	93	4.0	538	22.9	224	9.5	7	.3	352	15.0	610	26.0	518	22.1	7	.3	2349
Middlesex	168	6.2	996	36.8	148	5.5	8	.3	351	13.0	280	10.3	732	27.0	20	.7	2709
Monmouth	277	9.5	834	28.6	22	.8	0	.0	455	15.6	106	3.6	1214	41.6	13	.4	2921
Morris	240	16.1	478	32.1	85	5.7	0	.0	221	14.8	76	5.1	380	25.5	10	.7	1490
Ocean	193	6.0	1071	33.2	184	5.7	6	.2	556	17.2	187	5.8	1020	31.6	9	.3	3226
Passaic	230	6.9	925	27.9	351	10.6	1	.0	522	15.7	612	18.5	666	20.1	9	.3	3316
Salem	15	3.0	161	31.8	64	12.6	7	1.4	63	12.5	50	9.9	143	28.3	3	.6	506
Somerset	192	16.6	368	31.8	54	4.7	2	.2	168	14.5	33	2.9	332	28.7	8	.7	1157
Sussex	66	11.3	272	46.4	9	1.5	0	.0	80	13.7	12	2.0	143	24.4	4	.7	586
Union	223	8.4	763	28.8	164	6.2	3	.1	476	17.9	329	12.4	673	25.4	21	.8	2652
Warren	52	8.3	204	32.7	59	9.5	0	.0	106	17.0	12	1.9	181	29.0	10	1.6	624
TOTAL	3853	8.7	14388	32.4	4218	9.5	94	.2	6181	13.9	3955	8.9	11423	25.8	205	.5	44342

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Domestic Violence Terminations
Summary

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

County	New/TRO Extended	%	ReOpened Post-Disposition	%	Total Terminations
Atlantic	2002	77.6	577	22.4	2579
Bergen	2867	63.8	1629	36.2	4496
Burlington	2030	74.4	699	25.6	2729
Camden	3641	82.2	786	17.8	4427
Cape May	693	61.5	433	38.5	1126
Cumberland	1642	64.3	910	35.7	2552
Essex	4237	69.2	1884	30.8	6121
Gloucester	1634	66.5	824	33.5	2458
Hudson	3743	74.3	1295	25.7	5038
Hunterdon	317	71.1	129	28.9	446
Mercer	2349	83.3	471	16.7	2820
Middlesex	2709	70.8	1117	29.2	3826
Monmouth	2921	75.4	953	24.6	3874
Morris	1490	73.4	541	26.6	2031
Ocean	3226	75.7	1036	24.3	4262
Passaic	3316	73.2	1212	26.8	4528
Salem	506	45.7	602	54.3	1108
Somerset	1157	76.2	362	23.8	1519
Sussex	586	64.8	318	35.2	904
Union	2652	67.2	1295	32.8	3947
Warren	624	77.8	178	22.2	802
TOTAL	44342	72.0	17251	28.0	61593

B. COUNTY FIGURES

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Domestic Violence
Terminations Summary

January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2003

County	2002 New/TRO Extended	2002 Pct	2002 Reopened Post-Disposition	2002 Pct	2002 Total Filings	2003 New/TRO Extended	2003 Pct	2003 Reopened Post-Disposition	2003 Pct	2003 Total Filings	Percent Change New/TRO Extended	Percent Change Reopened Post-Disposition	Percent Change Total Filings
Atlantic	2185	76.5	673	23.5	2858	2002	77.6	577	22.4	2579	-8.4	-14.3	-9.8
Bergen	2980	64.0	1676	36.0	4656	2867	63.8	1629	36.2	4496	-3.8	-2.8	-3.4
Burlington	1938	71.4	778	28.6	2716	2030	74.4	699	25.6	2729	4.7	-10.2	.5
Camden	3756	82.9	776	17.1	4532	3641	82.2	786	17.8	4427	-3.1	1.3	-2.3
Cape May	734	62.5	441	37.5	1175	693	61.5	433	38.5	1126	-5.6	-1.8	-4.2
Cumberland	1672	70.9	686	29.1	2358	1642	64.3	910	35.7	2552	-1.8	32.7	8.2
Essex	4912	71.0	2008	29.0	6920	4237	69.2	1884	30.8	6121	-13.7	-6.2	-11.5
Gloucester	1602	64.0	903	36.0	2505	1634	66.5	824	33.5	2458	2.0	-8.7	-1.9
Hudson	3541	76.5	1090	23.5	4631	3743	74.3	1295	25.7	5038	5.7	18.8	8.8
Hunterdon	350	74.3	121	25.7	471	317	71.1	129	28.9	446	-9.4	6.6	-5.3
Mercer	2718	87.6	385	12.4	3103	2349	83.3	471	16.7	2820	-13.6	22.3	-9.1
Middlesex	2668	69.5	1171	30.5	3839	2709	70.8	1117	29.2	3826	1.5	-4.6	-.3
Monmouth	2455	72.7	924	27.3	3379	2921	75.4	953	24.6	3874	19.0	3.1	14.6
Morris	1501	76.2	469	23.8	1970	1490	73.4	541	26.6	2031	-.7	15.4	3.1
Ocean	2997	78.3	833	21.7	3830	3226	75.7	1036	24.3	4262	7.6	24.4	11.3
Passaic	3258	71.9	1274	28.1	4532	3316	73.2	1212	26.8	4528	1.8	-4.9	-.1
Salem	588	51.9	545	48.1	1133	506	45.7	602	54.3	1108	-13.9	10.5	-2.2
Somerset	1157	74.4	399	25.6	1556	1157	76.2	362	23.8	1519	.0	-9.3	-2.4
Sussex	663	64.4	366	35.6	1029	586	64.8	318	35.2	904	-11.6	-13.1	-12.1
Union	2788	64.7	1524	35.3	4312	2652	67.2	1295	32.8	3947	-4.9	-15.0	-8.5
Warren	632	80.9	149	19.1	781	624	77.8	178	22.2	802	-1.3	19.5	2.7
TOTAL	45095	72.4	17191	27.6	62286	44342	72.0	17251	28.0	61593	-1.7	.3	-1.1

SECTION THREE

FINAL RESTRAINING ORDERS
RELIEF DISPOSITION STATISTICS

The percentage of relief sought ("% of all FROs") represents the number of cases in which that relief was sought as a percentage of all cases.

The percentage of relief granted ("% granted") represents the number of cases in which the relief was granted as a percentage of those cases in which that relief was sought.

A. STATEWIDE FIGURES (FAMILY DIVISION)

In 2003, 27.4% of total domestic violence filings in the Family Division resulted in a granted Final Restraining Order (FRO), a slight increase from 2002.

Year	FROs Granted	Total Filings	% of Total Filings
2002	11,117	42,128	26.4%
2003	11,423	41,681	27.4%

1. PROHIBITION AGAINST FUTURE ACTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

This relief continues to be granted in the majority of Final Restraining Orders in which it is sought.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
9,781	85.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
9,555	97.7%

2. PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH VICTIM

The 1994 amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act provide for restraint against contact by the defendant personally or through an agent, including verbal or written communication, with the plaintiff or others under the protection of a TRO or FRO. The statutory definitions of "contact" and "harassing communication" were clarified in the 1994 amendments. This relief continues to be sought and granted in the majority of cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
9,887	86.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
9,678	97.9%

3. PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION WITH OTHERS

This relief, which prohibits defendants from contacting or communicating with those individuals specified in the FRO, is intended to further minimize the opportunity for ongoing abuse, harassment, coercion or duress. This was requested in almost half of the cases in which final orders were entered and was granted in 72.4% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
5,484	48.0%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
3,973	72.4%

4. PROHIBITION AGAINST HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS TO VICTIM

The 1994 amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act provide for prohibitions against direct or indirect harassing communications towards victims. This relief was sought in 85.2% of the cases in 2003 and was granted in 98.3% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
9,734	85.2%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
9,564	98.3%

5. PROHIBITION AGAINST HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS TO OTHERS

The 1994 amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act provide for prohibitions against direct or indirect harassing communications towards others. This relief was sought in 46.7% of the cases in 2003 and was granted in 71.2% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
5,335	46.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
3,800	71.2%

6. POSSESSION OF RESIDENCE TO PLAINTIFF

Granting exclusive possession of the residence to the plaintiff was sought in almost half of the FROs in 2003, and this relief was granted 89.0% of the time it was requested.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
5,194	45.5%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
4,622	89.0%

7. EMERGENT MONETARY RELIEF-VICTIM

Emergent monetary relief was sought in a very small number of cases and was awarded in about a third of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
277	2.4%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
98	35.4%

8. EMERGENT MONETARY RELIEF-DEPENDENT(S)

In 2003, emergent monetary relief for dependents was sought and awarded in only a very small number of cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
280	2.5%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
73	26.1%

9. CHILD CUSTODY

In calendar year 2003, child custody was sought in one third of the cases and was granted in 93.7% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
3,769	33.0%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
3,530	93.7%

10. LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT OF DEFENDANT TO SCENE - RESIDENCE

The 1994 amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act provided for the availability of a police escort for the defendant back to the scene or residence to gather personal belongings. During calendar year 2003, this relief was sought in 29.8% of the cases and was granted in 81.4% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
3,408	29.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
2,775	81.4%

11. LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT OF PLAINTIFF TO SCENE - RESIDENCE

The 1994 amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act also provided for the availability of a police escort for the plaintiff back to the scene of residence to obtain personal belongings. In 2003, this relief was sought in 13.1% of the cases, and was granted in 73.3% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,496	13.1%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
1,096	73.3%

The next three subsections report all "other appropriate relief" that may be granted depending on the individual circumstances of the parties involved in domestic violence cases, e.g., drug and/or alcohol screening, therapy for a child, or the release of important documents, such as birth certificates, passports, or immigration information. Judges may have also ordered other additional relief in some cases based on supplementary facts and information provided to the court. Hence the number of times these reliefs are granted far exceeds the number of cases in which such relief was sought.

12. OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF - PLAINTIFF

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,079	9.4%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
1,480	137.2%

13. OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF - CHILDREN

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
381	3.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
96	25.2%

14. OTHER APPROPRIATE RELIEF-DEFENDANT

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,335	11.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
924	69.2%

15. INTAKE MONITORING OF CONDITIONS OR RESTRAINTS

Intake monitoring, which requires frequent contact with victims to determine if restraints are being observed, is rarely sought. In 2003, it was requested in only 1.5% of all cases and was granted in 41.5% of those cases. Limited availability of court staff to provide for the monitoring required by this relief may be the most likely reason for the low incidence of inclusion of this relief in FROs.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
176	1.5%
% of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
73	41.5%

16. PROHIBITION AGAINST WEAPONS POSSESSION - FIREARMS

Since the enactment of the Federal Violence Against Women Act in 1991, the courts have been particularly sensitive to the relationship between acts of domestic violence and the purchase and possession of firearms. In 2003, prohibition against the possession of firearms was sought as a relief in 78.9% of all cases and was granted in 97.1% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
9,014	78.9%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
8,752	97.1%

17. PROHIBITION AGAINST WEAPONS POSSESSION-OTHER

This relief prohibits possession of weapons other than firearms. In 2003 while this relief was sought in 1,618 cases, it was granted in 2,111 cases, that is, the court included it as a relief in a number of cases even though not specifically sought.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,618	14.2%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
2,111	130.5%

18. SEIZURE OF WEAPONS

In 2003, the seizure of weapons was specifically ordered in 137 FROs, a decrease from 199 cases in 2002.

2002
# of Cases
199

2003
# of Cases
137

19. PROHIBITION AGAINST STALKING - VICTIM

In 2003, prohibition against stalking the victim was sought in 84.3% of all cases and was granted in 98.6% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
9,634	84.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
9,499	98.6%

20. PROHIBITION AGAINST STALKING - OTHERS

In 2003 protecting "significant others" was sought in almost half of the cases and was granted in 70.4% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
5,214	45.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
3,670	70.4%

21. CONDITIONS OF PARENTING TIME - FOR DEFENDANT

This relief defines the conditions for parenting time between the defendant and minor children while maintaining protection for the plaintiff. It continues to be granted in more cases than it is sought. In 2003, while this relief was sought in 1,934 cases it was granted in 2,237 cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,934	16.9%
#of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
2,237	115.7%

22. RISK ASSESSMENT ORDERED

Risk Assessments are ordered when there is reason to believe that there is a risk of harm to the children during parenting time. In 2003, this relief was sought in only a small percentage of cases, but was granted in 69.5% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
548	4.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
381	69.5%

23. SUSPENSION OF PARENTING TIME - FOR DEFENDANT

Suspension of parenting time or requests that certain conditions be placed on the defendants' parenting time was sought in 23.4% of the 2003 cases and was granted in 42.1% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
2,550	22.3%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
1,058	41.5%

24. MONETARY COMPENSATION - EMERGENT SUPPORT

Economic relief for victims and their children usually takes the form of interim and/or ongoing support. If a prior support order exists through a divorce or child support civil action, additional reliefs arising from the domestic violence action are likely to be treated as separate from the ongoing support order already in effect. This may account for the fact that emergent support continues to be rarely requested or granted.

a. VICTIM EMERGENT SUPPORT

Emergent support for victims is a relief available to ensure that victims are financially able to meet their daily needs from the date of the TRO hearing to the time of the FRO hearing. In 2003, this relief was sought in only 2.9% of all cases, and was granted in 35.2% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
332	2.9%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
117	35.2%

b. DEPENDENT(S)-EMERGENT SUPPORT

Dependent support is a relief available to ensure that minor children are financially supported while the FRO is in effect. In 2003, this relief was sought in only 4.1% of all cases, and was granted in 29.1% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
468	4.1%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
136	29.1%

c. INTERIM SUPPORT - VICTIM-DEPENDENT(S)

Interim support may be granted to the victim and dependents as part of the TRO and extended TRO process. Interim support can remain in effect until the FRO is issued.

2003
# of Times Interim Support Granted-Victim
24
# of Times Interim Support Granted-Dependents
28

d. VICTIM - ONGOING SUPPORT

Ongoing victim support is monetary relief to ensure that victims are able to attend to their financial needs if other means for support have not been identified. This relief was sought in only 4.6% of 2003 cases and was granted in 58.4% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
529	4.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
309	58.4%

e. DEPENDENT(S) - ONGOING SUPPORT

Ongoing dependent support is monetary support of minor children after a Final Hearing has been held and when no other previous orders for support are in effect. In 2003, this relief was sought in 14.2% of all cases and was granted in 91.8% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,621	14.2%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
1,488	91.8%

The next six subsections (f-k) describe additional economic relief available to the plaintiff, dependents, or third parties under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act.

f. VICTIM - COMPENSATORY DAMAGES

Victims may be compensated for property damages incurred during a domestic violence incident. In 2003 compensatory damages were sought in only 4% of the cases, and was granted in three-quarters of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
419	3.7%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
310	74.0%

g. VICTIM - PUNITIVE DAMAGES

Victims may seek monetary relief for injuries suffered during a domestic violence incident. In 2003 this was sought in less than one percent of the cases. It was granted in 32 cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
89	.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
32	36.0%

h. VICTIM - MEDICAL COVERAGE

Medical coverage for victims is available as a relief to ensure that any health benefits are continued, with the cost assessed to the appropriate party and/or available resources. This relief was sought in only 2.8% of the 2003 cases and was granted in just more than half of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
323	2.8%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
184	57.0%

i. DEPENDENT(S) - MEDICAL COVERAGE

Medical coverage of dependents is available as a relief to ensure that dependent children can receive necessary treatment for medical conditions. This relief was sought in only 3.6% of the 2003 cases and was granted in about two-thirds of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
410	3.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
261	63.7%

j. **MONETARY COMPENSATION - THIRD PARTY**

Compensation to a third party is available when there has been injury or loss of property affecting a third party as a result of an incident of domestic violence. This relief was sought in less than 2% of the 2003 cases and was granted in three-fourths of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
185	1.6%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
136	73.5%

k. **MONETARY COMPENSATION - VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION BOARD (VCCB)**

In 2003, only 7 defendants were ordered to pay fines to the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, a decrease from the 13 defendants so ordered in 2002.

2003
Of Times VCCB was Ordered 7

25. PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING-DEFENDANT

In 2003, professional domestic violence counseling for defendants was sought in 23.1% of all cases and was granted 66.8% of the time it was requested.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
2,635	23.1%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
1,759	66.8%

26. RENT OR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

This relief is available to assist victims and their families in paying for all or part of their rent/mortgage obligations when a restraining order has been issued. In 2003, this relief was sought in 5.0% of the cases and was granted in 58.7% of those cases.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
576	5.0%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
338	58.7%

27. TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY - PLAINTIFF

This relief was designed to provide the plaintiff with immediate access to specified personal property (e.g., car, official documents) until long-term possession determinations can be made. In 2003 this relief was sought in 11.9% of the cases and was granted 43.4% of the time it was sought.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
1,361	11.9%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
590	43.4%

28. TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY - DEFENDANT

This relief is available to assist defendants in retrieving personal property from the residence when a restraining order has been issued. In 2003, this relief was sought in 3.9% of all cases and was granted 49.3% of the time it was sought.

2003	
# of Times Relief Sought	% of All FROs
444	3.9%
# of Times Relief Granted	% Granted
219	49.3%

B. COUNTY FIGURES

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Prohibition Against Future Acts of Domestic Violence				Prohibition Against Any Contact or Communication With Victim				Prohibition Against Any Contact or Communication With Others				Prohibition Against Harassing Communications To Victim			
		Part I (A)				Part I (B)				Part I (C)				Part I (D)			
		Sght	%	Grntd	%	Sght	%	Grntd	%	Sght	%	Grntd	%	Sght	%	Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	441	97.4	433	98.2	441	97.4	433	98.2	111	24.5	55	49.5	440	97.1	436	99.1
Bergen	739	725	98.1	730	100.7	726	98.2	725	99.9	458	62.0	268	58.5	729	98.6	732	100.4
Burlington	473	471	99.6	465	98.7	469	99.2	456	97.2	197	41.6	179	90.9	469	99.2	464	98.9
Camden	1069	928	86.8	922	99.4	1031	96.4	1023	99.2	457	42.8	249	54.5	912	85.3	902	98.9
Cape May	208	207	99.5	204	98.6	207	99.5	197	95.2	94	45.2	78	83.0	207	99.5	204	98.6
Cumberland	436	435	99.8	428	98.4	436	100.0	429	98.4	175	40.1	151	86.3	435	99.8	429	98.6
Essex	741	731	98.7	722	98.8	727	98.1	726	99.9	433	58.4	231	53.3	724	97.7	720	99.4
Gloucester	414	414	100.0	411	99.3	413	99.8	410	99.3	222	53.6	84	37.8	413	99.8	410	99.3
Hudson	818	791	96.7	789	99.7	784	95.8	788	100.5	576	70.4	690	119.8	784	95.8	803	102.4
Hunterdon	70	70	100.0	70	100.0	70	100.0	68	97.1	47	67.1	41	87.2	70	100.0	70	100.0
Mercer	518	507	97.9	493	97.2	509	98.3	418	82.1	276	53.3	150	54.3	503	97.1	490	97.4
Middlesex	732	727	99.3	725	99.7	729	99.6	714	97.9	529	72.3	302	57.1	728	99.5	722	99.2
Monmouth	1214	276	22.7	204	73.9	279	23.0	202	72.4	163	13.4	119	73.0	276	22.7	207	75.0
Morris	380	373	98.2	370	99.2	373	98.2	369	98.9	264	69.5	244	92.4	374	98.4	371	99.2
Ocean	1020	695	68.1	682	98.1	696	68.2	683	98.1	282	27.6	220	78.0	695	68.1	682	98.1
Passaic	666	657	98.6	650	98.9	657	98.6	650	98.9	394	59.2	387	98.2	657	98.6	650	98.9
Salem	143	142	99.3	133	93.7	142	99.3	137	96.5	54	37.8	18	33.3	143	100.0	137	95.8
Somerset	332	330	99.4	294	89.1	329	99.1	296	90.0	224	67.5	160	71.4	311	93.7	294	94.5
Sussex	143	140	97.9	131	93.6	141	98.6	133	94.3	78	54.5	74	94.9	143	100.0	133	93.0
Union	673	549	81.6	559	101.8	552	82.0	653	118.3	322	47.8	167	51.9	548	81.4	559	102.0
Warren	181	172	95.0	140	81.4	176	97.2	168	95.5	128	70.7	106	82.8	173	95.6	149	86.1
TOTAL	11423	9781	85.6	9555	97.7	9887	86.6	9678	97.9	5484	48.0	3973	72.4	9734	85.2	9564	98.3

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Prohibition Against Harassing Communications To Others				Exclusive Possession of Residence to Plaintiff or Alternate Housing				Emergent Monetary Relief -Victim-				Emergent Monetary Relief -Dependent(s)-			
		Sght	Part I (E) %	Grntd	%	Sght	Part I (F) %	Grntd	%	Sght	Part I (G) %	Grntd	%	Sght	Part I (H) %	Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	108	23.8	52	48.1	177	39.1	151	85.3	0	.0	0	.0	1	.2	1	100.0
Bergen	739	445	60.2	243	54.6	434	58.7	375	86.4	27	3.7	2	7.4	17	2.3	1	5.9
Burlington	473	180	38.1	150	83.3	183	38.7	169	92.3	4	.8	0	.0	4	.8	0	.0
Camden	1069	446	41.7	235	52.7	431	40.3	347	80.5	15	1.4	1	6.7	26	2.4	0	.0
Cape May	208	94	45.2	77	81.9	203	97.6	196	96.6	1	.5	0	.0	1	.5	1	100.0
Cumberland	436	170	39.0	146	85.9	201	46.1	196	97.5	1	.2	1	100.0	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	741	425	57.4	215	50.6	256	34.5	198	77.3	41	5.5	6	14.6	53	7.2	7	13.2
Gloucester	414	222	53.6	82	36.9	214	51.7	179	83.6	2	.5	1	50.0	1	.2	0	.0
Hudson	818	555	67.8	692	124.7	677	82.8	685	101.2	19	2.3	4	21.1	54	6.6	8	14.8
Hunterdon	70	47	67.1	41	87.2	30	42.9	30	100.0	4	5.7	3	75.0	0	.0	0	.0
Mercer	518	271	52.3	136	50.2	211	40.7	161	76.3	7	1.4	1	14.3	8	1.5	1	12.5
Middlesex	732	528	72.1	293	55.5	511	69.8	387	75.7	65	8.9	10	15.4	54	7.4	4	7.4
Monmouth	1214	157	12.9	130	82.8	124	10.2	83	66.9	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	2	200.0
Morris	380	263	69.2	236	89.7	185	48.7	179	96.8	19	5.0	13	68.4	7	1.8	4	57.1
Ocean	1020	271	26.6	209	77.1	369	36.2	341	92.4	4	.4	3	75.0	0	.0	0	.0
Passaic	666	393	59.0	386	98.2	336	50.5	333	99.1	35	5.3	35	100.0	35	5.3	34	97.1
Salem	143	51	35.7	16	31.4	61	42.7	42	68.9	0	.0	0	.0	1	.7	1	100.0
Somerset	332	209	63.0	155	74.2	149	44.9	120	80.5	10	3.0	1	10.0	6	1.8	2	33.3
Sussex	143	73	51.0	69	94.5	70	49.0	67	95.7	4	2.8	3	75.0	2	1.4	2	100.0
Union	673	316	47.0	158	50.0	260	38.6	294	113.1	10	1.5	11	110.0	4	.6	0	.0
Warren	181	111	61.3	79	71.2	112	61.9	89	79.5	8	4.4	3	37.5	5	2.8	5	100.0
TOTAL	11423	5335	46.7	3800	71.2	5194	45.5	4622	89.0	277	2.4	98	35.4	280	2.5	73	26.1

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Child Custody Part I (I) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Law Enf. Accompaniment of Defendant to Scene or Residence Part I (J) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Law Enf. Accompaniment of Plaintiff to Scene or Residence Part I (K) Sght	%	Grntd	%	In-House Restraints Part I (L) Sght	%	Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	156	34.4	144	92.3	151	33.3	124	82.1	21	4.6	18	85.7	0	.0	0	.0
Bergen	739	265	35.9	279	105.3	283	38.3	210	74.2	65	8.8	35	53.8	0	.0	0	.0
Burlington	473	132	27.9	127	96.2	122	25.8	135	110.7	19	4.0	17	89.5	0	.0	0	.0
Camden	1069	398	37.2	343	86.2	294	27.5	194	66.0	67	6.3	26	38.8	0	.0	0	.0
Cape May	208	83	39.9	67	80.7	68	32.7	63	92.6	13	6.3	11	84.6	0	.0	0	.0
Cumberland	436	183	42.0	175	95.6	133	30.5	87	65.4	38	8.7	19	50.0	0	.0	0	.0
Essex	741	266	35.9	265	99.6	172	23.2	105	61.0	90	12.1	28	31.1	0	.0	0	.0
Gloucester	414	182	44.0	165	90.7	184	44.4	159	86.4	44	10.6	30	68.2	0	.0	0	.0
Hudson	818	329	40.2	353	107.3	440	53.8	419	95.2	597	73.0	679	113.7	0	.0	0	.0
Hunterdon	70	18	25.7	18	100.0	29	41.4	27	93.1	2	2.9	2	100.0	0	.0	0	.0
Mercer	518	196	37.8	146	74.5	126	24.3	96	76.2	23	4.4	10	43.5	0	.0	0	.0
Middlesex	732	338	46.2	296	87.6	371	50.7	266	71.7	284	38.8	48	16.9	0	.0	0	.0
Monmouth	1214	105	8.6	74	70.5	97	8.0	66	68.0	13	1.1	8	61.5	0	.0	0	.0
Morris	380	140	36.8	136	97.1	138	36.3	115	83.3	31	8.2	21	67.7	0	.0	0	.0
Ocean	1020	221	21.7	208	94.1	205	20.1	187	91.2	39	3.8	30	76.9	0	.0	0	.0
Passaic	666	247	37.1	245	99.2	152	22.8	151	99.3	72	10.8	72	100.0	0	.0	0	.0
Salem	143	48	33.6	43	89.6	29	20.3	24	82.8	4	2.8	3	75.0	0	.0	0	.0
Somerset	332	118	35.5	104	88.1	136	41.0	107	78.7	21	6.3	13	61.9	0	.0	0	.0
Sussex	143	56	39.2	52	92.9	27	18.9	25	92.6	2	1.4	2	100.0	0	.0	0	.0
Union	673	222	33.0	239	107.7	195	29.0	165	84.6	39	5.8	17	43.6	0	.0	0	.0
Warren	181	66	36.5	51	77.3	56	30.9	50	89.3	12	6.6	7	58.3	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	11423	3769	33.0	3530	93.7	3408	29.8	2775	81.4	1496	13.1	1096	73.3	0	.0	0	.0

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Atlantic	453	9	2.0	11	122.2	7	1.5	2	28.6	37	8.2	39	105.4	0	.0	0	.0
Bergen	739	12	1.6	4	33.3	27	3.7	5	18.5	108	14.6	72	66.7	11	1.5	3	27.3
Burlington	473	3	.6	0	.0	15	3.2	0	.0	27	5.7	39	144.4	1	.2	0	.0
Camden	1069	196	18.3	294	150.0	63	5.9	2	3.2	152	14.2	57	37.5	41	3.8	1	2.4
Cape May	208	1	.5	1	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	33	15.9	37	112.1	0	.0	0	.0
Cumberland	436	9	2.1	10	111.1	8	1.8	5	62.5	48	11.0	47	97.9	2	.5	2	100.0
Essex	741	36	4.9	36	100.0	21	2.8	4	19.0	217	29.3	67	30.9	10	1.3	3	30.0
Gloucester	414	17	4.1	69	405.9	21	5.1	5	23.8	190	45.9	148	77.9	0	.0	0	.0
Hudson	818	11	1.3	5	45.5	21	2.6	1	4.8	7	.9	23	328.6	5	.6	1	20.0
Hunterdon	70	1	1.4	1	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	9	12.9	8	88.9	0	.0	0	.0
Mercer	518	22	4.2	24	109.1	4	.8	1	25.0	46	8.9	25	54.3	4	.8	4	100.0
Middlesex	732	55	7.5	19	34.5	77	10.5	3	3.9	184	25.1	67	36.4	38	5.2	3	7.9
Monmouth	1214	630	51.9	832	132.1	12	1.0	9	75.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Morris	380	6	1.6	9	150.0	3	.8	2	66.7	101	26.6	97	96.0	13	3.4	9	69.2
Ocean	1020	21	2.1	17	81.0	25	2.5	10	40.0	90	8.8	87	96.7	28	2.7	27	96.4
Passaic	666	17	2.6	18	105.9	38	5.7	38	100.0	14	2.1	14	100.0	8	1.2	8	100.0
Salem	143	1	.7	3	300.0	4	2.8	1	25.0	5	3.5	5	100.0	0	.0	0	.0
Somerset	332	2	.6	6	300.0	7	2.1	2	28.6	22	6.6	16	72.7	7	2.1	2	28.6
Sussex	143	4	2.8	4	100.0	1	.7	1	100.0	8	5.6	5	62.5	1	.7	1	100.0
Union	673	23	3.4	114	495.7	23	3.4	3	13.0	16	2.4	57	356.3	5	.7	9	180.0
Warren	181	3	1.7	3	100.0	4	2.2	2	50.0	20	11.0	14	70.0	2	1.1	0	.0
TOTAL	11423	1079	9.4	1480	137.2	381	3.3	96	25.2	1335	11.7	924	69.2	176	1.5	73	41.5

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Prohibition Against Weapons Possession -Firearm(s)- Part I (Q) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Prohibition Against Weapons Possession -Other- Part I (R) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Seizure of Weapons Part I (S) Grntd	%	Prohibition Against Stalking - Victims Part I (T) Sght	%	Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	357	78.8	345	96.6	2	.4	2	100.0	0	.0	439	96.9	436	99.3
Bergen	739	703	95.1	702	99.9	176	23.8	176	100.0	2	.3	727	98.4	731	100.6
Burlington	473	436	92.2	438	100.5	1	.2	10	1000.0	8	1.7	460	97.3	459	99.8
Camden	1069	871	81.5	853	97.9	332	31.1	331	99.7	7	.7	912	85.3	909	99.7
Cape May	208	200	96.2	195	97.5	2	1.0	2	100.0	0	.0	207	99.5	204	98.6
Cumberland	436	431	98.9	423	98.1	5	1.1	5	100.0	0	.0	434	99.5	428	98.6
Essex	741	695	93.8	686	98.7	9	1.2	46	511.1	7	.9	718	96.9	711	99.0
Gloucester	414	369	89.1	360	97.6	38	9.2	38	100.0	8	1.9	412	99.5	409	99.3
Hudson	818	749	91.6	792	105.7	2	.2	182	9100.0	2	.2	779	95.2	800	102.7
Hunterdon	70	68	97.1	67	98.5	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	70	100.0	70	100.0
Mercer	518	454	87.6	394	86.8	5	1.0	1	20.0	0	.0	497	95.9	492	99.0
Middlesex	732	659	90.0	567	86.0	271	37.0	269	99.3	9	1.2	721	98.5	718	99.6
Monmouth	1214	178	14.7	122	68.5	3	.2	2	66.7	0	.0	274	22.6	203	74.1
Morris	380	360	94.7	356	98.9	162	42.6	162	100.0	0	.0	372	97.9	369	99.2
Ocean	1020	661	64.8	651	98.5	465	45.6	465	100.0	0	.0	690	67.6	678	98.3
Passaic	666	645	96.8	638	98.9	8	1.2	8	100.0	1	.2	655	98.3	648	98.9
Salem	143	113	79.0	110	97.3	3	2.1	3	100.0	5	3.5	142	99.3	137	96.5
Somerset	332	281	84.6	272	96.8	120	36.1	120	100.0	3	.9	295	88.9	290	98.3
Sussex	143	134	93.7	128	95.5	2	1.4	1	50.0	0	.0	138	96.5	129	93.5
Union	673	510	75.8	524	102.7	11	1.6	285	2590.9	77	11.4	545	81.0	541	99.3
Warren	181	140	77.3	129	92.1	1	.6	3	300.0	8	4.4	147	81.2	137	93.2
TOTAL	11423	9014	78.9	8752	97.1	1618	14.2	2111	130.5	137	1.2	9634	84.3	9499	98.6

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Prohibition Against Stalking - Others Part I (U) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Conditions of Visitation for Defendant Part II(V) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Risk Assessment Ordered Part II(W) Sght	%	Grntd	%	Suspension of Visitation Order Part II(X) Sght	%	Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	105	23.2	48	45.7	87	19.2	90	103.4	17	3.8	17	100.0	61	13.5	34	55.7
Bergen	739	443	59.9	246	55.5	237	32.1	227	95.8	74	10.0	50	67.6	157	21.2	48	30.6
Burlington	473	172	36.4	144	83.7	46	9.7	145	315.2	17	3.6	10	58.8	99	20.9	10	10.1
Camden	1069	437	40.9	231	52.9	253	23.7	234	92.5	67	6.3	30	44.8	240	22.5	100	41.7
Cape May	208	91	43.8	73	80.2	50	24.0	39	78.0	9	4.3	9	100.0	46	22.1	18	39.1
Cumberland	436	169	38.8	144	85.2	83	19.0	80	96.4	6	1.4	6	100.0	157	36.0	93	59.2
Essex	741	422	57.0	208	49.3	41	5.5	107	261.0	6	.8	5	83.3	218	29.4	66	30.3
Gloucester	414	222	53.6	82	36.9	100	24.2	83	83.0	69	16.7	28	40.6	92	22.2	37	40.2
Hudson	818	512	62.6	646	126.2	91	11.1	214	235.2	9	1.1	10	111.1	285	34.8	138	48.4
Hunterdon	70	48	68.6	41	85.4	12	17.1	12	100.0	2	2.9	1	50.0	15	21.4	2	13.3
Mercer	518	269	51.9	129	48.0	99	19.1	100	101.0	48	9.3	31	64.6	153	29.5	59	38.6
Middlesex	732	523	71.4	289	55.3	226	30.9	220	97.3	99	13.5	73	73.7	270	36.9	85	31.5
Monmouth	1214	156	12.9	101	64.7	22	1.8	11	50.0	2	.2	3	150.0	16	1.3	3	18.8
Morris	380	267	70.3	242	90.6	111	29.2	111	100.0	19	5.0	16	84.2	98	25.8	72	73.5
Ocean	1020	264	25.9	204	77.3	169	16.6	164	97.0	37	3.6	37	100.0	112	11.0	40	35.7
Passaic	666	390	58.6	382	97.9	76	11.4	74	97.4	9	1.4	9	100.0	134	20.1	131	97.8
Salem	143	50	35.0	17	34.0	19	13.3	19	100.0	6	4.2	6	100.0	47	32.9	24	51.1
Somerset	332	198	59.6	150	75.8	84	25.3	75	89.3	16	4.8	12	75.0	63	19.0	15	23.8
Sussex	143	61	42.7	58	95.1	41	28.7	17	41.5	15	10.5	8	53.3	28	19.6	23	82.1
Union	673	314	46.7	156	49.7	52	7.7	182	350.0	3	.4	10	333.3	215	31.9	44	20.5
Warren	181	101	55.8	79	78.2	35	19.3	33	94.3	18	9.9	10	55.6	44	24.3	16	36.4
TOTAL	11423	5214	45.6	3670	70.4	1934	16.9	2237	115.7	548	4.8	381	69.5	2550	22.3	1058	41.5

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Atlantic	453	4	.9	3	75.0	0	.0	0	.0	2	0	7	1.5	8	114.3
Bergen	739	36	4.9	12	33.3	34	4.6	8	23.5	1	4	112	15.2	70	62.5
Burlington	473	5	1.1	0	.0	5	1.1	0	.0	1	1	13	2.7	9	69.2
Camden	1069	20	1.9	6	30.0	26	2.4	3	11.5	3	2	35	3.3	15	42.9
Cape May	208	3	1.4	2	66.7	1	.5	1	100.0	0	0	4	1.9	4	100.0
Cumberland	436	4	.9	3	75.0	2	.5	1	50.0	0	0	8	1.8	5	62.5
Essex	741	68	9.2	8	11.8	111	15.0	39	35.1	2	14	35	4.7	5	14.3
Gloucester	414	5	1.2	3	60.0	2	.5	0	.0	1	0	50	12.1	14	28.0
Hudson	818	26	3.2	12	46.2	82	10.0	24	29.3	3	1	22	2.7	20	90.9
Hunterdon	70	2	2.9	1	50.0	1	1.4	0	.0	0	0	6	8.6	5	83.3
Mercer	518	15	2.9	6	40.0	56	10.8	15	26.8	1	0	17	3.3	11	64.7
Middlesex	732	67	9.2	5	7.5	83	11.3	6	7.2	1	5	81	11.1	19	23.5
Monmouth	1214	0	.0	2	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
Morris	380	19	5.0	12	63.2	12	3.2	7	58.3	0	0	24	6.3	22	91.7
Ocean	1020	2	.2	2	100.0	1	.1	1	100.0	0	0	7	.7	7	100.0
Passaic	666	18	2.7	18	100.0	18	2.7	18	100.0	1	1	41	6.2	40	97.6
Salem	143	0	.0	0	.0	1	.7	0	.0	0	0	4	2.8	3	75.0
Somerset	332	12	3.6	4	33.3	15	4.5	5	33.3	2	0	14	4.2	13	92.9
Sussex	143	6	4.2	4	66.7	4	2.8	4	100.0	0	0	14	9.8	10	71.4
Union	673	10	1.5	6	60.0	8	1.2	3	37.5	2	0	16	2.4	17	106.3
Warren	181	10	5.5	8	80.0	6	3.3	1	16.7	4	0	19	10.5	12	63.2
TOTAL	11423	332	2.9	117	35.2	468	4.1	136	29.1	24	28	529	4.6	309	58.4

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Monetary Compensation - Dependent(s) - Ongoing Support				Monetary Compensation - Victim - Compensatory				Monetary Compensation - Victim - Punitive Damages				Monetary Compensation - Victim - Medical Coverage			
		Sght	Part %	II-dd Grntd	%	Sght	Part %	II-ee Grntd	%	Sght	Part %	II-ff Grntd	%	Sght	Part %	II-gg Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	57	12.6	52	91.2	9	2.0	10	111.1	2	.4	1	50.0	2	.4	2	100.0
Bergen	739	212	28.7	179	84.4	50	6.8	28	56.0	12	1.6	3	25.0	55	7.4	28	50.9
Burlington	473	28	5.9	54	192.9	1	.2	7	700.0	1	.2	0	.0	11	2.3	4	36.4
Camden	1069	213	19.9	180	84.5	90	8.4	36	40.0	19	1.8	6	31.6	26	2.4	10	38.5
Cape May	208	72	34.6	37	51.4	10	4.8	10	100.0	1	.5	1	100.0	0	.0	0	.0
Cumberland	436	36	8.3	30	83.3	4	.9	4	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.2	0	.0
Essex	741	93	12.6	83	89.2	13	1.8	15	115.4	4	.5	2	50.0	18	2.4	7	38.9
Gloucester	414	106	25.6	86	81.1	25	6.0	14	56.0	1	.2	1	100.0	27	6.5	14	51.9
Hudson	818	90	11.0	114	126.7	7	.9	5	71.4	6	.7	0	.0	4	.5	1	25.0
Hunterdon	70	9	12.9	6	66.7	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	5	7.1	5	100.0
Mercer	518	72	13.9	47	65.3	8	1.5	3	37.5	5	1.0	1	20.0	13	2.5	5	38.5
Middlesex	732	189	25.8	127	67.2	41	5.6	12	29.3	19	2.6	0	.0	62	8.5	22	35.5
Monmouth	1214	2	.2	2	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0
Morris	380	64	16.8	63	98.4	25	6.6	25	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	17	4.5	15	88.2
Ocean	1020	106	10.4	107	100.9	2	.2	2	100.0	1	.1	1	100.0	23	2.3	23	100.0
Passaic	666	73	11.0	72	98.6	116	17.4	113	97.4	12	1.8	12	100.0	32	4.8	31	96.9
Salem	143	15	10.5	13	86.7	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Somerset	332	52	15.7	50	96.2	6	1.8	4	66.7	1	.3	1	100.0	7	2.1	4	57.1
Sussex	143	32	22.4	17	53.1	3	2.1	2	66.7	0	.0	0	.0	6	4.2	4	66.7
Union	673	70	10.4	144	205.7	2	.3	17	850.0	1	.1	2	200.0	5	.7	5	100.0
Warren	181	30	16.6	25	83.3	7	3.9	3	42.9	4	2.2	1	25.0	8	4.4	4	50.0
TOTAL	11423	1621	14.2	1488	91.8	419	3.7	310	74.0	89	.8	32	36.0	323	2.8	184	57.0

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Monetary Compensation - Dependent(s) - Medical Coverage				Monetary Compensation Third Party				Monetary Compensation Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB)	Professional Domestic Violence Counseling For Defendant			
		Sght	Part II-hh %	Part II-hh Grntd	%	Sght	Part II-ii %	Part II-ii Grntd	%	Part II-jj Grntd	Sght	Part II-kk %	Part II-kk Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	7	1.5	6	85.7	8	1.8	8	100.0	1	56	12.4	59	105.4
Bergen	739	70	9.5	43	61.4	8	1.1	7	87.5	1	281	38.0	164	58.4
Burlington	473	11	2.3	7	63.6	0	.0	0	.0	0	41	8.7	77	187.8
Camden	1069	39	3.6	10	25.6	2	.2	0	.0	1	276	25.8	150	54.3
Cape May	208	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	122	58.7	118	96.7
Cumberland	436	1	.2	1	100.0	2	.5	1	50.0	0	20	4.6	18	90.0
Essex	741	18	2.4	22	122.2	27	3.6	3	11.1	1	421	56.8	56	13.3
Gloucester	414	34	8.2	15	44.1	3	.7	2	66.7	0	352	85.0	318	90.3
Hudson	818	9	1.1	1	11.1	4	.5	2	50.0	1	241	29.5	92	38.2
Hunterdon	70	4	5.7	4	100.0	1	1.4	1	100.0	0	16	22.9	14	87.5
Mercer	518	15	2.9	6	40.0	1	.2	0	.0	0	45	8.7	30	66.7
Middlesex	732	75	10.2	31	41.3	11	1.5	0	.0	0	377	51.5	269	71.4
Monmouth	1214	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	1	.1	0	.0
Morris	380	20	5.3	19	95.0	1	.3	1	100.0	0	100	26.3	96	96.0
Ocean	1020	24	2.4	23	95.8	12	1.2	12	100.0	0	20	2.0	20	100.0
Passaic	666	58	8.7	54	93.1	99	14.9	97	98.0	0	13	2.0	13	100.0
Salem	143	1	.7	1	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	82	57.3	82	100.0
Somerset	332	6	1.8	4	66.7	4	1.2	1	25.0	1	24	7.2	21	87.5
Sussex	143	8	5.6	5	62.5	0	.0	0	.0	0	55	38.5	19	34.5
Union	673	4	.6	5	125.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	49	7.3	120	244.9
Warren	181	6	3.3	4	66.7	2	1.1	1	50.0	0	43	23.8	23	53.5
TOTAL	11423	410	3.6	261	63.7	185	1.6	136	73.5	7	2635	23.1	1759	66.8

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County	Some/All Relief Granted	Rent or Mortgage Payments				Temporary Possession of Specified Personal Property to Plaintiff				Temporary Possession of Specified Personal Property to Defendant				Total (Sum of items 12(A) through 12(ll))		
		Sght	Part II-ll %	Grntd	%	Sght	Part II-mm %	Grntd	%	Sght	Part II-nn %	Grntd	%	Part II-oo Sought	Grntd	%
Atlantic	453	10	2.2	10	100.0	16	3.5	6	37.5	4	.9	3	75.0	3350	3042	90.8
Bergen	739	90	12.2	47	52.2	88	11.9	31	35.2	83	11.2	27	32.5	7980	6519	81.7
Burlington	473	3	.6	9	300.0	32	6.8	2	6.3	4	.8	11	275.0	3682	3607	98.0
Camden	1069	55	5.1	19	34.5	117	10.9	41	35.0	50	4.7	12	24.0	9537	7785	81.6
Cape May	208	5	2.4	4	80.0	19	9.1	17	89.5	1	.5	1	100.0	2055	1871	91.0
Cumberland	436	1	.2	1	100.0	107	24.5	85	79.4	57	13.1	34	59.6	3802	3487	91.7
Essex	741	67	9.0	26	38.8	101	13.6	19	18.8	3	.4	3	100.0	7290	5474	75.6
Gloucester	414	31	7.5	12	38.7	57	13.8	31	54.4	9	2.2	9	100.0	4543	3718	81.8
Hudson	818	30	3.7	20	66.7	188	23.0	31	16.5	97	11.9	24	24.7	8883	9075	101.2
Hunterdon	70	5	7.1	4	80.0	13	18.6	8	61.5	4	5.7	2	50.0	678	622	90.9
Mercer	518	25	4.8	11	44.0	81	15.6	37	45.7	7	1.4	9	128.6	4598	3544	77.1
Middlesex	732	103	14.1	30	29.1	96	13.1	11	11.5	17	2.3	4	23.5	9208	6631	72.0
Monmouth	1214	0	.0	0	.0	5	.4	2	40.0	4	.3	1	25.0	2799	2388	85.3
Morris	380	31	8.2	30	96.8	58	15.3	48	82.8	13	3.4	11	84.6	4063	3852	94.8
Ocean	1020	31	3.0	29	93.5	61	6.0	47	77.0	22	2.2	21	95.5	6351	5920	93.2
Passaic	666	32	4.8	31	96.9	102	15.3	100	98.0	15	2.3	15	100.0	6258	6178	98.7
Salem	143	0	.0	0	.0	5	3.5	2	40.0	1	.7	1	100.0	1174	987	84.1
Somerset	332	22	6.6	14	63.6	26	7.8	17	65.4	10	3.0	8	80.0	3137	2658	84.7
Sussex	143	12	8.4	10	83.3	11	7.7	10	90.9	2	1.4	1	50.0	1322	1152	87.1
Union	673	11	1.6	26	236.4	148	22.0	32	21.6	20	3.0	15	75.0	5078	5218	102.8
Warren	181	12	6.6	5	41.7	30	16.6	13	43.3	21	11.6	7	33.3	1732	1392	80.4
TOTAL	11423	576	5.0	338	58.7	1361	11.9	590	43.4	444	3.9	219	49.3	97520	85120	87.2

1 Data were derived from the Monthly Trial Court Statistical Database.
2 'Some/All Relief Granted' reflects the number of cases for which final restraining orders were issued.
3 '%' in the 'Sought' column for each form of relief represents the percentage of cases in which that relief was sought.
4 '%' in the 'Granted' column for each form of relief represents the percentage of cases in which the relief sought was granted.

SECTION FOUR

POST-DISPOSITIONAL RELIEF

(1) DV CRIMINAL CONTEMPTS (FOs)

(2) MODIFICATIONS/ENFORCEMENTS (FVs)

(3) REOPENED DV FROs

(4) DV CONTEMPT SUMMARY

SECTION FOUR/POST-DISPOSITIONAL RELIEF

Enforcement of domestic violence TROs or FROs can be pursued either through the criminal contempt process, N.J.S.A. 2C: 29-9b or N.J.S.A. 2C: 25-30, or through civil enforcement of litigant's rights, under Rule 1:10-3. Under the criminal statute, violations of any restraints and certain reliefs and conditions of a restraining order require mandatory arrest and criminal prosecution. Violations of other reliefs and conditions are enforceable by the court pursuant to applicable court rules. The Family Division has jurisdiction over disorderly persons domestic violence contempt actions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C: 29-2b. This includes contempt charges that were initially indictable but have been downgraded by the Prosecutor's Office in the county of venue. The following section reports the data on those cases. It does not cover indictable contempts of the fourth degree and above, which are handled in the Criminal Division.

1. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRIMINAL CONTEMPTS (FOs)

A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

a. FILINGS

Family Court processed 9,663 disorderly persons criminal contempts in 2003, a decrease of 862 from 2002.

Domestic Violence Contempts Filed 2002-2003			
Year	2002	2003	+/-
Filings	10,525	9,663	-862

b. TERMINATIONS

Total terminations include those cases in which defendants either pled guilty or were found guilty of disorderly persons contempt charges, as well as those cases in which contempt charges were dismissed, either as part of a plea agreement to a lesser charge (e.g., harassment) at the victim's or prosecutor's request or after a trial and a finding of not guilty. In 2003, the number of contempt terminations decreased by 896 from 2002.

Domestic Violence Contempts Closed			
Year	2002	2003	+/-
Terminations	10,666	9,770	-896

B. COUNTY FIGURES

COUNTY FIGURES/DV CONTEMPTS (FILINGS)

	2002	2003
Atlantic	540	465
Bergen	550	600
Burlington	560	451
Camden	1,056	1,106
Cape May	213	227
Cumberland	473	444
Essex	874	675
Gloucester	522	518
Hudson	589	457
Hunterdon	63	42
Mercer	586	508
Middlesex	586	565
Monmouth	684	677
Morris	334	288
Ocean	869	744
Passaic	710	618
Salem	176	147
Somerset	264	298
Sussex	145	131
Union	633	565
Warren	98	137
TOTALS	10,525	9,663

COUNTY FIGURES/DV CONTEMPTS/(TERMINATIONS)

	2002	2003
Atlantic	540	442
Bergen	549	600
Burlington	608	451
Camden	1,092	1,062
Cape May	207	229
Cumberland	484	443
Essex	879	709
Gloucester	492	520
Hudson	613	476
Hunterdon	69	39
Mercer	635	512
Middlesex	594	569
Monmouth	629	708
Morris	341	301
Ocean	906	738
Passaic	717	656
Salem	190	150
Somerset	256	302
Sussex	137	139
Union	623	576
Warren	105	148
TOTALS	10,666	9,770

2. MODIFICATIONS/ENFORCEMENT-FILINGS/(FV)

A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

The subsections that follow contain detailed information concerning those cases that were closed but subsequently reopened for review or modification of the existing order or pursuant to a motion to enforce litigant's rights. In 2003, there were 17,219 reopened domestic violence cases, an increase of 207 from 2002.

Reopened Domestic Violence Cases			
Year	2002	2003	+/-
Filings	17,012	17,219	+207

a. PROBATION SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/REVIEW

This table reflects those cases in which support was ordered as part of an FRO payable through the Probation Department and a motion for modification or enforcement was requested by the plaintiff, the defendant, or the Probation Division.

2003	
# of Cases Motion for Probation Support Review	3,479
% of Total Post-Disposition Filings	20.2%

b. **OTHER ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/REVIEW**

The plaintiff or defendant may file for enforcement, modification, or review of an active restraining order. A review could include issues such as custody, parenting time or support issues, as well as other matters concerning compliance with the court's order.

2003	
# of Cases Other Enforc/Mod/ Review FRO	13,410
% of Total Post-Disp. Filings	77.9%

c. **REACTIVATED**

Reactivated cases are cases in which parties had been unavailable for further court action for various reasons, with the case placed in an inactive status. The cases were reopened when the parties became available and the matter was ready to proceed.

2003	
# of Cases Reactivated	330
% of Total Post-Disp. Filings	1.9%

B. **COUNTY FIGURES**
(see below)

3. **REOPENED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FROs-TERMINATIONS**

The number of terminations or reopened Final Restraining Orders has remained relatively stable for the past three years.

TERMINATIONS OF REOPENED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES		
Year	2002	2003
Terminations	17,191	17,251

a. **PROBATION SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/ MODIFICATION REVIEW**

Plaintiffs or defendants can petition the court for review and modification of support matters ordered during an FRO hearing.

2003	
# of Cases Probation Support Review	3,462
% of Total Post-Disposition Terminations	20.1%

b. **OTHER ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/ENFORCEMENT**

Parties may seek modification of custody and visitation arrangements as long as a Final Restraining Order is in effect.

2003	
# of Cases Other Enforcement Modification/Review	8,368
% of Total Post-Disposition Terminations	48.5%

c. **OTHER ENFORCEMENT/MODIFICATION/REVIEW/ FINAL ORDER/DISMISSED**

The plaintiff may request review/modification or dismissal of the Final Restraining Order.

2003	
# of Cases Other Enforcement/Modification Final Order Dismissed	5,004
% of Total Post-Disposition Terminations	29.0%

d. **WEAPONS RETURNED/FINAL ORDER DISMISSED**

When a Final Order is dismissed the court may return previously seized weapons to the owner.

2003	
# of Cases All Weapons Returned	4
# of Cases Some/All Weapons Forfeited	3

e. **WEAPONS HEARING/OTHER**

Any party may make application to the court to have a seized weapon returned. At the discretion of the court, all weapons can be forfeited, returned, partially forfeited, or partially returned.

2003	
# of Cases All Weapons Forfeited	1
# of Cases Some Weapons Forfeited	0
# of Cases All Weapons Returned	3

f. **INACTIVATED**

Domestic Violence cases may be inactivated for specific reasons consistent with approved case processing standards, such as pending enforcement/modification/review, medical incapacitation, pending weapons forfeiture hearings, or if a bench warrant has been issued. Cases may only be inactivated after a TRO has been issued.

2003	
# of Cases Inactivated	406
% of Total Dispositions	2.4%

4. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONTEMPT/SUMMARY

A. STATEWIDE FIGURES

Overall more domestic violence contempts were closed than were filed, continuing the trend from 2002. In 2002 the disposition rate was 101.3%; in 2003 that rate remained essentially unchanged at 101.1%

Domestic Violence Contempt Summary			
Year	2002	2003	+/-
Total Filings	10,525	9,663	-862
Total Dispositions	10,666	9,770	-896

B. COUNTY FIGURES

(see below)

COUNTY FIGURES

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

RUNDATE: 01/30/2004
PROGRAM: MS#FV#F
(PART C/Y2K)

Domestic Violence Filings
ReOpened/Post Disposition

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

County	Probation Support Enforcement/ Modification/ Review (06/98)	%	Other Enforcement/ Modification/ Review (06/99)	%	Weapons Forfeiture (06/96) Disc 7/2000	%	ReActivated (03/99)	%	Total Opened Post-Disposition
Atlantic	92	16.1	481	83.9	0	.0	0	.0	573
Bergen	466	28.4	1150	70.2	0	.0	22	1.3	1638
Burlington	171	24.4	530	75.6	0	.0	0	.0	701
Camden	45	5.8	731	94.1	0	.0	1	.1	777
Cape May	97	22.4	337	77.6	0	.0	0	.0	434
Cumberland	189	20.1	748	79.6	0	.0	3	.3	940
Essex	286	15.4	1407	76.0	0	.0	159	8.6	1852
Gloucester	225	27.6	590	72.4	0	.0	0	.0	815
Hudson	113	8.6	1181	90.3	0	.0	14	1.1	1308
Hunterdon	15	11.5	116	88.5	0	.0	0	.0	131
Mercer	39	8.3	422	89.6	0	.0	10	2.1	471
Middlesex	289	26.3	798	72.6	0	.0	12	1.1	1099
Monmouth	346	36.3	604	63.4	0	.0	3	.3	953
Morris	34	6.5	491	93.5	0	.0	0	.0	525
Ocean	93	9.0	943	90.9	0	.0	1	.1	1037
Passaic	322	26.5	891	73.2	0	.0	4	.3	1217
Salem	98	16.3	434	72.0	0	.0	71	11.8	603
Somerset	83	22.5	285	77.2	0	.0	1	.3	369
Sussex	38	12.2	255	82.0	0	.0	18	5.8	311
Union	392	30.5	884	68.8	0	.0	9	.7	1285
Warren	46	25.6	132	73.3	0	.0	2	1.1	180
TOTAL	3479	20.2	13410	77.9	0	.0	330	1.9	17219

RUNDATE: 01/30/2004
PROGRAM: MS#FV#T
(PART C/Y2K)

Domestic Violence Terminations
ReOpened/Post-Disposition

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

County	Probation Support Enforcement/ Modification/ Review(05/86)	%	Other Enforcement/ Modification/Review Order Mod./Enf. Continued(05/85)	%	Other Enforcement/ Modification/Review Final Order Dismissed(05/84)	%
Atlantic	92	15.9	238	41.2	247	42.8
Bergen	466	28.6	775	47.6	351	21.5
Burlington	171	24.5	244	34.9	284	40.6
Camden	45	5.7	434	55.2	307	39.1
Cape May	97	22.4	207	47.8	128	29.6
Cumberland	189	20.8	435	47.8	279	30.7
Essex	276	14.6	1043	55.4	334	17.7
Gloucester	225	27.3	376	45.6	222	26.9
Hudson	106	8.2	895	69.1	291	22.5
Hunterdon	15	11.6	73	56.6	41	31.8
Mercer	39	8.3	231	49.0	193	41.0
Middlesex	289	25.9	513	45.9	301	26.9
Monmouth	346	36.3	338	35.5	267	28.0
Morris	34	6.3	259	47.9	248	45.8
Ocean	93	9.0	261	25.2	675	65.2
Passaic	322	26.6	639	52.7	248	20.5
Salem	98	16.3	382	63.5	56	9.3
Somerset	83	22.9	143	39.5	136	37.6
Sussex	38	11.9	182	57.2	66	20.8
Union	392	30.3	632	48.8	267	20.6
Warren	46	25.8	68	38.2	63	35.4
TOTAL	3462	20.1	8368	48.5	5004	29.0

RUNDATE: 01/30/2004
PROGRAM: MS#FV#T
(PART C/Y2K)

Domestic Violence Terminations
ReOpened/Post-Disposition
Weapons Hearing Cases were moved to the FO Docket beginning July 2000

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

	Weapons Hearing Final Order Dismissed:				Weapons Hearing Other:								
County	All Returned (05/68)	%	Some/All Forfeited (05/19)	%	All Forfeited (05/69)	%	Some Forfeited (05/70)	%	All Weapons Returned (05/88)	%	Inactivated (02/99)	%	Total ReOpened Post-Disposition
Atlantic	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	577
Bergen	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	37	2.3	1629
Burlington	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	699
Camden	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	786
Cape May	0	.0	0	.0	1	.2	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	433
Cumberland	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	7	.8	910
Essex	0	.0	2	.1	0	.0	0	.0	2	.1	227	12.0	1884
Gloucester	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.1	824
Hudson	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	3	.2	1295
Hunterdon	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	129
Mercer	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.2	7	1.5	471
Middlesex	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	14	1.3	1117
Monmouth	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	2	.2	953
Morris	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	541
Ocean	4	.4	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	2	.2	1036
Passaic	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	3	.2	1212
Salem	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	66	11.0	602
Somerset	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	362
Sussex	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	32	10.1	318
Union	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	4	.3	1295
Warren	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.6	178
TOTAL	4	.0	3	.0	1	.0	0	.0	3	.0	406	2.4	17251

RUNDATE: 01/27/2004
PROGRAM: DVCOMP
(PART C-Y2K)

Domestic Violence
Contempt Summary

January 1, 2002 - December 31, 2003

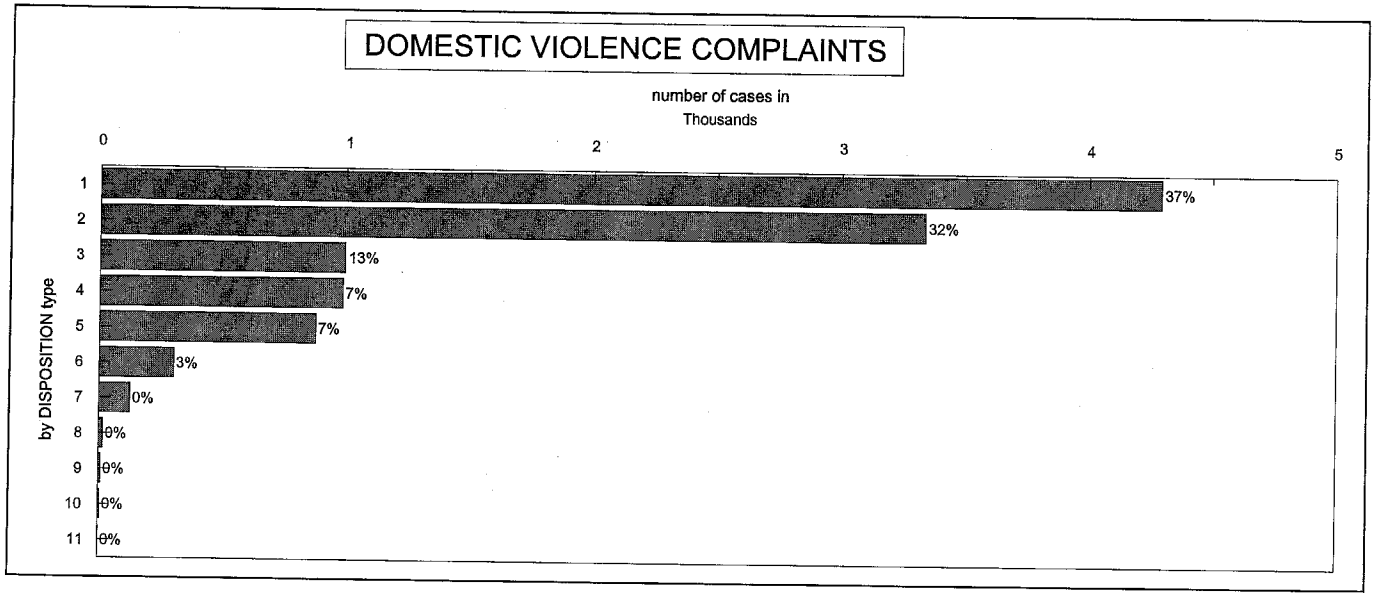
County	2002 Total Filings	2002 Total Dispositions	2003 Total Filings	2003 Total Dispositions	Percent Change Total Filings	Percent Change Total Dispositions
Atlantic	540	540	465	442	-13.89	-18.15
Bergen	550	549	600	600	9.09	9.29
Burlington	560	608	451	451	-19.46	-25.82
Camden	1056	1092	1106	1062	4.73	-2.75
Cape May	213	207	227	229	6.57	10.63
Cumberland	473	484	444	443	-6.13	-8.47
Essex	874	879	675	709	-22.77	-19.34
Gloucester	522	492	518	520	-.77	5.69
Hudson	589	613	457	476	-22.41	-22.35
Hunterdon	63	69	42	39	-33.33	-43.48
Mercer	586	635	508	512	-13.31	-19.37
Middlesex	586	594	565	569	-3.58	-4.21
Monmouth	684	629	677	708	-1.02	12.56
Morris	334	341	288	301	-13.77	-11.73
Ocean	869	906	744	738	-14.38	-18.54
Passaic	710	717	618	656	-12.96	-8.51
Salem	176	190	147	150	-16.48	-21.05
Somerset	264	256	298	302	12.88	17.97
Sussex	145	137	131	139	-9.66	1.46
Union	633	623	565	576	-10.74	-7.54
Warren	98	105	137	148	39.80	40.95
TOTAL	10525	10666	9663	9770	-8.19	-8.40

SUPERIOR COURT-CRIMINAL PART

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICAL REPORT

January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

CHART 03



1	**downgrades/remands**	**4293**
2	**transfer to family**	**3337**
3	**guilty-plea**	**996**
4	**other or pending dispstns**	**989**
5	**admin.dismissals**	**880**
6	**no bills**	**304**
7	**other dismissals**	**127**
8	**p.t.i.**	**19**
9	**acquittals**	**11**
10	**guilty-trial**	**8**
11	**insane/incompetent**	**3**

2003 reports & charts contain the revised homicide crime data.

2003c

COMPLAINT STAGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS FROM PROMIS GAVEL

Revised to Include Now Available Homicide Case Data

10,967 Defendants Marked w/ 'DV' Tracking Code and Charging Date Recorded

From January Through December 2003

Number of Defendants Charged: 10967 *1

downgrades/remands	4,293	39%
transfer to family	3,337	30%
guilty-plea	996	9%
other or pending dispstns	989	9%
admin.dismissals	880	8%
no bills	304	3%
other dismissals	127	1%
p.t.i.	19	0%
acquittals	11	0%
guilty-trial	8	0%
insane/incompetent	3	0%
	10,967 *1	

Defendant Charge Counts: 13211 *1

distribution where at least 1 count was the statute listed

2C:29-9 - Contempt	4,064	31%
2C:12-3 - Terroristic Threats	3,188	24%
2C:12-1 - Assault	2,910	13%
2C:17-3 - Criminal Mischief	736	6%
2C:18-2 - Burglary	649	3%
2C:13-2 - Criminal Restraint	298	2%
2C:18-3 - Criminal Trespass	199	2%
2C:12-10 - Stalking	174	1%
2C:14-2 - Sexual Assault	128	1%
2C:14-3 - Criminal Sexual Contact	58	0%
2C:33-4 - Harassment	59	0%
2C:13-1 - Kidnapping	48	0%
2C:11-x - Offense Involving Homicide of a Person	14	0%
2C:13-3 - False Imprisonment	12	0%
2C:14-4 - Lewdness	1	0%
	12,538	

Note: 3,305 -or- 81% of all contempt charges were "stand-alone" charges in Promis [no other accompanying statute -or- statute other than those above].

673 -or- 5% of these were of statutes other than those listed above.

NOTE:

Data reported as of June 10, 2004 from the New Jersey State Promis Gavel Database.

[1] This frequency of 13211 represents the number of counts having the above requested statutes. The difference between 13211 and 10967 is that some cases have multiple counts and thus more than one statute may appear per defendant charged.

ex1 - One defendant has 3 counts on a case; 1 count is dismissed via plea bargain while the other 2 are disposed of as guilty-pleas; for this group, the highest priorty dispostion code was used;

ex2: Three counts where 2c:29-9 is count 1, 2c:12-1 is count 2 and 2c:13-2 is the charge for count 3; the frequencies above show all three in the '13211' count, but only one in the def/case total (10967).

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COMPLAINT STAGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS FROM PROMIS GAVEL

Defendants Marked w/ 'DV' Tracking Code and Charging Date Recorded From January Through December 2003

COUNTY DISTRIBUTION OF 'DV' DEFENDANTS REPORTED

Essex	1,875	17%
Passaic	1,257	11%
Camden	1,175	11%
Union	674	6%
Cumberland	650	6%
Gloucester	605	6%
Burlington	571	5%
Bergen	557	5%
Middlesex	522	5%
Monmouth	509	5%
Ocean	497	5%
Atlantic	459	4%
Morris	324	3%
Hudson	318	3%
Mercer	291	3%
Cape May	240	2%
Salem	184	2%
Warren	95	1%
Sussex	91	1%
Hunterdon	38	0%
Somerset	35	0%
Statewide	**10,967**	

COMPLAINT STAGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS FROM PROMIS GAVEL

From January Through December 2003

Statutes	admin dsmsls	acquittals	dwn-grds remands	trnsfr family	guilty trials	insane disposns	no-bills	other dismsls	other disposns.	pending disposns_	guilty pleas	pre-trial interventn	totals
2C:29-9 - Contempt	132	2	181	3316	2	0	21	37	52	125	195	1	**4,064**
2C:11-x - Offense Involving Homicide of a Person	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	2	0	**14**
2C:12-1 - Assault	265	3	1428	37	5	3	172	44	95	343	505	10	**2,910**
2C:12-3 - Terroristic Threats	300	6	1897	164	2	0	107	34	87	245	341	5	**3,188**
2C:12-10 - Stalking	9	1	76	30	1	0	2	6	11	17	21	0	**174**
2C:13-1 - Kidnapping	5	0	9	2	0	0	1	0	5	8	18	0	**48**
2C:13-2 - Criminal Restraint	22	0	125	7	1	0	10	9	9	51	63	1	**298**
2C:13-3 - False Imprisonment	0	0	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	**12**
2C:14-2 - Sexual Assault	30	0	12	0	0	0	4	2	5	36	38	1	**128**
2C:14-3 - Criminal Sexual Contact	11	0	25	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	10	1	**58**
2C:14-4 - Lewdness	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**1**
2C:17-3 - Criminal Mischief	45	0	451	57	1	0	12	7	28	57	76	2	**736**
2C:18-2 - Burglary	59	2	284	48	0	0	27	12	17	79	121	0	**649**
2C:18-3 - Criminal Trespass	9	0	79	46	0	0	4	4	9	17	31	0	**199**
2C:33-4 - Harassment	2	0	20	21	0	0	0	3	4	2	7	0	**59**
other statute listing [1]	117	2	340	10	0	0	14	13	14	62	98	3	**673**
TOTAL for Dispositions>	**1,006**	**16**	**4,935**	**3,739**	**12**	**3**	**377**	**171**	**337**	**1,063**	**1,528**	**24**	**13,211**

*where at least one count had the listed statute.

[1] Promis Gavel Reporting Allows for accompanying charges to be added to defendant cases; thus, these statutes may be charges which are carried along with cases marked with the 'DV' tracking code.

2003s

SENTENCING STAGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS FROM PROMIS GAVEL

Revised to Include Now Available Homicide Case Data

1,709 Total Count Of Defns Marked w/ 'DV' Tracking Code and a Sentence Record Entry
Those Sentenced between January 1, through December 31, 2003

Defendant Sentence Statute* 1709

608	2C:12-1	36%	Assault
247	2C:12-3	14%	Terroristic Threats
160	2C:29-9	9%	Contempt
62	2C:33-4	4%	Harassment
60	2C:18-2	4%	Burglary
48	2C:18-3	3%	Criminal Trespass
42	2C:17-3	2%	Criminal Mischief
17	2C:11-x	1%	Offense Involving Homicide of a Person
17	2C:13-2	1%	Criminal Restraint
11	2C:14-2	1%	Sexual Assault
10	2C:14-3	1%	Criminal Sexual Contact
6	2C:12-10	0%	Stalking
3	2C:13-3	0%	False Imprisonment
1	2C:13-1	0%	Kidnapping
0	2C:14-4	0%	Lewdness
1,292			
*2	**417**	**-or-**	**24.4%** were marked as DV cases that had sentencing statutes other than those selected above.

Defendant Disposition Reason

1,365	guilty-plea	80%
255	pled to disordrly persons	15%
52	other dispositions	3%
29	guilty-trial	2%
7	dismiss plea bargain	0%
1	dismiss motion other	0%
0	acquittals	0%
0	administrative dismissals	0%
0	transfer to family	0%
1,709		

COUNTY DISTRIBUTION OF 'DV' DEFENDANTS REPORTED

Passaic	240	14%
Camden	191	11%
Essex	160	9%
Atlantic	148	9%
Mercer	124	7%
Union	124	7%
Bergen	114	7%
Morris	104	6%
Monmouth	78	5%
Gloucester	68	4%
Burlington	63	4%
Hudson	56	3%
Middlesex	48	3%
Salem	45	3%
Cumberland	34	2%
Cape May	33	2%
Warren	33	2%
Sussex	18	1%
Hunterdon	12	1%
Somerset	12	1%
Ocean	4	0%
Statewide	**1,709**	

Note: Data reported as of June 10, 2004 from the New Jersey State Promis Gavel Database.

*2 Some 'DV' cases were sentenced with statutes other than those selected.

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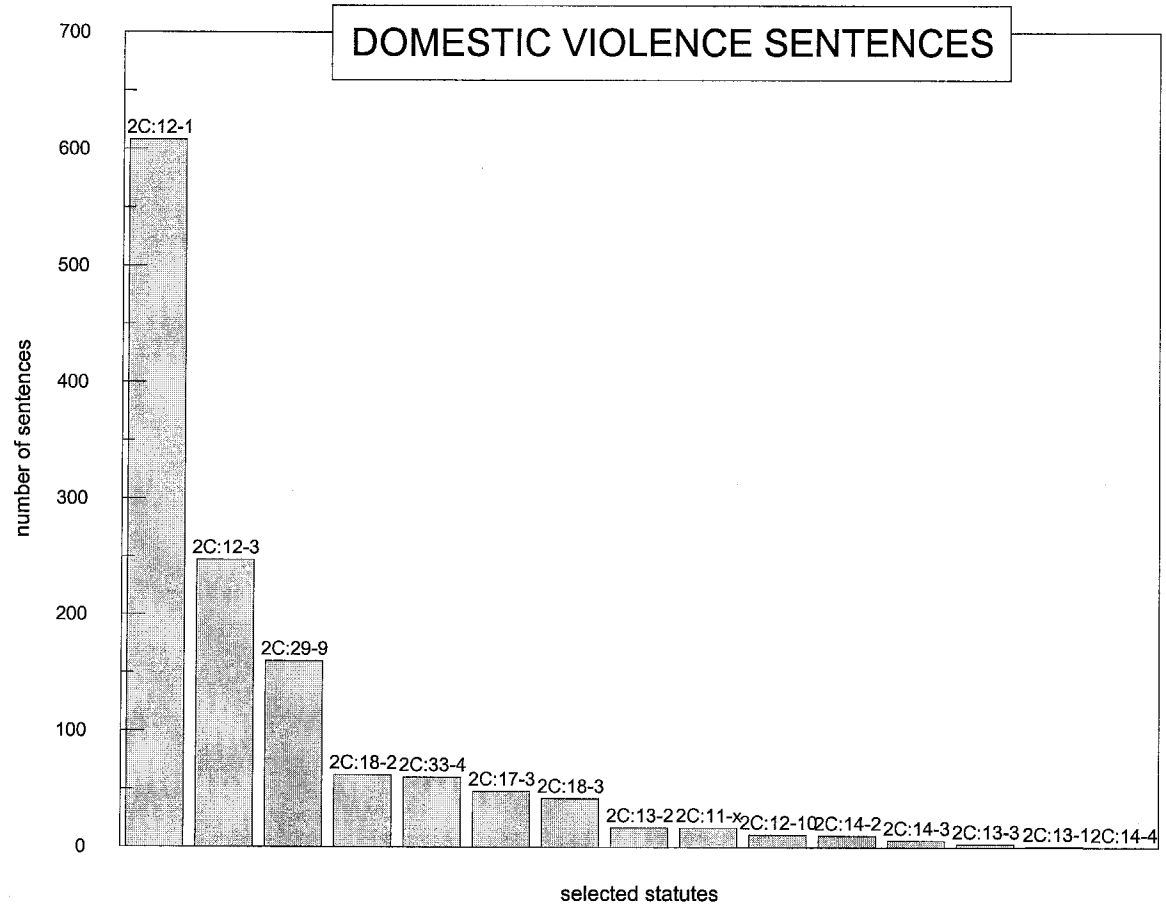
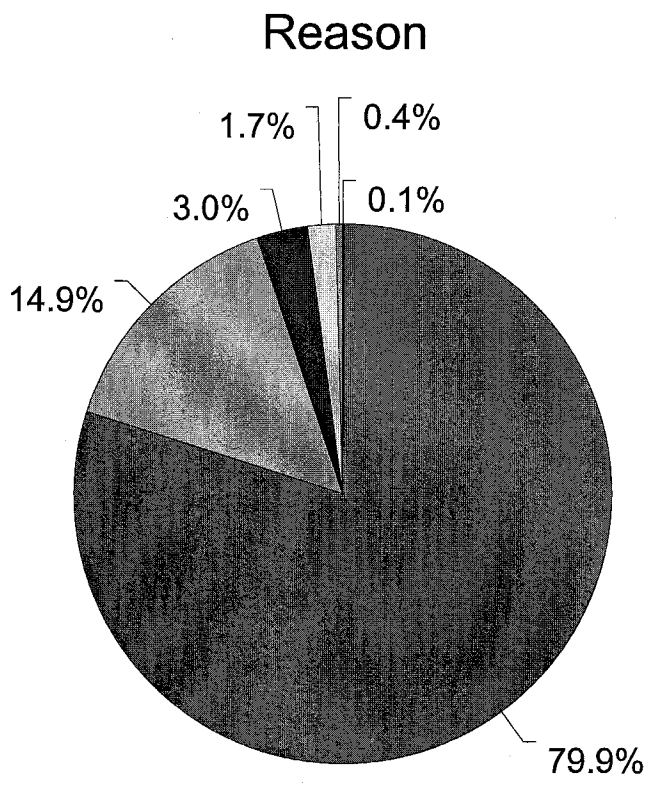


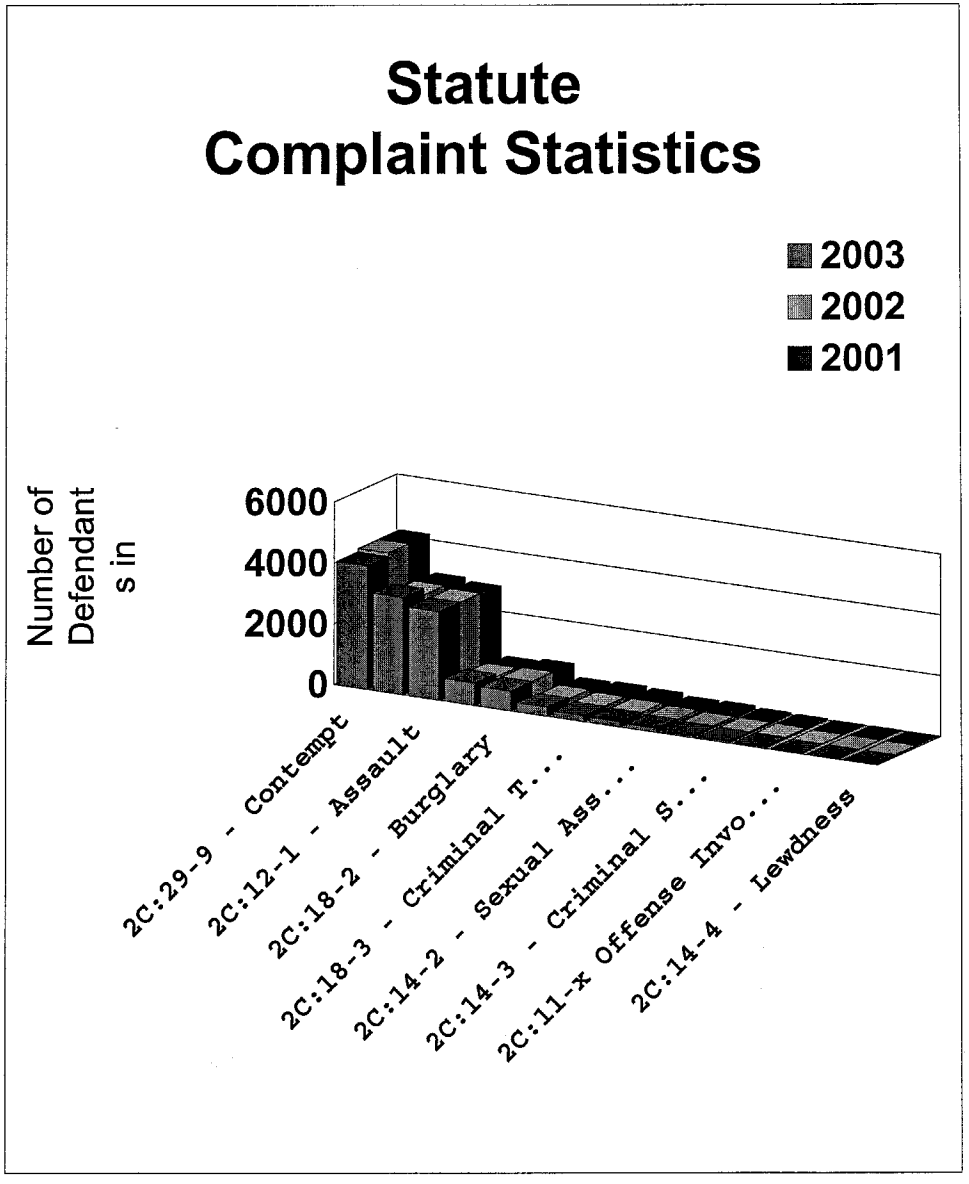
Some cases were sentenced on other statutes than those selected;

Defendant Disposition Reason

Those Sentenced between January 1, through December 31, 2003



	Statute	2003	% of Chg frm prev-yr	2002	2001	% of Chg frm two-yr mark
	2C:29-9 - Contempt	4064	-3%	4172	4176	-3%
	2C:12-3 - Terroristic Threats	3188	7%	2970	2936	9%
	2C:12-1 - Assault	2910	0%	2901	2834	3%
	2C:17-3 - Criminal Mischief	736	17%	630	549	34%
	2C:18-2 - Burglary	649	-2%	663	627	4%
	2C:13-2 - Criminal Restraint	298	16%	258	205	45%
	2C:18-3 - Criminal Trespass	199	0%	199	232	-14%
	2C:12-10 - Stalking	174	5%	165	192	-9%
	2C:14-2 - Sexual Assault	128	17%	109	104	23%
	2C:33-4 - Harassment	59	-18%	72	117	-50%
	2C:14-3 - Criminal Sexual Contact	58	2%	57	63	-8%
	2C:13-1 - Kidnapping	48	-4%	50	47	2%
	2C:11-x Offense Involving Homicide of a Person	14	-13%	16	16	-13%
	2C:13-3 - False Imprisonment	12	0%	12	12	0%
*	2C:14-4 - Lewdness	1	-50%	2	3	-67%
	Total	**12,538**	**2%**	**12,276**	**12,113**	**4%**



* Shows a change from previous year of more than a 30% increase or decrease.

COMPARISON OF CALENDAR YEARS 2003 FROM 2001 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

	Statute	2003	% of Chg frm prev-yr	2002	2001	% of Chg frm two-yr mark
	2C:12-1	608	11%	548	379	60%
	2C:12-3	247	12%	220	165	50%
	2C:29-9	160	-11%	180	143	12%
	2C:33-4	62	24%	50	32	94%
	2C:18-2	60	-9%	66	58	3%
	2C:18-3	48	23%	39	32	50%
	2C:17-3	42	-11%	47	34	24%
	2C:13-2	17	6%	16	14	21%
*	2C:11-x	17	55%	11	13	31%
	2C:14-2	11	22%	9	8	38%
	2C:14-3	10	11%	9	6	67%
*	2C:12-10	6	-40%	10	7	-14%
	2C:13-3	3	0%	3	1	200%
	2C:13-1	1	0%	1	1	0%
*	2C:14-4	0	-100%	1	0	-
	Total	**1,292**	**7%**	**1,210**	**893**	**45%**

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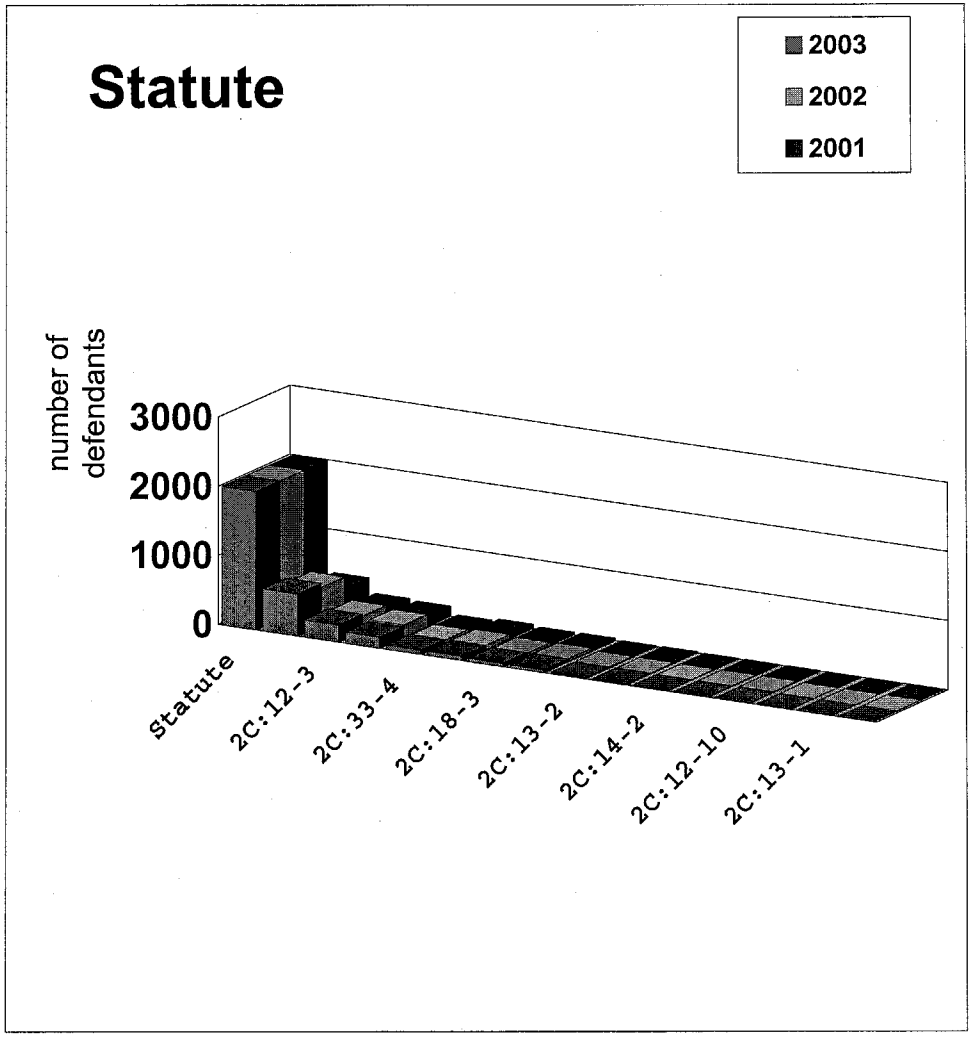
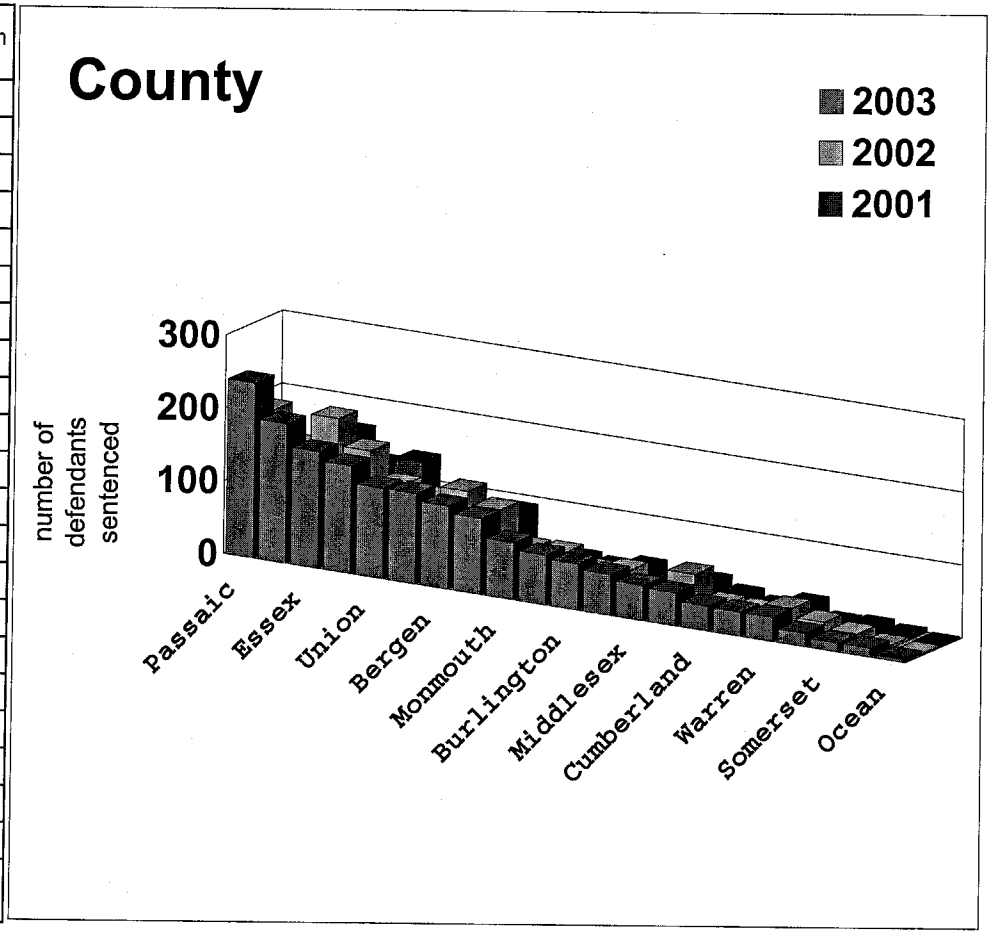


COMPARISON OF CALENDAR YEARS 2003 FROM 2001 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE STATISTICS

	County	2003	% of Chg frm prev-yr	2002	2001	% of Chg frm two-yr mark
	Passaic	240	25%	192	102	135%
	Camden	191	27%	150	91	110%
	Essex	160	-18%	194	162	-1%
	Atlantic	148	-6%	157	126	17%
	Union	124	6%	117	137	-9%
	Mercer	124	16%	107	96	29%
	Bergen	114	-7%	123	78	46%
	Morris	104	-1%	105	90	16%
*	**Monmouth**	78	32%	59	12	550%
	Gloucester	68	13%	60	39	74%
*	**Burlington**	63	43%	44	35	80%
	Hudson	56	12%	50	42	33%
*	**Middlesex**	48	92%	25	29	66%
	Salem	45	-24%	59	36	25%
*	**Cumberland**	34	36%	25	25	36%
*	**Cape May**	33	38%	24	17	94%
	Warren	33	-3%	34	27	22%
	Sussex	18	-18%	22	9	100%
	Somerset	12	-8%	13	11	9%
*	**Hunterdon**	12	200%	4	6	100%
	Ocean	4	-	0	1	300%
	Total	**1,709**	**9%**	**1,564**	**1,171**	**46%**



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