

## Key Findings: Domestic Violence

### Prevalence

Calls to 911: The most prevalent type of call concerned a fight or dispute where no weapons were used, representing approximately just over half of all calls in FY 2018 and FY 2019. The types of calls that experienced increases between FY 2018 and FY 2019 included calls related to armed assailants (**20% increase in armed assailants with knives and 44% increase in armed assailants with guns**).

Homicides: The Police Department reports three domestic violence related homicides in CY 2018 and three in CY 2019.

### System Response

System response to domestic violence cases: In FY 2019, 520 of 3,710 incidents reported to police officers were presented to the District Attorney's Office (14% of incidents reported).

Prosecutions: There were 411 domestic violence cases prosecuted in FY 2018 and 575 cases prosecuted in FY 2019, representing a **40% increase in the number of cases prosecuted**. There were an additional 18 stalking cases prosecuted in FY 2018 and 24 cases in FY 2019.

Convictions: In FY 2018, 14 of 17 cases resulted in a conviction. In FY 2019, 32 of 36 cases resulted in a conviction. This represents a trial conviction rate of 82% and 89% for FY 2018 and FY 2019, respectively.

### Demographics of Victims

Race/ethnicity: Blacks/African Americans and Latinx victims are disproportionately impacted by domestic violence; of the known victims in FY 2019, 30% were Black, compared to Blacks/African Americans representing 5% of the general population, and 27% were Latinx, compared to 15% of the general population.

Gender: Based on data from the police department, female victims made up 72% of cases in FY 2018 and 74% in FY 2019.

Sexual orientation: Based on data collected by organizations funded by the Violence Against Women Grant Program, 4% of clients served in FY 2018 and 6% of clients served in FY 2019 identified as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Questioning (LGBQQ). Based on the 2018 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, high school students who identify as Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual were more likely to have experienced violence.

### Key Data Points (FY 2019)

**18,841**

individuals served by  
VAW grant-funded  
programs

**8,647**

calls to domestic  
violence crisis lines

**7,110**

911 calls related to  
domestic violence

**3,710**

incidents responded to  
by police

**760**

cases prosecuted by  
the District Attorney

**3**

domestic violence  
related homicides

