



## Goal 1: Human and Family Development

Desired Community Condition: **Families are healthy and stable.**



### Indicator: **Assault and Battery against Household Members**

**Progress Rating:** Local Trend: **POSITIVE** National Comparison: **NOT KNOWN**

#### Indicator Description

Offense data were obtained from the Albuquerque Police Department. The data show the number of charges on police reports for the following offenses: Assault against a household member, aggravated assault against a household member, battery against a household member, and aggravated battery against a household member. These charges are a subset of Domestic Violence, which is made up of about a dozen offenses including child abuse and stalking.

#### Why is this indicator important?

This is an indicator of families at their most unstable state. Beside homicide, assault and battery are the worst forms of domestic violence. There is also a probably history of intimidation, harassment, and manipulation. A history of domestic violence can indicate that the perpetrating parent physically or emotionally abuses the child as well as the other parent. In addition, abusers frequently use the children as pawns to continue to control the other parent. In addition, some children (especially boys) who experience domestic violence in their homes grow up to repeat the same behavioral patterns. (Hotaling & Sugarman, 1986)

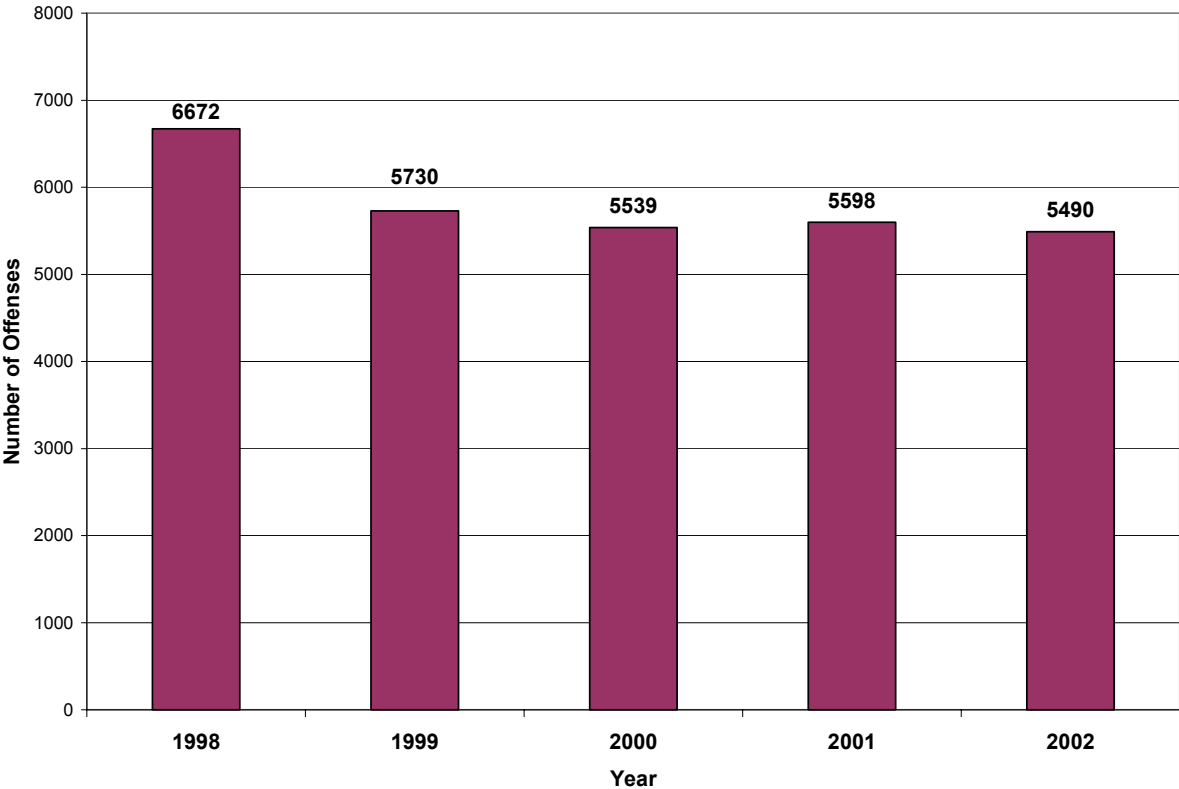
#### Data Sources

Albuquerque Police Department; "Myths and Facts about Domestic Violence," American Bar Association; "An Analysis of Risk Markers in Husband to Wife Violence: The Current State of Knowledge," Violence and Victims 101, 106 (1986), G.T. Hotaling, D.B. Sugarman

#### What can we tell from the data?

- There has been a 17.7% decrease in the number of assaults and batteries against household members from 1998 to 2002.
- In 2002, there were 11.9 assaults and batteries against household members per 1,000 population in Albuquerque.
- From 1999 to 2002, approximately half of the assaults and batteries in Albuquerque involved household members.

## Number of Assaults and Batteries against Household Members in Albuquerque 1998-2002



## Total Number of Assaults and Batteries in Albuquerque 1999-2002

Year	Total Assaults and Batteries	Assaults and Batteries against Household Members as a Percentage of Total Assaults and Batteries
1999	11,659	49.2
2000	11,014	50.3
2001	11,309	49.5
2002	10,989	50.0