

Table 55
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE, 1986-2002

Type of Call and Weapon

Year(s)	Total calls			Type of weapon ¹					
	Total	Cases without a weapon	Cases involving a weapon	Total	Firearm	Knife or cutting instrument	Other dangerous weapon	Personal weapon ²	Not reported ³
2002 ^a	196,569	76,710	119,859	119,859	1,528	4,091	15,295	98,945	0
2001.....	198,031	61,665	136,366	136,366	1,325	4,213	15,557	115,271	0
2000.....	196,880	61,724	135,156	135,156	1,441	4,363	15,048	114,304	0
1999 ^b	186,406	58,611	127,795	127,795	1,520	4,237	13,929	108,109	0
1998 ^b	196,832	60,174	136,658	136,658	1,921	4,422	15,535	114,780	0
1997 ^b	220,156	64,506	155,650	155,650	2,073	5,462	17,502	130,613	0
1996.....	227,899	68,824	159,075	159,075	2,327	5,868	16,474	134,406	0
1995 ^c	246,315	72,016	174,299	174,299	2,838	6,370	16,385	148,706	0
1994.....	250,439	68,199	182,240	182,240	3,089	6,491	16,716	155,944	0
1993.....	238,895	65,635	173,260	173,260	2,951	6,273	15,366	148,670	0
1992.....	240,826	65,473	175,353	175,353	3,053	6,507	14,518	151,275	0
1991.....	203,638	55,083	148,555	148,555	3,129	5,423	12,008	127,958	37
1990.....	195,019	54,079	140,940	140,940	2,610	5,417	10,879	117,693	4,341
1989.....	188,581	52,512	136,069	136,069	2,730	5,276	9,935	113,907	4,221
1988.....	182,540	54,345	128,195	128,195	2,532	5,048	9,634	110,068	913
1987.....	181,112	57,232	123,880	123,880	2,704	4,865	8,228	107,055	1,028
1986 ^d	83,661	27,818	55,843	55,843	1,255	2,293	4,062	47,778	455

¹ Penal Code section 13730 does not require that the type of weapon involved in a domestic violence-related call be reported.

² Hands, feet, etc.

³ Prior to 1989 the "personal weapon" category was not recognized by all reporting agencies as a type of weapon. When those agencies began reporting personal weapon calls as cases involving weapons, they did not provide the type of weapon designation. This accounts for the large increase in "not reported" weapons in 1989 and 1990.

^a In April 2002, law enforcement agencies were given clarification about reporting personal weapons.

^b The San Francisco Police Department was unable to provide complete data for 1997, and did not report data for 1998 and 1999, due to computer problems. In 1996, 6,422 domestic violence-related calls for assistance were reported by this department.

^c The Oakland Police Department was unable to provide 1995 data. In 1994, 5,237 domestic violence-related calls for assistance were reported by this department.

^d Data collection began in July 1986; therefore, only six months of data are available and displayed for 1986.