

**FEMALE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
STUDY OF FINDINGS FROM THE  
2010 INTAKE STUDY  
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In the 2010 Intake Study, which can be found at [www.drc.ohio.gov/web/reports/reports18.asp](http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/reports/reports18.asp), there were 469 females admitted to ODRC. When interviewed at the time of admission, the inmates were asked three questions regarding domestic violence: 1. had they ever been a victim of domestic violence? If they answered yes, they were asked: 2. who had committed the violence against them and 3. How many times had they been a victim. Of the 469 females admitted, 225 (48%) said yes to being a victim of domestic violence at some point in their lives.

This is an area that has not been studied before therefore Tables 1, 2, & 7 have no comparable statistics available. It is interesting to note, however, that over 56% were victimized by a boyfriend, over half were victimized more than 20 times, and over 62% had no dependent children living with them at the time of arrest for their current charge.

Upon reviewing tables 5, 6, 8, 9, 17, 19, 20, & 21 to the respective tables in the full intake study, consistency was noted between the two groups of female admissions; all females from the full intake study and those who reported being a victim of domestic violence. The only table that varies greatly from the full intake study is Table 16, Counties of Commitment.

There were differences noted when comparing the two studies for Tables 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15. Table 3, Marital Status at Arrest, shows that victims were more likely to be married. Table 4, Race/Ethnicity, indicates a higher percentage of white victims. Table 10, History of Mental Health Problems, shows victims experience more mental health issues than non-victims. Tables 11 & 12 indicate victims have slightly more problems with drug abuse than those in the full intake study. Tables 13 & 14 show a larger percentage had issues with alcohol abuse than those in the full intake study. Table 15 indicates that victims of domestic violence were more likely to have more substance abuse treatment history than those in the full intake study.

**TABLE 1: Relationship of Batterer to Victim**  
**Missing: 0**

| RELATIONSHIP        | N          | %            |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Husband             | 85         | 37.8         |
| Boyfriend           | 130        | 57.8         |
| Fiancé              | 3          | 1.3          |
| Girlfriend          | 1          | .4           |
| Stepfather          | 2          | .9           |
| Sibling/Stepsibling | 2          | .9           |
| Other               | 2          | .9           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 2: Number of Assaults Suffered by Victim**  
**Missing: 0**

| NUMBER OF ASSAULTS | N          | %            |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Once               | 10         | 4.4          |
| 2 - 5 Times        | 43         | 19.1         |
| 6 – 10 Times       | 30         | 13.3         |
| 11 – 20 Times      | 21         | 9.3          |
| More than 20 Times | 121        | 53.8         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 3: Marital Status at Arrest**  
**Missing: 1**

| MARITAL STATUS         | N          | %            |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Single (never married) | 98         | 43.6         |
| Married                | 18         | 8.0          |
| Separated              | 51         | 22.7         |
| Divorced               | 49         | 21.8         |
| Widowed                | 8          | 3.6          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>224</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 4: Race/ Ethnicity**

| Ethnicity        | N          | %            |
|------------------|------------|--------------|
| African American | 35         | 15.6         |
| Caucasian        | 189        | 84.0         |
| Other            | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 5: Living Arrangement at Time of Arrest**  
**Missing: 2**

| LIVING ARRANGEMENT AT TIME OF ARREST | N          | %            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Lived:                               |            |              |
| Alone                                | 27         | 12.1         |
| w/Domestic Partner                   | 42         | 18.8         |
| w/Domestic Partner and Children      | 40         | 17.9         |
| w/Dependent Children                 | 45         | 20.2         |
| w/Adult Children                     | 11         | 4.9          |
| w/Parent/Guardian                    | 22         | 9.9          |
| w/Adult Sibling                      | 3          | 1.3          |
| w/Friend/Roommate                    | 23         | 10.3         |
| w/Grandparents                       | 1          | .4           |
| Homeless                             | 8          | 3.6          |
| Supervised Setting                   | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>223</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 6: Number of Dependent Children at Time of Arrest**  
**Missing: 1**

| NUMBER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN AT TIME OF ARREST | N          | %            |
|--|------------|--------------|
| 0  | 138        | 61.6         |
| 1  | 34         | 15.2         |
| 2  | 28         | 12.5         |
| 3  | 13         | 5.8          |
| 4  | 7          | 3.1          |
| 5 or more                                      | 4          | 1.8          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                   | <b>224</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 7: Caregiver of Dependent Children**  
**Missing: 0**

| CAREGIVER OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN       | N          | %            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| No Dependent Children                 | 142        | 63.1         |
| W/Other Parent                        | 26         | 11.6         |
| W/Other Relatives                     | 50         | 22.2         |
| Under Foster Care                     | 2          | .9           |
| In Juvenile Institution               | 1          | .4           |
| W/Friend of Offender                  | 3          | 1.3          |
| Children Became Adults (since arrest) | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 8: Education Level**  
**Missing: 4**

| EDUCATION LEVEL                                 | N          | %            |
|---|------------|--------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade or less                   | 18         | 8.1          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> , No Diploma | 65         | 29.4         |
| High School Diploma                             | 36         | 16.3         |
| GED   | 43         | 19.5         |
| Attended College                                | 50         | 22.6         |
| Associates Degree                               | 8          | 3.6          |
| Bachelors Degree                                | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>221</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 9: Employment Status at Arrest**  
**Missing: 3**

| EMPLOYMENT STATUS  | N          | %            |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| Unemployed*        | 149        | 67.1         |
| Employed Part-time | 25         | 11.3         |
| Employed Full-time | 48         | 21.6         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>222</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

\* Includes those who claim working under-the-table.

**TABLE 10: History of Mental Health Problems**  
**Missing: 0**

| HISTORY OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS | N          | %            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| None                              | 60         | 26.7         |
| Self-Admission/Evidence           | 9          | 4.0          |
| Diagnosed with Mental Illness     | 3          | 1.3          |
| Treated for Mental Illness        | 153        | 68.0         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 11: Indication of Recent Drug Abuse**  
**Missing: 0**

| INDICATION OF RECENT DRUG ABUSE | N          | %            |
|---------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| No Indication                   | 35         | 15.6         |
| Self Admission/Evidence         | 185        | 82.2         |
| Treatment of Drug Abuse         | 5          | 2.2          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

\*Within 6 months of arrest.

**TABLE 12: Indication of a History of Drug Abuse**  
**Missing: 1**

| INDICATION OF HISTORY OF DRUG ABUSE | N          | %            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| No Indication                       | 16         | 7.1          |
| Self Admission/Evidence             | 83         | 36.9         |
| Treatment of Drug Abuse             | 125        | 55.6         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>224</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

\*More than 6 months prior to arrest.

**TABLE 13: Indication of Recent Alcohol Abuse**  
**Missing: 0**

| INDICATION OF RECENT ALCOHOL ABUSE | N          | %            |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| No Indication                      | 89         | 39.6         |
| Self Admission/Evidence            | 134        | 59.6         |
| Treatment of Alcohol Abuse         | 2          | .9           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

\*Within 6 months of arrest.

**TABLE 14: Indication of a History of Alcohol Abuse**  
**Missing: 0**

| INDICATION OF HISTORY OF ALCOHOL ABUSE | N          | %            |
|--|------------|--------------|
| No Indication                          | 38         | 16.9         |
| Self Admission/Evidence                | 90         | 40.0         |
| Treatment of Alcohol Abuse             | 97         | 43.1         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

\*More than 6 months prior to arrest.

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**TABLE 15: Indication of the Completion of Substance Abuse Treatment**  
**Missing: 0**

| INDICATION OF TREATMENT PROGRAM COMPLETION | N          | %            |
|--|------------|--------------|
| No Indication of Treatment                 | 64         | 28.4         |
| Failure to Comply with Court               | 35         | 15.6         |
| Began Treatment/Compliance Unknown         | 1          | .4           |
| In Treatment at Time of Arrest             | 1          | .4           |
| Completed Treatment                        | 107        | 47.6         |
| Treatment After Arrest Only                | 17         | 7.6          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 16: County of Commitment**

| COUNTY     | N  | %   |
|------------|----|-----|
| Allen      | 5  | 2.2 |
| Ashland    | 1  | .4  |
| Ashtabula  | 1  | .4  |
| Athens     | 7  | 3.1 |
| Butler     | 10 | 4.4 |
| Champaign  | 1  | .4  |
| Clark      | 6  | 2.7 |
| Clermont   | 7  | 3.1 |
| Clinton    | 2  | .9  |
| Columbiana | 1  | .4  |
| Coshocton  | 3  | 1.3 |

| COUNTY     | N  | %    |
|------------|----|------|
| Cuyahoga   | 40 | 17.8 |
| Darke      | 1  | .4   |
| Defiance   | 1  | .4   |
| Delaware   | 5  | 2.2  |
| Erie       | 4  | 1.8  |
| Fairfield  | 1  | .4   |
| Franklin   | 9  | 4.0  |
| Fulton     | 5  | 2.2  |
| Geauga     | 1  | .4   |
| Greene     | 4  | 1.8  |
| Guernsey   | 1  | .4   |
| Hamilton   | 12 | 5.3  |
| Hancock    | 2  | .9   |
| Hardin     | 1  | .4   |
| Highland   | 1  | .4   |
| Knox       | 1  | .4   |
| Lake       | 3  | 1.3  |
| Lawrence   | 1  | .4   |
| Licking    | 3  | 1.3  |
| Lorain     | 5  | 2.2  |
| Lucas      | 2  | .9   |
| Madison    | 2  | .9   |
| Mahoning   | 2  | .9   |
| Marion     | 3  | 1.3  |
| Medina     | 3  | 1.3  |
| Miami      | 2  | .9   |
| Montgomery | 11 | 4.9  |
| Muskingum  | 3  | 1.3  |
| Ottawa     | 1  | .4   |
| Perry      | 4  | 1.8  |
| Pickaway   | 2  | .9   |
| Portage    | 1  | .4   |
| Preble     | 1  | .4   |
| Richland   | 3  | 1.3  |
| Ross       | 2  | .9   |
| Sandusky   | 1  | .4   |
| Scioto     | 8  | 3.6  |
| Seneca     | 1  | .4   |
| Shelby     | 5  | 2.2  |
| Stark      | 6  | 2.7  |
| Summit     | 12 | 5.3  |

| COUNTY       | N          | %            |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Trumbull     | 2          | .9           |
| Warren       | 2          | .9           |
| Williams     | 1          | .4           |
| Wyandot      | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 17: Most Serious Conviction Offense**

| OFFENSES   | N  | %    |
|--|----|------|
| Drug Possession                                    | 45 | 20.0 |
| Theft  | 41 | 18.2 |
| Trafficking in Drugs                               | 21 | 9.3  |
| Receiving Stolen Property                          | 16 | 7.1  |
| Forgery  | 13 | 5.8  |
| Burglary   | 10 | 4.4  |
| Felonious Assault                                  | 7  | 3.1  |
| Robbery  | 5  | 2.2  |
| Illegal Manufacture of Drugs                       | 5  | 2.2  |
| Domestic Violence                                  | 4  | 1.8  |
| Tampering w/Evidence                               | 4  | 1.8  |
| Identity Theft                                     | 4  | 1.8  |
| Promoting Prostitution                             | 4  | 1.8  |
| Murder   | 3  | 1.3  |
| Aggravated Burglary                                | 3  | 1.3  |
| Endangering Children                               | 3  | 1.3  |
| Illegal Weapons onto Grounds of Detention Facility | 3  | 1.3  |
| Illegal Possession of Drug Documents               | 3  | 1.3  |
| Involuntary Manslaughter                           | 2  | .9   |
| Assault  | 2  | .9   |
| Vandalism  | 2  | .9   |
| Pass Bad Checks                                    | 2  | .9   |
| Misuse of Credit Cards                             | 2  | .9   |
| Corrupting Another w/Drugs                         | 2  | .9   |
| Driving While Intoxicated                          | 2  | .9   |
| Failure to Appear                                  | 2  | .9   |
| Aggravated Murder                                  | 1  | .4   |
| Aggravated Vehicular Homicide                      | 1  | .4   |
| Aggravated Vehicular Assault                       | 1  | .4   |
| Aggravated Assault                                 | 1  | .4   |

| OFFENSES                              | N          | %            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Kidnapping                            | 1          | .4           |
| Trafficking in Food Stamps            | 1          | .4           |
| Resisting Arrest                      | 1          | .4           |
| Impersonating an Police Officer       | 1          | .4           |
| Conspiracy                            | 1          | .4           |
| Engaging in Corrupt Activity          | 1          | .4           |
| Permitting Drug Abuse                 | 1          | .4           |
| Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drugs   | 1          | .4           |
| Tampering w/Drugs                     | 1          | .4           |
| Violate Own Recognizance              | 1          | .4           |
| Firearms Specifications in Indictment | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 18: Most Serious Violent Conviction Offense**  
**Missing: 0**

| MOST SERIOUS CONVICTION OFFENSE | N         | %            |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Aggravated Murder               | 1         | 3.1          |
| Murder                          | 3         | 9.4          |
| Involuntary Manslaughter        | 2         | 6.3          |
| Felonious Assault               | 7         | 21.9         |
| Aggravated Assault              | 1         | 3.1          |
| Assault                         | 2         | 6.3          |
| Kidnapping                      | 1         | 3.1          |
| Robbery                         | 5         | 15.6         |
| Aggravated Burglary             | 3         | 9.4          |
| Endangering Children            | 3         | 9.4          |
| Domestic Violence               | 4         | 12.5         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>32</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 19: Adult Felony Convictions**

Missing: 1

| FELONY CONVICTIONS | N          | %            |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| 0                  | 130        | 57.8         |
| 1                  | 48         | 21.3         |
| 2                  | 22         | 9.8          |
| 3                  | 12         | 5.3          |
| 4                  | 4          | 1.8          |
| 5                  | 2          | .9           |
| 6                  | 2          | .9           |
| 7                  | 1          | .4           |
| 8                  | 2          | .9           |
| 13                 | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 20: Adult Prison Terms**

Missing: 0

| PRISON TERMS | N          | %            |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 0            | 158        | 70.2         |
| 1            | 38         | 16.9         |
| 2            | 11         | 4.9          |
| 3            | 7          | 3.1          |
| 4            | 4          | 1.8          |
| 5            | 3          | 1.3          |
| 6            | 1          | .4           |
| 8            | 1          | .4           |
| 10           | 1          | .4           |
| 11           | 1          | .4           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>225</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

**TABLE 21: Age at First Violent Offense Arrest**

N = 131 (58%) of 225 with an arrest for violent offense

Mean Age: 26    Median Age: 24