THE 2014 FACT REPORT: GUIDE TO THE REPORT



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1.1 What is the Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia (FACT)?

Beginning in the early 1970s, child maltreatment prevention efforts began to gain momentum across the country. While there was new and exciting energy underway, it was difficult for states to set aside funds that specifically focused on the prevention of child abuse and neglect. When budgets were strapped, key leaders oftentimes targeted prevention funds rather than cutting treatment services. As a result, as early as the 1980s, states began establishing children's trust funds as a way to ensure funds for prevention would be available to local communities. In Virginia, key leaders decided to establish a trust fund for both children and families. Thus, the Family and Children's Trust Fund was established in 1986.

FACT is governed by a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Governor, to raise and distribute funds for family violence prevention and treatment efforts, as well as promote public awareness of family violence issues across the Commonwealth. One tool for raising public awareness has been through the creation of the FACT Report.

1.2 What is the FACT Report?

The FACT Report was first published in 2010 as a compilation of family violence indicators across the lifespan. It includes data on children, families and older adults. The FACT Report was created with these primary objectives in mind:

- to establish a single location for data, presented in a usable and easy to understand format, concerning family violence prevention and intervention;
- to provide data that can be used by policymakers to shape policy and resource decisions; and
- to raise awareness about the need for more standardized data surrounding family violence across the lifespan continuum.

Since the first report was published in 2010, it has evolved and changed through the guidance of an expert panel of professionals who sit on FACT's Editorial and Planning Committee, as well as through the leadership of FACT's Board of Trustees and Executive Director. It is now comprised of three report components: *Violence at Home: The FACT Report, Guide to the FACT Report,* and *FACT Report Data Guide*. Locality-specific data and accompanying data charts and maps are now found online through FACT's online data portal.

2.1 How Do I Use This Report?

Having family violence data compiled and available in one central, accessible and easy-to-use format is critical in order to:

- raise community awareness and generate discussions about family violence;
- identify and monitor family violence trends over time;
- set benchmarks and develop strategies to target specific family violence indicators;
- identify "best practice" resources and encourage collaborative efforts to address family violence across service sectors; and
- develop action plans to most effectively address family violence in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Visual instructions for how to generate reports and utilize the features found in the data tool are detailed in the following section. This information can be used in a variety of ways and can be downloaded for further analysis, shared online or by email, or used to apply for funding to address issues at a community level.

2.2 How Do I Generate an Online Report?

To generate a local data report, select an indicator by title at one of the links below.





Family Violence Indicator Local Data Tool

Using the Family Violence Indicator Local Data Tool, you can build custom, downloadable reports for indicators of family violence, including:

- · Line graphs showing trend data for selected localities;
- · Custom data tables sorted and color coded by rate;
- . Shaded maps for the year selected with the ability to view data geographically

Step-by-step instructions are provided at: http://www.fact.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Step-by-Step.pdf. These visual instructions will explain some key features of this tool including the dropdown filters, sorting options, export options and how to maximize the utility of the map and line graph features.

Each individual indicator is accessible by clicking on a link below.

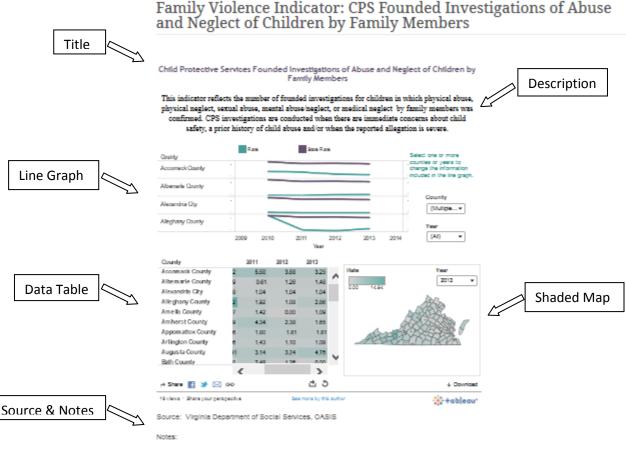
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Community Health and Well-being Indicators

Arrests of Adults for Drug- and Alcohol-related Offenses
Arrests of Juveniles for Drug- and Alcohol-related Offenses
Percentage of the Labor Force that Is Unemployed
Percentage of the Population Living Below the Poverty Line



Each indicator page follows the same basic format - title followed by indicator description. Tables and graphs are located below each indicator description. Most indicators have a line graph, data table and shaded map. A few indicators are reported by rolling year and will not be displayed with a line graph. Located below the data are the source information and any pertinent notes.



This indicator counts founded investigations, not the number of children abused/neglected. Children may be counted more than once if an investigation identifies more than one type of abuse/neglect or if multiple investigations throughout the year are founded. This indicator counts substantiated reports, not persons abused. Certain local agencies serve multiple counties. For example, the same rate will be displayed for York and Poquoson as the information for these combined localities can be difficult to accurately disaggregate. A full list of combined localities can be found in the Data Guide.

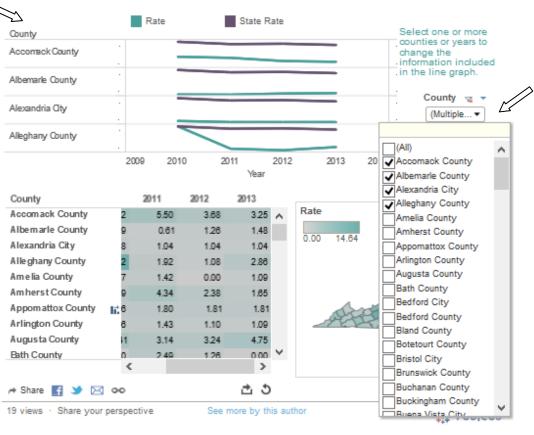
Upon validating a report of child abuse or neglect for an investigation response, a local department of social services determines whether the investigation is founded based on a preponderance of evidence showing that maltreatment has occurred. Types of child abuse and neglect for which an investigation may be founded include physical abuse, physical neglect, sexual abuse, mental abuse/neglect, and medical neglect. A large number of valid reports of child abuse and neglect receive a family assessment response rather than an investigation; assessments are not included in these data. Family assessments are the preferred response when a child is not in immediate danger and include developing plans to remedy and/or prevent risk of future abuse. Investigations are conducted when there are immediate concerns about child safety, a prior history of child abuse, and/or the reported allegation is severe. This indicator reflects the number of founded investigations for any type of child abuse, and/or the reported children abuse/ineglected: children may be counted more than once if they experience more than one type of

Each line graph has two dropdown filters on the right side. One filter is for the county and the other is for the year.

Child Protective Services Founded Investigations of Abuse and Neglect of Children by Family Members

This indicator reflects the number of founded investigations for children in which physical abuse, physical neglect, sexual abuse, mental abuse/neglect, or medical neglect by family members was confirmed. CPS investigations are conducted when there are immediate concerns about child safety, a prior history of child abuse and/or when the reported allegation is severe.

To get out of the dropdown box feature, click anywhere on the line graph.

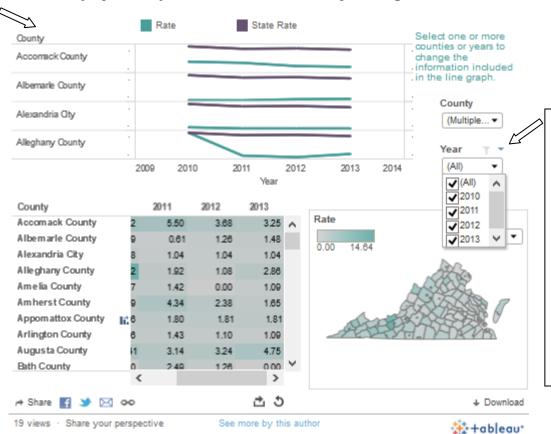


County dropdown box: one or more counties can be selected by checking the box to the left. This feature works best if only a few counties are selected - ideally no more than 7. This line graph also includes the state rate for comparison. If you mouse over a data point on the graph, the rate for that county in that year will be displayed.

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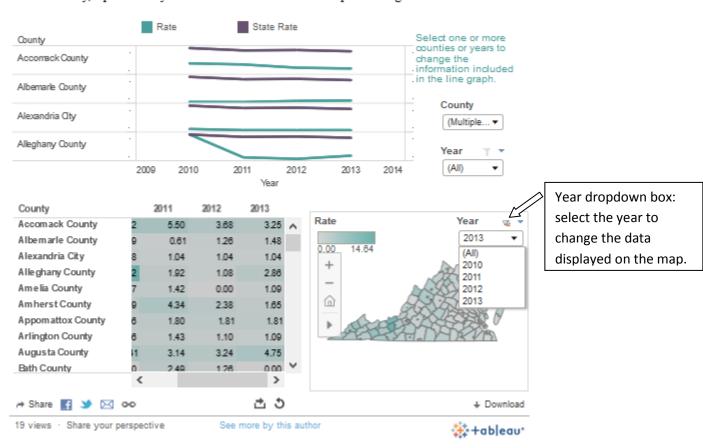


Year dropdown box: one or more years can be selected by checking the box to the left. This line graph also includes the state rate for comparison. If you mouse over a data point on the graph, the rate for that county in that year will be displayed.

The map is most accurate when showing one year's worth of data at a time and will only allow the user to select one at a time. Changing the year will update the data and shading of the graph.

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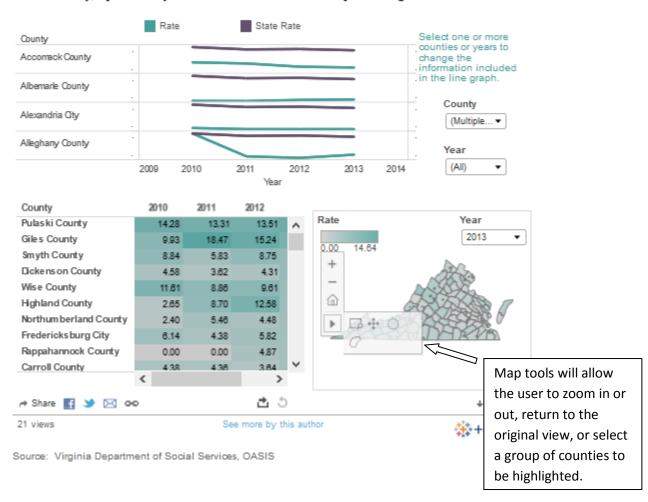
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Once you have selected the year, the map can be customized in a few additional ways. Using the tools located within the map box, you can zoom or select specific counties to be highlighted.

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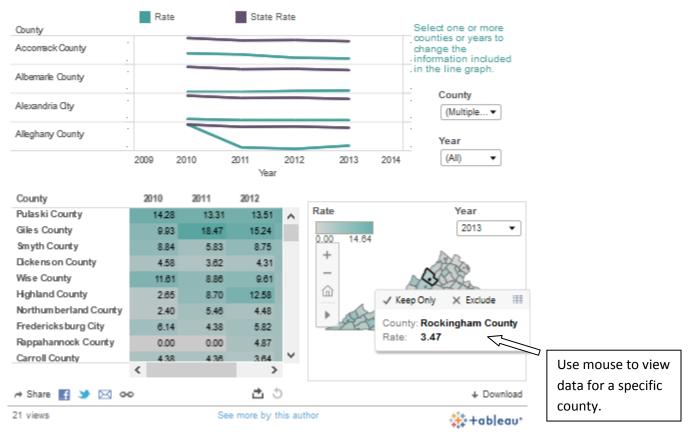
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Use the mouse to highlight and display data for a specific county. By selecting "keep only" you can create a graphic display for that county alone.

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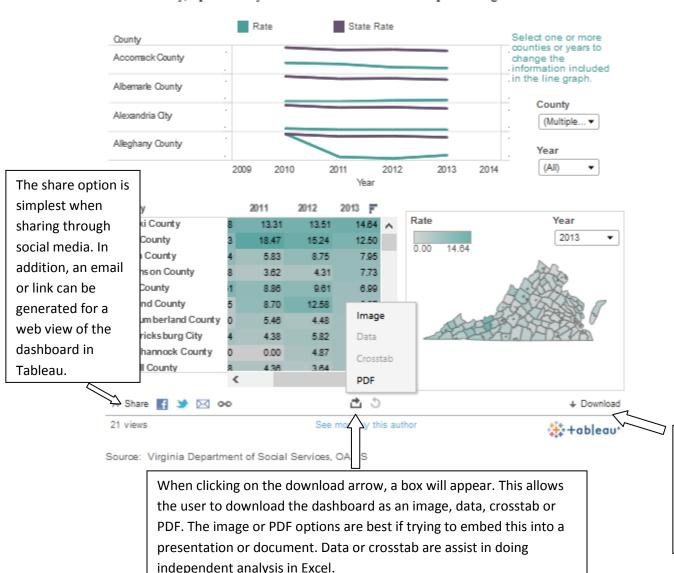
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Data can be downloaded and shared through a variety of methods.

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The dashboard can be downloaded. This method is best for someone with a Tableau account.

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3.1 What are the Family Violence Indicators?

Indicators are measures of a social condition or behavior. They are typically used to describe a problem being targeted, such as family violence, and identify dimensions of the problem. Once measured, it is possible to set benchmarks and compare the state of the problem overt ime. These family violence indicators are not intended to imply causation. Instead, they are research based correlates or proxies that help to communicate the scope and response to the issue of family violence in the community.

Indicators used in the FACT Report are grounded in findings from studies conducted by both George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University. They identified indicators and risk factors of family violence based on a review of research literature and surveys of family violence workers. With assistance from Communitas Consulting, a consultant group tasked with drafting the FACT Report, indicators were narrowed down after statewide outreach and discussions took place with stakeholders. Adapted from the Fiscal Policy Studies Institute's "Results-Based-Accountability" model, indicators of the scope of family violence meet the following criteria:

- → Communication Does this indicator clearly convey to the public an increased understanding of the state of family violence?
- ⇒ Proxy value Is this indicator an effective stand-in for communicating family violence?
- ⇒ Measurability Is this indicator quantifiable on an annualized basis?

In addition to indicators that capture the scope of the problem, the report includes community context and response indicators. These were required to meet slightly different criteria for inclusion:

- ⇒ Communication Does this indicator clearly convey to the public an increased understanding of the state of family violence?
- ⇒ Correlation with family violence Does the indicator have documented evidence for correlation with family violence or response to family violence?

Indicators that met these first two criteria were then included if they met the following criteria:

- → Accessibility Is this indicator readily accessible and tracked in every locality in the Commonwealth of Virginia?
- ⇒ Reliability Do all localities report this indicator in the same way, and does it accurately reflect what it says it does?
- Validity Are the numbers accurate and tested consistently?

Some indicators that were eliminated at this initial stage have since been included as data has become available or as data collection methods have improved in quality. Indicators are continually assessed to determine whether these criteria can still be met or to determine if new data should be included.

The full list of indicators included in the 2014 FACT Report along with the data source, definition and historical information about the indicator, when relevant, is found in section 3.2. Additional information about data calculations and limitations can be found in the FACT Report Data Guide.

| Community Health and Well-being Indicators | | |
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| Indicator | Percentage of the Population Living Below the Poverty Line | |
| Indicator Definition | The percentage of the total population living below the poverty line, by locality and calendar year. | |
| Indicator Source | U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) http://www.census.gov/did/www/saipe/data/statecounty/data/index.htm | |
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| Indicator | Percentage of the Labor Force that Is Unemployed | |
| Indicator Definition | The percentage of the workforce that is unemployed and seeking employment, by locality and calendar year. | |
| Indicator Source | Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics http://www.bls.gov/Lau/ | |
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| Indicator | Arrests of Juveniles for Drug- and Alcohol-related Offenses | |
| Indicator Definition | The number of alcohol- or drug-related arrests recorded for juveniles, age 10–17, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 juveniles. | |
| Indicator Source | Derived by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Research Center from Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository administered by the Virginia Department of State Police. | |
| Indicator History | In 2010, the indicator for drug and alcohol usage represented only adult records. This indicator was added in 2011. | |
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| Indicator | Arrests of Adults for Drug- and Alcohol-related Offenses | |
| Indicator Definition | The number of alcohol- or drug-related arrests recorded for adults, age 18 and up, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 adults. | |
| Indicator Source | Derived by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Research Center from Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository administered by the Virginia Department of State Police. | |

| CPS Founded Investigations of Abuse and Neglect of Children by Family Members |
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| The number of founded investigations of abuse or neglect of children, aged 0 to 17, by Child Protective Services (CPS), by locality and state fiscal year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 minors. |
| Family member relationships encompassed in this indicator include parent (adoptive, alleged, biological, foster, legal, non-custodial, other, step), legal custodian, legal guardian, sibling (adoptive, biological, half, step), aunt, uncle, cousin, grandchild, grandparent, great-grandparent, great-uncle, great-aunt, other adult in home, parent's paramour, significant other, spouse, or other relative. |
| Online Automated Services Information System (OASIS), as provided by the Outcome Based Reporting and Analysis Unit, Division of Family Services, Virginia Department of Social Services |
| CPS Founded Investigations of Abuse and Neglect of Children |
| This indicator was included from 2011-2013. It will not be included as of 2014 as this information is better captured by the indicator <i>CPS Founded Investigations of Abuse and Neglect of Children by Caregivers</i> . |
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| CPS Completed Family Assessments |
| The number of family assessments completed by CPS in response to a report of child abuse or neglect, by locality and state fiscal year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 minors. |
| Online Automated Services Information System (OASIS), as provided by the Outcome Based Reporting and Analysis Unit, Division of Family Services, Virginia Department of Social Services |
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| Abused or Neglected Children Who Exited Foster Care with Permanent Placement |
| This indicator was included was 2011-2013. It will not be included as of 2014. |
| APS Substantiated Reports of Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of Elders and Incapacitated Adults |
| The number of Adult Protective Services substantiated reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of elders, aged 60 and older, and incapacitated adults, aged 18 arolder, by locality and state fiscal year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 adults. |
| Adult Services Adult Protective Services (ASAPS) System, as provided by the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. |
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| Indicator Definition | The number of children, ages 0–17, whose deaths were determined to be a homicide caused by a current or past family member or caregiver, or whose deaths were precipitated by acts of family violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed at the deceased, by locality and calendar year. Expressed as a rate per 100,000 minors. |
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| Definition of Family | Family relationships encompassed in this indicator include past or current intimate partners (including current or former boyfriends, girlfriends, samesex partners, spouses, and people who have ever lived together or had a child in common), parents or legal guardians, other family by blood, marriage, or adoption (e.g., siblings, grandparents, stepparents, cousins, etc.), and child caregivers (i.e., a person responsible for the care or supervision of the child). Children are included in this indicator if their death was caused by a family or intimate partner as described above, or if their death was precipitated by violence between two people with such a relationship. |
| Indicator Source | Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Surveillance Project, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Virginia Department of Health |
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| Indicator | Adult Homicides Perpetrated by a Family Member or Caregiver |
| Indicator Definition | The number of adults, aged 18 to 64, whose deaths were determined to be a homicide caused by a current or past family member, or whose deaths were precipitated by acts of family violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed at the deceased, by locality and calendar year. Expressed as a rate per 100,000 adults age 18–64. |
| Definition of Family/Caregiver | Family relationships encompassed in this indicator include past or current intimate partners (including current or former boyfriends, girlfriends, samesex partners, spouses, and people who have ever lived together or had a child in common), parents or legal guardians, other family by blood, marriage, or adoption (e.g., siblings, grandparents, stepparents, cousins, etc.), and dependent adult caregivers (i.e., a person responsible for the care or supervision of a disabled adult). Adults aged 18 to 64 are included in this indicator if their death was caused by a family or intimate partner as described above, or if their death was precipitated by violence between two people with such a relationship. |
| Indicator Source | Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Surveillance Project, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Virginia Department of Health. |
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| Indicator | Elder Homicides Perpetrated by a Family Member or Caregiver |
| Indicator Definition | The number of elders, aged 65 and older, in each calendar year whose deaths were determined to be a homicide caused by a current or past family member or caregiver, or whose deaths were precipitated by acts of family violence, regardless of whether the violence was directed at the deceased, by locality and calendar year. Expressed as a rate per 100,000 elders. |

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| Definition of Family/Caregiver | Family relationships encompassed in this indicator include past or current intimate partners (including current or former boyfriends, girlfriends, samesex partners, spouses, and people who have ever lived together or had a child in common), parents or legal guardians, other family by blood, marriage, or adoption (e.g., siblings, grandparents, stepparents, cousins, etc.), and elder caregivers (i.e., a person responsible for the care or supervision of an elder adult). Adults aged 65 and older are included in this indicator if their death was caused by a family or intimate partner as described above, or if their death was precipitated by violence between two people with such a relationship. |
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| Indicator Source | Family and Intimate Partner Homicide Surveillance Program, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), Virginia Department of Health |
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| Indicator | Arrests of Juveniles for Violent Sexual Offenses Committed against a Family Member |
| Indicator Definition | Total number of arrests recorded for juveniles, age 10–17, for violent sexual offenses committed against a family member, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 juveniles. |
| Definition of Family | Family and intimate relationships are boyfriend/girlfriend, child of boyfriend/girlfriend, same-sex relationship, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, ex-spouse, common-law spouse, in-law, other family member, stepparent, step-sibling and stepchild. |
| Indicator Source | Derived by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Research Center from Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository administered by the Virginia Department of State Police. |
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| Indicator | Arrests of Adults for Violent Sexual Offenses Committed against a Family Member |
| Indicator Definition | Total number of arrests recorded for adults, age 18 and up, for violent sexual offenses committed against a family member, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 adults. |
| Definition of Family | Family and intimate relationships are boyfriend/girlfriend, child of boyfriend/girlfriend, same-sex relationship, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, ex-spouse, common-law spouse, in-law, other family member, stepparent, step-sibling and stepchild. |
| Indicator Source | Derived by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Research Center from Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository administered by the Virginia Department of State Police. |
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| Indicator | Arrests of Juveniles for Non-sexual Violent Offenses against a Family Member |
| Indicator Definition | Total number of arrests recorded for juveniles, age 10–17, for non-sexual violent offenses committed against a family member, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 juveniles. |
| Definition of Family | Family and intimate relationships are boyfriend/girlfriend, child of boyfriend/girlfriend, same-sex relationship, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, ex-spouse, common-law spouse, in-law, other family member, stepparent, step-sibling and stepchild. |

| Indicator Source | Derived by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Research Center from Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository administered by the Virginia Department of State Police. | |
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| Indicator | Arrests of Adults for Non-sexual Violent Offenses against a Family Member | |
| Indicator Definition | Total number of arrests recorded for adults, age 18 and up, for non-sexual violent offenses committed against a family member, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 adults. | |
| Definition of Family | Family and intimate relationships are boyfriend/girlfriend, child of boyfriend/girlfriend, same-sex relationship, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, ex-spouse, common-law spouse, in-law, other family member, stepparent, step-sibling and stepchild. | |
| Indicator Source | Derived by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Research Center from Virginia Uniform Crime Reports submitted by participating local agencies to the Virginia Incident-Based Crime Reporting Repository administered by the Virginia Department of State Police. | |
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| Indicator | Emergency Protective Orders Issued against Family or Household Members | |
| Indicator Definition | The number of emergency protective orders issued by magistrates against family or household members, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 adults. | |
| Definition of Family | Family or household members are defined by the Code of Virginia § 16.1-228 as "(i) the person's spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (ii) the person's former spouse, whether or not he or she resides in the same home with the person, (iii) the person's parents, stepparents, children, stepchildren, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, grandparents and grandchildren, regardless of whether such persons reside in the same home with the person, (iv) the person's mother-in-law, father-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law who reside in the same home with the person, (v) any individual who has a child in common with the person, whether or not the person and that individual have been married or have resided together at any time, or (vi) any individual who cohabits or who, within the previous 12 months, cohabited with the person, and any children of either of them then residing in the same home with the person." These relationships are included in this indicator. | |
| Indicator Source | Data come from the Virginia eMagistrate System, as provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia. | |
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| Indicator | Arrests for Violation of a Protective Order | |
| Indicator Definition | The number of arrests made for violation of an active protective order, by locality and calendar year, expressed as a rate per 1,000 adults. | |
| Indicator Source | Data come from the Central Criminal Records Exchange, as provided by the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the Virginia State Police. | |
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| Indicator | Programs Providing Shelter from Domestic Violence | |
| Indicator Definition | Data come from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Data Collection System (VAdata). | |

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| Indicator Source | Data come from the Central Criminal Records Exchange, as provided by the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the Virginia State Police. |
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| Indicator | Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter Bed-nights Provided to Individuals |
| Indicator Definition | The number of domestic violence shelter bed-nights provided to adults and children, by shelter, by state fiscal year. |
| Indicator Source | Data come from the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Data Collection System (VAdata). |
| Indicator History | From 2010-2012 the indicator used bed-nights reported to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Developments by shelters that received State Shelter Grant (SSG) funding. Nationwide shifts in funding toward Rapid Rehousing essentially eliminated the utility of DHCD data for the purpose of the FACT Report. Beginning in 2013, FACT staff chose to use VAdata as the data source for domestic violence programs. |
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| Indicator | Number of Homeless Adults Who Report Having Experienced Domestic Violence |
| Indicator Definition | The number of homeless adults who reported they were victims of domestic violence, by Continuum of Care and calendar year. |
| Indicator Source | No uniform definition of "domestic" is used when determining homeless adults reporting domestic violence. |
| Indicator History | Data come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Homelessness Resource Exchange and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). HUD data can be accessed at https://www.onecpd.info/resource-library/coc-homeless-populations-and-subpopulations-reports/. Provisional information for the most recent year are provided by DHCD. |



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