



2006 - 2012 Combined Report
Report on Domestic Violence Activity
in Mecklenburg County

Domestic Violence Data Warehouse

Mecklenburg County Community Support Services

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[Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department \(CMPD\)](#)¹: Data includes the number of reports filed with the highest offenses being those of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, negligent manslaughter, simple assaults, intimidation/communicating threats, kidnapping, forcible fondling, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object, harassing phone calls, stalking, and violation of restraining orders committed within the context of domestic relationship² from CMPD and Davidson Police Departments.

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[Huntersville Police Department](#): Data includes the number of reports filed with violent and non-violent crimes comparing those with domestic relationships and those without. Violent crimes included homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, non-aggravated assault, and forcible sex offenses. Non-violent crimes included harassing phone calls, stalking, communicating threats, kidnapping, and 50-B violations.

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[Mint Hill Police Department](#): Data includes the number of incident reports generated by calls for service. The list of offenses include homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, non-aggravated assault, forcible sex offenses, harassing phone calls, stalking, communicating threats, kidnapping, and 50-B violations. The total number of domestic violence-related reports and non domestic violence-related reports were also listed.

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Disclaimer: *These statistics are calls for service which generated an Incident Report. There are calls which may involve domestic violence that are reported as incident calls because the victim may not want to press charges or no legal action was taken at the time of the call.*

¹ Data was extracted from incident reports by CMPD or the Davidson Police Department in CMPD's online records management system. Data in this system is subject to change if individual reports are subsequently updated, corrected or reclassified to other offenses during investigation. Cases that have been marked "unfounded" after investigation are not included in this data. Relationships in the reports summarized here are not manually verified and may include data entry errors. Data in this chart therefore may not match "domestic" crime data extracted or published using other criteria of definitions of domestic violence or compiled at a later date.

² These crime categories were selected by the Domestic Violence Community Leadership Team as trend indicators for domestic violence. Please bear in mind that if multiple victims/offenders were involved, the incident is categorized by the highest incident in a reporting hierarchy established by the FBI's national crime reporting programs [Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)]. However, the domestic relationship may be related to one of the lesser offenses involved in the incident.

[Cornelius Police Department:](#) Data includes an estimate of the number of domestic violence-related calls for services for the department and the number of "Assault on a Female" charges filed. *Updated: January 2013.*

[Matthews Police Department:](#) Data available as of FY 09. *Updated: January 2013.*

[Pineville Police Department:](#) Data first became available for FY 12.

[Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office:](#) Provided data 2007. Data includes the number of 50-B Orders filed, number of 50-B's where weapons were ordered to be seized and the actual amount of weapons seized, and the number of hours spent by sheriffs serving orders. *Updated: January 2013.*

Disclaimer: *These are the numbers that are reflected in the MCSO Paper Process System. The actual service numbers are somewhat fluid since there are carry over papers from prior year and at any time the report is run, there are outstanding processes pending service or other disposition. Also "Unserviceable" papers are one that are issued where no address is provided for the defendant. The Defendant may very well be listed as Homeless or with an unknown address and there is no record of employment, prior arrests, etc. to follow up on.*

[North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts:](#) Data on number of restraining orders issued comes from the AOC.

Criminal Incident Reports
(Selected Crime Categories)
Where a Domestic Relationship Was Noted

*** Fiscal years listed in descending order starting with FY12 ***

FY2012

	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police³ FY 12	Huntersville Police FY 12	Mint Hill Police FY 12	Cornelius Police FY 12	Matthews Police FY 12	Pineville Police FY 12
Homicide	12	2	0	0	0	0
Rape	63	2	4	5	7	0
Robbery	65	0	0	0	1	0
Aggravated Assault	871	10	5	0	81	6
Non- Aggravated Assault	5190	142	9	15		39
Assault on a Female			60			58
Sex Offenses	148 ⁴	0	4	0	0	1
Harassing Phone Calls	704	5	1	9	9	12
Stalking	38	0	1	2	0	2
Communicating Threats	1232	17	16	2	24	21
Kidnapping	159	1	0	3	0	2
50-B Violations	382	9	5	6	0	5
Other Offenses		20	0		242	
Total DV- Related Reports Filed	8864	208	105	35	364	146

³ All of the data in this chart is report-based: the numbers reflect incident reports, not the number of victims or the number of offenses counted for UCR monthly and annual reporting.

⁴ Includes incidents defined as Forcible Fondling (188), Forcible Sodomy (13), and Sexual Assault with an Object (4)

Criminal Incident Reports
 (Selected Crime Categories)
Where a Domestic Relationship Was Noted

*** Fiscal years listed in descending order ***

FY2011

	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police FY 11	Huntersville Police FY 11	Mint Hill Police FY 11	Cornelius Police FY 11	Matthews Police FY 11
Homicide	5	0	0	0	0
Rape	75	0	4	3	3
Robbery	58	0	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault	866	7	13	7	9
Non- Aggravated Assault	5120	55	51	15	38
Assault on a Female		102	21	2	NA
Sex Offenses	169	0	6	0	0
Harassing Phone Calls	734	5	4	0	28
Stalking	47	0	1	0	9
Communicating Threats	1391	12	22	5	40
Kidnapping	168	0	0	0	0
50-B Violations	371	8	3	4	8
Other Offenses		23	0	10	149
Total DV- Related Reports Filed	9004	212	125	47	286

Criminal Incident Reports
 (Selected Crime Categories)
Where a Domestic Relationship Was Noted

*** Fiscal years listed in descending order ***

FY2010

	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police FY 10	Huntersville Police FY 10	Mint Hill Police FY 10	Cornelius Police FY 10	Matthews Police FY 10
Homicide	13	0	0	0	0
Rape	66	2	1	0	0
Robbery	54	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	821	6	10	3	20
Non- Aggravated Assault	4933	160	15	5	27
Assault on a Female			29	16	
Sex Offenses	169		2	0	
Harassing Phone Calls	670	0	4	3	20
Stalking	33		0	0	4
Communicating Threats	1372	21	14	2	31
Kidnapping	156	0	0	0	
50-B Violations	269	4	1	2	2
Other Offenses		18		3	101
Total DV- Related Reports Filed	8556	211	76	34	205

Criminal Incident Reports
 (Selected Crime Categories)
Where a Domestic Relationship Was Noted

*** Fiscal years listed in descending order ***

FY2009

	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police FY 09	Huntersville Police Dept. FY 09	Mint Hill Police FY 09	Cornelius Police Dept. FY 09	Matthews Police Dept. FY 09
Homicide	16	0	0	0	0
Rape	88	1	3	2	0
Robbery	60	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	836	13	6	12	7
Non- Aggravated Assault	4751	101	26	32	122
Assault on a Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sex Offenses	159	0	6	0	
Harassing Phone Calls	602	13	2	10	14
Stalking	28	N/A	0	0	0
Communicating Threats	1280	19	12	6	27
Kidnapping	135	0	0	0	0
50-B Violations	293	7	4	3	5
Total DV- Related Reports Filed	8,248	154	59	65	175

Criminal Incident Reports
 (Selected Crime Categories)
Where a Domestic Relationship Was Noted

*** Fiscal years listed in descending order ***

FY2008

*note Cornelius 2007

	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police FY 08	Huntersville Police FY 08	Mint Hill Police FY 08	Cornelius Police 2007
Homicide	13	0	0	N/A
Rape	69	0	2	N/A
Robbery	51	1	0	N/A
Aggravated Assault	883	5	16	N/A
Non- Aggravated Assault	4624	99	55	N/A
Assault on a Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	37
Sex Offenses	150	0	5	N/A
Harassing Phone Calls	464	7	1	N/A
Stalking	29	2	1	N/A
Communicating Threats	1203	21	8	N/A
Kidnapping	156	0	0	N/A
50-B Violations	292	8	0	N/A
Total DV- Related Reports Filed	7,934	174	88	37

N/A: Not Available

Criminal Incident Reports
 (Selected Crime Categories)
Where a Domestic Relationship Was Noted

*** Fiscal years listed in descending order ***

FY2006/07

*note Cornelius 2006

	Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police Police FY06/07	Huntersville Police	Mint Hill Police FY06/07	Cornelius Police 2006
Homicide	12	0	0	N/A
Rape	86	1	2	N/A
Robbery	62	0	0	N/A
Aggravated Assault	863	7	12	N/A
Non- Aggravated Assault	4,661	99	50	N/A
Assault on a Female	N/A	N/A	N/A	34
Sex Offenses	205	1	2	N/A
Harassing Phone Calls	47	7	1	N/A
Stalking		1	1	N/A
Communicating Threats	1,111	13	12	N/A
Kidnapping	134	0	0	N/A
50-B Violations	297	5	0	N/A
Total DV- Related Reports	7,907	176	80	34 ⁵

N/A: Not Available

⁵ At the time of publication, Cornelius Police Department gathered data regarding Assault on a Female which does not rule out undocumented incidents of other domestic violence-related crimes.

Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office⁶

	2007	2009	2010⁷	2011	2012
Total number of 50-B orders received	2,732	3,261	3,510	3302	3480
Total number of 50-B orders served ⁸	2,466	2,855	2,818	2940	2871
Number of Weapons Ordered to be Seized	80	22	7		
Number of Weapons Seized	191	75	101	136	59
Hours spent by Sheriff Deputies serving 50-B orders ⁹	5,530	6,085	6,377	6972	7601

**North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts
District 26, District Court Civil Analysis of Domestic Violence**

	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12
Restraining Order Cases Filed	2524	2643	2878	2843	3040	2909

⁶ Calendar year- not fiscal year- numbers

⁷ Calendar Year-to-date through November 2010

⁸ These are the numbers that are reflected in the MCSO Paper Process System. The actual service numbers are somewhat fluid since there are carry over papers from prior year and at any time the report is run, there are outstanding processes pending service or other disposition. Also "Unserviceable" papers are one that are issued where no address is provided for the defendant. The Defendant may very well be listed as Homeless or with an unknown address and there is no record of employment, prior arrests..etc. to follow up on.

⁹ Taken from the MCSO paper process system



Health and Human Services Focus

FY13 Year End Report on Domestic Violence Activity in Mecklenburg County

Data Overview:

The following data on domestic violence is from Mecklenburg County's Public Health Department, the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission, a division of Community Support Services, Safe Alliance and Mecklenburg County's Youth and Family Services, a division of Social Services. Data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (hereafter "YRBS") is presented and service provider results follow. The report period is for the academic school year and fiscal year respectively. Trend data is provided for comparison purposes.

Definitions and **Data Methodology** are in the **Notes** section, which is at the end of this report.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey¹

Mecklenburg County's Public Health Department conducts the YRBS survey every other academic school year. The YRBS is limited to students in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system, and middle and high school aged youth are asked to participate.

There are two questions on the YRBS survey that relate to domestic violence. Data is captured on students that self-report or respond positively to experiencing physical and/or sexual abuse from their intimate partner.

[YRBS Questions Relating to Domestic Violence](#)

Question #1: During the past 12 months, did your boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slap, and/or physically hurt you on purpose? [Yes; No]

Question #2: [During the past 12 months,] have you ever been forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to? [Yes; No]

Table 1 shows five years of data for the YRBS survey. The percentages represent “Yes” results or positive responses to the two survey questions, which relate to domestic violence.

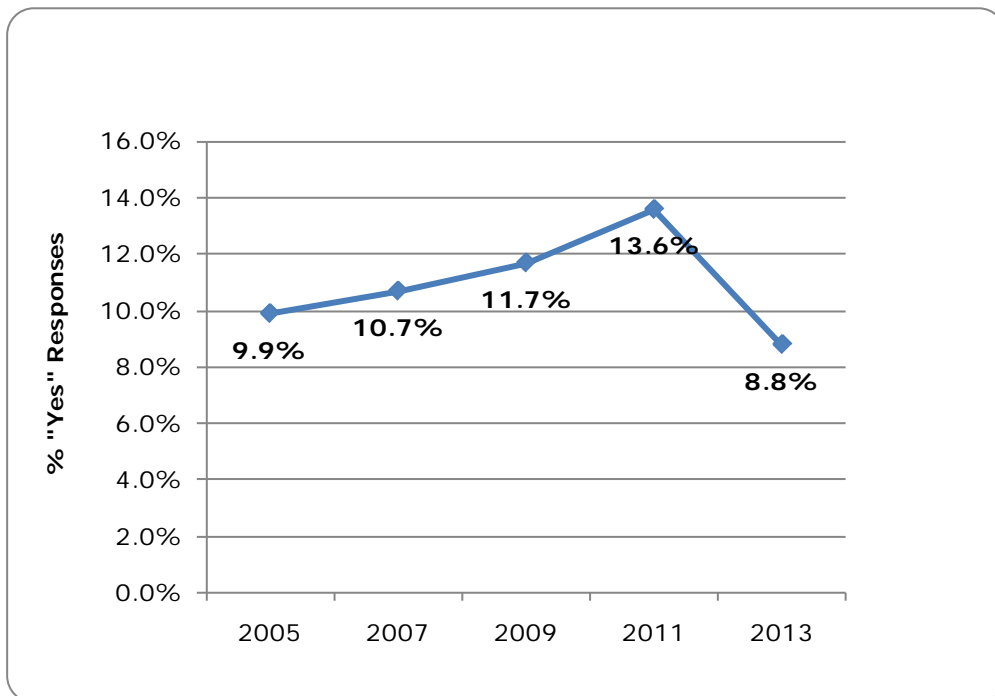
Table 1: YRBS: 5 Year Data Trend by Academic Year²

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
# of Students Participating	1,755	-	1,484	-	1,713	-	1,555	-	1,417
Que #1 "Yes" Responses	9.9%	-	10.7%	-	11.7%	-	13.6%	-	8.8%
Que #2 "Yes" Responses	8.7%	-	7.2%	-	7.2%	-	10.3%	-	8.4%

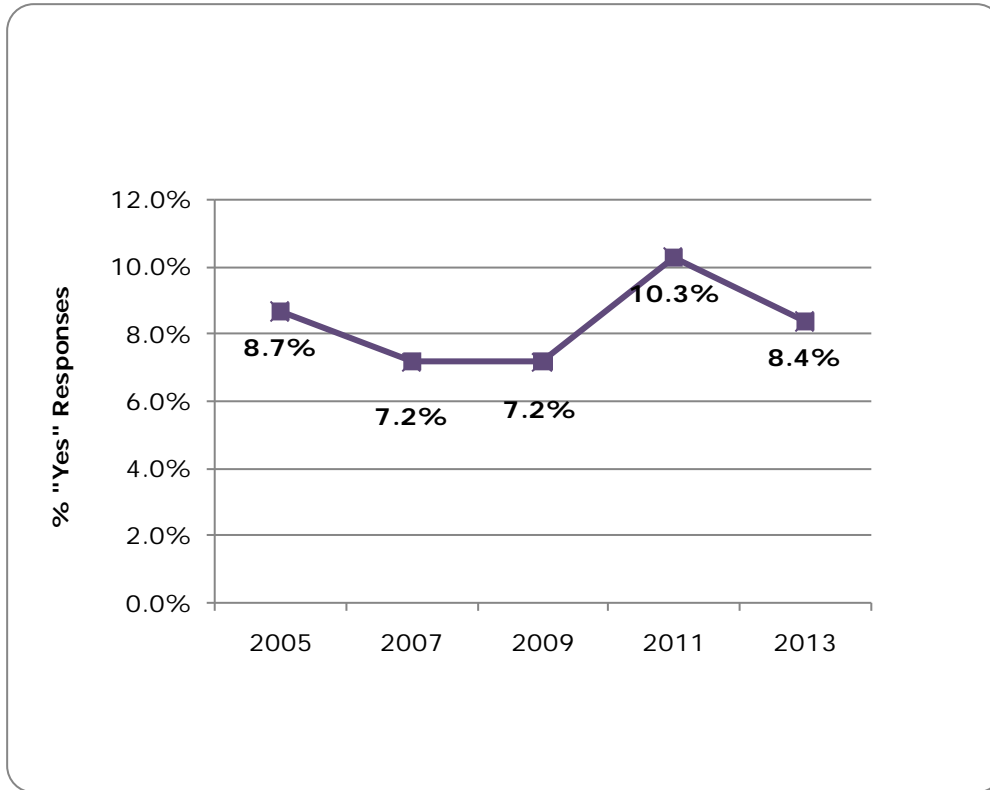
In 2013, 1,417 CMS school students responded to the YRBS survey. Approximately, 9 percent of students responded affirmatively to *Question #1*. The trend for the period is increasing and drops dramatically from 2011 to 2013. Approximately 8 percent of students answered “Yes” to forced sexual intercourse. Similarly, the trend for *Question #2* is increasing for the first four years of data reporting and decreases dramatically between 2011 and 2013. The sharp decrease in affirmative responses for both questions could be attributed to a change in question wording from 2011 to 2013.

Graph 1 and **Graph 2** highlight the trend for *Question #1* and *Question #2* respectively.

Graph 1: YRBS: Percent “Yes” Response to “Hit,” “Slap,” and/or “Hurt.”



Graph 2: YRBS: Percent of "Yes" Responses to Forced Sexual Intercourse



Human Service Providers

As a community, Mecklenburg County offers a variety of services through local government and non-profits to families affected by domestic violence. Domestic violence counseling services are offered through county government or Mecklenburg County's Women's Commission ("WOC"). Housing is offered to women and children affected by domestic violence through the local shelter which is operated by Safe Alliance, a local non-profit.

The Mecklenburg County's WOC is a division of the Community Support Services department. The WOC offers a variety of programs and services for adult victims, children, youth and perpetrators of domestic violence.

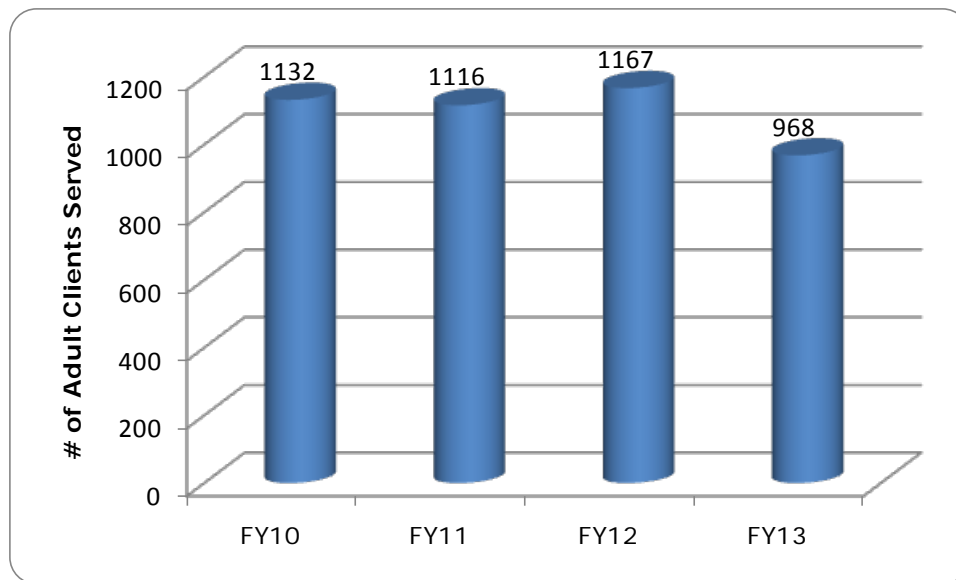
Table 2 shows output and outcome performance data for the current and previous fiscal years. The WOC provides case management and counseling services to children and adult victims of domestic violence. Conversely, it is important to educate the perpetrators of domestic violence. The NOVA program provides accountability groups to individuals court-ordered into the program for services. (See "**NOVA**" in the **Notes** section for details.)

Table 2: WOC Performance Data by Client³

	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Clients Served				
<i>Adult Victims</i>	1,132	1,116	1,167	968
<i>Children</i>	475	493	444	505
<i>Offenders</i>	699	782	928	713
Knowledge Improvement Rate				
<i>Adult Victims</i>	92.0%	90.0%	91.8%	94.6%
<i>Children</i>	96.0%	97.0%	94.6%	96.8%
Victims Received Safety Planning⁴	99.0%	99.0%	98.6%	99.5%
Offender Recidivism Rate⁵	7.2%	5.3%	13.2%	10.9%

In FY13, 968 adult victims and 505 children/youth received services from the WOC Adult and Child Victim services program(s). **Graph 3** highlights visually a decrease in the number of adult victims served from previous year.

Graph 3: Four-year Summary of WOC Adult Victims Served



The trend for children and youth is similar to the adult victim trend. **Table 2** shows the trend line is consistent and then increases slightly from FY12 to FY13. The child/youth trend is parallel to the adult trend line and “makes sense” because often times these are the children and youth of the adult victims being served by the WOC.

There are two outcome measures reported for victims served by the WOC: 1) Knowledge Improvement Rate and 2) Safety Planning. Both adults and child/youth victims report approximately 95 percent and 97 percent respectively for improved knowledge regarding domestic violence after receiving services from the WOC.

Table 2 shows a stable trend with an increase from FY12 to FY13 for both client groups served. In FY13, 99 percent of victims served report receiving safety planning from WOC staff. The result reported in **Table 2** is the average of the actual results for the Safety Planning measures for adult and child/youth victims served. Safety planning is stable for the reporting period.

In addition to victims served, the WOC manages a program for perpetrators of domestic violence. The NOVA program served 713 court-ordered offenders in FY13. The number of offenders served dropped slightly from F12 to FY13 as shown in **Table 2**.

The offender recidivism rate tracks the success level of those that complete the NOVA program. **Table 2** shows 10.9 percent of offenders that successfully completed the program were re-arrested for a charge related to domestic violence one year after exiting NOVA, which is a decrease from the previous year. The offender recidivism rate is a “reverse” measure, which means decreases in results are “good” and increases from year to year are “bad.” The trend line shows mixed results for offender recidivism over the five-year period. FY10 is the first year for reporting purposes as the calculation for recidivism changed from the prior year. (See **Notes** for details on “**NOVA**” and “**Recidivism.**”)

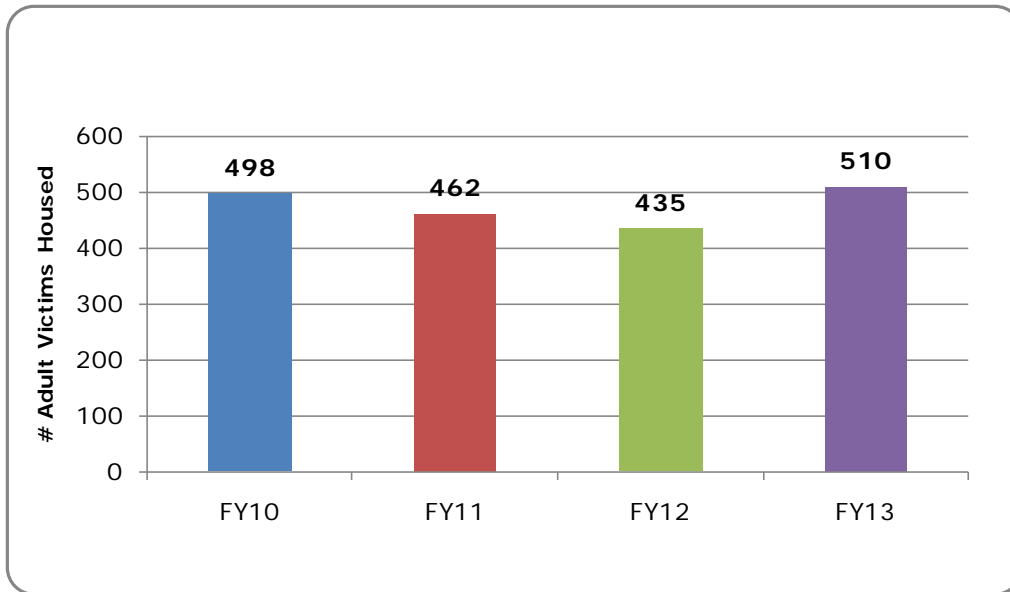
Safe Alliance manages the local shelter for women and children affected by domestic violence. **Table 3** provides output and outcome data on those served at the shelter for FY13 and includes previous year data for comparison purposes.

Table 3: Summary Data on Clients in the Domestic Violence Shelter

	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Clients Served at Shelter and Hotel Partnership				
<i>Adult Victims⁶</i>	498	462	435	510
<i>Children</i>	277	468	297	422
Knowledge Improvement Rate⁷	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Living Violence-Free after Shelter Stay	86.0%	89.0%	89.0%	92.0%
Client Accompanied to Court by Victim Services	4,263	4,678	5,014	4,950
Reported Increased Safety⁸	99.0%	96.0%	97.0%	96.0%

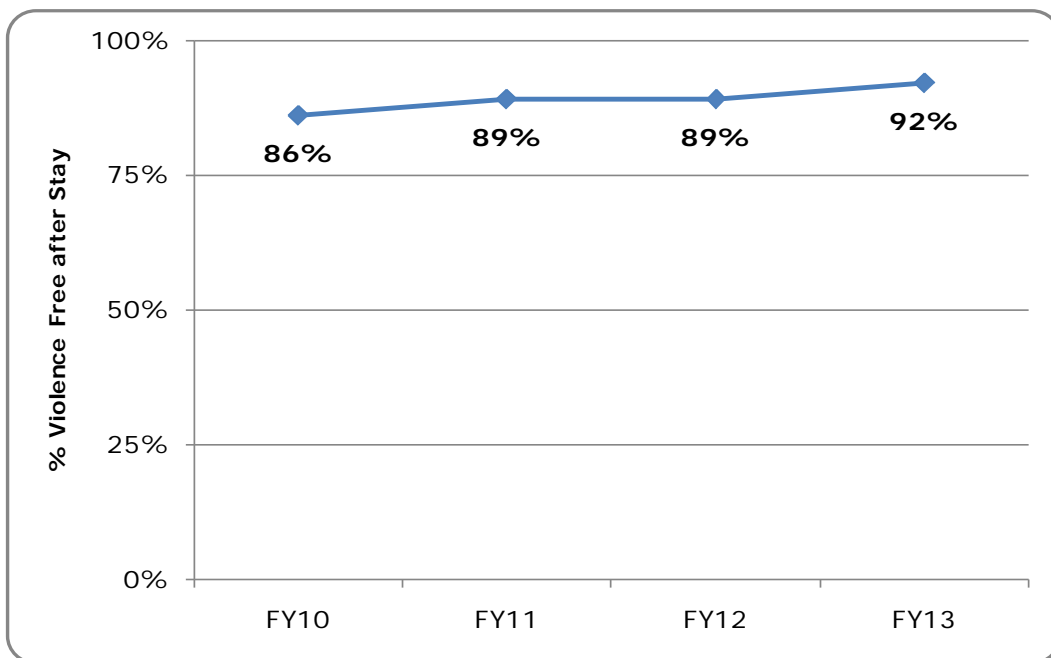
In FY13, 510 adults and 422 children were housed at the shelter, which is an increase in the number housed for both client groups from the previous year. It is important to note the new domestic violence shelter was opened in January 2013 or FY13. The facility went from a 29 to an 80 bed shelter. **Graph 4** provides a visual of this trend in adult victims housed for the reporting period.

Graph 4: Number of Adult Victims Housed at Domestic Violence Shelter



Safe Alliance provides data on the outcomes of those living safely after their stay at the domestic violence shelter. One indicator of success is those that self-report increased safety after staying at the shelter. In FY13, 96 percent of adult victims housed self-reported “increased safety” after exiting the shelter. Likewise, 92 percent of adults self-reported living violence free after leaving the shelter in FY13. The measure “Living Violence Free” shows a positive and upward trend for the four-year period.⁹ **Graph 5** shows 92 percent report living violence free in FY13, which is an increase over the previous year.

Graph 5: Four-year Summary of Shelter Clients Reporting Living Violence Free



Mecklenburg County's Youth and Family Services, a division of Social Services, collects data on the number of child protective service reports made for investigation where domestic violence was a factor.

Table 4 shows a percentage of total reports accepted for investigation where domestic violence occurred. In FY13, 22 percent of reports contained a domestic violence factor for investigation. The trend is consistent for the reporting period.

Table 4: Four-year Summary of Child Protective Reports w/ a Domestic Violence Factor

	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12</u>	<u>FY13</u>
% of Reports Accepted	23%	23%	23%	22%

Notes for Health and Human Services

“Domestic Violence” is when two people get into an intimate relationship and one person uses a pattern of coercion and control against the other person during the relationship and/or after the relationship has terminated. It often includes physical, sexual, emotional, or economic abuse. (Source: North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

The Domestic Violence **Knowledge Improvement Rate** is derived from a standardized tool administered from the WOC Adult and Child Victim Services programs. Adults and children receive a pre-test on their knowledge of domestic violence prior to receiving services. The same tool is administered to both groups upon program completion. The percentage results represent those with improved scores from pre to post testing. The overall score represents the average of the results for the two client groups.

“NOVA” or New Options for Violent Actions is a state certified Batterer Intervention Program designed to provide accountability groups on how to change abusive behaviors toward intimate partners.

For the purposes of the NOVA program, **“Recidivism”** is defined as individuals who complete the NOVA program and are re-arrested for an offense related to domestic violence one year after NOVA program exit date.

¹ The YRBS is a national survey conducted by the Center for Disease Control. Middle and high school students are surveyed. North Carolina participates on both the state and local levels. In Mecklenburg County, the survey is distributed to Charlotte-Mecklenburg middle and high school students every other academic year. There are two questions which relate to domestic violence on the survey. The questions reflect the percentage of CMS students that self-report experiences with physical and sexual abuse. Data is available for 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2013. The YRBS sample population is derived from the CMS system and is limited to students in Mecklenburg County. The results are used as an estimate of what the average middle and high school aged child are self-reporting with respect to exposure to domestic violence.

Table 1: YRBS: 5 Year Data Trend by Academic Year

² The YRBS is administered by the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department to middle and high school students in CMS.

Table 2: WOC Performance Data by Client

³ Data source is Bell Data system, an internal case management system. Data is for the Adult DV Victims, NOVA and children and youth WOC programs. FY10 is the first year for reporting purposes as changes in the Bell data system and in the methodology used for calculating the Offender Recidivism measure occurred in the prior year. “Apples to apples” comparisons can be made beginning in FY10 and moving forward.

⁴ “Victims Received Safety Planning” is the percent average (99.5) of the actual for the DV Safety Plan Children and the actual for DV Safety Plan Adult service level measures.

⁵ In FY10, the recidivism rate methodology changed to include a search of the entire state and lengthened the follow-up to 1 year minimum.

Table 3: Summary Data on Clients in the Domestic Violence Shelter

⁶ "Adult victims" includes residential and non-residential clients. In FY10 and FY11, only in-person contacts were included. FY10 is the first year for reporting purposes as changes in the Bell data system occurred in the prior year.

⁷ The Knowledge Improvement measure is assessed for shelter residents only. Data is available for FY09 only.

⁸ The Increased Safety Rate is assessed for Victim Assistance Clients only.

Graph 5: Four-year Summary of Shelter Clients Reporting Living Violence Free

⁹It is important to note these individuals are self-reporting two weeks post shelter exit and the total number is small.

Source: Mecklenburg County Health Department



Data is collected from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys (YRBS) conducted at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and includes the number of participants and the percentage of participants who responded positively to at least one of the two domestic violence-related questions.

Question #1: During past 12 months did your boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slap, or physically hurt you on purpose?

Question #2: Have you ever been forced to have sexual intercourse when you did not want to?

Disclaimer: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) survey is a national survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control among middle and high school students. North Carolina participates on both a state and local level (Mecklenburg County). On the survey distributed in CMS, there are two questions that refer to domestic violence. The first question reflects the percentage of students self reporting experiences with physical abuse and the second question reflects the percentage of students self-reporting sexual abuse. The YRBS survey was distributed to CMS middle and high school students in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011. The sample population is derived from the CMS system only for the YRBS survey in Mecklenburg County and those percentages are used as an estimate of what the average middle and high school aged children are self-reporting with respect to expose to Domestic Violence.

	Academic Year 2005	Academic Year 2007	Academic Year 2009	Academic Year 2011
Total Student participants	1755	1484	1713	1555
Question #1	9.9%	10.7%	11.7%	13.6%
Question #2	8.7%	7.2%	7.2%	10.3%

Source: **Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services**



[Youth and Family Services Division](#) Data includes the number of child protective services reports made where domestic violence was a factor for acceptance. Publication Update: 01/14/2013

	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
% of Reports Accepted for Investigation where Domestic Violence was a Factor	NA	13% ¹	23%	23%	23%	23%

¹ In FY 08 YFS upgraded its information system; the numbers should be viewed with caution as staff were just familiarizing themselves with data entry in the new system.