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2009 Update

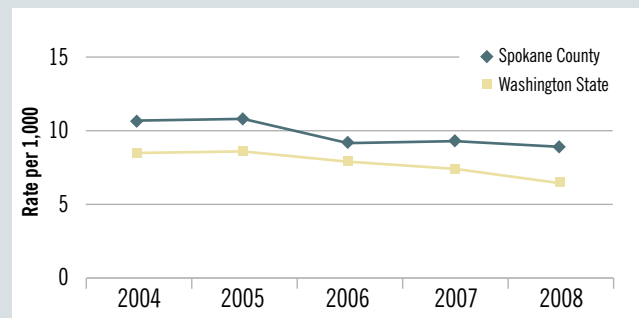
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Domestic Violence

Domestic violence in Spokane County is measured by the number of domestic violence offenses reported to law enforcement and is reported as a rate per 1,000 population. Domestic violence includes: physical assault or battery; sexual assault; or other abusive behavior that results in physical injury, psychological trauma, and/or death. The rate under-represents the real level of domestic violence in our community because not all incidents are reported to law enforcement.

In Spokane County, 9 out of every 1,000 residents reported a domestic violence incidence to law enforcement in 2008. There was a significant decrease in the rate from 2004 to 2008. Spokane County has a higher domestic violence rate than Washington State in 2008.

Domestic Violence Offenses



Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

The greatest proportion of domestic violence offenses in Spokane County in 2008 was simple assault (61.3%). This was followed by a violation of a protection order (25.3%). The most severe outcome of domestic violence is murder, of which there were 6 in the county during 2008.

Indicator: Domestic Violence

Rate per 1,000
(95% Confidence Interval)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
Total	Spokane County	10.6 (10.3, 10.9)	10.8 (10.5, 11.1)	9.1 (8.8, 9.4)	9.3 (9.0, 9.6)	8.9 (8.6, 9.2)
	Washington State	8.5 (8.4, 8.6)	8.6 (8.5, 8.7)	7.9 (7.8, 7.9)	7.4 (7.4, 7.5)	6.5 (6.4, 6.5)

NOTE: National data not available.
Source: Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Crime in Washington Annual Report