

# **Domestic Violence**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**INDICATOR:** Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance

**DEFINITION:** The rate per 1,000 adult population (ages 18 and over) of domestic violence calls to law enforcement agencies

**NUMERATOR:** Total domestic violence-related calls for assistance to law enforcement agencies, by place of residence, in a calendar year

**DENOMINATOR:** The total adult population (ages 18 and over), by place of residence, in a calendar year

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVE:**

None

**Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance in the Adult Population (age 18 and over)**

Year	California				Los Angeles County			
	Number of Calls	Rate	95% Confidence Interval		Number of Calls	Rate	95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower	Upper			Lower	Upper
2010	166,361	5.9	5.9	6.0	# of Calls for A	5.7	5.6	5.7
2011	158,548	5.6	5.6	5.6	43,458	5.3	5.3	5.4
2012	157,634	5.5	5.5	5.5	43,014	5.2	5.1	5.2
2013	151,325	5.2	5.2	5.3	42,052	4.8	4.8	4.9
2014	155,965	5.3	5.3	5.3	37,038	5.0	5.0	5.1
2015	162,302	5.4	5.4	5.5	39,145	5.3	5.3	5.4
2016	164,569	5.5	5.4	5.5	41,534	5.3	5.3	5.4
2017	169,362	5.6	5.6	5.6	42,148	5.4	5.3	5.4
2018	166,890	5.4	5.4	5.5	42,702	4.8	4.7	4.8
2019	161,123	5.2	5.2	5.2	38,190	4.5	4.5	4.6

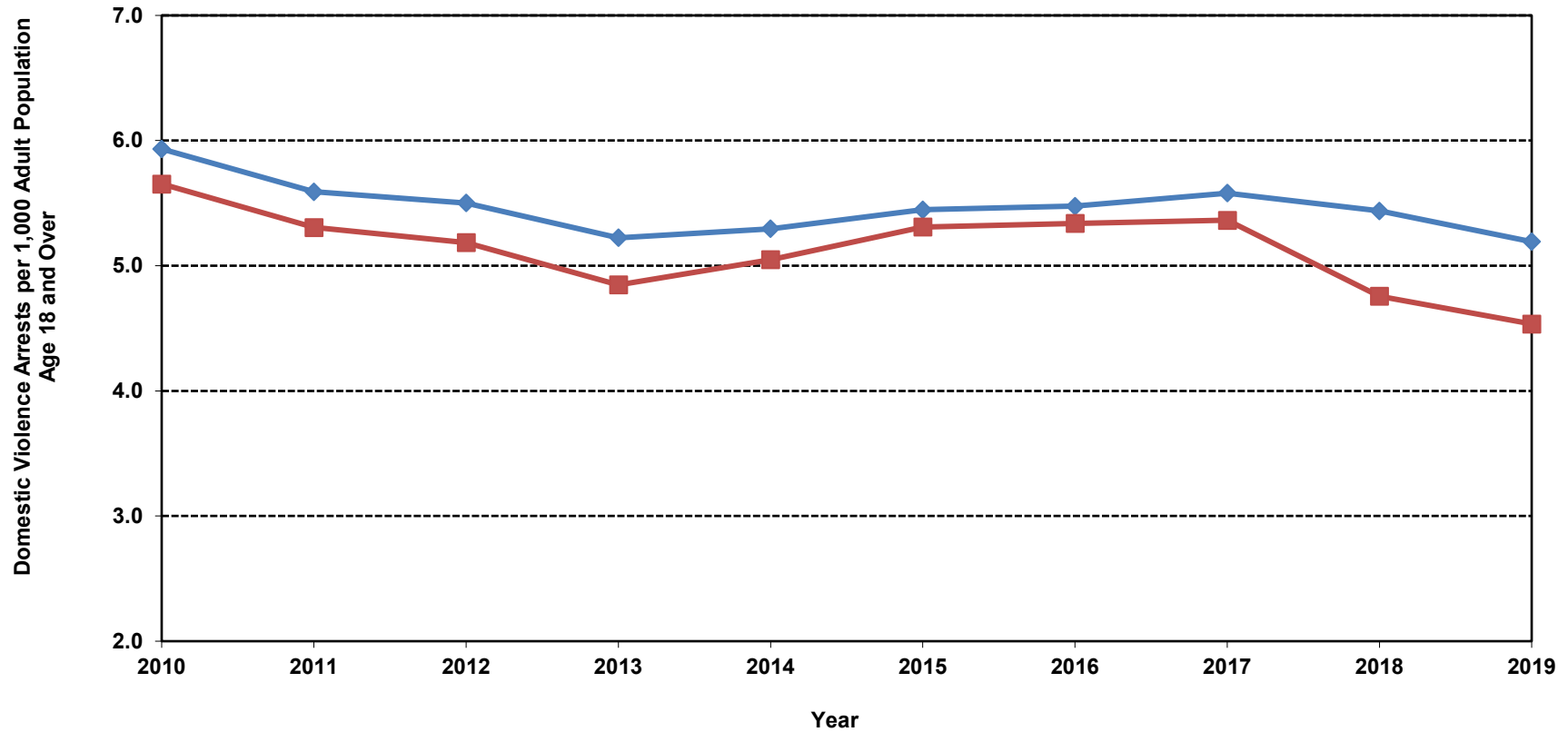
Denominator: Total Adult Population Age 18 and Over		
Year	California	LA County
2010	28,039,250	7,437,595
2011	28,355,882	7,503,243
2012	28,655,634	7,570,542
2013	28,967,836	7,640,268
2014	29,450,233	7,754,198
2015	29,794,483	7,822,023
2016	30,054,827	7,895,639
2017	30,352,403	7,961,526
2018	30,691,465	8,029,223
2019	31,033,454	8,094,363

Notes: Local police jurisdictions' mandated reporting on "domestic violence-related calls for assistance" is one data source commonly used to describe the frequency of domestic violence in California because it is population-based and easily accessible. However, this data illustrates only local law enforcement practices and responses to domestic violence calls and are not an adequate source for measuring neither the prevalence nor the incidence of domestic violence injuries. Data cannot be broken down by age; therefore, "Number of Calls" includes calls received from both adults and juveniles.

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**Domestic Violence Calls to Law Enforcement Agencies  
per 1,000 Adult Population Age 18 and Over  
California vs. Los Angeles County, 2010-2019**

—◆— California    —■— Los Angeles County



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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**INDICATOR:** Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance: Proportion of Cases with Weapons

**DEFINITION:** The number and proportion of domestic violence-related calls to law enforcement agencies that involved weapons

**NUMERATOR:** Number of domestic violence-related calls with weapons

**DENOMINATOR:** Total number of domestic violence calls to law enforcement agencies

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVE:** None

**Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance: Proportion of Cases with Weapons**

Los Angeles County							
Year	Domestic violence-related calls for assistance			Number by Type of Weapon			
	Number of Calls	Proportion (%)	Number That Involved Weapons	Firearm	Knife or Other Cutting Instrument	Other Dangerous Weapon	Hands, Fist, Feet, etc.
2010	43,458	62.5%	27,152	398	1,160	3,108	22,486
2011	43,014	61.7%	26,541	345	1,086	2,995	22,115
2012	42,052	62.3%	26,197	347	888	2,968	21,994
2013	37,038	66.8%	24,732	297	1,021	2,723	20,691
2014	39,145	62.0%	24,277	276	931	2,817	20,253
2015	41,534	66.1%	27,456	323	1,022	3,243	22,868
2016	42,148	66.3%	27,955	391	1,139	3,439	22,986
2017	42,702	66.0%	28,167	369	1,081	3,579	23,138
2018	38,190	77.1%	29,428	381	1,060	3,461	24,526
2019	36,707	78.2%	28,715	379	1,049	3,202	24,085

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

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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**INDICATOR:** Domestic Violence: Arrest Rate for Spousal Abuse

**DEFINITION:** The rate per 1,000 adult population (ages 18 and over) of arrest for domestic violence incidence

**NUMERATOR:** The total number of adults arrested for spousal abuse (violation of Penal Code Section 273.5, male and female perpetrators), by place of residence, in a calendar year

**DENOMINATOR:** The total adult population (ages 18 and over), by place of residence, in a calendar year

**HEALTHY PEOPLE 2020 OBJECTIVE:** None

**Domestic Violence: Arrests for Spousal Abuse**

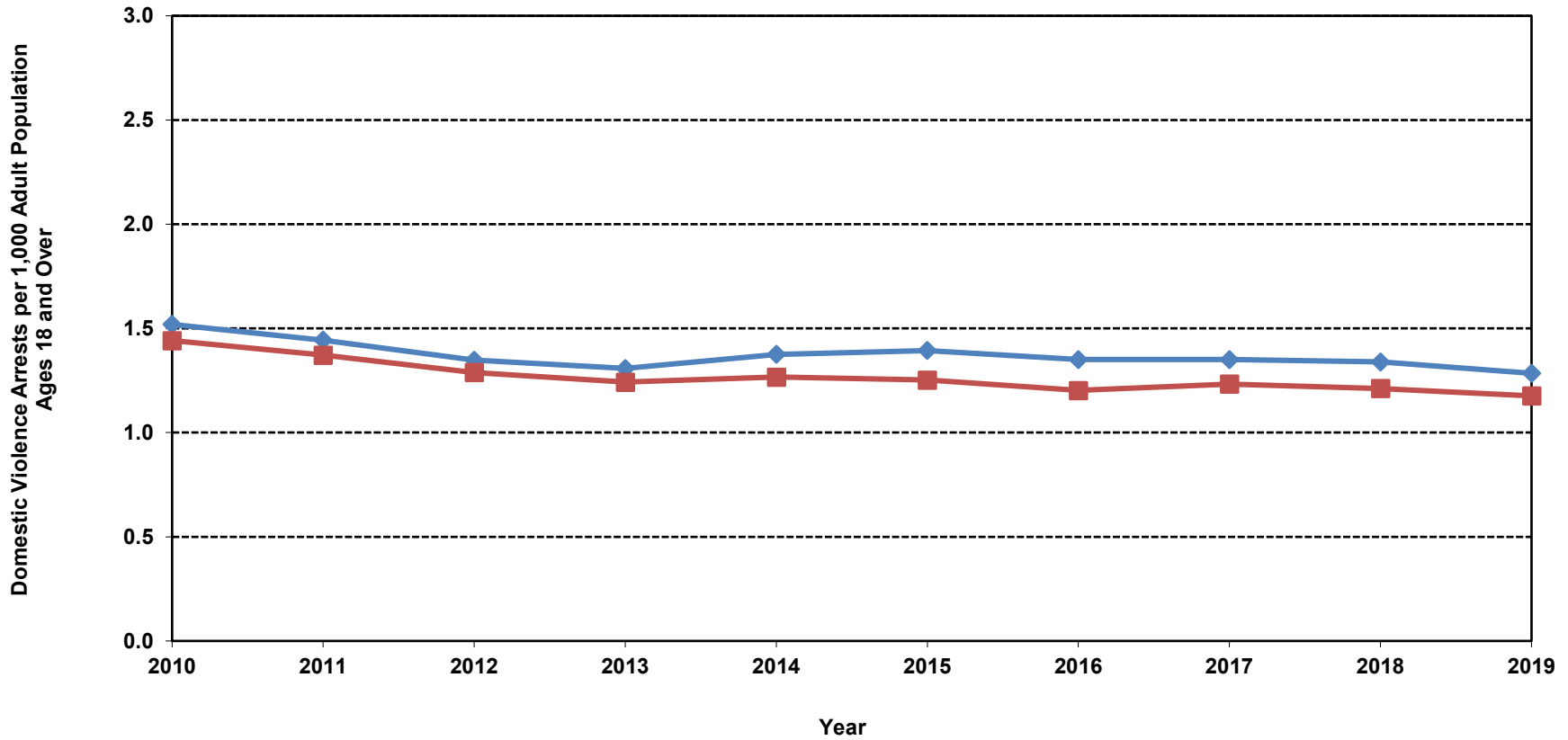
Year	California						Los Angeles County						Denominator: Total Adult Population Age 18 and Over	
	Total	Male	Female	Rate	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	Total	Male	Female	Rate	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	California	LA County
2010	42,588	33,411	9,177	1.5	1.5	1.5	10,722	8,577	2,145	1.4	1.4	1.5	28,039,250	7,437,595
2011	40,926	31,244	9,682	1.4	1.4	1.5	10,291	8,050	2,241	1.3	1.3	1.4	28,355,882	7,503,243
2012	38,609	29,343	9,266	1.3	1.3	1.4	9,752	7,594	2,158	1.2	1.3	1.3	28,655,634	7,570,542
2013	37,877	28,895	8,982	1.3	1.3	1.3	9,489	7,298	2,191	1.3	1.2	1.3	28,967,836	7,640,268
2014	40,498	30,345	10,153	1.4	1.4	1.4	9,821	7,446	2,375	1.3	1.2	1.3	29,450,233	7,754,198
2015	41,529	30,862	10,667	1.4	1.4	1.4	9,793	7,371	2,422	1.2	1.2	1.3	29,794,483	7,822,023
2016	40,590	29,913	10,677	1.4	1.3	1.4	9,492	7,110	2,382	1.2	1.2	1.2	30,054,827	7,895,639
2017	40,992	29,932	11,060	1.4	1.3	1.4	9,813	7,197	2,616	1.2	1.2	1.3	30,352,403	7,961,526
2018	41,101	29,778	11,323	1.3	1.3	1.4	9,729	7,014	2,715	1.2	1.2	1.2	30,691,465	8,029,223
2019	39,861	28,696	11,165	1.3	1.3	1.3	9,519	6,855	2,664	1.2	1.2	1.2	31,033,454	8,094,363

Notes: If an individual is arrested for multiple offenses the system records only the most serious offense based on severity of possible punishment. Data relative to arrests compiled by the California Department of Justice represent only felony arrests for California Penal Codes 273.5(A), 273.5(F)(1), and 273.5(F)(2). Misdemeanor arrests for the same codes cannot be extracted as they are grouped (for data collection purposes) with a number of offenses that include cruelty and/or injury to

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**Rate of Domestic Violence Arrests  
per 1,000 Adult Population Age 18 and Over  
California vs. Los Angeles County, 2010-2019**

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