Family Violence in Auglaize County

These data describe common types of violence perpetrated by family members or caregivers in our county each year. We present the best available, most recent estimates. Nonetheless, our figures are conservative and represent only part of the burden family violence places on our families and communities. All figures are estimates or annual averages.

Each year in our county…

160 - 230 children are abused or neglected

350 – 460 adults are physically abused by a current or former intimate partner

380 – 490 seniors in the community are abused, neglected or financially exploited

376 reports of abuse or neglect are filed with children's services

50 people are arrested for intimate partner violence

40 – 80 seniors in LTC facilities are abused, neglected or financially exploited

23 children are placed in custody

47 people file petitions for civil protection orders

7 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation are filed for seniors in the community

27 adults seek shelter in domestic violence shelters in the county

10 reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation are filed for seniors in LTC facilities
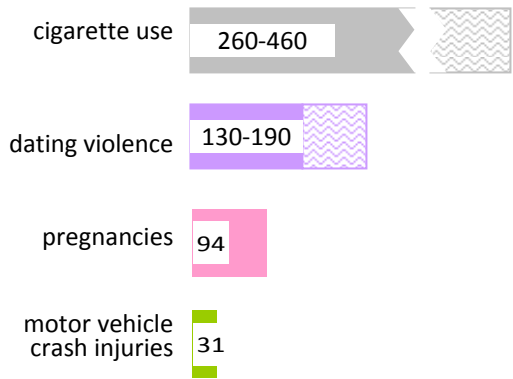

- It is difficult to measure the true prevalence of family violence; many victims never come to the attention of authorities.

- Reports to local children's service agencies typically exceed the estimated number of abused or neglected children. This is likely due to multiple reports filed for a single child. Also, many children are placed in custody for reasons other than abuse or neglect (e.g., delinquency).

- Elder abuse/neglect figures exclude self-neglect and victims <60 years old. (LTC = long term care)

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In Auglaize County, how does family violence compare to other threats among …?

teenage girls *(age 15-19, est. # /year)*

cigarette use	260-460
dating violence	130-190
pregnancies	94
motor vehicle crash injuries	31

adult women *(age 18+, est. # / year)*

physical intimate partner violence	230-310
motor vehicle crash injuries	136
mothers without 1st trimester prenatal care	134
new cancer cases	131

seniors *(age 60+, est. # / year)*

injuries from falls	280-550
elder abuse/neglect	380-490
new cancer cases	172
motor vehicle crash injuries	46
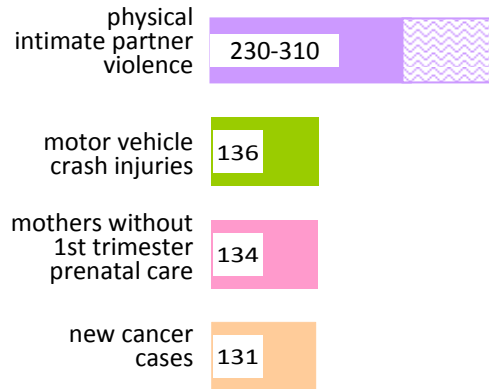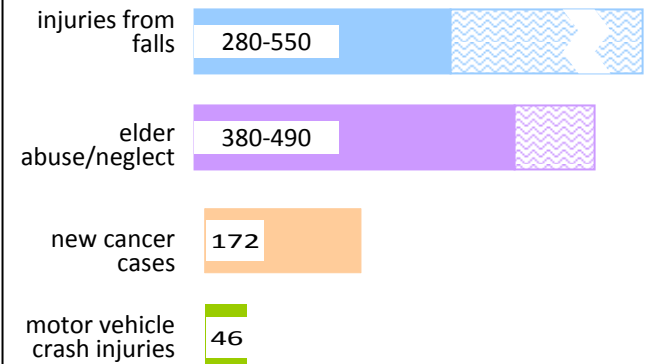
- For example: each year in our county between 230 and 310 adult women experience physical intimate partner violence; in comparison, 136 adult women are injured in motor vehicle crashes.
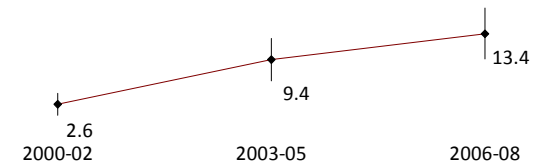
How do we compare to other counties?

	Auglaize County	Mean of 28 non-Appalachian rural counties	State mean
Civil protection order petitions (per 10,000 adults)	13.4	18.4	21.6
Reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation in LTC facilities (per 100 resident beds)	1.3	1.7	2.3

- Auglaize County has **a lower rate** of petitions for civil protection orders (CPO's) compared to similar counties in Ohio.
- Auglaize County has **about the same rate** of reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation in LTC facilities compared to similar counties in Ohio.
- Differences in data collection limit our ability to compare other indicators of family violence across counties.

Is family violence increasing?

It is hard to say. Some data sources suggest family violence is increasing; others suggest it is stable or decreasing. Within a county, changes over time are largely due to changes in victims' ability to access services. This graph, for example, suggests a significant increase in petitions for CPO's in our county. This trend could reflect a growing awareness or ability of victims to request CPO's. For a discussion of when differences are noteworthy, please see the introduction.

Mean annual rate of petitions for civil protection orders, per 10,000 adults, Auglaize County, 2000-2008

2000-02	2003-05	2006-08
2.6	9.4	13.4

To talk with someone about family violence, contact:

Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4-A-CHILD
Ohio Domestic Violence Network 1-800-934-9840
Ohio Area Agencies on Aging: 1-866-243-5678