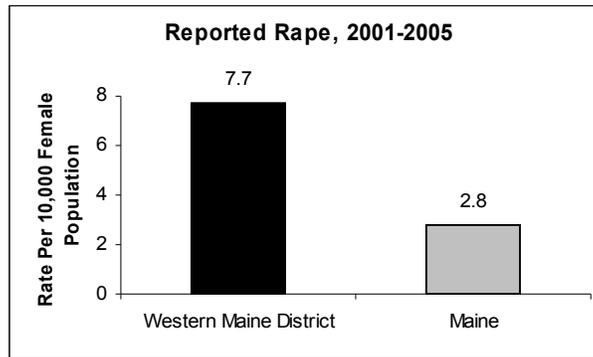


WESTERN MAINE DISTRICT: Injury and Violence

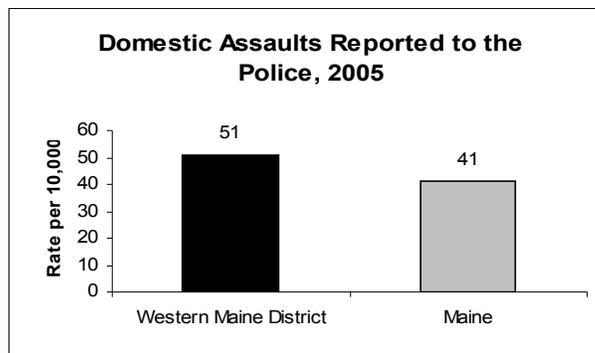
Interpersonal Violence

Physical and sexual assault pose a serious threat to the public’s health and safety, affecting not only individuals but families, employers and neighborhoods. While men experience more physical assaults overall, women are disproportionately victims and survivors of sexual assault and interpersonal violence. This can have long-term implications on health and well-being. Those who have been raped or experience domestic violence may have increased risk for further injury, chronic illness, and poor mental health, and often have trouble in accessing and experiencing medical care. Addressing violence across the lifespan is critical to improve health in Maine.

DHHS’s Office of Child and Family Services at www.maine.gov/dhhs/bcfs/ and the Safe Families Partnership Initiative coordinated by the Division of Family Health at the Maine CDC at www.maine.gov/dhhs/bcfs/ are two key programs that are part of the State’s efforts to apply a public health approach to prevent interpersonal violence.



Source: Department of Public Safety: County Crime Analysis 2001-2005



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	Western District Number	Western District Rate (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Rate (± Margin of Error)
Reported Rapes ¹	75.6 (avg. per year)	7.7 (±0.8) (per 10,000 female population)	2.8 (±0.1) (per 10,000 female population)
Domestic Assaults Reported to the Police ²	986	50.7 (±3.2) (per 10,000)	41.3 (±1.1) (per 10,000)

1. Source: Department of Public Safety: County Crime Analysis 2001-2005

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