

# Family Violence in

# Summit County: Annual Update

These data describe some of the violence perpetrated by family members or caregivers in our county from 2007 to 2009 (the most recent available data). These figures cover only part of the prevalence of family violence, because many cases never come to the attention of authorities.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>% change, 2007-08</u>	<u>% change, 2008-09</u>
<b>Petitions for domestic-violence-related civil protection orders</b>	813	841	842	+3.4%	+0.1%
<b>Adults sheltered in domestic violence shelters</b>	252	319	194	+26.6%	-39.2%
<b>Children sheltered in domestic violence shelters</b>	184	264	209	+43.5%	-20.8%
<b>Domestic disturbance calls reported by Akron Police Dept.</b>	1,156	1,224	974	+5.9%	-20.4%
<b>Reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation filed for seniors in long term care facilities</b>	145	143	151	-1.4%	+5.6%

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- The number of domestic violence victims seeking residential shelter has fluctuated from year to year since 2007; other agency reports have been relatively stable.
  - For a detailed description of the sources and methods used to calculate these figures, please visit: [www.hpio.net/familyviolence](http://www.hpio.net/familyviolence)

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# *Last year, how did we compare to other counties?*

	Summit County	Mean of 5 major metro counties	State mean
<b>Petitions for domestic-violence-related civil protection order (per 10,000 adults)</b>	20.3	28.8	26.3
<b>Reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation in long term care facilities (per 100 resident beds)</b>	2.3	2.7	2.3

- Summit County had a **lower rate** of petitions for civil protection orders compared to similar counties in Ohio.
- Summit County had **about the same rate** of reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation in LTC facilities compared to similar counties in Ohio.
- Differences over time or across counties may be due to differences in the underlying scope of family violence, differences in agencies' capacity and/or differences in agencies' reporting procedures. For more information on how to interpret these findings, please visit [www.hpio.net/familyviolence](http://www.hpio.net/familyviolence)



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