

## IPV Incidents, Seriousness of Injuries, and Criminal Court Filings

When all data sources are analyzed together, a pattern does begin to emerge. Table 7 explores the relationship between NIBRS data and Criminal Court Data.

**Table 7. IPV Incidents, Seriousness of Injuries, and Criminal Court Filings**

BURLINGTON	385	RUTLAND	71	RUTLAND	101
RUTLAND	317	BRATTLEBORO	24	BURLINGTON	76
BENNINGTON	281	SP: WESTMINSTER	23	BENNINGTON	69
ST. ALBANS	271	SP: MIDDLESEX	19	ST. ALBANS CITY	57
BRATTLEBORO	245	SP: ST. ALBANS	18	BRATTLEBORO	54
SP: ST. JOHNSBURY	228	SP: RUTLAND	17	VSP DERBY	54
BARRE CITY	210	BURLINGTON	16	VSP ST. ALBANS	43
SP: WESTMINSTER	171	SP: ROYALTON	16	VSP: SHAFTSBURY	42
SOUTH BURLINGTON	167	ST. ALBANS	11	HARTFORD	35
SPRINGFIELD	144	BARRE CITY	10	VSP MIDDLESEX	35

In Table 7 above, the left column is the number of total IPV incidents recorded in NIBRS, the middle column is the number of serious injuries recorded in NIBRS, and the right column is the number of aggravated domestic charges in the court data filed by the law enforcement agency. Rutland Police Department is clearly the standout, and as discussed, *supra*, this may be due to the focus this agency placed on domestic violence just prior to the study period.<sup>1</sup> State police jurisdictions reported higher numbers of serious injuries than some larger population cities. This lends credence to the idea that rural domestic violence is more injurious. Four VSP jurisdictions (but only 2 of those that are in the middle column) are in the top 10 reporting agencies for aggravated domestic filings.

The hospital discharge data further support that rural domestic violence is different. Northeastern Regional Hospital, serving a large rural area and the small city of St. Johnsbury, had the highest number of serious injuries. The State Police barracks covering St. Johnsbury had a high number of IPV cases, although the injuries are not reported as serious in NIBRS. Three other hospitals serving a small city and large rural areas had more serious injury cases than non-serious injury cases.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This department also has Project Vision, which is a coordination of police and community responders. During the study period an advocate from the local battered women's organization had an office in the police station and participated in meetings with Project Vision.

<sup>2</sup> The numbers are very small, and they are not listed to avoid identifying victims.