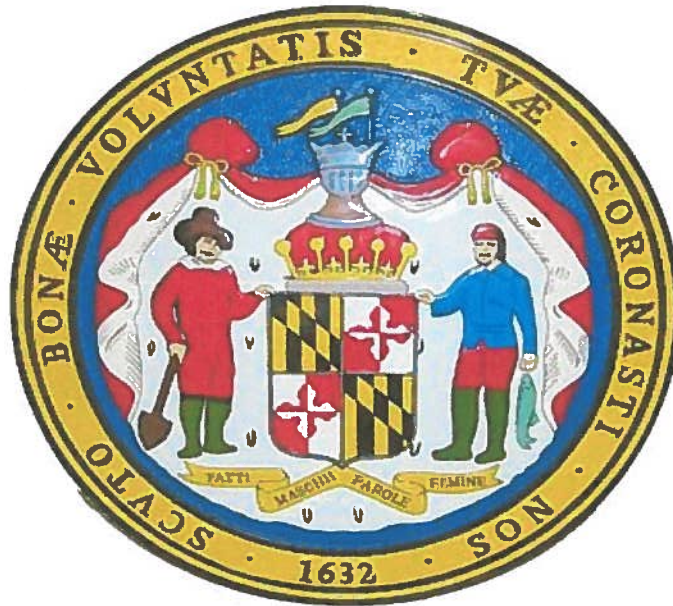


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The Honorable Larry Hogan
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Dear Governor Hogan:

In accordance with Public Safety Article, Section 2, Subsection 307 and 308, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Maryland Department of State Police is pleased to submit the 2015 Uniform Crime Report, Crime in Maryland. This publication represents the 41st annual Crime in Maryland report.

The 2015 Crime in Maryland publication provides valuable information to law enforcement personnel, policy makers and interested parties to include those in academic, civic and research organizations. The statistics presented in this release are an indication of crime and criminal activities known to and reported by law enforcement agencies for 2015. The information presented focuses on the incidence of crime and provides an indicator over time of variations in crime trends.

Maryland law enforcement agencies contribute crime data to the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Statistics pertaining to crime trends could not have been compiled without the dedication and cooperation of all police agencies, sheriff's offices and specialized law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Maryland. Contributions by Maryland law enforcement agencies to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program enable the Maryland Department of State Police to develop and present a comprehensive picture of crime in Maryland.

Sincerely,

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DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES

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BACKGROUND

The Domestic Violence Act of 1994 mandated that all law enforcement agencies in Maryland submit copies of incident reports involving domestic violence to the Maryland State Police. The Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program created a revised Domestic Violence (formerly known as Battered Spouse) data collection form. The new form allowed for the collection of more data based upon a revised definition of a domestic violence incident under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program guidelines.

In 2012, HB1146/SB647 “Domestically Related Crimes” was signed into law to help improve the recording and tracking of domestic violence crimes. Maryland does not have a distinct crime of domestic violence, therefore, the new law helps law enforcement, advocates, prosecutors and judges better protect domestic violence victims and set more appropriate conditions for abusers.

To better align with Maryland Law, the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program expanded the definition of domestic violence to include ten additional relationships in calendar year 2013. Prior to 2013, the only reported relationships between domestic violence victims and offenders were husband, wife and cohabitant. This expansion of the additional relationships explains the increase in the total number of domestically related crimes reported. The title of the reporting program was also changed to the Maryland Domestically Related Crime Reporting Program.

Under the Maryland Uniform Crime Reporting Program the definition for a domestically related crime mirrors HB1146/SB647: “any crime committed by a suspect (respondent) against a victim who is a person eligible for relief, as defined in §4-501 of the Family Law Article or who had a sexual relationship with the suspect within 12 months before the commission of the crime. This also includes homosexual relationships.”

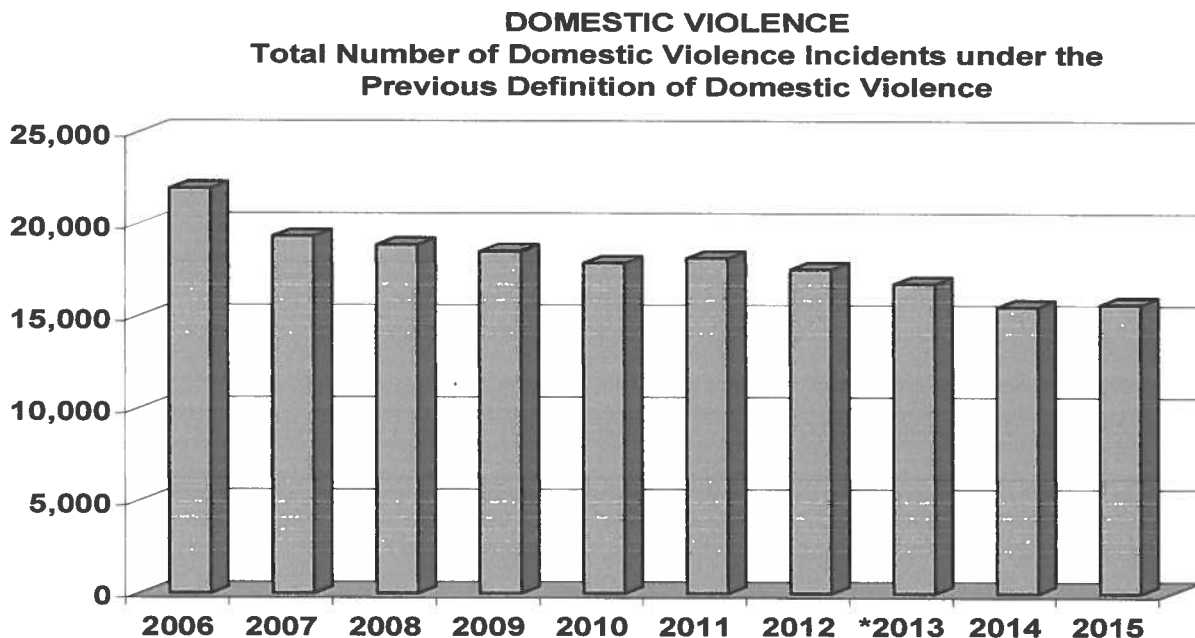
A “person eligible for relief”, as defined in §4-501 of the Family Law Article includes:

- The current or former spouse of the respondent;
- A cohabitant of the respondent;
- A person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;
- A parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;
- A vulnerable adult;
- An individual who has a child in common with the respondent.

Prior to 1996, the statistical information collected was restricted to assaults to a domestic partner and excluded individuals of the same sex who were in an intimate relationship and who are cohabiting or have cohabited. The additional information now collected provides a more comprehensive report.

DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES

Based on the previous definition of domestic violence, there were a total of 15,301 domestic violence crimes reported statewide in 2015, as compared to 15,055 crimes in 2014. This represents a two percent increase in the number of domestic violence crimes. Due to the improved recording and tracking made possible by the 2012 legislation, an additional 15,233 domestically related crimes were reported in 2015, representing the inclusion of more types of domestic relationships. The breakdown is as follows:



RELATIONSHIPS

Domestic violence reporting includes the nature of the victim's relationship with his or her abuser. The breakdown is as follows:

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
SPOUSE:					
Husband	1,974	1,889	1,866	1,754	1,766
Wife	4,843	4,883	4,761	4,148	4,223
COHABITANT:					
Heterosexual Male	2,727	2,537	2,460	2,257	2,310
Heterosexual Female	8,261	7,868	7,342	6,514	6,607
Homosexual	404	438	388	382	395
SUBTOTAL	18,209	17,615	*16,817	15,055	15,301

*Note: In 2013, domestic violence data reporting was expanded to include additional relationships and reflect changes in Maryland law. This change explains the increase in the total number of Domestically Related Crimes reported (see page 52).

RELATIONSHIPS REPORTED AS OF 2013	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sibling (brother or sister)	N/A	N/A	1,636	1,691	1,791
Niece, Nephew, Aunt, Uncle Cousin, In-law	N/A	N/A	562	660	866
Grandchild or Grandparent	N/A	N/A	232	280	328
Child (son or daughter) or Stepchild	N/A	N/A	2,149	2,274	2,601
Parent or Stepparent	N/A	N/A	2,533	2,729	3,143
Vulnerable Adult	N/A	N/A	47	73	56
Individual with a child in common	N/A	N/A	1,378	1,638	1,922
Heterosexual Male Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	630	649	978
Heterosexual Female Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	1,651	2,014	3,252
Homosexual Intimate Partner	N/A	N/A	150	179	296
GRAND TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

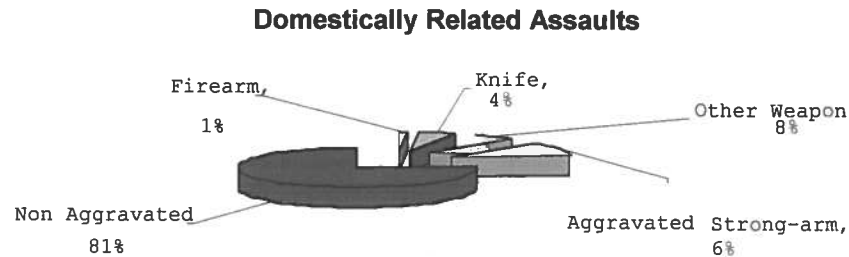
CRIME	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Homicide	23	22	54	67	68
Rape	36	39	98	160	349
Robbery	190	146	280	269	353
Assaults	16,846	16,269	25,188	24,485	25,996
Burglary	65	88	122	136	248
Larceny-Theft	113	91	236	286	752
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	28	20	40	138
Arson	7	4	14	5	9
Forgery	3	1	13	19	35
Fraud	1	7	12	22	79
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	2
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	2
Malicious Destruction Of Property	149	155	377	329	604
Illegal Weapons	0	0	1	0	1
Sex Offenses	7	3	138	122	149
Drug Abuse Violation	1	1	0	0	1
Offenses Against Family & Children	526	484	906	1,003	1,278
Disorderly Conduct	2	4	1	2	9
All Other Offenses	221	273	325	297	461
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	**30,534

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**In 2015 the National Uniform Crime Reporting Program changed the definition of Rape resulting in an increase in the total number of Rapes.

ASSAULTS

Assault is the most frequent type of domestically related crime reported. Under the new Domestically Related Crime definition, there were a total of 25,996 domestic assaults in 2015. This represents 85 percent of all domestically related crimes. There were 4,927 domestic assaults reported as an “aggravated domestically related assault,” which means an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. Aggravated assaults represented 19 percent of the total reported domestically related assaults in 2015.



	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Aggravated					
Firearm	141	167	229	214	293
Knife	731	715	1,075	1,069	1,123
Other Weapons	1,078	1,036	1,889	1,939	2,042
No Weapons	1,067	963	1,567	1,561	1,469
Non Aggravated					
Simple	13,821	13,384	20,422	19,697	21,054
Stalking	8	4	6	5	15
TOTAL	16,846	16,269	*25,188	24,485	25,996

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
January	1,261	1,407	2,091	2,074	2,066
February	1,294	1,287	1,948	1,919	1,972
March	1,456	1,465	2,259	2,150	2,239
April	1,515	1,533	2,317	2,323	2,325
May	1,753	1,433	2,456	2,549	2,805
June	1,662	1,582	2,404	2,354	2,893
July	1,683	1,694	2,486	2,353	2,702
August	1,589	1,518	2,428	2,344	2,715
September	1,522	1,519	2,445	2,298	2,771
October	1,576	1,416	2,299	2,364	2,614
November	1,482	1,303	2,252	2,283	2,589
December	1,416	1,458	2,400	2,231	2,843
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DAY OF WEEK

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Sunday	3,291	3,360	4,807	4,833	5,451
Monday	2,453	2,346	3,877	3,747	4,154
Tuesday	2,180	2,191	3,660	3,477	4,027
Wednesday	2,317	2,236	3,623	3,586	3,887
Thursday	2,263	2,167	3,539	3,477	4,048
Friday	2,490	2,319	3,690	3,631	4,132
Saturday	3,215	2,996	4,589	4,491	4,835
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

HOUR OF DAY

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
12:00 A.M.	1,114	1,089	1,451	1,377	1,420
1:00 A.M.	932	1,020	1,182	1,125	1,296
2:00 A.M.	823	790	1,018	926	1,016
3:00 A.M.	647	603	786	758	733
4:00 A.M.	409	354	501	513	598
5:00 A.M.	314	245	400	353	393
6:00 A.M.	316	287	427	382	491
7:00 A.M.	398	373	584	572	595
8:00 A.M.	531	447	756	776	923
9:00 A.M.	504	521	903	842	1,058
10:00 A.M.	605	570	1,031	961	1,167
11:00 A.M.	670	627	1,091	1,009	1,193
12:00 Noon	693	645	1,124	1,172	1,421
1:00 P.M.	607	603	1,155	1,032	1,265
2:00 P.M.	548	586	1,146	1,098	1,251
3:00 P.M.	660	704	1,244	1,273	1,440
4:00 P.M.	766	763	1,290	1,316	1,560
5:00 P.M.	853	814	1,422	1,457	1,587
6:00 P.M.	937	889	1,559	1,505	1,799
7:00 P.M.	1,042	934	1,653	1,659	1,806
8:00 P.M.	1,183	1,086	1,817	1,784	2,025
9:00 P.M.	1,168	1,186	1,733	1,946	1,929
10:00 P.M.	1,236	1,185	1,790	1,804	1,925
11:00 P.M.	1,253	1,294	1,722	1,602	1,643
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

Analysis

In 2015, most domestically related crimes reported occurred between the hours of 3:00 P.M. and 12:00 A.M., inclusive. The highest number of domestically related crimes reported occurred on Saturday and Sunday.

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VICTIMS

Age

Forty-nine percent of the victims of domestically related crimes are between 25 to 44 years of age, inclusive.

Sex

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Female	13,360	13,029	19,310	18,760	21,200
Male	4,849	4,586	8,475	8,482	9,334
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

Race

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
American Indian	7	8	27	20	24
Asian	219	167	309	405	470
Black	8,303	8,102	12,682	12,330	14,513
Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	31	32	46
White	9,427	9,072	14,736	14,455	15,481
Other	253	266	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

HOUSEHOLD STATUS

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Living Together	14,474	13,937	19,516	18,784	19,624
Not Living Together	3,159	3,252	6,311	7,179	8,631
Unknown	576	426	1,958	1,279	2,279
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ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

In domestically related crimes, reporting the use of alcohol, drugs or both by either the offender or victim are captured.

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Alcohol	5,120	4,882	6,330	5,991	6,075
Drugs	252	227	535	455	569
Alcohol & Drugs	154	133	254	217	289
None	7,611	7,499	10,828	11,064	12,918
Unknown	5,072	4,874	9,838	9,515	10,683
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

CIRCUMSTANCES

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Alcohol	616	650	967	1,005	1,015
Drug	209	176	351	359	386
Food or Cooking	138	149	292	284	338
Friends	182	174	222	203	188
Gambling	9	10	4	6	9
Household Chores	197	195	405	510	519
Infidelity	1,864	1,901	2,126	2,264	2,522
Job or Lack of Job	115	92	133	211	226
Mental Imbalance	104	95	354	406	557
Money	792	741	1,205	1,280	1,375
Offspring	991	950	1,465	1,430	1,331
Property	742	750	1,564	1,554	2,196
Relatives	173	125	300	355	511
Sex	178	154	246	376	482
Sports or Hobby	11	3	15	16	22
Television	63	36	83	103	82
Separation	433	473	613	663	722
Divorce	135	118	135	133	137
Reconciliation	41	23	54	67	77
Staying Out Late	276	238	300	260	265
Other	5,165	5,214	9,476	9,625	10,291
Unknown	5,775	5,348	7,475	6,132	7,283
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CLEARANCES

There are two ways of clearing a case. One is by making an arrest and charging the person(s) with the offense. The second is known as an exceptional clearance. Exceptional clearance means the police know the identity and location of the person(s) who committed the offense and have enough information to arrest them. However, there is some reason beyond their control that prevents them from making the arrest.

The arrest and exceptional clearances reported reflect the disposition at the time the domestically related crime report form was forwarded to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. These reports are not updated; therefore, other arrests and exceptional clearances may occur, but would not be reflected in the following totals.

	2011	2012	*2013	2014	2015
Arrest	8,590	8,058	11,098	10,936	11,775
Exceptional	5,644	4,677	8,649	8,366	8,318
Unknown	3,975	4,880	8,038	7,940	10,441
TOTAL	18,209	17,615	*27,785	27,242	30,534

During 2015, 66 percent of all domestically related cases were cleared. A breakdown of the clearances in 2015 includes 39 percent by arrest, 27 percent by exceptional clearance and 34 percent unknown.

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Domestically Related Crimes by County

	2015	2014	**2013	2012	2011
Allegany	443	444	529	363	327
Anne Arundel	3,137	3,248	3,287	1,564	1,484
Baltimore	7,048	6,352	6,475	3,755	4,068
Baltimore City	4,219	2,799	3,383	3,593	4,161
Calvert	431	444	426	297	331
Caroline	124	116	142	148	153
Carroll	683	625	658	346	407
Cecil	445	563	573	354	424
Charles	1,104	1,027	1,074	558	562
Dorchester	192	204	238	146	163
Frederick	1,431	1,418	1,363	626	580
Garrett	109	141	155	99	82
Harford	1,282	962	959	595	624
Howard	2,168	2,026	1,925	728	856
Kent	68	45	69	70	66
Montgomery	3,044	2,203	1,430	1,137	1,054
Prince George's	2,023	2,083	2,489	1,238	908
Queen Anne's	151	170	213	115	131
St. Mary's	856	795	815	592	542
Somerset	129	142	125	88	119
Talbot	81	68	98	104	109
Washington	273	278	318	384	350
Wicomico	801	755	725	474	457
Worcester	288	334	313	241	243
*Statewide Agencies	4	0	3	0	8
State Total	30,534	27,242	27,785	17,615	18,209

*Statewide agencies report offenses but do not identify county of occurrence.

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CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex	2011	2012	*2013	2014	**2015
Total All Crimes	M	4,849	4,586	*8,475	8,482	9,334
	F	13,360	13,029	*19,310	18,760	21,200
Homicide Total	M	3	4	18	27	34
	F	20	18	36	40	34
Rape Total	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	41
	F	36	39	98	160	308
Forcible	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	39
	F	29	33	79	135	285
Attempted	M	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
	F	7	6	19	25	23
Robbery Total	M	15	8	24	38	25
	F	175	138	256	231	328
Firearm	M	0	1	3	6	3
	F	3	6	8	11	8
Knife	M	1	0	2	1	1
	F	8	6	13	9	19
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	5	3	1	5	3
	F	7	3	9	6	16
Strong-arm	M	9	4	18	26	18
	F	157	123	226	205	285
Assault Total	M	4,658	4,393	7,942	7,867	8,304
	F	12,188	11,876	17,246	16,618	17,692
Aggravated Subtotal	M	946	865	1,695	1,654	1,733
	F	2,071	2,016	3,065	3,129	3,194
Firearm	M	27	20	57	52	55
	F	114	147	172	162	238
Knife	M	374	352	544	525	567
	F	357	363	531	544	556
Other Dangerous Weapon	M	470	425	899	876	950
	F	608	611	990	1,063	1,092

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification of Offenses	Victim Sex	2011	2012	*2013	2014	**2015
Personal Weapon	M	75	68	195	201	161
	F	992	895	1,372	1,360	1,308
Non Aggravated Subtotal	M	3,712	3,528	6,247	6,213	6,571
	F	10,117	9,860	14,181	13,489	14,498
Simple	M	3,712	3,527	6,246	6,212	6,569
	F	10,109	9,857	14,176	13,485	14,485
Stalking	M	0	1	1	1	2
	F	8	3	5	4	13
Burglary Total	M	9	12	17	30	67
	F	56	76	105	106	181
Forcible	M	6	7	12	17	45
	F	39	40	72	67	117
Non Forcible	M	2	5	4	10	20
	F	7	24	24	25	48
Attempt	M	1	0	1	3	2
	F	10	12	9	14	16
Larceny-Theft Total	M	20	28	56	80	204
	F	93	63	180	206	548
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	M	3	5	2	12	27
	F	16	23	18	28	111
Automobiles	M	2	5	2	9	27
	F	16	21	16	22	108
Trucks and Buses	M	1	0	0	0	0
	F	0	1	0	1	1
All Other Vehicles	M	0	0	0	3	0
	F	0	1	2	5	2
Arson	M	3	0	5	3	4
	F	4	4	9	2	5
Embezzlement	M	0	0	0	0	2
	F	0	0	0	0	0

CRIME BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIMES BY VICTIM TYPE

Classification Of Offenses	Victim Sex		2011	2012	*2013	2014	**2015
	M	F					
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	0	0					1
Forgery	2	1	0	1	8	9	16
	1		1		5	10	19
Fraud, Bad Checks, False Pretense	0	1	0	4	2	12	35
	1		1	3	10	10	44
Malicious Destruction Of Property	39	42	110	113	122	99	182
	110	113			255	230	422
Illegal Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sex Offense (Except Rape)	0	0	0	0	41	21	17
	7	3	7	3	97	101	132
Drugs Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Offense Against Family (Desertion, Non-Support, etc.)	76	54	450	430	179	225	303
	450	430			727	778	975
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	2	4	2	4	1	1	8
All Other Offenses (Not specified above)	21	36	200	237	59	58	71
	200	237			266	239	390

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