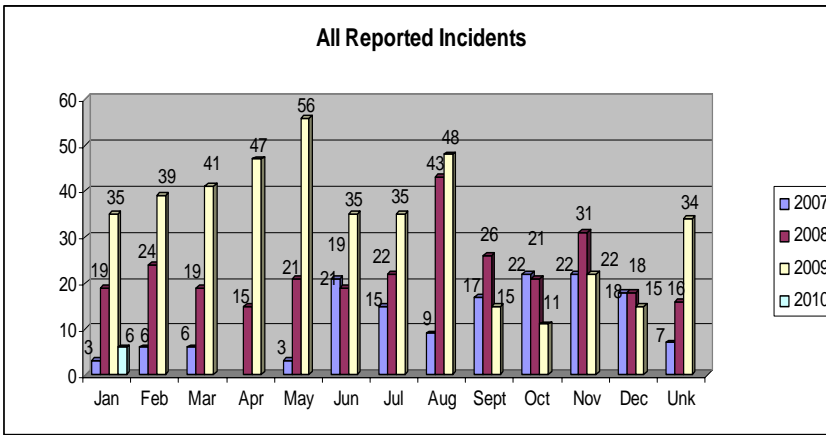
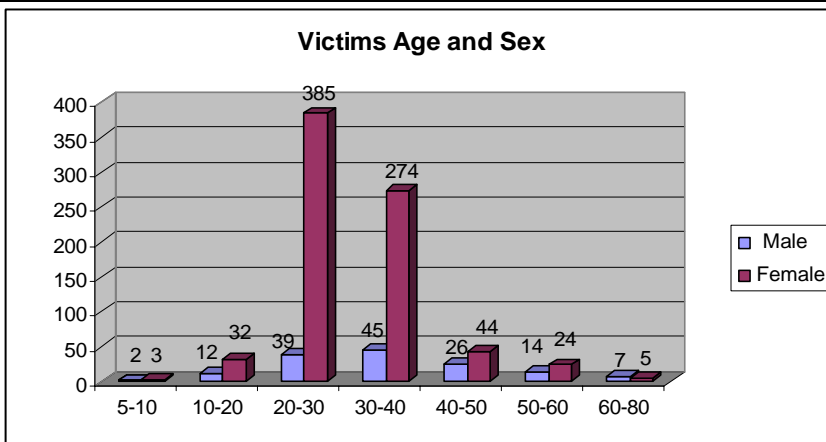


Samoa Police - Reported Domestic Violence cases

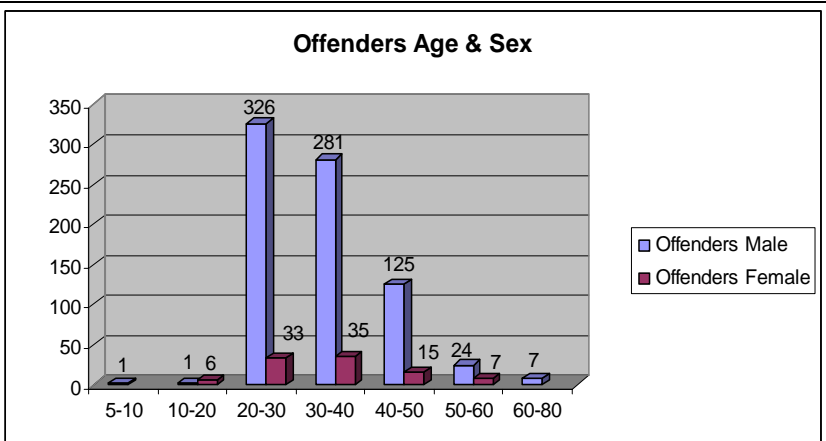
Total cases 886



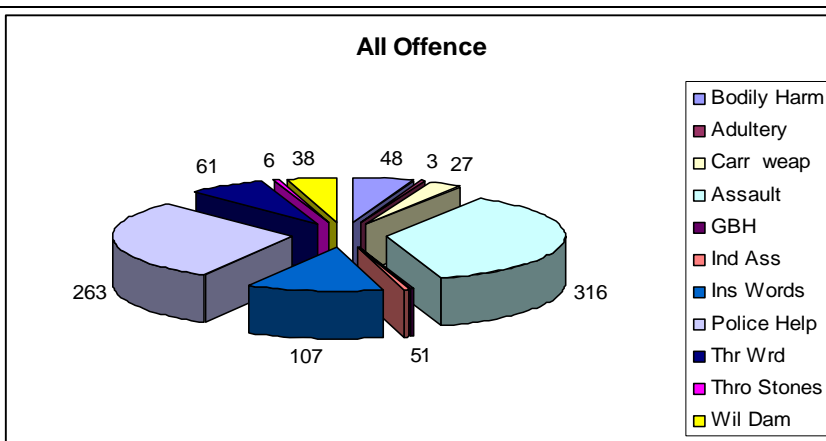
The represents the total number of DV cases reported since inception of the programme by the Police. Apparent drop off in reporting (Sept, Oct & Nov 2009) results from DV staff being deployed on the driving changeover and the tsunami response, with the DV office running with reduced staff.



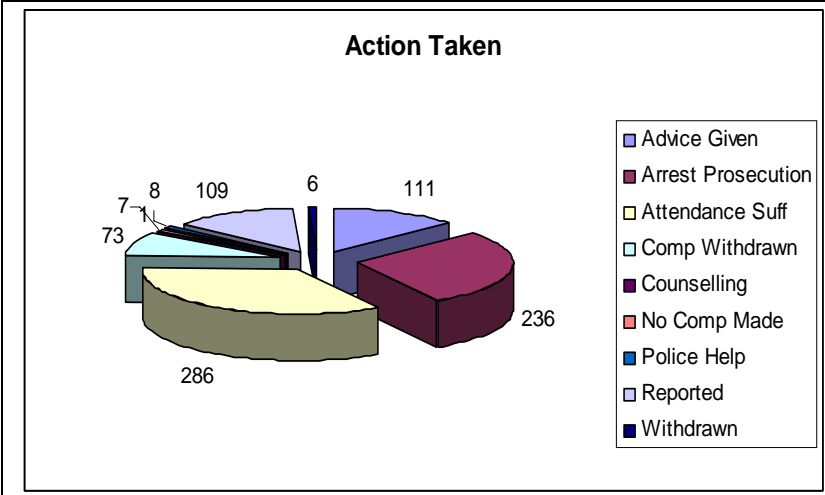
The spread of the age of victims clearly shows that the age bands of 20 to 40 years are those most at risk.



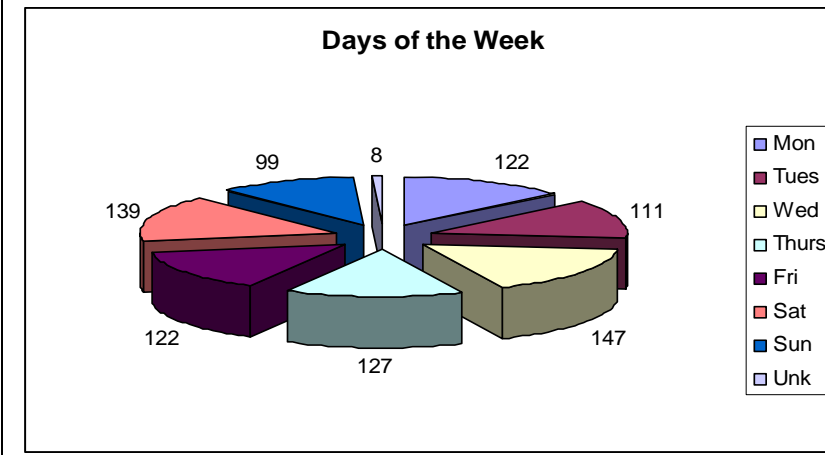
Females are most likely to be victims of domestic violence, but males have also reported cases of violence against them.



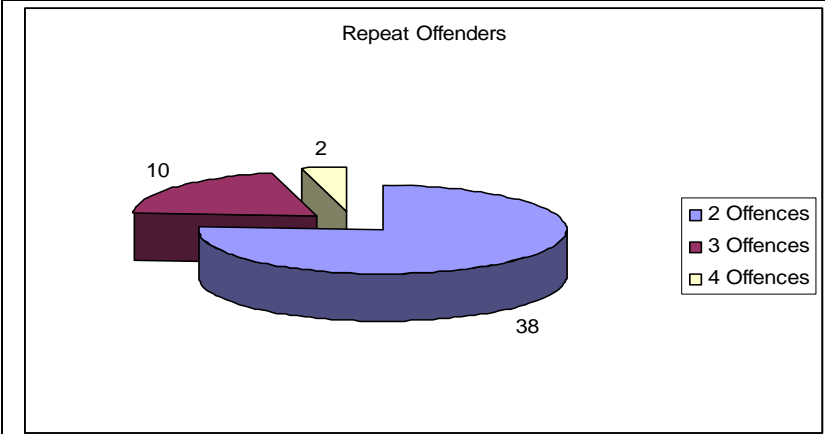
Assault continues to be the major crime type with bodily harm second.



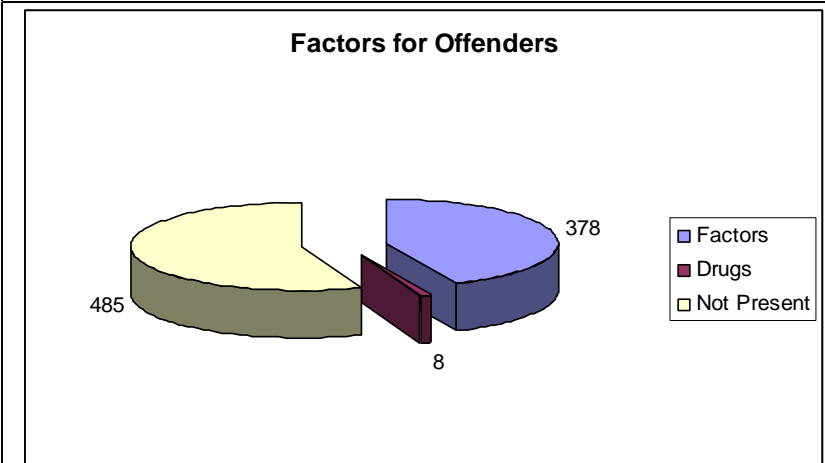
Prosecution is taken in 26% of reported cases. 32% of cases are resolved through police intervening in the incident when it occurs. 12.5% of cases are dealt with by discussions, counselling and advice given to the parties. In 8% of cases the victims has withdrawn the original complaint.



The number of reports are spread evenly across the week. The higher number on a Monday shows that people wait until Monday to come to the DV unit to report cases. Most victims come to a police station to report a matter.



The collection of DV data is allowing the DV Unit to identify families which come to notice on repeat cases. These pose a high risk to the victim and the DV Unit will focus on identifying the repeat offences and endeavouring to intercede in these cases.



Alcohol was a reported factor in 378 of the reported cases. This is common throughout the world. Alcohol is considered to be factor, not an excuse, when dealing with DV cases