



New York State Unified Court System
Division of Technology & Court Research

Orders of Protection in Domestic Violence Registry Dashboard

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Overview

Description: The *Division of Technology & Court Research (DoTCR)* created the *Orders of Protection in the Unified Court System's (UCS) Domestic Violence Registry Dashboard* to help answer questions about the volume and trends of orders of protection issued. Since multiple orders can be issued for a single person, these data represent counts of orders of protection issued, not counts of individuals (extensions to existing orders are not included in the counts). The data can be broken down by issue date, region, county, court type, type of order (temporary or final) and whether required or not required (required orders are those mandated by state law to be registered in the UCS DV Registry because they involve intimate partners-such as co-workers, neighbors-and therefore are not required by law to be registered in the UCS DV Registry, but the court has nonetheless decided to include them in the Registry).

Notes:

- These counts represent only initial orders of protection issued. Temporary orders of protection (TOP) converted to final orders of protection (FOP) are given a new order number and are counted separately. Also, if a TOP or FOP is modified, the original order is vacated and a new order, with a new order number, is issued and these modified orders are counted separately. Orders of protection that are extended are not included in these counts.
- Required counts are order of protection statutorily required to be sent UCS's Domestic Violence Registry. Family Court orders of protection statutorily required include orders arising from cases under Article 4 Support (F) and UISFA (U); Article 5 Paternity (P); Article 6 Custody or Visitation (V) and Guardianship (G); and Article 8 Family Offenses (O). Note that legislation that went into effect on 7/21/08 expanded access to civil orders of protection to personas in an intimate relationship that previously could not file cases in family court. On February 17, 2016, legislation went into effect requiring orders of protection issued in child protective cases (NN and NA) to be registered with UCS's Domestic Violence Registry. Prior to the legislation becoming effective, many family courts had already been entering non-required NN and NA orders into the Registry. Now all orders issued on these case types are entered as required orders. Orders of protection statutorily required to be sent to UCS's Domestic Violence Registry for Criminal Courts includes orders issued for offenses pursuant to CPL 530.13. Orders of protection statutorily required to be sent to UCS's Domestic Violence Registry for Supreme Civil Court includes orders issued in matrimonial cases pursuant to Domestic Relations Law 240 and 252. Not Required counts include all other orders sent to the UCS's Domestic Violence Registry that are not required by statute to be reported.
- Family Court counts include orders of protection issued on Family Court case types and heard in Supreme IDV courts.
- Supreme & County Criminal Court counts include orders of protection issued out of the Supreme Civil Term in NYC and Supreme Courts outside NYC. Criminal and matrimonial orders issued by IDV Courts in NYC are included here.
- Supreme Civil/Supreme counts include orders of protection issued out of the Supreme Criminal Term in NYC and County Courts outside NYC. Criminal and matrimonial orders issued by IDV Courts outside NYC are included here.

- Town and Village Courts in Nassau County do not issue orders of protection. Orders that would be issued by these courts are instead issued by the local criminal (i.e., District) courts.
- The data in this dashboard is refreshed daily.