



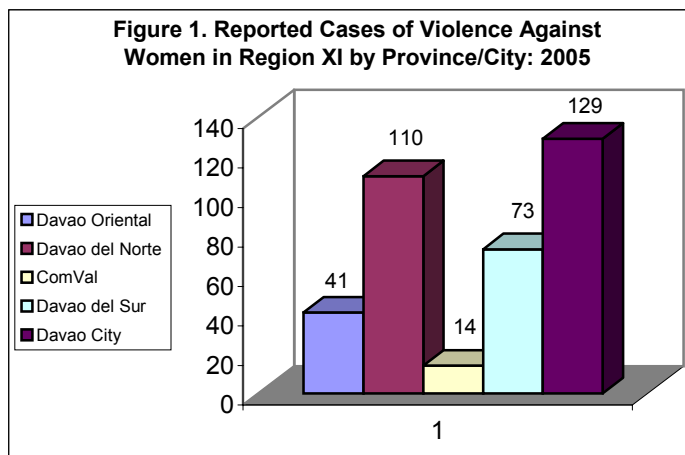
Did you know that...

...reported cases of violence against women (VAW) in Davao Region dropped by 45 percent in 2005?

Reported cases of violence against women (VAW) in Davao Region decreased in 2005. Statistics of Women and Children's Desk of the Philippine National Police XI showed that in 2005, there were 367 reported cases of VAW in Region XI, representing a substantial decrease of 45 percent from the 2004 figure of 665 reported VAW cases.

Table 1. Number of Reported Cases of Violence Against Women by province/city: 2004-2005

Cases	Province					Total
	Davao Oriental	Davao del Norte	ComVal	Davao del Sur	Davao City	
2004 Total	38	85	63	68	411	665
2005 Total	41	110	14	73	129	367
Rape	5	9	5	6	24	49
Physical Injuries	27	50	1	6	4	88
RA 9262 ^{a/}	7	23	3	47	57	137
Acts of Lasciviousness	-	4	1	1	14	20
Attempted Rape	-	2	-	-	2	4
Concubinage	-	2	-	-	2	4
Abduction	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sexual Harrassment	-	-	-	7	6	13
Theft/Robbery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Homicide/ Murder	-	-	-	-	1	1
Others	2	20	4	6	18	50

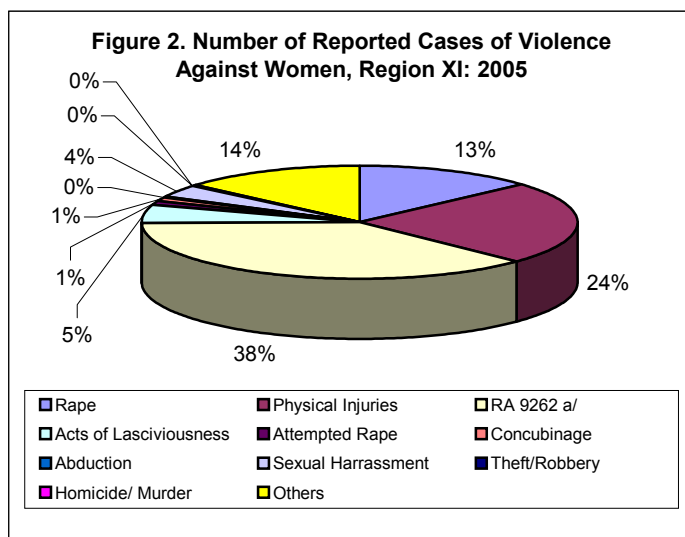


In Davao del Sur and Davao City, offenses under RA9262 were also the most common form of violence against women with 47 and 57 reported cases, respectively. In Davao Oriental and Davao del Norte, physical injuries were the most common form with 27 and 50 reported cases, respectively. While in Compostela Valley, rape is the most common form with 5 reported cases.

Next to cases under RA9262, physical injuries were the second most prevalent form of VAW comprising 88 or 24 percent of the total reported cases.

In 2005, Davao City had the largest number of cases of violence against women (VAW) in Davao region with 129 cases or 35.1 percent of the total. The province of Davao del Norte with 110 cases or 30 percent of the total number of VAW cases in Davao Region followed. The province with the least number of cases of VAW was Compostela Valley province with only fourteen cases or 3.8 percent of the total in year 2005.

Among the reported cases of VAW, offenses under RA9262 were the most common form in Davao Region. For the year 2005, there had been 137 reported cases under RA9262 or *Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004*.





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Table 2. Number of Perpetrators of Violence Against Women by relation to victim: 2005

Cases	Davao Region	%
Father	3	0.8
Step Father	11	3.0
Husband	123	33.5
Live-in Partner	80	21.8
Boyfriend	23	6.3
Relative	30	8.2
Stranger	28	7.6
Employer	20	5.4
Neighbor	41	11.2
Gang/Group	6	1.6
Undetermined	2	0.5
Total	367	100.0

Of the total number of perpetrators of VAW in Davao Region, 92 percent were known to the victims, specifically, 67 percent were relatives of the victims. Only 8 percent were strangers. Out of the total number of offenders related to the victims, 55 percent were their husbands or live-in partners.

Table 4. Place of Occurrence of Violence Against Women in Region XI: 2005

Cases	Davao Region	%
House	287	78.2
Office/school	5	1.4
Motel/hotel	5	1.4
Others	70	19.1
Total	367	100.0

Seventy-eight (78) percent of all cases of VAW happened in a domestic setting while 19 percent occurred in other places. The rest of the VAW cases were committed either in office/school and motel/hotel/inn.

Table 3. Number of Perpetrators and Victims by Age Bracket: 2005

Cases	Victims	%	Perpetrators	%
below 18	-	-	3	0.8
18-25	90	24.5	44	12
26-35	123	33.5	127	34.6
36-45	102	27.8	82	22.3
46-55	38	10.4	46	12.5
56 and above	10	2.7	21	5.7
Undetermined	4	1.1	44	12
Total	367	100.0	367	100

Most of the victims of VAW were relatively young. Statistics showed that more than half or 58 percent of the victims were within the age of 18-35 years old. Meanwhile, of the total number of perpetrators of VAW, 47 percent were within the age bracket of 18-35 years old.

Table 5. Weapons/means used by the Perpetrator/s in Committing Violence Against Women, Region XI: 2005

Cases	Davao Region	%
Firearm	5	1.4
Blunt instrument	6	1.6
Bladed weapons	44	12.0
Hands/fists/kicks	200	54.5
Others	112	30.5
Total	367	100.0

Majority of the offenders hit their victims using their hands, fists and feet in committing VAW. Fifty-four (54) percent of cases of VAW in the region were of this nature.

Reported cases of violence against women had decreased in 2005. RA9262 or *Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act of 2004* may have been of help to the women who were not blessed with partners whom they can live happily for the rest of their lives.

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