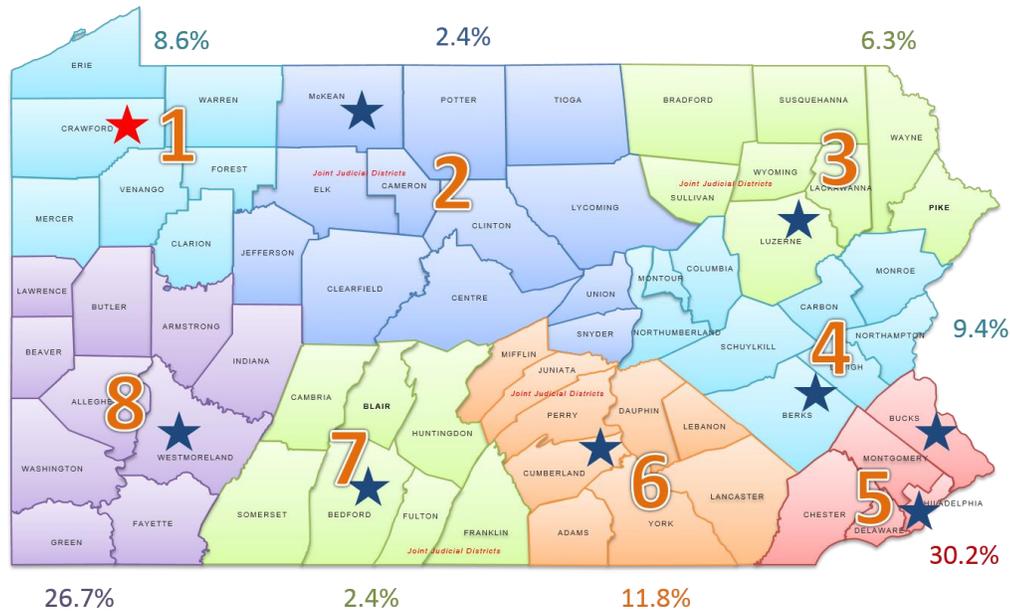


**STATEWIDE  
SUMMARY OF VICTIM RESPONSES  
Preliminary Results**

**April 2018**

- The majority [30%] of responses were from Region 5 (Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery counties), Region 8 [27%] and Region 6 [12%]. 2% were unspecified our outside of Pennsylvania. See below for responses by region.



**Responses**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Region 1 (Northwest)	22	8.6	8.6	8.6
	Region 2 (North Central)	6	2.3	2.4	11.0
	Region 3 (Northeast)	16	6.3	6.3	17.3
	Region 4 (East)	24	9.4	9.4	26.7
	Region 5 (SE/Philadelphia)	77	30.1	30.2	56.9
	Region 6 (Southcentral east)	30	11.7	11.8	68.6
	Region 7 (Southcentral west)	6	2.3	2.4	71.0
	Region 8 (SW/Pittsburgh)	68	26.6	26.7	97.6
	Unspecified	6	2.3	2.4	100.0
	Total	255	99.6	100.0	
Missing	System	1	.4		
Total		256	100.0		

- The majority [73%] of respondents reported being either directly impacted by a crime or having someone in their household directly impacted by a crime ( $n=186$ ). Of those, 69% reported being the victim of crime ( $n=125$ ). Respondents who reported not being directly impacted by a crime, or having a household member directly impacted by a crime, represented 27% of the total sample ( $n=70$ ).

- The majority [29.3%] of responses came from respondents living in suburban regions, followed by urban regions [19.1%] and rural regions [16.5%]. Most respondents lived in Philadelphia County [21.5%], Allegheny County [14%], Westmoreland County [4.7%], and Erie County [4.3%].
- The majority of respondents who have been directly impacted by a crime were white [69%], female [63%], heterosexual [82%], married [40%], employed fulltime [53%], and between 25 and 59 years old [61%].
- 50% of respondents who had been directly impacted by a crime think that victims/survivors of crime are eligible for financial assistance/reimbursement from the state, but only 33% reported applying for such assistance. 36% of respondents who have not been impacted by a crime reported that they do not know if victims/survivors of crime are eligible for financial/assistance/reimbursement from the state and an additional 10% reported that they are not eligible.
- The Top five most frequently reported types of crimes were:
  - Physical Assault [37%]
  - Bullying [28%]
  - Rape [25%]
  - Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence [25%]
  - Burglary [17%]
- The average number of crimes reported per person directly impacted by crime was almost 2 (M=1.8164).
- The majority [65%] of the “most impactful” crimes were violent crimes, followed by property crimes [18%], and harassment/bullying [7%]
- Among those who reported being directly impacted by more than one crime, child sexual abuse/assault (M=1.88), rape/sexual assault (M=2.11), homicide/murder (M=2.18), domestic abuse/domestic violence (M=2.34) and physical assault (M=2.34) were ranked the highest, on average.
- Among those who reported being directly impacted by at least one crime, the top five most impactful crimes were:
  - Physical Assault [14%]
  - Rape/sexual assault [14%]
  - Child Sexual Abuse/Assault [10%]
  - Homicide/Murder [9%]
  - Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence [67%]
- The majority of most impactful crimes were classified as violent (65.2%), property (17.9%), Harassment/Bullying (6.5%), Human trafficking (2.7%), and other (7.6%).
- Most [52%] respondents directly impacted by crime contacted the police.
- Among those who did not report the crime to the police, the highest ranked barriers to contacting the police were “Did not think the police could/would do anything to help me (M=2.59),” “Afraid of not being believed (M=2.53),” “Ashamed/embarrassed about victimization (M=2.43),” “Worried about being blamed (M=2.42),” “afraid of retaliation (M=2.41),” “concerned about what others would think (M=2.25).”
- Among those who received services as a result of the victimization, the top five services received were:
  - Counseling, Therapy, or Mental Health Services [47%]
  - Medical/Healthcare Services [21%]
  - Notices about status of hearings or location of offender [20%]
  - Court accompaniment and/or assistance in court procedures [20%]
  - Information/free resources about services available [13%]
- Among services received, and in descending order, language/interpretation services, legal immigration services related to crime, faith-based/spiritual help, information/free resources about services, someone to help coordinate victim services, assistance filling out compensation forms for reimbursement/payment of crime-related expenses, safety/security planning, court accompaniment and/or assistance in court system procedures,

counseling/therapy, or mental health services, notices about the status of court hearings and/or location of the criminal defendant, basic needs, medical/healthcare services, crisis hotline, transportation, emergency shelter and/or short-term housing, financial assistance for funeral/burial services, emergency financial assistance, legal assistance/representation, peer support groups, and child advocacy center services all achieved a quality rating of 3.5 stars or better.

- The top five most cited sources of information on victims' services were received from:
  - Law enforcement [23%]
  - Victim service agency [21%]
  - Counselor/mental health provider (11%)
  - Friend [10%]
  - Family [9%]
- Top five needed services were:
  - Peer support groups [21%]
  - Information about availability of victims' services [15%]
  - Legal assistance [13%]
  - Someone to help coordinate victim services [11%]
  - Counseling [9%] and Legal assistance [9%]
- Top five services sought were:
  - Resources/info about availability of victim services [5%]
  - Support Groups [4%]
  - Counseling, Therapy, and Mental Health Services [4%]
  - Drug/alcohol addiction support/treatment [3%]
  - Medical/healthcare services [2%]
  - Safety/security planning [2%]
  - Victim/witness protection [2%]
  - Medical exam for sex assault [2%]
- The top barriers (M.2.50) to receiving services were:
  - Unaware of services (M=3.18)
  - Did not know that I was eligible for services (M=2.98)
  - I thought I was OK/thought I could deal with on my own (M=2.83)
  - Services not available (M=2.76)
  - Afraid of retaliation (M=2.73)
  - Did not know services were free (M=2.58)
  - Still dealing with issues involving crime (M=2.56)
  - Afraid of not being believed (M=2.56)