

**Maricopa Association of Governments**  
**Maricopa County Domestic Violence Statistics, 2001-2010**

With the help of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and the Arizona Department of Public Safety, Maricopa County domestic violence arrest data was accessed and analyzed for a ten-year period, 2001-2010. The attached charts illustrate misdemeanor and felony domestic violence arrest counts by main outcomes such as dismissed by the court, guilty, disposition missing and no complaint filed. This information provides a starting point for discussion about opportunities for enhancing domestic violence data collection across the region.

Domestic violence arrest data are collected and compiled by the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS). According to Arizona Revised Statute 41-1750, law enforcement agencies across the state are required to report arrests for domestic violence crimes to DPS. Arrest information is connected to a biometric, such as fingerprints. Arresting agencies have 10 days after a physical arrest is made to submit arrest information to DPS. This is primarily done using electronic fingerprinting devices.

The data submitted to DPS are not a complete picture of domestic violence arrests. If fingerprinting is not conducted, such as with “cite and release” arrests, the arrest information is not submitted to DPS. “Cite and release” arrests occur when the offender is cited for the offense but not taken into custody nor fingerprinted. Because the offender is not fingerprinted, the information for this arrest is not entered into the system.

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# Domestic Violence Statistics, 2001 to 2010

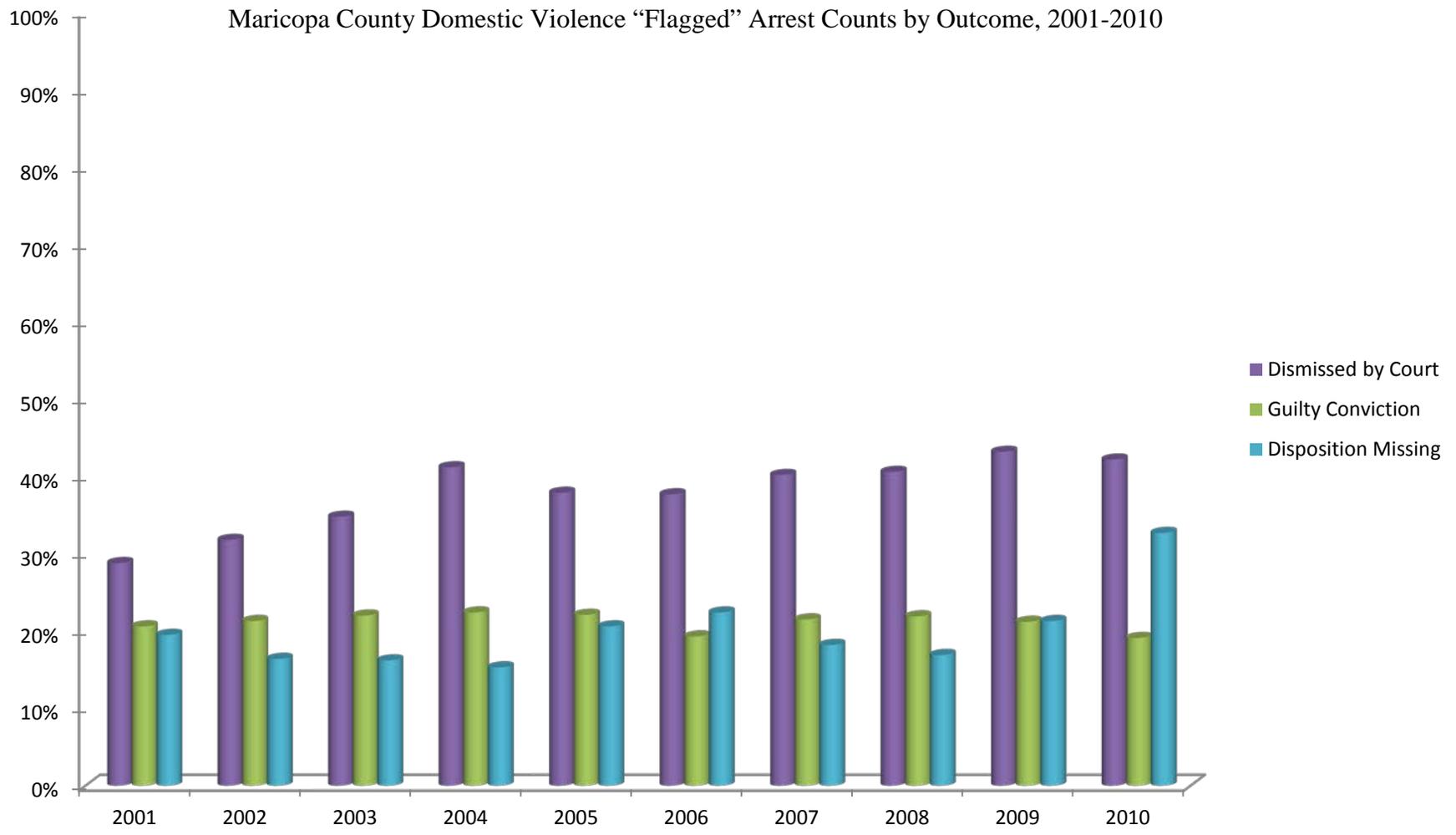


Figure 1

“Disposition Missing” indicates that a record of the outcome of the domestic violence arrest was not in Arizona’s statewide computerized criminal history record system.

*Data provided by Arizona Criminal Justice Commission*

**Figure 1 represents:** Maricopa County Domestic Violence “Flagged” Arrest Counts by Outcome, 2001-2010

“Flagged” arrest counts are arrests for any offense that occurred in the context of a domestic relationship and was indicated as such in the criminal history record system.

Summary of findings:

- The data indicate an increase in the percentages of cases dismissed by the court.
- The data indicate on average 21 percent of all arrest counts result in a guilty conviction during 2001-2010.
- The data indicate on average 20 percent of all arrest counts result in disposition missing (i.e. no criminal history record found).

## Maricopa County Aggravated Domestic Violence Arrest Counts by Outcome, 2001-2010

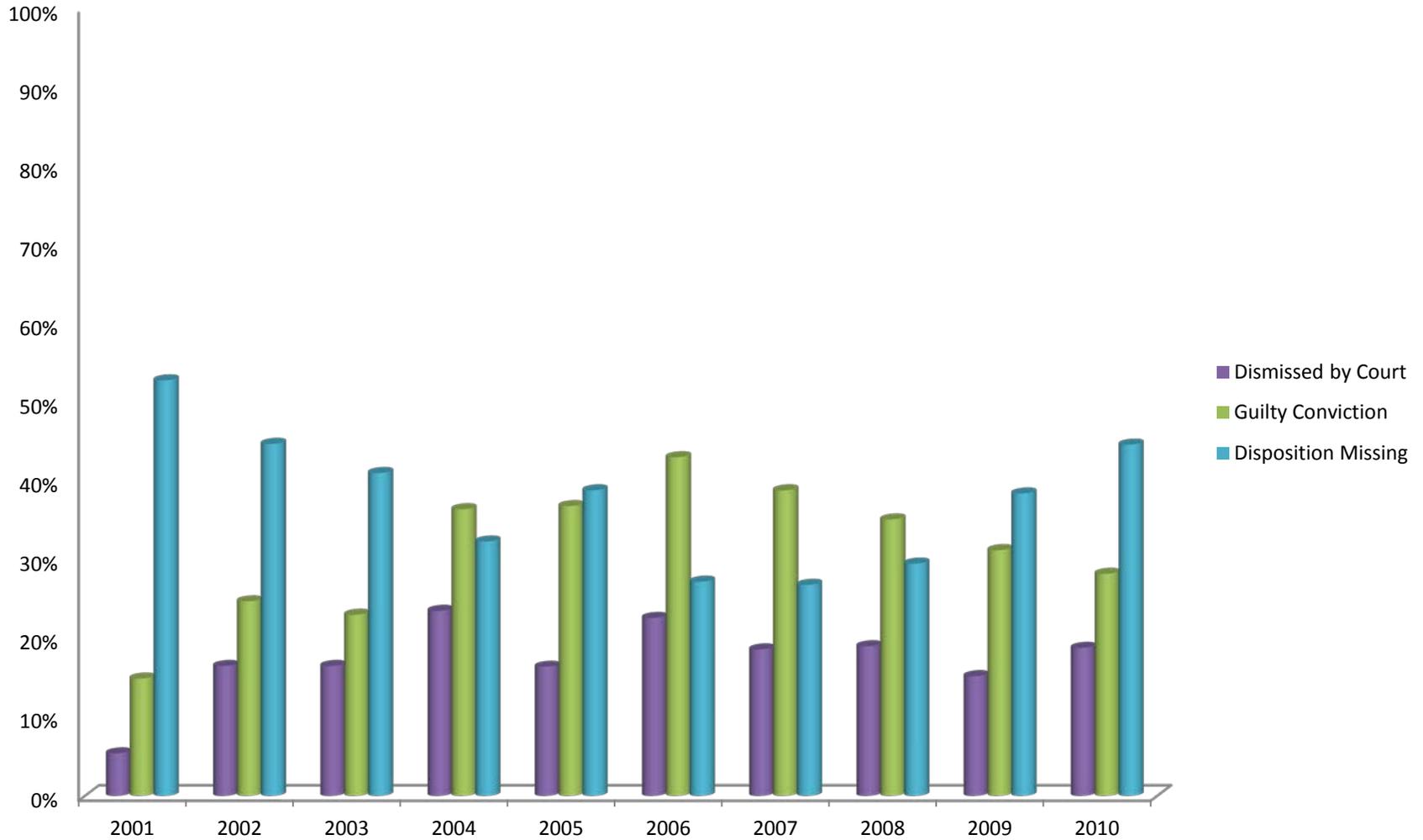


Figure 2

“Disposition Missing” indicates that a record of the outcome of the domestic violence arrest was not in Arizona’s statewide computerized criminal history record system.

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**Figure 2 represents:** Maricopa County Aggravated Domestic Violence Arrest Counts by Outcome, 2001-2010

Aggravated DV Counts are arrests that appear in the Arizona Computerized Criminal History records system for ARS 13-3601.02 only( i.e. A person is guilty of aggravated domestic violence if the person within a period of eighty-four months commits a third or subsequent violation of a domestic violence offense or is convicted of a violation of a domestic violence offense and has previously been convicted of any combination of convictions of a domestic violence offense or acts in another state, a court of the United States or a tribal court that if committed in this state would be a violation of a domestic violence offense.) Aggravated domestic violence is a class 5 felony.

Summary of findings:

- Since 2006, there has been a reduction in the percentage of arrest counts dismissed by the courts. The data indicate from 2001 to 2010, 18.4 percent of all arrest counts were dismissed over the ten-year period.
- The average conviction rate over the ten year period from 2001 to 2010 is 33.8 percent. Since peaking in 2006 at 43 percent, these rates have decreased.
- The data indicate on average 37.6 percent of all arrest counts result in disposition missing (i.e. no criminal history record found).

### No Complaint Filed "Flagged Arrests"

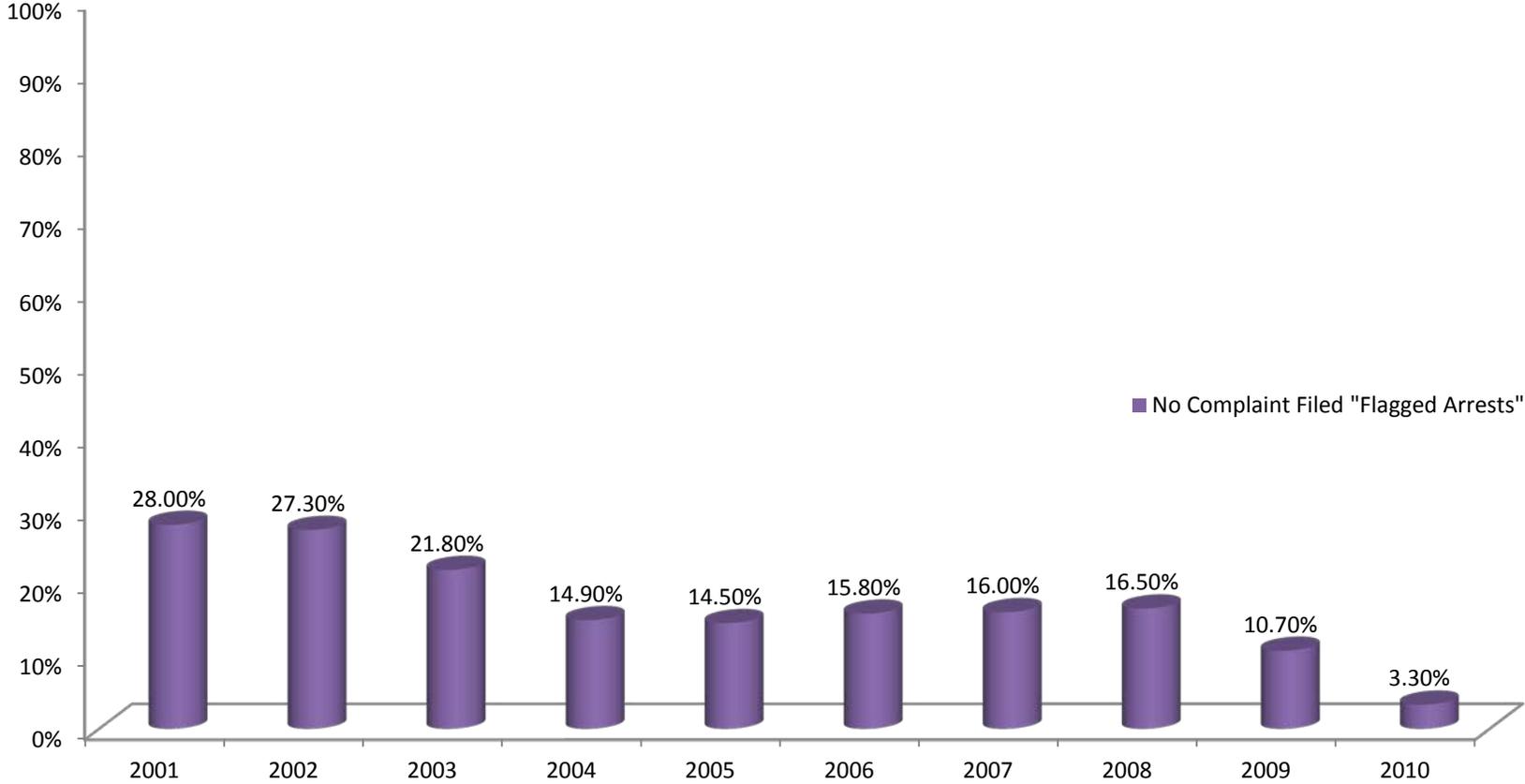


Figure 3

**Summary of findings:**

- The data indicate an increase in the percentage of complaints filed during 2001 to 2010 for “Flagged Arrests”

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### No Complaint Filed "Aggravated DV"

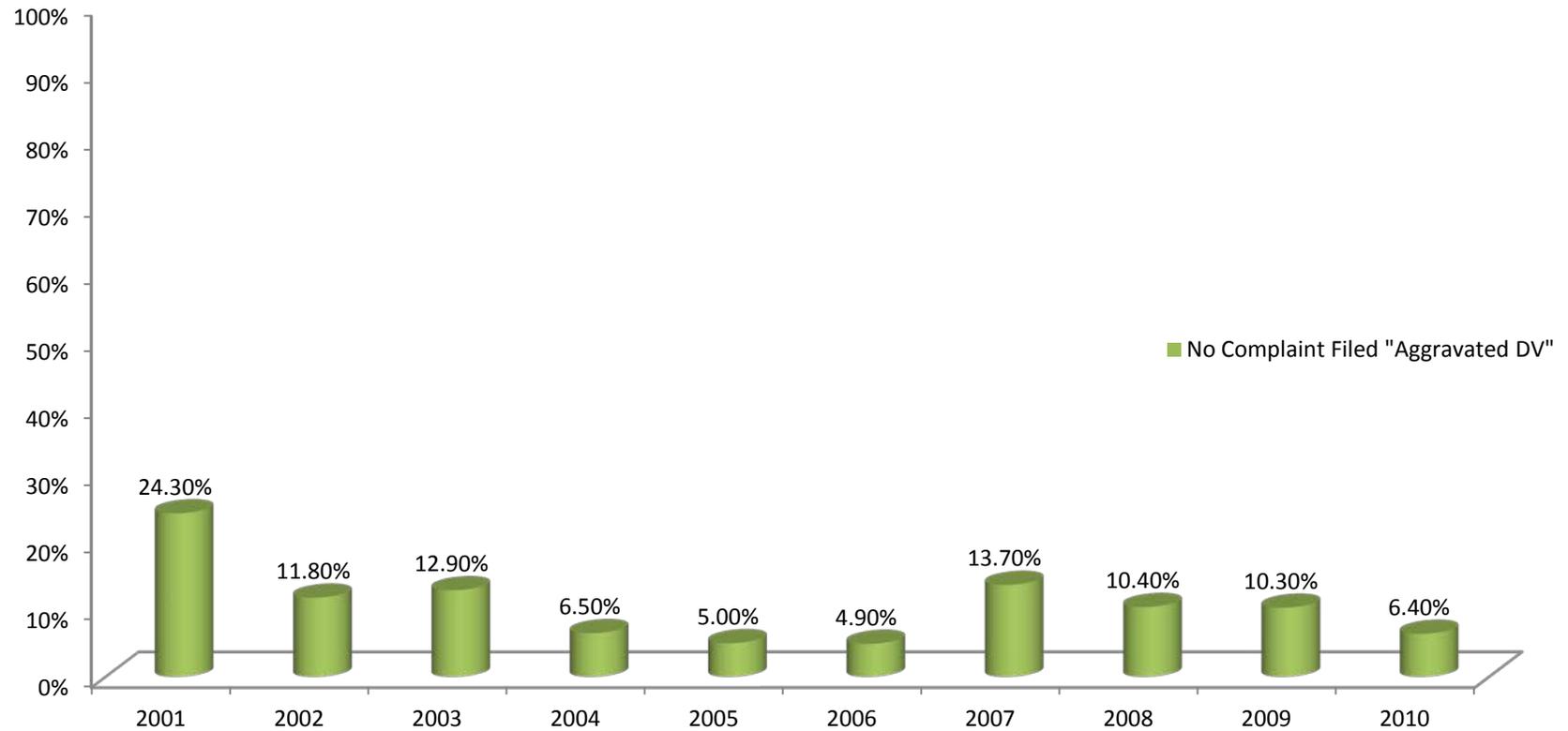


Figure 4

#### Summary of findings:

- In 2002, the percentage of complaints filed increased by almost 50 percent with a slight reduction in 2003. The percentage of complaints filed continued to increase from 2004 to 2006 with a significant decrease in 2007. Since 2008, the percentage of complaints filed is on the rise.