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(U) Utah 2024 Lethality Assessment Protocol Holiday Submissions

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(U) Summary

(U) The number of Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) submissions in Utah typically follow a consistent weekly pattern throughout the year. However, holidays often disrupt this trend, with some holidays leading to an increase in LAP submissions. New Year's Eve, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Mother's Day were the holidays with the highest percentage increases in LAP submissions in 2024.

(U) Background

(U) Since July 2023, Utah law enforcement has conducted Lethality Assessment Protocols (LAPs) on intimate partner domestic violence encounters and submitted those assessments to the Utah Statewide Information and Analysis Center (SIAC). The SIAC received 11,007 LAP submissions in 2024.

(U) LAP submissions are typically consistent each week, peaking on Sundays, followed by Saturdays, and then Mondays. On average, when compared to the previous day, submissions rise by approximately 16% on Sundays and 19% on Saturdays, before dropping by 27% on Mondays.¹

Average Percentage Increase/Decrease by Day of the Week When Compared to the Previous Day						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
+16%	-27%	-6.7%	-1.5%	+3.6%	-3.9%	+19%

(U) Analysis

(U) In 2024, several holidays saw a notable rise in LAP submissions. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve experienced particularly significant increases when compared to the previous day's submissions. Thanksgiving saw a 54% increase, while Christmas Eve, which fell on a Tuesday, had a 22% increase. Christmas day recorded a 38% increase and New Year's Eve, also on a Tuesday, saw the most dramatic increase at 110%.

This report addresses DHS HSEC codes: 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.5.1, 3.10.1
This report addresses SIAC Standing Information Requirements: UTSIAC-05-01

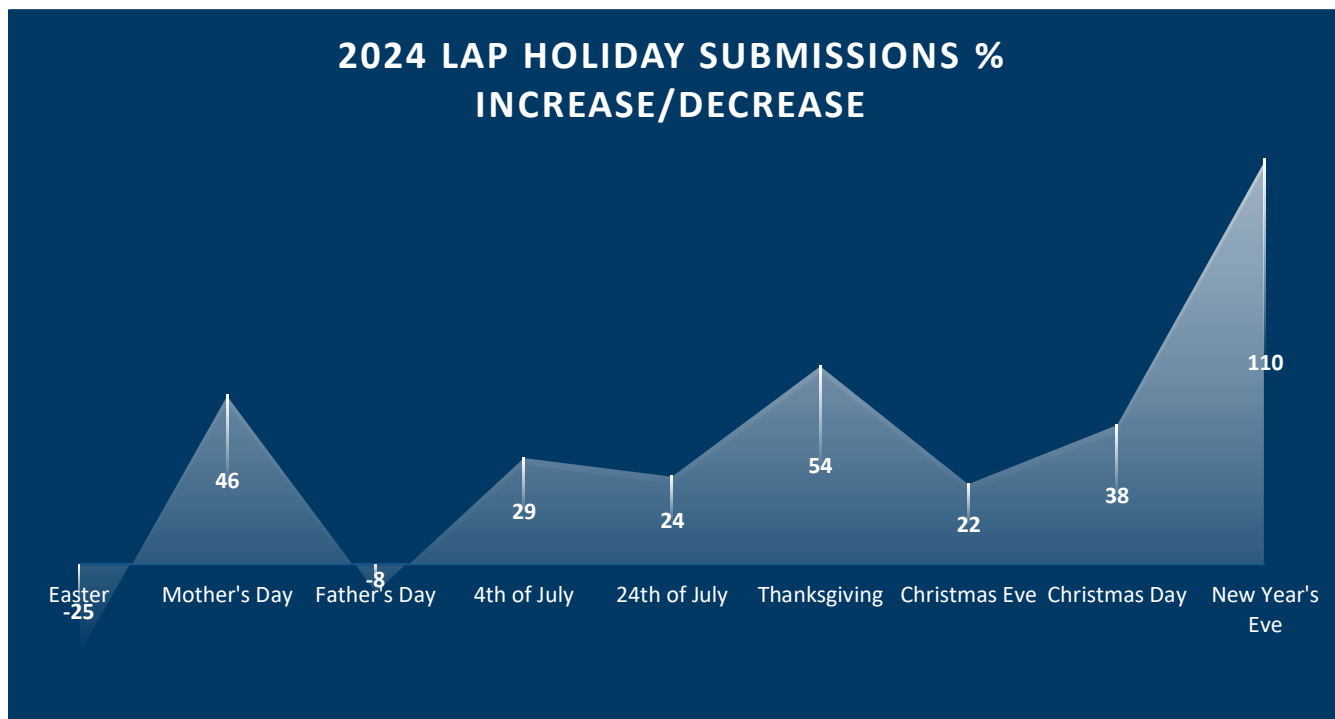
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(U) Other holidays with increased submissions include Mother's Day, the 4th of July, and the 24th of July. Over Mother's Day weekend, submissions rose 46% on Saturday and 13% on Sunday. The 4th of July, which fell on a Thursday, had a 29% increase, while the 24th of July, a Wednesday, had a 24% increase. LAP submissions tend to increase during summer months, starting with May, and begin to decrease in August. The May and July holiday increases represent a higher increase than the normal summer month increase.

Percentage Increase/Decrease in 2024 When Compared To The Previous Month											
Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
-6.9%	-7.9%	+10.8%	-11.2%	+11.1%	+2.8%	+3.9%	-2.5%	-0.8%	-7.2%	-5.2%	+3.9%

(U) Over Easter weekend, submissions dropped by 25% on Saturday and 3% on Sunday. Father's Day also saw an 8% decrease. This decrease in LAP submissions is a deviation from the normal weekly trend as normal trends indicate an increase for both Saturdays and Sundays.



(U) Sources

¹ (U) DPS/UDVC LAP | July 2023 - December 2024 | New Lethality Assessment Protocol Responses | Accessed January 2025 | Information is U.