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A sample of 25 females and 25 males were drawn from the client files of a domestic violence agency in a medium-sized midwestern city. Clients were matched on ethnicity, income, age, and education so that comparisons could be made to determine whether distinctions exist between these batterer populations. The two groups were compared in terms of legal, family, mental, and social histories, as well as type of physical abuse used. The results have implications for adjustments in treatment procedures for female batterers.