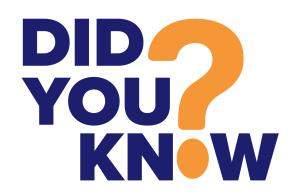




## Domestic and Sexual Violence Fact Sheet

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

- Intimate partner violence is prevalent: Almost 1 in 2 women and more than 2 in 5
  men reported experiencing contact sexual violence, physical violence, and/or stalking
  victimization by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetimes.<sup>1</sup>
  - More than 2 in 5 women and men have been victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.<sup>1</sup>
  - Intimate partner violence accounts for 12% of all violent crimes.<sup>2</sup>
  - The National Domestic Violence Hotline receives an average of 17,765 contacts per month via phone, online chat, and texts.<sup>3</sup>
- Domestic violence can be lethal: Women are killed by intimate partners (spouses, lovers, ex-spouses, ex-lovers) more often than by any other type of perpetrator. In 2021, 34% of female homicide victims were killed by an intimate partner.<sup>4</sup>
  - Arguments and jealousy are common circumstances in the months leading up to intimate partner homicides.<sup>5</sup>
  - The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide 5-fold, or by 600%.<sup>6</sup>
- Children are exposed to violence, too: About 1 in 10 children in the U.S. are exposed to intimate partner violence in their homes in their lifetimes.<sup>1</sup>
- Many survivors experience stalking, as well: In the United States, 13.5% of women and 5.2% of men reported being stalked by an intimate partner in their lifetimes.<sup>1</sup>
- Older adults also experience domestic violence in unique ways: In 2022, assault injuries to older adults in the United States cost almost \$33 billion.<sup>7</sup>
  - About 1 in 10 older adults experienced some type of abuse or potential neglect prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>8</sup> These numbers increased to 1 in 5 older adults during the pandemic in 2020.<sup>9</sup>
  - 5% of older adults experience financial exploitation by family members.







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## **SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

- Sexual violence is prevalent: From July 2022 to November 2023, there were 481,020 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault in the United States.<sup>2</sup>
  - 1 in 4 women and 1 in 26 men in the United States have reported experiencing completed or attempted rape in their lifetimes.<sup>10</sup>
- Most survivors knew their perpetrator before the assault: 9 out of 10 sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone known to the victim; 57% are committed by an acquaintance, 26% by a current or former spouse or dating partner, 17% by a stranger, 16% by a family member, and 6% by a person of authority.<sup>10</sup>
- Younger people are at the highest risk of sexual violence: More than 80% of female victims of unwanted sexual contact reported that it first occurred before age 25. More than 4 in 5 female rape victims reported that they were first raped before age 25. These numbers are comparable for male victims.<sup>10</sup>
- Sex trafficking of women and girls is a problem: In 2022, trafficking for sexual exploitation accounted for 69% of all human trafficking in North America. 92% of sex trafficking victims were women and girls, with the number of girls being trafficked increasing since 2020.<sup>11</sup>
- Men and boys are also affected by sexual violence: 1 in 9 men reported being made to penetrate someone during their lifetime.<sup>10</sup> About 9% of all rape or sexual assault victims are male.<sup>12</sup>
- Transgender and female students are at higher risk for sexual violence: 40.2% of undergraduate transgender, genderqueer, and gender questioning college students have been sexually assaulted. 39.4% of female undergraduate students have been sexually assaulted. <sup>13</sup>

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