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Facts About Domestic Violence in Minnesota and in the United States

**Reducing domestic and sexual violence was the number one priority in 2003
of women surveyed in the United States.**

The Center for the Advancement of Women

At least 13 women and 11 children were murdered in Minnesota in 2004 as the result of domestic violence.

Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women 2003 Femicide Report

In fiscal year 2003, 6,437 women and 6,578 children were provided with emergency safe housing.

Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

In fiscal year 2003, almost 65,000 primary and secondary victims received services from Minnesota's battered women's programs.

Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

One of every three homeless women in Minnesota is homeless at least in part due to domestic violence.

Wilder Research Center, 2003

70 percent of domestic violence victims were victimized more than once in 2001. Domestic violence victims accounted for over a quarter of all violent crime victims in 2001.

2002 Minnesota Crime Survey

Over 80 percent of victims of domestic violence in Minnesota did not report the incidents to law enforcement.

2002 Minnesota Crime Survey

13,016 Orders for Protection were filed in Minnesota in 2003.

Minnesota State Court Administrator's Office

Domestic violence victims account for over 25 percent of all violent crime victims [in Minnesota].

Minnesota Planning

Domestic violence is a major public health problem that exceeds \$5.8 billion each year in the United States in health-related costs.

Centers for Disease Control

Over 1.7 million workdays [in the United States] are lost each year due to domestic violence. Employers lose between \$3 billion and \$5 billion every year in absenteeism, lower productivity, high turnover, and health and safety costs associated with battered workers.

American Institute on Domestic Violence

American Indian/Alaska Native women were most likely to report intimate partner violence.

National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

On average [in the United States], more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day. In 1999, 1,642 murders were attributed to intimates; 74 percent of the murder victims (1,218 total) were women.

Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim

During the six months following an episode of domestic violence, 32% of battered women are victimized again.

Bureau of Justice Statistics: Preventing Domestic Violence Against Women

Nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

The Commonwealth Fund

Fathers who batter mothers are two times as likely to seek sole custody of their children. 40 to 60 percent of men who abuse women also abuse children.

Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence in the Family

Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence by family members against their mothers or female caretakers.

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90 - 95% of domestic violence victims are women.

Bureau of Justice Statistics Selected Findings: Violence Between Intimates

Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.

Jay G. Silverman, PhD; Anita Raj, PhD; Lorelei A. Mucci, MPH; and Jeanne E. Hathaway, MD, MPH, "Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Risk Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," Journal of the American Medical Association

Thirty-seven percent of women who sought treatment in emergency rooms for violence-related injuries in 1994 were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.

U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments