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## Domestic Violence Statistics

Every 9 seconds in the United States, a woman is assaulted or beaten.<sup>1</sup>

Although anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, women are disproportionately affected: 1 in 4 women is the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.<sup>2</sup>

6 in 10 adults claim that they know someone personally who has experienced domestic violence.<sup>3</sup>

In the United States, an average of 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually.<sup>4</sup>

In more than 80% of intimate partner violent victimizations in 2015, the victim did not receive assistance from victim service agencies.<sup>5</sup>

On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men.<sup>6</sup>

In 2017, 1,527 women were murdered by an intimate partner.<sup>7</sup> **That's an average of 4 women every day.** In 2018, 65% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 96% of the victims of these crimes are female.<sup>8</sup>

It has been estimated that at least 8 million children witness physical and verbal spousal abuse each year, including a range of behaviors from insults and hitting to fatal assaults with guns and knives.<sup>9</sup>

According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), an estimated 47% of women and men will be victims of psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fortune, M. M. (2006). National declaration of religious and spiritual leaders addressing violence against women. *Journal of religion & abuse*, 8(2), 71-77.

<sup>2</sup> NISVS, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census, July 2005.

<sup>4</sup> Black, M.C., Basile, K.C., Breiding, M.J., Smith, S.G., Walters, M.L., Merrick, M.T., Chen, J. & Stevens, M. (2011). The national intimate partner and sexual violence survey: 2010 summary report. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs\\_report2010-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs_report2010-a.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, Concatenated File, 1992-2015, (U.S. Department of Justice)

<sup>6</sup> Understanding Intimate Partner Violence: Fact Sheet. (2012). Atlanta, GA: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from [http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv\\_factsheet2012-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/ipv_factsheet2012-a.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics, Intimate Homicide Victims by Gender

<sup>8</sup> Violence Policy Center. (2012). American roulette: Murder-suicide in the United States. Retrieved from [www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf](http://www.vpc.org/studies/amroul2012.pdf).

<sup>9</sup> Osofsky, J. D. (2003). Prevalence of children's exposure to domestic violence and child maltreatment: Implications for prevention and intervention. *Clinical child and family psychology review*, 6(3), 161-170.

<sup>10</sup> The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) | 2010-2012 State Report