



STATISTICS on domestic violence

National:

- **A woman is battered every 9 seconds in the United States.**
The Commonwealth Fund, First Comprehensive National Health Survey of American Women, July 1993.
- **1 out of every 4 U.S. women has been assaulted by an intimate partner.**
U.S. Department of Justice, Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women, November 2000.
- **Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.**
"Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Risk Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," Journal of the American Medical Association, Vol. 286, No. 5, 2001.
- **Women of all races are about equally vulnerable to violence by an intimate.**
Bureau of Justice Statistics, Violence Against Women: Estimates from Redesigned Survey, August, 1995.
- **The U.S. Department of Justice reported that 37% of all women who sought care in hospital emergency rooms for violence-related injuries were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.**
Bureau of Justice Statistics, August 1997. Violence Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments.
- **Women experience more intimate partner violence than do men. Approximately 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are physically assaulted by an intimate partner annually in the U.S.**
U.S. Department of Justice, Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women, 2000.
- **64.0 percent of the women who reported being raped, physically assaulted, and/or stalked since the age of 18 were victimized by a current or former spouse, cohabitating partner, boyfriend or date.**
U.S. Department of Justice, Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women, 2000.
- **According to a report presented to the Senate Judiciary Committee, 50% of all homeless women and children in this country are fleeing domestic violence.**
Elizabeth Schneider, "Legal Reform Efforts for Battered Women: Past, Present and Future", prepared for the Ford Foundation.
- **30% of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.**
Lieberman Research Inc., Tracking Survey conducted for The Advertising Council and the Family Violence Prevention Fund, July– Oct., 1996.
- **A child's exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.**
Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family, APA, 1996.

State:

- **More than 800 Minnesotans, or 16 of every 100,000 people, were treated in hospitals for injuries caused by an intimate partner in 2001.**
"Violence Data Brief: Intimate Partner Violence," Minnesota Department of Health.
- **The most common reason for women to seek temporary shelter in Minnesota is to flee an abusive partner. Thirty percent of all women surveyed in 2000 were homeless, at least in part, because of domestic abuse in the last 12 months.**
Wilder Research Center's Homeless Adults and Children in Minnesota: Statewide survey of people without permanent shelter, 2000.

- At least 16 women, 12 men and 2 children were murdered or committed suicide in the course of domestic violence in Minnesota in 2002. 33 women and 11 children were killed as a result of domestic violence in 2001.

City:

- There were 26,616 calls to 911 in Minneapolis Emergency Communications Department in 2002 identified as a "domestic."
- In 2001, Minneapolis Police made 2,175 domestic assault arrests and wrote an additional 4,741 domestic assault reports.