

Violence against Women Statistics

Rape

- **Each year, women experience about 4.8 million** intimate partner related physical assaults and rapes. (*CDC Intimate Partner Violence Fact Sheet, 2006*)
- Nearly **20% of women in New Hampshire say they have been raped.** (*NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, University of New Hampshire, and state authorities, 2007*)
- In the U.S. Central Command region, which includes Iraq and Afghanistan, the **number of U.S. servicewomen's reported sexual assaults rose** from 24 in 2002 and 94 in 2003 to 123 in 2004. In the U.S. military overall, the number of assaults reported by U.S. servicewomen in 2004 increased to 1,275—25% higher than 2003's total, and 41% more than in 2002. (*reported in the Washington Post, May 7, 2005*)
- In a survey of women in **Seattle's** Puget Sound area, **11% said they had been raped by their partners.** (*Group Health Center for Health Studies, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center and the University of Washington. Reported in Seattle Times, May 16, 2006*)
- **One in six American women** has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape, and 10% of sexual assault victims are men. (*2004 National Crime Victimization Survey*)
- Approximately **1.5 million women** and 834,700 men are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner each year. (*CDC "Preventing Violence Against Women Program Activities Guide"*)
- **Nearly two-thirds of women who reported** being raped, physically assaulted, or stalked since age 18 **were victimized by a current or former husband, cohabiting partner, boyfriend, or date.** (*CDC "Preventing Violence Against Women Program Activities Guide"*)
- **More than half of all rapes of females occur before age 18,** and of these, 22% occur before age 12. (*CDC "Preventing Violence Against Women Program Activities Guide"*)
- According to a report in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine, **28% of female U.S. veterans reported sexual assault** during their careers, with consistent rates found across eras (*Women's eNews, 3/30/03*).

Battery/Abuse

- More than **50% of women in New Hampshire state they have experienced abuse.** (*NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, University of New Hampshire, and state authorities, 2007*)
- The Attorney General of Iowa has noted an increase to **20 murders from domestic abuse** in 2006, up from 15 in 2005 (*KWWL Iowa, April 2007*).
- Nearly **half of the women surveyed in the Puget Sound area of Seattle** reported that they had been physically, sexually or psychologically abused by their partners at some point in their adult lives. **Thirty percent said they**

had been hit. (*Group Health Center for Health Studies, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center and the University of Washington. Reported in Seattle Times, May 16, 2006*)

- **Nearly three in four family violence victims are female** – 73%. (U.S. Bureau of Justice, June 2005)
- **An estimated 5.3 million intimate partner violence (IPV) victimizations** occur among U.S. women ages 18 and older **each year, resulting in nearly 2.0 million injuries**, more than 550,000 of which require medical attention. (“Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States,” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003*)
- **IPV victims lose a total of nearly 8.0 million days of paid work**—the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs—and nearly 5.6 million days of household productivity as a result of the violence. (“Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States,” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003*)
- **The costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking exceed \$5.8 billion each year**, nearly \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services. (“Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States,” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003*)
- **The total costs of IPV include nearly \$0.9 billion in lost productivity** from paid work and household chores for victims of nonfatal IPV **and \$0.9 billion in lifetime earnings** lost by victims of IPV homicide. (“Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States,” *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003*)
- In Texas, **more than 185,000 incidents of domestic violence occurred during 2003.** (*Texas governor's office*)
- **Family violence accounted for 11 to 33% of all violent crime** from 1998 to 2002, depending on whether the source was victimization surveys or police data (*U.S. Bureau of Justice*).
- Family violence remains under-reported. About **two in five incidents were not reported to police from 1998 to 2002.** (*U.S. Bureau of Justice*)
- **Non-fatal intimate partner victimization for females was about four victimizations per 1,000 persons age 12 and older in 2004, down from about 10 in 1993.** Overall, only 21% of female victims and 10% of male victims contacted an outside agency for assistance. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics*)
- Studies in the U.S., Israel, Canada, Australia, and South Africa found that **40-70% of female murder victims were killed by husbands or boyfriends.** (*World Health Organization*)