



## INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE FACT SHEET

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On average, nearly **20 people per minute** are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. **1 in 3 women** and 1 in 4 men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetime. Women between the ages of **18-24** are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.

### On September 14, 2016 in New York State:

- 6,868 victims of domestic violence were served.
- 4,107 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.
- 2,761 adults and children received non-residential services - counseling, legal advocacy, & support groups.
- Local and state hotline staff answered 1,460 calls, averaging 61 hotline calls every hour.

### Violent Crime & Homicide

- Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime.
- 19% of domestic violence involves a weapon.
- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by **500%**.
- A study of intimate partner homicides found that 20% of victims were not the intimate partners themselves, but family members, friends, neighbors, persons who intervened, law enforcement responders, or bystanders.
- 72% of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; **94%** of the victims of these murder suicides are female.

### Rape

- **1 in 5 women** and 1 in 71 men in the United States has been raped in their lifetime.
- Almost half of female (46.7%) and male (44.9%) victims of rape in the United States were raped by an acquaintance. Of these, 45.4% of female rape victims and 29% of male rape victims were raped by an intimate partner.

### Stalking

- 19.3 million women and 5.1 million men in the United States have been stalked in their lifetime.
- 60.8% of female stalking victims and 43.5% men reported being stalked by a current or former intimate partner.

### Children

- **1 in 15** children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

### Economic Impact

- Victims of intimate partner violence lose a total of **8 million** days of paid work each year.
- The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds **\$8.3 billion** per year.
- Between 21-60% of victims of intimate partner violence **lose their jobs** due to reasons stemming from the abuse.
- Between 2003 and 2008, **142** women were murdered in their workplace by their abuser, 78% of women killed in the workplace during this timeframe.

Facts from: Domestic Violence Counts: New York Summary: <http://nnedv.org/downloads/Census/DVCounts2016/NewYork.pdf> and National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: <http://www.ncadv.org/learn-more/statistics>