

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Intimate partner violence (IPV) has been defined as physical violence, sexual violence, threats of physical or sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression by a current or former intimate partner. IPV can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples and does not require sexual intimacy.^{38,39} In 2010, 35.6 percent of adult women aged 18 years and older, or 42.4 million women, reported having experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime while nearly 6 percent reported at least one of these experiences in the past 12 months.

Of these forms of IPV, lifetime experience of physical violence was most commonly reported by women (32.9 percent), followed by stalking (10.7 percent), and rape (9.4 percent). While rape and stalking were less commonly reported among men, 28.5 percent of adult men reported having experienced any IPV in their lifetime.

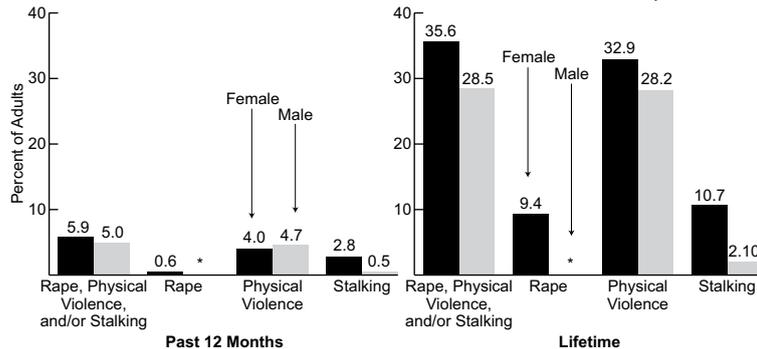
Psychological aggression is a common form of IPV experienced by nearly half of all women and men during their lifetime. Women who experienced psychological aggression reported being called names (64.3 percent), insulted or humiliated (58.0 percent), witnessing anger by their intimate partner that seemed dangerous (57.9 percent), and facing demands to know where she

was and what she was doing (61.7 percent). In addition, 8.6 percent of women reported that an intimate partner tried to get them pregnant when they did not want to or refused to use a condom (data not shown).

IPV has been associated with a range of both short- and long-term health and social consequences.⁴⁰ Among women who have experienced IPV, 80.8 percent reported at least one IPV-related impact, such as injury, symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or missing work or school. The most commonly reported impacts were fearfulness (72.2 percent), PTSD symptoms (62.6 percent), and concern for safety (62.3 percent).

Past Year and Lifetime Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and Stalking by an Intimate Partner Among Adults Aged 18 and Older, by Sex, 2010

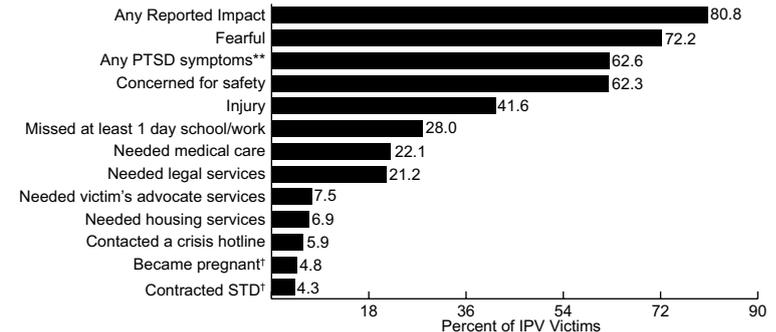
Source II.15: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey



*Estimate does not meet the standards of reliability or precision.

Impacts of Intimate Partner Violence Among Female Victims Aged 18 and Older,* 2010

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