

Relationship Violence Statistics

- In the U.S. a woman is battered every nine seconds. (*Violence Against Women: A Comprehensive Background Paper*, The Commonwealth Fund, 1996.)
- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the U.S. every day. (*Intimate Partner Violence*, U.S. Department of Justice, May 2000.)
- Studies show that relationship violence occurs in 20-33% of all same-sex relationships, which is about the same percentage that it occurs in heterosexual relationships. ("It's Just a Quarrel," *American Bar Association Journal*, February 1998.)
- Studies show that a range of 50-99% of persons with disabilities who experience abuse or violence are violated by someone they know (i.e., family member, bus driver, personal care attendant). (*Violence and People with Disabilities*, The Roeher Institute, 1994).
- Nearly one in three women experience at least one physical assault by a partner during adulthood. (American Psych. Ass'n, *Violence and the Family: Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family*, 1996.)
- Women ages 19-29 reported more violence by intimates than any other age group. (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report: *Violence Against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey* (NCJ-154348), August 1995.)
- An average of 28% of high school and college students experience dating violence at some point. (Brustin, S., *Legal Response to Teen Dating Violence*, *Family Law Quarterly*, vol. 29, no.2, 331, Summer 1995.)
- Nearly 3% of college women experience a completed and/or attempted rape during a typical college year. (Justice Department's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2001).
- About 13% of college women were stalked in one semester. (Justice Department's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2001).
- For completed rapes, nearly 60% that took place on campus occurred in the victim's residence, 31% occurred in other living quarters, 10% occurred in a fraternity. (Justice Department's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2001).
- For completed and attempted rapes, nearly 90% of the victims knew the offender, who was usually a classmate, friend, ex-boyfriend, or acquaintance. (Justice Department's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2001).
- For about half of the incidents categorized as completed rapes, the women did not consider the incident to be a rape. (Justice Department's National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2001).
- Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. (*Journal of the American Medical Association*, August 2001.)