

# Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women

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## Facts About Domestic Violence in Minnesota and in the United States

Reducing domestic and sexual violence was the number one priority in 2003  
of women surveyed in the United States.

*The Center for the Advancement of Women*

**At least fourteen women and ten children were murdered in Minnesota in 2003 as the result of domestic violence.**

*Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women 2003 Femicide Report*

**In fiscal year 2003, 6,437 women and 6,578 children were provided with emergency safe housing.**

*Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety*

**In fiscal year 2003, almost 65,000 primary and secondary victims received services from Minnesota's battered women's programs.**

*Office of Justice Programs, Minnesota Department of Public Safety*

**One of every three homeless women in Minnesota is homeless at least in part due to domestic violence.**

*Wilder Research Center, 2003*

**70 percent of domestic violence victims were victimized more than once in 2001. Domestic violence victims accounted for over a quarter of all violent crime victims in 2001.**

*2002 Minnesota Crime Survey*

**Over 80 percent of victims of domestic violence in Minnesota did not report the incidents to law enforcement.**

*2002 Minnesota Crime Survey*

**13,016 Orders for Protection were filed in Minnesota in 2003.**

*Minnesota State Court Administrator's Office*

**Domestic violence victims account for over 25 percent of all violent crime victims [in Minnesota].**

*Minnesota Planning*

**Domestic violence is a major public health problem that exceeds \$5.8 billion each year in the United States in health-related costs.**

*Centers for Disease Control*

**Over 1.7 million workdays [in the United States] are lost each year due to domestic violence. Employers lose between \$3 billion and \$5 billion every year in absenteeism, lower productivity, high turnover, and health and safety costs associated with battered workers.**

**On average [in the United States], more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day. In 1999, 1,642 murders were attributed to intimates; 74 percent of the murder victims (1,218 total) were women.**

*Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim*

**During the six months following an episode of domestic violence, 32% of battered women are victimized again.**

*Bureau of Justice Statistics: Preventing Domestic Violence Against Women*

**Nearly one-third of American women (31 percent) report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.**

*The Commonwealth Fund*

**Fathers who batter mothers are two times as likely to seek sole custody of their children. 40 to 60 percent of men who abuse women also abuse children.**

*Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence in the Family*

**Each year, an estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to violence by family members against their mothers or female caretakers.**

*Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence in the Family*

**90 - 95% of domestic violence victims are women.**

*Bureau of Justice Statistics Selected Findings: Violence Between Intimates*

**Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.**

*Jay G. Silverman, PhD; Anita Raj, PhD; Lorelei A. Mucci, MPH; and Jeanne E. Hathaway, MD, MPH, "Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Risk Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," Journal of the American Medical Association*

**Women of all races are about equally vulnerable to violence by an intimate.**

*Bureau of Justice Statistics, Violence Against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey*

**Thirty-seven percent of women who sought treatment in emergency rooms for violence-related injuries in 1994 were injured by a current or former spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend.**

*U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments*