

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 Summary Report

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4: Violence by an Intimate Partner

How NISVS Measured Intimate Partner Violence

Five types of intimate partner violence were measured in NISVS. These include sexual violence, stalking, physical violence, psychological aggression, and control of reproductive/sexual health.

- **Sexual violence** includes rape, being made to penetrate someone else, sexual coercion, unwanted sexual contact, and non-contact unwanted sexual experiences as described in Section 2.
- **Physical violence** includes a range of behaviors from slapping, pushing or shoving to severe acts such as being beaten, burned, or choked.
- **Stalking** victimization involves a pattern of harassing or threatening tactics used by a perpetrator that is both unwanted and causes fear or safety concerns in the victim as described in Section 3.
- **Psychological aggression** includes expressive aggression (such as name calling, insulting or humiliating an intimate partner) and coercive control, which includes behaviors that are intended to monitor and control or threaten an intimate partner.
- **Control of reproductive or sexual health** includes the refusal by an intimate partner to use a condom. For a woman, it also includes times when a partner tried to get her pregnant when she did not want to become pregnant. For a man, it also includes times when a partner tried to get pregnant when the man did not want her to become pregnant.

Table 4.1
Lifetime and 12 month Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking
Victimization by an Intimate Partner —
U.S. Women, NISVS 2010

	Lifetime		12 Month	
	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹
Rape	9.4	11,162,000	0.6	686,000
Physical violence	32.9	39,167,000	4.0	4,741,000
Stalking	10.7	12,786,000	2.8	3,353,000
Rape, physical violence, and/or stalking	35.6	42,420,000	5.9	6,982,000
With IPV-related impact ^{2,3,4}	28.8	34,273,000	—	—

1 Rounded to the nearest thousand.

2 Includes experiencing any of the following: being fearful, concerned for safety, any PTSD symptoms, need for health care, injury, contacting a crisis hotline, need for housing services, need for victim’s advocate services, need for legal services, missed at least one day of work or school. For those who reported being raped it also includes having contracted a sexually transmitted disease or having become pregnant.

3 IPV-related impact questions were assessed in relation to specific perpetrators, without regard to the time period in which they occurred, and asked in relation to any form of IPV experienced (sexual violence, physical violence, stalking, expressive aggression, coercive control, and reproductive control) in that relationship.

4 By definition, all stalking incidents result in impact because the definition of stalking includes the impacts of fear and concern for safety.

*Estimate is not reported; relative standard error >30% or cell size

Table 4.2
Lifetime and 12 month Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking
Victimization by an Intimate Partner —
U.S. Men, NISVS 2010

	Lifetime		12 Month	
	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹
Rape	*	*	*	*
Physical violence	28.2	31,893,000	4.7	5,365,000
Stalking	2.1	2,427,000	0.5	519,000
Rape, physical violence, and/or stalking	28.5	32,280,000	5.0	5,691,000
With IPV-related impact ^{2,3,4}	9.9	11,214,000	—	—

1 Rounded to the nearest thousand.

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– 12-month prevalence of IPV-related impact was not assessed.

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Prevalence of Intimate Partner Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by Race/Ethnicity

Prevalence Among Women

Approximately 4 out of every 10 non-Hispanic Black women, 4 out of every 10 American Indian or Alaska Native women (43.7% and 46.0%, respectively), and 1 in 2 multiracial non-Hispanic women (53.8%) have been the victim of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime (Table 4.3). Among the other racial/ethnic groups of women, about one-third of White non-Hispanic women (34.6%), more than one-third of Hispanic women (37.1%), and about one-fifth of Asian or Pacific Islander non-Hispanic women (19.6%) in the United States reported that they have been the victim of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Prevalence Among Men

Nearly half (45.3%) of American Indian or Alaska Native men and almost 4 out of every 10 Black and multiracial non-Hispanic men (38.6% and 39.3%, respectively) in the United States reported experiencing rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime (Table 4.4). The estimated prevalence of these forms of violence by an intimate partner among Hispanic and White non-Hispanic men was 26.6% and 28.2%, respectively.

(Charts are on next page.)

Table 4.3

Lifetime Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner, by Race/Ethnicity¹ — U.S. Women, NISVS 2010

		Hispanic	Non-Hispanic				
			Black	White	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Multiracial
Rape	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	8.4 1,273,000	12.2 1,768,000	9.2 7,475,000	*	*	20.1 273,000
Physical violence	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	35.2 5,317,000	40.9 5,955,000	31.7 25,746,000	*	45.9 399,000	50.4 683,000
Stalking	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	10.6 1,599,000	14.6 2,123,000	10.4 8,402,000	*	*	18.9 256,000
Rape, physical violence, and/or stalking	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	37.1 5,596,000	43.7 6,349,000	34.6 28,053,000	19.6 1,110,000	46.0 400,000	53.8 729,000

¹ Race/ethnicity was self-identified. The American Indian or Alaska Native designation does not indicate being enrolled or affiliated with a tribe.

² Rounded to the nearest thousand.

*Estimate is not reported; relative standard error >30% or cell size ≤ 20.

Table 4.4

Lifetime Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner, by Race/Ethnicity¹ — U.S. Men, NISVS 2010

		Hispanic	Non-Hispanic				
			Black	White	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian or Alaska Native	Multiracial
Rape	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	*	*	*	*	*	*
Physical violence	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	26.5 4,277,000	36.8 4,595,000	28.1 21,524,000	8.4 428,000	45.3 365,000	38.8 507,000
Stalking	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	*	*	1.7 1,282,000	*	*	*
Rape, physical violence, and/or stalking	Weighted % Estimated Number of Victims ²	26.6 4,331,000	38.6 4,820,000	28.2 21,596,000	*	45.3 365,000	39.3 513,000

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Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner

Prevalence Among Women

Nearly 1 in 3 women (30.3%) in the United States has been slapped, pushed or shoved by an intimate partner at some point in her lifetime. This translates to approximately 36.2 million women in the United States. An estimated 3.6%, or approximately 4.3 million women, reported experiencing these behaviors in the 12 months prior to taking the survey (Table 4.7).

Approximately 1 in 4 women in the United States (24.3%) has experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in her lifetime, translating to nearly 29 million women. An estimated 17.2% of women have been slammed against something by a partner, 14.2% have been hit with a fist or something hard, and 11.2% reported that they have been beaten by an intimate partner in their lifetime. An estimated 2.7%, or approximately 3.2 million women, reported experiencing severe physical violence by an intimate partner in the 12 months prior to taking the survey.

Table 4.7

Lifetime and 12 Month Prevalence of Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner — U.S. Women, NISVS 2010

Behavior Experienced	Lifetime		12 Month	
	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹
Slapped, pushed or shoved	30.3	36,164,000	3.6	4,322,000
Slapped	20.4	24,282,000	1.6	1,851,000
Pushed or shoved	27.5	32,783,000	3.4	4,028,000
Any severe physical violence	24.3	28,981,000	2.7	3,163,000
Hurt by pulling hair	10.4	12,416,000	0.8	897,000
Hit with a fist or something hard	14.2	16,923,000	1.1	1,289,000
Kicked	7.1	8,403,000	0.3	373,000
Slammed against something	17.2	20,467,000	1.5	1,843,000
Tried to hurt by choking or suffocating	9.7	11,605,000	0.9	1,121,000
Beaten	11.2	13,386,000	0.7	822,000
Burned on purpose	1.1	1,286,000	*	*
Used a knife or gun	4.6	5,519,000	*	*

1 Rounded to the nearest thousand.

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Prevalence Among Men

Approximately 1 in 4 men in the United States (25.7% or about 29 million) has been slapped, pushed or shoved by an intimate partner in his lifetime, and 4.5% or approximately 5 million men, reported experiencing these behaviors in the 12 months prior to taking the survey (Table 4.8).

Nearly 1 in 7 men in the United States (13.8% or approximately 15.6 million) has experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner in his lifetime. About 9.4% of men have been hit with a fist or something hard by an intimate partner, 4.3% reported being kicked, and less than 3% reported each of the other forms of severe violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. Two percent of men (approximately 2.3 million men) reported experiencing severe physical violence by an intimate partner in the 12 months

Table 4.8
Lifetime and 12 Month Prevalence of Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner — U.S. Men, NISVS 2010

Behavior Experienced	Lifetime		12 Month	
	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹	Weighted %	Estimated Number of Victims ¹
Slapped, pushed or shoved	25.7	29,064,000	4.5	5,066,000
Slapped	18.3	20,717,000	2.7	3,103,000
Pushed or shoved	19.4	21,953,000	3.8	4,253,000
Any severe physical violence	13.8	15,581,000	2.0	2,266,000
Hurt by pulling hair	2.9	3,331,000	0.3	390,000
Hit with fist or something hard	9.4	10,695,000	1.4	1,555,000
Kicked	4.3	4,817,000	0.7	737,000
Slammed against something	2.7	3,004,000	0.4	459,000
Tried to hurt by choking or suffocating	1.1	1,259,000	*	*
Beaten	2.6	2,982,000	0.3	376,000
Burned on purpose	0.6	654,000	*	*
Used a knife or gun	2.8	3,121,000	*	*

1. Rounded to the nearest thousand.

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