

Alaska Victimization Survey: 2011 Results for Fairbanks



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Alaska Victimization Survey in Fairbanks



- Designed to establish a baseline for estimates of intimate partner & sexual violence in City of Fairbanks and Fairbanks North Star Borough.
- Modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveillance System (CDC) & the 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey (UAA).
- Surveys were administered by RTI International.
- Surveys were conducted by phone throughout the City of Fairbanks and FNSB.



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- Survey was approved by multiple institutional review boards and was supported by the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and the Fairbanks Domestic Violence Task Force.
- Survey procedures were designed to maximize the safety and confidentiality of all respondents.
- Respondents were randomly selected using landlines and cell phones (only adult females).
- 615 respondents in City of Fairbanks, 755 in Fairbanks North Star Borough.



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- The sample provides a good representation of the population. Nonetheless, all results are weighted to control for selection, non-response, and coverage.
- There are some very important limitations to this survey. In particular, respondents were limited to English-speaking adult women residing in a household with at least one land or cell phone line. Surveys were only conducted from April 2011 to June 2011.



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- The questions in the survey are very graphic because they are “behaviorally specific.”
- For example, we ask: “How many of your romantic or sexual partners have ever slapped you?”
 - Avoid legal definitions (e.g., ‘assault’)
 - Avoid defining victims, survivors
 - Attribute blame to the perpetrators



Intimate Partner Violence Definitions



- Intimate partner violence includes two measures:
 - *A – Threats of physical violence.*
 - *B – Physical violence.*
 - *Both include intimate partners only, defined as romantic or sexual partners.*
 - *Measures are then combined into a single ‘intimate partner violence’ composite.*
- Threats of physical violence by intimate partners:
 - *Have your romantic or sexual partners made threats to physically harm you?*



Intimate Partner Violence Definitions



- Physical violence by intimate partners:
 - *Have your romantic or sexual partners...*
 - *Slapped you?*
 - *Pushed or shoved you?*
 - *Hit you with a fist or something hard?*
 - *Kicked you?*
 - *Hurt you by pulling your hair?*
 - *Slammed you against something?*
 - *Tried to hurt you by choking or suffocating you?*
 - *Beaten you?*
 - *Burned you on purpose?*
 - *Used a knife or gun on you?*



Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates (City)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 10,775)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	49.5%	5,334
A. Threats	30.2%	3,254
B. Physical Violence	48.8%	5,258

¹ – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- *49.5% of adult women in the City of Fairbanks (or 5,334) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,*
 - *30.2% (or 3,254) experienced threats of physical violence,*
 - *48.8% (or 5,258) experienced physical violence.*



Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates (FNSB)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 33,957)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	34.6%	11,749
A. Threats	21.8%	7,403
B. Physical Violence	34.3%	11,647

1 – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- 34.6% of adult women in FNSB (or 11,749) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,
 - 21.8% (or 7,403) experienced threats of physical violence,
 - 34.3% (or 11,647) experienced physical violence.



Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates (City)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 10,775)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	10.8%	1,164
A. Threats	6.8%	733
B. Physical Violence	10.3%	1,110

1 – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- 10.8% of adult women in the City of Fairbanks (or 1,164) experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,
 - 6.8% (or 733) experienced threats of physical violence,
 - 10.3% (or 1,110) experienced physical violence.



Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates (FNSB)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 33,957)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	4.8%	1,630
A. Threats	3.5%	1,188
B. Physical Violence	4.6%	1,562

¹ – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- 4.8% of adult women in FNSB (or 1,630) experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,
 - 3.5% (or 1,188) experienced threats of physical violence,
 - 4.6% (or 1,562) experienced physical violence.



Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates	City of Fairbanks	FNSB
Lifetime IPV ¹	49.5%	34.6%
A. Lifetime Threats	30.2%	21.8%
B. Lifetime Physical Violence	48.8%	34.3%
Past Year IPV ¹	10.8%	4.8%
A. Past Year Threats	6.8%	3.5%
B. Past Year Physical Violence	10.3%	4.6%

¹ – Intimate Partner Violence includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

Differences between City of Fairbanks and FNSB may be due to:

- Differences in victimization rates
- Differences in disclosing victimizations



Sexual Violence Definitions



- **Sexual violence includes two measures:**
 - *A – Alcohol or drug involved sexual assault.*
 - *B – Forcible sexual assault.*
 - *Measures are not limited to intimate partners.*
 - *Measures are then combined into a single ‘sexual violence’ composite.*
- **Alcohol or drug involved sexual assault:**
 - *When you were alcohol or drug intoxicated and unable to consent, has anyone...*
 - *Had vaginal sex with you?*
 - *Made you receive anal sex?*
 - *Made you perform oral sex?*
 - *Made you receive oral sex?*



Sexual Violence Definitions



- **Forcible sexual assault:**
 - *Has anyone used physical force or threats to physically harm you to...*
 - *Make you have vaginal sex?*
 - *Make you receive anal sex?*
 - *Make you perform oral sex?*
 - *Make you receive oral sex?*
 - *Put their fingers or an object in your vagina or anus?*
 - *Try to have vaginal, oral, or anal sex with you?*



Sexual Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates (City)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 10,775)
Sexual Violence ¹	31.4%	3,383
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	18.0%	1,940
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	25.3%	2,726

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- 31.4% of adult women in the City of Fairbanks (or 3,383) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,
 - 18.0% (or 1,940) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
 - 25.3% (or 2,726) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.



Sexual Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates (FNSB)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 33,957)
Sexual Violence ¹	31.6%	10,730
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	21.1%	7,165
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	23.6%	8,014

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- 31.6% of adult women in FNSB (or 10,730) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,
 - 21.1% (or 7,165) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
 - 23.6% (or 8,014) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.



Sexual Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates (City)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 10,775)
Sexual Violence ¹	2.7%	291
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	2.5%	269
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	1.4%	151

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- 2.7% of adult women in the City of Fairbanks (or 291) experienced sexual violence in the past year,
 - 2.5% (or 269) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
 - 1.4% (or 151) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.



Sexual Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates (FNSB)	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 33,957)
Sexual Violence ¹	1.3%	441
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	1.2%	407
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	0.4%	136

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- 1.3% of adult women in FNSB (or 441) experienced sexual violence in the past year,
 - 1.2% (or 407) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
 - 0.4% (or 136) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.



Sexual Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates	City of Fairbanks	FNSB
Lifetime Sexual Violence ¹	31.4%	31.6%
A. Lifetime Alc/Drug Sexual Assault	18.0%	21.1%
B. Lifetime Forcible Sexual Assault	25.3%	23.6%
Past Year Sexual Violence ¹	2.7%	1.3%
A. Past Year Alc/Drug Sexual Assault	2.5%	1.2%
B. Past Year Forcible Sexual Assault	1.4%	0.4%

¹ – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

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Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence



Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, or Both	Estimated %	Estimated N
Lifetime: City of Fairbanks	57.0%	6,142
Lifetime: FNSB	44.8%	15,213
Past Year: City of Fairbanks	11.5%	1,239
Past Year: FNSB	5.5%	1,868

- 57.0% of adult women in the City of Fairbanks (or 6,142) and 44.8% of adult women in FNSB (or 15,213) experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in their lifetime.
- 11.5% of adult women in the City of Fairbanks (or 1,239) and 5.5% of adult women in FNSB (or 1,868) experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in their lifetime.



Lifetime Estimates



**Out of every 100 adult women
in the City of Fairbanks:**

50 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):



31 experienced sexual violence:



57 experienced IPV, sexual violence, or both:



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Lifetime Estimates



**Out of every 100 adult women
in the Fairbanks North Star Borough:**

35 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):



32 experienced sexual violence:



45 experienced IPV, sexual violence, or both:



0 10 20 30 40 50 60



Important Limitations



- Survey only provides a regional average and masks important differences (for example, differences by age or race/ethnicity).
- Survey excluded non-English speaking women, women without phone access, and women not living in a residence (e.g., shelters, hospitals, homeless, prisons). Estimates may be significantly higher among women excluded from the survey.



Important Limitations



- Measured *number of victims*, not *number of victimizations*. The number of victimizations is higher than the number of victims.
- Survey did not measure all forms of intimate partner violence or sexual violence. Estimates are therefore conservative.
- Estimates may also be conservative because of the continuing stigma of reporting intimate partner and sexual violence.



A Special Thank You!



We sincerely thank the women in the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough who invested time and effort to participate in this survey.

They re-lived horrendous experiences – experiences no one should be subjected to – to help the rest of us understand the extent of intimate partner and sexual violence in the Fairbanks area. Thank you!



A Special Thank You!



We also thank:

**Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living
&
Fairbanks Domestic Violence Task Force**

The Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living provides advocacy and support, legal advocacy, shelter, transitional housing, and community education (www.iacnvl.org). 24/7 support is available at (907) 452-2293 or 1(800) 478-7273.



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