• Designed to establish a baseline for estimates of intimate partner & sexual violence in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

• 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 in the Bethel and the Wade Hampton Census Areas.
Alaska Victimization Survey in the YK Delta

• Survey was approved by multiple institutional review boards and was supported by TWC and AVCP.

• Survey procedures were designed to maximize the safety and confidentiality of all respondents.

• Respondents were randomly selected (only adult females were eligible to participate). Called both land lines and cell phones.

• Final sample includes 514 adult women surveyed from March to May 2012.
Alaska Victimization Survey in the YK Delta

• 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 March to May 2012.
• 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 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?
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- **13.6% of adult women in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (or 973)** experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,
- **4.2% (or 301)** experienced threats of physical violence,
- **13.0% (or 930)** experienced physical violence.
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?
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- **25.4% of adult women in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (or 1,817)** experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,
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- 5.1% of adult women in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta (or 365) experienced sexual violence in the past year,
- 4.3% (or 308) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
- 1.8% (or 129) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.
Summary of Past Year Estimates

16.9% (1,209)
Intimate partner or sexual violence

13.6% (973)
Intimate partner violence

4.2% (301)
Threats of physical violence

13.0% (930)
Physical violence

4.3% (308)
Alcohol/drug involved sexual assault

5.1% (365)
Sexual violence

1.8% (129)
Forcible sexual assault

Note: percentages do not sum because some respondents experienced multiple victimizations.
Summary of Lifetime Estimates

50.8% (3,635)
Intimate partner or sexual violence

44.6% (3,191)
Intimate partner violence

20.1% (1,438)
Threats of physical violence

43.8% (3,134)
Physical violence

20.1% (1,438)
Alcohol/drug involved sexual assault

25.4% (1,817)
Sexual violence

15.1% (1,080)
Forcible sexual assault

Note: percentages do not sum because some respondents experienced multiple victimizations.
Out of every 100 adult women in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta:

- 45 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):
- 25 experienced sexual violence:
- 51 experienced IPV, sexual violence, or both:
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 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta who invested time and effort to participate in the Alaska Victimization 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 YK Delta. Thank you!
We also thank:
**Tundra Women’s Coalition (TWC)**
**Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)**

TWC provides alternatives for victims of family violence and sexual assault, empowering women, and educating men and the community at large. Their 24-hour crisis line is 543-3456 (or toll free 1-800-478-7799).
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