

# Alaska Victimization Survey: Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence in Alaska – 2010 to 2015

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# Alaska Victimization Survey



- Implemented as a surveillance system, modeled after CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS).
- Conducted statewide surveys in 2010 and 2015.
- Conducted regional surveys in 2011 to 2014 (Anchorage, Bristol Bay, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Matsu, Nome, Sitka, Yukon-Kuskokwim, North Slope, Aleutians).
- <http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/avs>



# Alaska Victimization Survey



- Survey provides lifetime and past-year estimates for the prevalence of:
  - Intimate Partner Violence:
    - Threats
    - Severe Physical Violence
  - Sexual Violence:
    - Alcohol- or Drug-Involved Sexual Assault
    - Forcible Sexual Assault
- Estimates measure the number of victims (not the number of victimizations).



# Important Limitations



- Survey excluded non-English speaking women, women without phone access, and women not living in a residence (e.g., shelters, homeless camps, prisons).
- Survey did not measure all forms of violence. Estimates are therefore conservative.
- Estimates may also be conservative because of the continuing stigma of reporting intimate partner and sexual violence.



# Past Year Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Past Year Estimates	2010	2015	% Diff.
<b>Intimate Partner Violence</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>↓ 32%</b>
A. Threats	5.8%	3.0%	↓ 48%
B. Physical Violence	8.6%	5.9%	↓ 31%
<b>Sexual Violence</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>↓ 33%</b>
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	3.6%	2.0%	↓ 44%
B. Forcible	2.5%	1.6%	↓ 36%
<b>Any Violence</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>↓ 31%</b>



# Past Year Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Past Year Estimates	2010 (out of 249,631)	2015 (out of 264,204)	Diff.
<b>Intimate Partner Violence</b>	<b>23,465</b>	<b>16,909</b>	↓ <b>6,556</b>
A. Threats	14,479	7,926	↓ <b>6,553</b>
B. Physical Violence	21,468	15,588	↓ <b>5,880</b>
<b>Sexual Violence</b>	<b>10,734</b>	<b>7,662</b>	↓ <b>3,072</b>
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	8,987	5,284	↓ <b>3,703</b>
B. Forcible	6,241	4,227	↓ <b>2,014</b>
<b>Any Violence</b>	<b>29,456</b>	<b>21,401</b>	↓ <b>8,055</b>

Population estimates from <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/pop/popest.htm>



# Lifetime Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Lifetime Estimates	2010	2015	% Diff.
<b>Intimate Partner Violence</b>	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>	<b>↓ 15%</b>
A. Threats	31.0%	25.6%	↓ 17%
B. Physical Violence	44.8%	39.6%	↓ 12%
<b>Sexual Violence</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>33.1%</b>	<b>↓ 11%</b>
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	26.8%	22.6%	↓ 16%
B. Forcible	25.6%	23.5%	↓ 8%
<b>Any Violence</b>	<b>58.6%</b>	<b>50.3%</b>	<b>↓ 14%</b>



# Lifetime Estimates: 2010 to 2015



Lifetime Estimates	2010 (out of 249,631)	2015 (out of 264,204)	Diff.
<b>Intimate Partner Violence</b>	<b>118,824</b>	<b>106,738</b>	<b>↓12,086</b>
A. Threats	77,386	67,636	↓ 9,750
B. Physical Violence	111,835	104,625	↓ 7,210
<b>Sexual Violence</b>	<b>92,613</b>	<b>87,452</b>	<b>↓ 5,161</b>
A. Alcohol- or Drug-Involved	66,901	59,710	↓ 7,191
B. Forcible	63,906	62,088	↓ 1,818
<b>Any Violence</b>	<b>146,284</b>	<b>132,895</b>	<b>↓13,389</b>

Population estimates from <http://labor.alaska.gov/research/pop/popest.htm>





# Trends from 2010 to 2015



## Intimate Partner Violence:



- Annual prevalence decreased by 32%.
- 6,556 fewer victims in 2015 than in 2010.

## Sexual Violence:



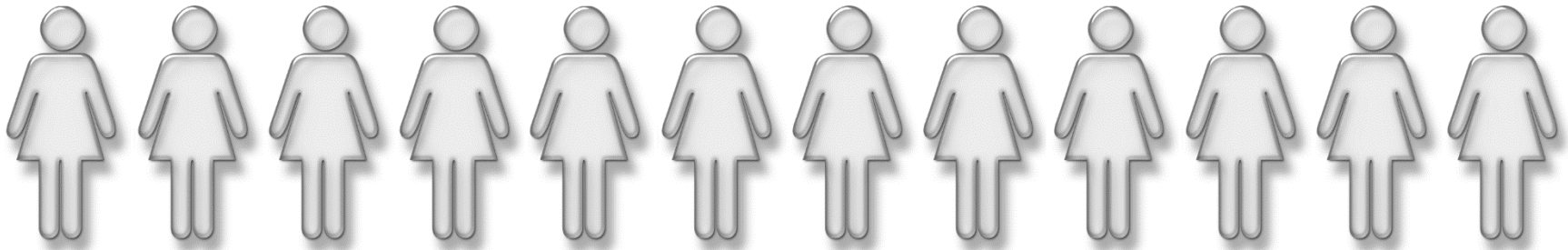
- Annual prevalence decreased by 33%.
- 3,072 fewer victims in 2015 than in 2010.



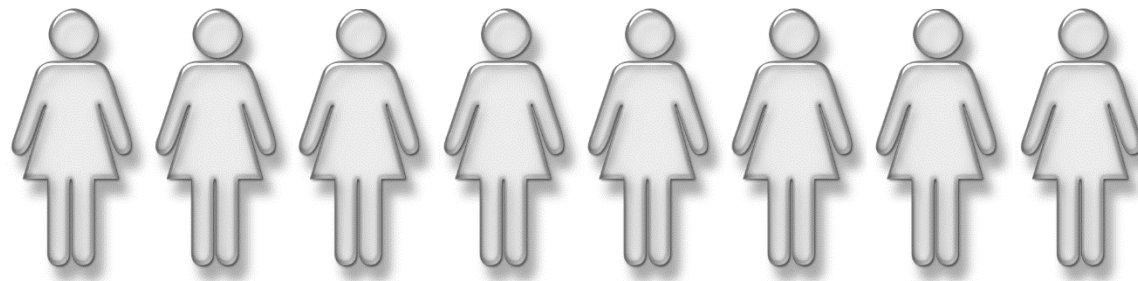
# Past Year Estimates: 2010 to 2015



**In 2010, 12 in 100 women had experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in the past year:**



**By 2015, that number dropped to 8 in 100:**





# A Special Thank You!



**We sincerely thank the women 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 Alaska.**

**Thank you!**



# Trends from 2010 to 2015



- Prevalence of intimate partner violence and sexual violence is decreasing.
- Our prevention and intervention efforts are working.
- Unfortunately, the number of victims remains unacceptably high.
- Trends are headed in the right direction, but we need to strengthen our efforts for all women to be safe in Alaska.



# Number of Victims in Alaska: 2015



**21,401 adult women in Alaska experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in the past year:**

- 16,909 experienced intimate partner violence.
- 7,662 experienced sexual violence.
- Some experienced both.
- Some experienced violence multiple times.
- Some experienced other forms of violence.

**While the numbers are getting better, they remain unacceptably high.**



# Number of Victims in Alaska: 2015



***Out of every 100 adult women who reside in the State of Alaska:***

**40 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):**



**33 experienced sexual violence:**



**50 experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both:**



**Half of adult women in Alaska (more than 130,000)  
have experienced violence in their lifetime.**



# Number of Victims in Fairbanks: 2011



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

**35 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):**



**32 experienced sexual violence:**



**45 experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both:**



**45% of adult women in the Fairbanks North Star Borough  
(more than 15,000) have experienced violence in their lifetime.**



# Number of Victims in Fairbanks: 2011



**1,868 adult women in the Fairbanks North Star Borough experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both in the past year:**

- 1,630 experienced intimate partner violence.
- 441 experienced sexual violence.
- Some experienced both.
- Some experienced violence multiple times.
- Some experienced other forms of violence.





# Today to 2020 and beyond



## For Alaska to be freed from domestic and sexual violence:

Must continue to provide safety for Alaskans victimized or impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault through a system of:



- Prevention services,
- Crisis intervention, and
- Perpetrator accountability.

**We can and we must continue to improve the safety of women in Alaska.**



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