Alaska Victimization Survey: Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island Region

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Alaska Victimization Survey

- Establishes a baseline for estimates of violence in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region.
- Respondents were randomly selected to participate in a phone survey. Called both landlines and cell phones.
- Participation was limited to adult women who spoke English.
- Final sample includes 120 adult women surveyed from April to June 2014 and May to August 2015.
Intimate Partner Violence Questions

- Have your romantic or sexual partners made threats to physically harm you?
- 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

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<td>34.3%</td>
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¹ – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- 42.7% of adult women in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region (or 1,028) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,
- 34.3% (or 826) experienced threats of physical violence,
- 42.7% (or 1,028) experienced physical violence.
Sexual Violence Questions

• When you were 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?

• Has anyone used physical force or threats of physical harm 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

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<td>14.4%</td>
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1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- **24.3% of adult women in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region (or 585) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,**
  - **14.4% (or 345) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,**
  - **16.6% (or 398) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.**
Out of every 100 adult women in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region:

- 43 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):
- 24 experienced sexual violence:
- 45 experienced IPV, sexual violence, or both:
Important Limitations

- Measured *number of victims*, not *number of victimizations*. The number of victimizations is higher than the number of victims.

- Estimates are likely to be conservative:
  - Not all forms of violence were measured.
  - Women excluded from the survey may have higher rates of victimization.
  - There is still a significant amount of stigma associated with reporting violence.
A Special Thank You!

We sincerely thank the women in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region who invested time and effort to participate in the Alaska Victimization Survey. They re-lived horrendous experiences, ones that no one should be subjected to, to help the rest of us understand the extent of intimate partner and sexual violence in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region. Thank you!
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We also thank Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (USAFV)

Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence (USAFV) provides a safe haven for victims of sexual assault and family violence, and USAFV plays an active role in educating the public in how to recognize victimization and how to avoid becoming a victim.

24-hour crisis line: 907-581-1500 in Unalaska, 1-800-478-7238 throughout AK
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