### 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



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 2,404)
Intimate Partner Violence <sup>1</sup>	42.7%	1,028
A. Threats	34.3%	826
B. Physical Violence	42.7%	1,028

- 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



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 2,404)
Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup>	24.3%	585
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	14.4%	345
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	16.6%	398

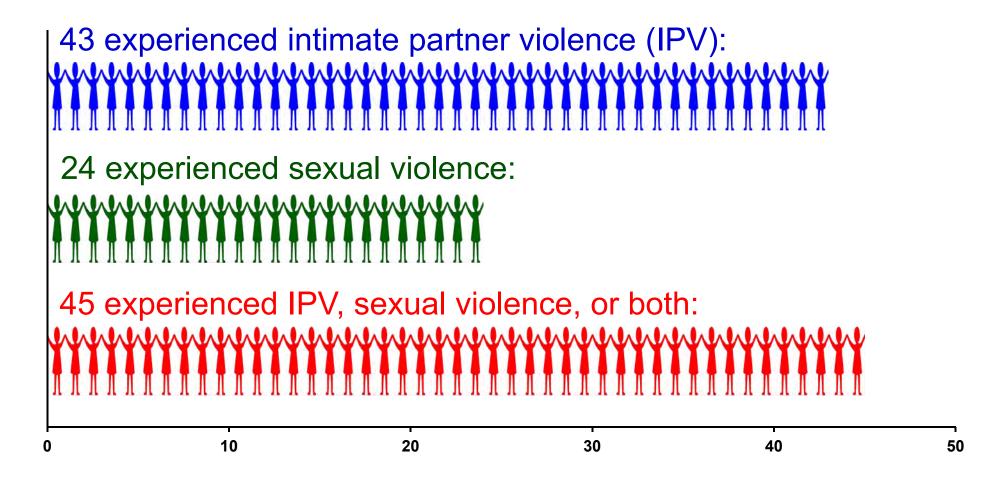
- 1 Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.
  - 24.3% of adult women in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region (or 585) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,
    - 14.4% (or 345) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
    - 16.6%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



### Lifetime Estimates



### Out of every 100 adult women in the Aleutian/Pribilof Island region:





# **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!



# A Special Thank You!



### 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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