

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 ¹	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 ¹	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:**

43 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):



24 experienced sexual violence:



45 experienced IPV, sexual violence, or both:



0 10 20 30 40 50



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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