2010 Alaska Victimization Survey

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2010 Alaska Victimization Survey

• Designed to establish a baseline with statewide intimate partner and sexual violence estimates.

• Modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveillance System (CDC, NIJ, DoD) and administered by RTI.

• Utilized a statewide random digit dial dual frame phone survey (both land and cell phone lines).

• Maximized respondent safety and confidentiality.
2010 Alaska Victimization Survey

- Survey respondents were limited to English-speaking adult women residing in a household with at least one land or cell phone line.

- Includes 871 adult women throughout Alaska, surveyed in May/June 2010.

- Sample provides an excellent representation of the Alaska population of adult women.

- Sampling weights were used to control for selection, non-response, and coverage.
Intimate Partner Violence Definitions

• 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?
# Intimate Partner Violence Estimates

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- 47.6% of adult women in Alaska (or 117,685) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,
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- 9.4% of adult women in Alaska (or 23,240) experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,
  - 5.8% (or 14,340) experienced threats of physical violence,
  - 8.6% (or 21,262) 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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- **37.1% of adult women in Alaska (or 91,725) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,**
  - **26.8% (or 66,260) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,**
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- 4.3% of adult women in Alaska (or 10,631) experienced sexual violence in the past year,
  - 3.6% (or 8,901) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
  - 2.5% (or 6,181) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.
Summary of Lifetime Estimates

58.6% (144,881)
Intimate partner or sexual violence

47.6% (117,685)
Intimate partner violence

31.0% (76,644)
Threats of physical violence

44.8% (110,763)
Physical violence

37.1% (91,725)
Sexual violence

26.8% (66,260)
Alcohol/drug involved sexual assault

25.6% (63,293)
Forcible sexual assault

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

11.8% (29,174)
Intimate partner or sexual violence

9.4% (23,240)
Intimate partner violence

4.3% (10,631)
Sexual violence

5.8% (14,340)
Threats of physical violence

8.6% (21,262)
Physical violence

3.6% (8,901)
Alcohol/drug involved sexual assault

2.5% (6,181)
Forcible sexual assault

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Important Limitations

- Survey only provides a statewide average and masks regional differences. Regional estimates may vary significantly.
- 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 who invested time and effort to participate in the 2010 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!
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