



Domestic Violence Fact Sheet

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- One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹
- An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.²
- Females between the ages of 20–24 are the most likely to be victim of domestic violence.³
- Almost one-third of female homicide victims that are reported in police records are killed by an intimate partner.⁴
- The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- Approximately 20% of the 1.5 million people who experience intimate partner violence annually obtain civil protection orders and approximately one-half of the civil protection orders are violated.⁶
- Only approximately one-quarter of all physical assaults, one-fifth of all rapes, and one-half of all stalkings perpetuated against females by intimate partners are reported to the police.⁷

¹ Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, "Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey," 2000.

² *Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States*. 2003. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Centers for Injury Prevention and Control. Atlanta, GA.

³ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Intimate Partner Violence in the United States," December 2006.

⁴ Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reports* "Crime in the United States, 2000," 2001.

⁵ *Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States*. 2003. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Centers for Injury Prevention and Control. Atlanta, GA.

⁶ Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, "Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey," 2000.

⁷ *ibid.*