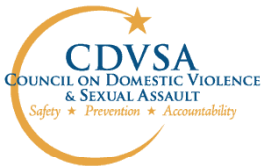


# Alaska Victimization Survey: Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence in the Kenai Peninsula Borough

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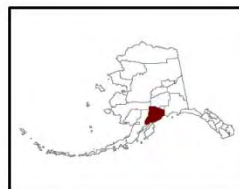
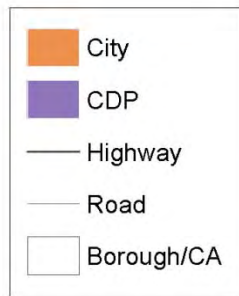


- Designed to establish a baseline for estimates of intimate partner & sexual violence in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- Modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Surveillance System (CDC) & the 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey (UAA).
- Surveys were administered by RTI International.
- Surveys were conducted by phone in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (spring/summer 2013).

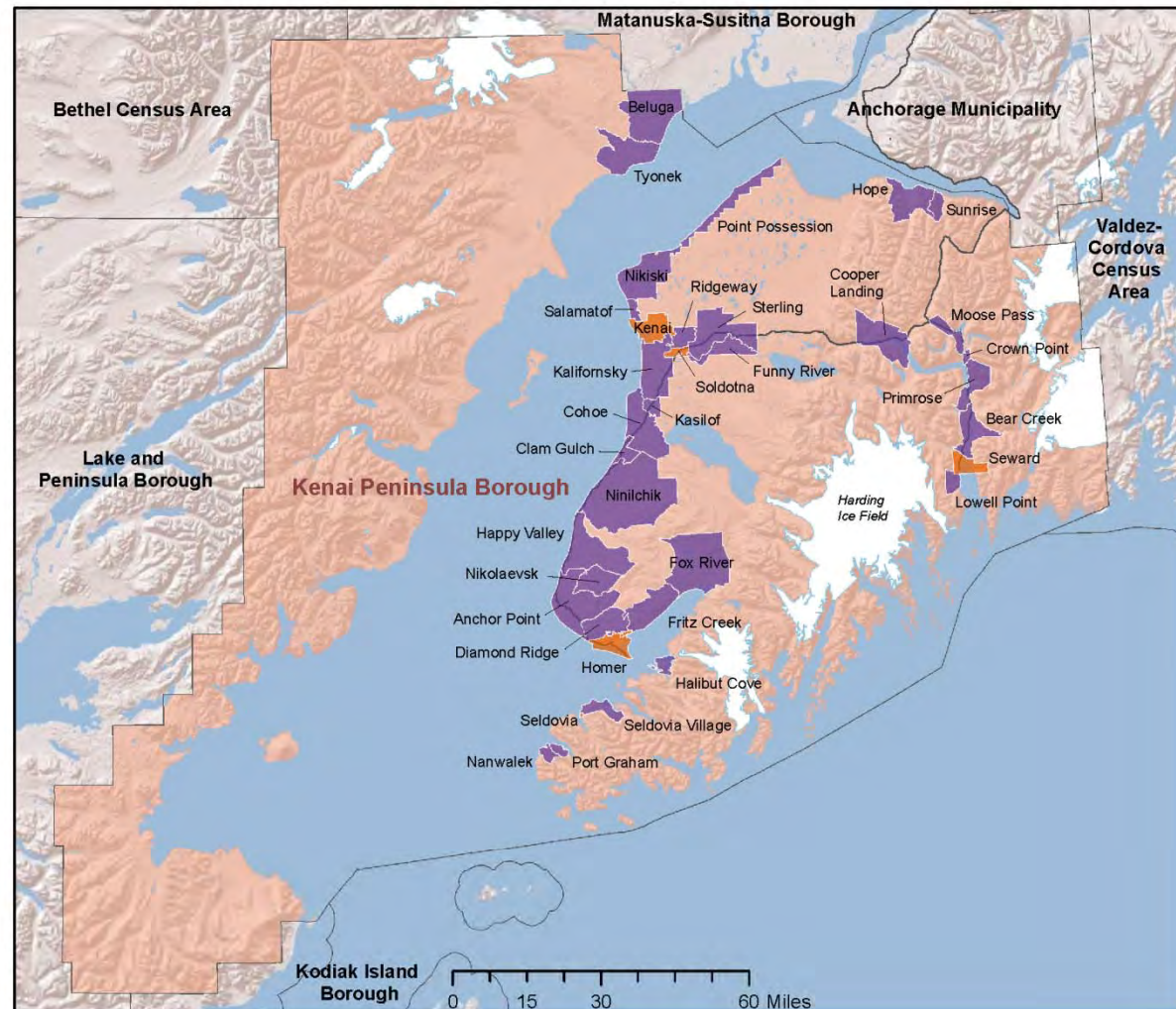
# AK Victimization Survey in the Kenai Peninsula



## Kenai Peninsula Borough



Prepared by:  
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 Source: US Census  
 2010 TIGERline





# AK Victimization Survey in the Kenai Peninsula



- Survey was approved by multiple institutional review boards and was supported by the LeeShore Center.
- Survey procedures were designed to maximize the safety and confidentiality of all respondents.
- Respondents were randomly selected (only adult females were eligible to participate). Called both land lines and cell phones.
- Final sample includes 987 adult women surveyed from April to July 2013.



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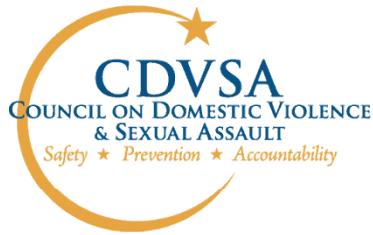
- The sample provides a good representation of the population. Nonetheless, all results are weighted to control for selection, non-response, and coverage.
- There are some very important limitations to this survey. In particular, respondents were limited to English-speaking adult women residing in a household with at least one land or cell phone line. Surveys were only conducted from April to July 2013.



# AK Victimization Survey in the Kenai Peninsula



- The questions in the survey are very graphic because they are “behaviorally specific.”
- For example, we ask: “How many of your romantic or sexual partners have ever slapped you?”
  - Avoid legal definitions (e.g., ‘assault’)
  - Avoid defining victims, survivors
  - Attribute blame to the perpetrators



# 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



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 19,910)
Intimate Partner Violence <sup>1</sup>	43.0%	8,561
A. Threats	26.3%	5,236
B. Physical Violence	41.6%	8,283

1 – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- *43.0% of adult women in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (or 8,561) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,*
  - *26.3% (or 5,236) experienced threats of physical violence,*
  - *41.6% (or 8,283) experienced physical violence.*



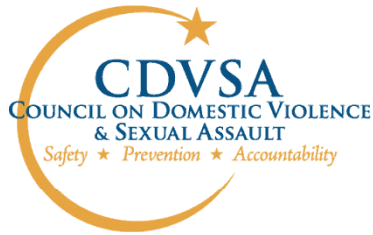
# Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 19,910)
Intimate Partner Violence <sup>1</sup>	4.0%	796
A. Threats	1.5%	299
B. Physical Violence	3.5%	697

1 – Includes both threats of physical violence and physical violence by intimate partners.

- *4.0% of adult women in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (or 796) experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,*
  - *1.5% (or 299) experienced threats of physical violence,*
  - *3.5% (or 697) 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?

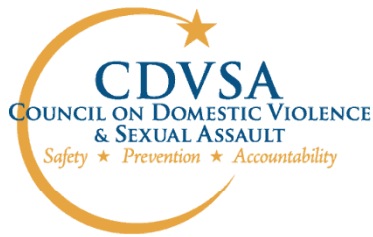


# Sexual Violence Definitions

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- **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?*



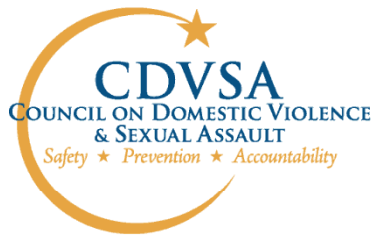
# Sexual Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 19,910)
Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup>	30.1%	5,993
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	18.8%	3,743
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	22.8%	4,539

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

- *30.1% of adult women in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (or 5,993) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,*
  - *18.8% (or 3,743) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,*
  - *22.8% (or 4,539) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.*



# Sexual Violence Estimates

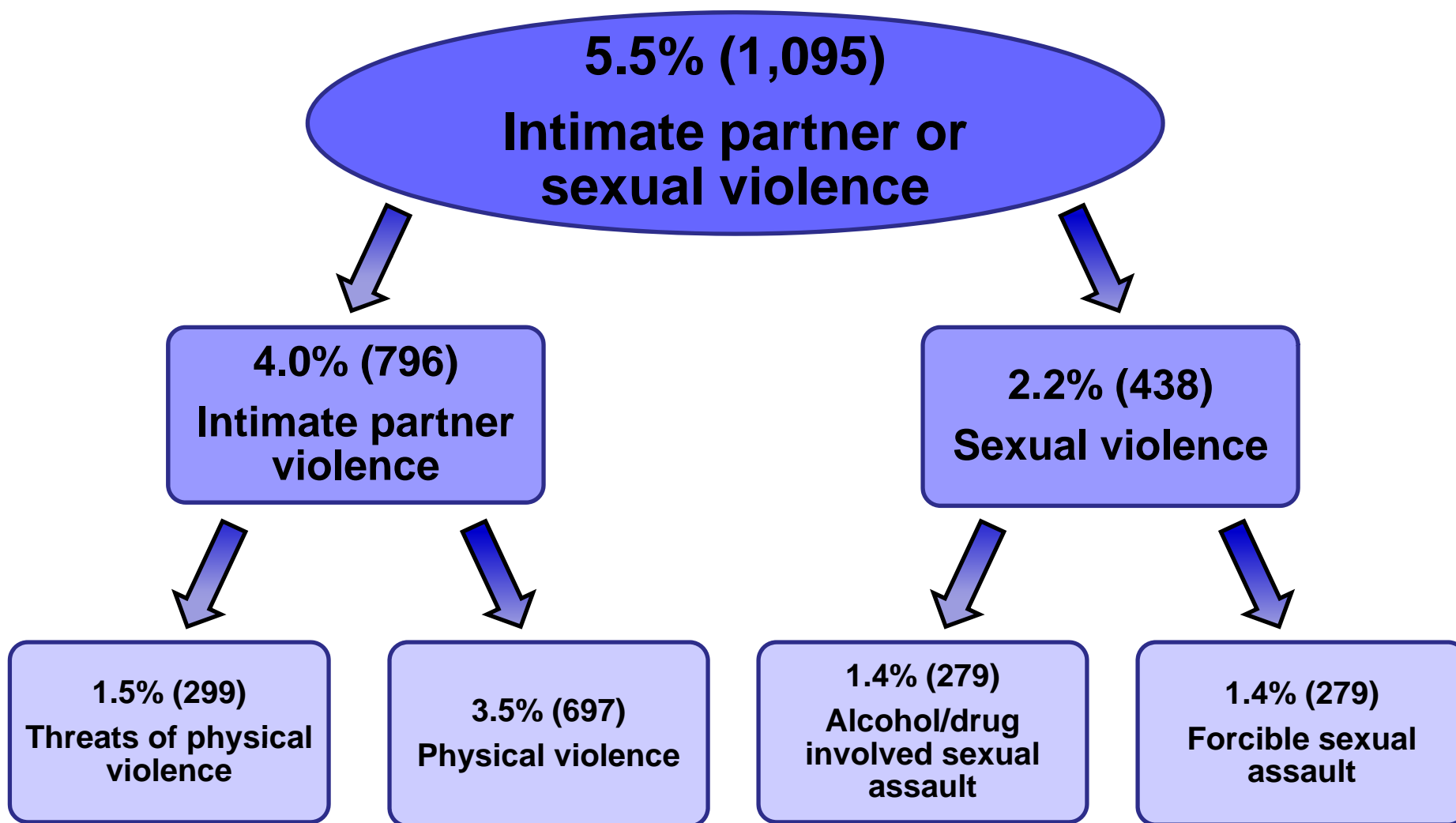


Past Year Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 19,910)
Sexual Violence <sup>1</sup>	2.2%	438
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	1.4%	279
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	1.4%	279

1 – Includes both alcohol or drug involved sexual assault and forcible sexual assault.

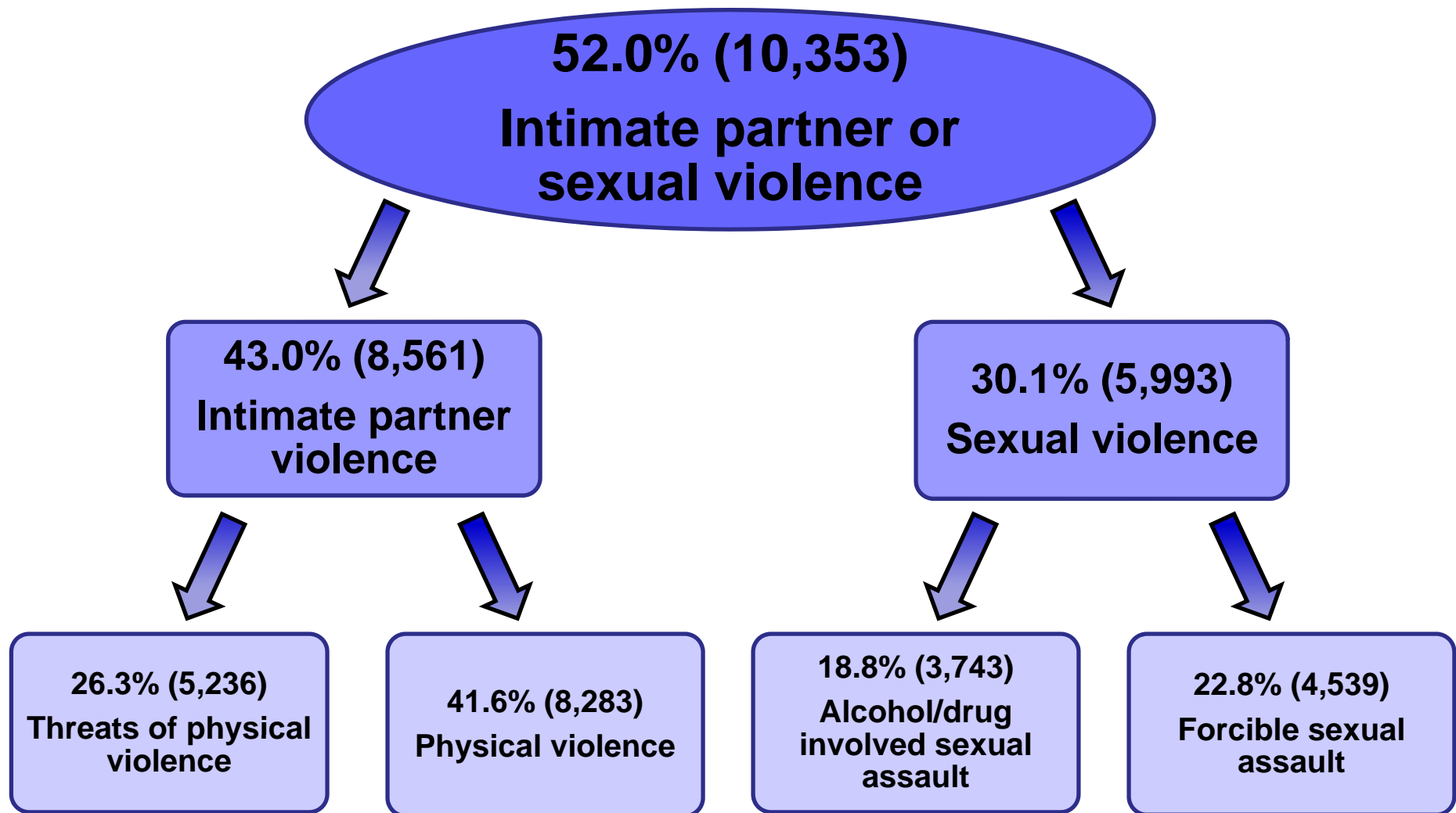
- *2.2% of adult women in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (or 438) experienced sexual violence in the past year,*
  - *1.4% (or 279) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,*
  - *1.4% (or 279) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.*

# Summary of Past Year Estimates



Note: percentages do not sum because some respondents experienced multiple victimizations.

# Summary of Lifetime Estimates



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# Lifetime Estimates

**Out of every 100 adult women  
in the Kenai Peninsula Borough:**

**43 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):**



**30 experienced sexual violence:**



**52 experienced IPV, sexual violence, or both:**



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# Important Limitations



- Survey only provides a regional average and masks important differences (for example, differences by age or race/ethnicity).
- 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 in the Kenai Peninsula Borough who invested time and effort to participate in the 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 the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Thank you!**



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**We also thank  
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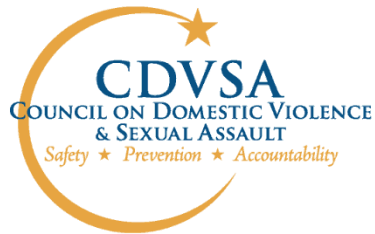


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**The LeeShore Center promotes healthy families and a violence free community while providing a safe haven for women and children who are victims of domestic violence/sexual assault. Their 24 hour crisis line is 907-283-7257.**



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