

UAA Justice Center's Ongoing DVSA Research

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Status Updates for the June 2017 CDVSA Quarterly Council Meeting:



- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs
- Results First and Batterer Intervention Programs
- Psychological and Physical Abuse Against Elders
- Alaska Victimization Survey

UPDATE: Survey on Alaskans' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs

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- Reviewed in May 2017 and revised in June 2017
- Three key findings:
 - Majority of adults agree that DV/SA are problems
 - Majority of adults recognize they have a responsibility to intervene
 - 1 in 5 believe that rape victims are partially responsible if they are drunk
- Now ready for release
 - Report will be posted on Justice Center website
 - CDVSA media release

UPDATE: Results First and Batterer Intervention Programs

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- **“Results First”** is an innovative cost-benefit analysis approach designed to help us invest in policies and programs that are proven to work
- **Analysis includes batterer intervention programs that receive state general funds**
- **Results are not yet public but were shared with Diane Casto and will be presented at Alaska Criminal Justice Commission on June 15**

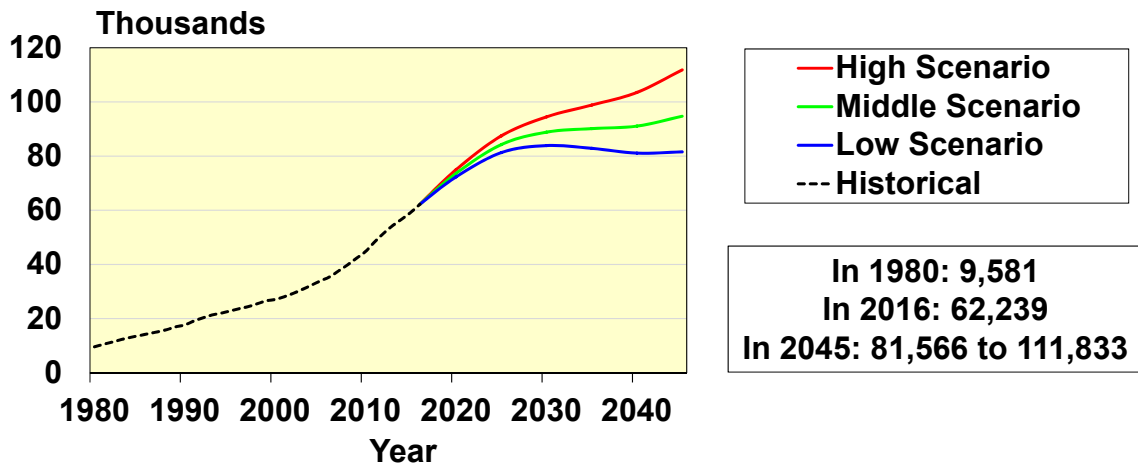
UPDATE: Psychological and Physical Abuse Against Elders

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- **Data:**
 - **Alaska Victimization Survey (2010-2015):**
3,483 women in Alaska who were 60 years old or older
 - **National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2010):**
3,049 women in the United States who were 60 years old or older
- **Measures:**
 - **Psychological Abuse** (expressive aggression by intimate partners and coercive control by intimate partners)
 - **Physical Abuse** (physical violence by intimate partners and sexual violence)
 - **Other forms of abuse are not included** (e.g., financial exploitation)

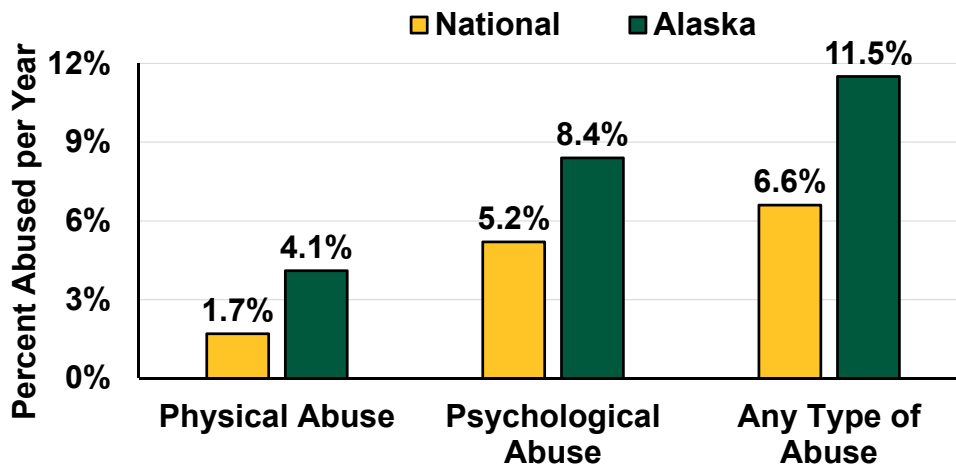
From 1980 to 2016, the number of Alaskan women age 60+ increased by 550%

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One in nine experienced psychological or physical abuse in the past year

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Psychological abuse is more prevalent than physical abuse

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Type of Abuse	% Abused Nationally	% Abused in Alaska
Physical Abuse	1.7%	4.1%
Physical Violence by Intimate Partners	1.0%	1.5%
Sexual Violence	0.9%	2.8%
Psychological Abuse	5.2%	8.4%
Expressive Aggression by Intimate Partners	3.3%	5.0%
Coercive Control by Intimate Partners	3.6%	4.9%
Any Type of Abuse	6.6%	11.5%

Plans for Dissemination and Public Education

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- **Blog posts and media releases**
- **World Abuse Awareness Day, June 15**
- **Video with L. Diane Casto & Andre Rosay**
- **Article in Alaska Justice Forum, July 2017**
- **Dissemination with state agencies including DHSS**
- **Working with media including *Senior Voice*, published monthly by Older Persons Action Group, Inc.**

UPDATE: Alaska Victimization Survey

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- Surveyed more than 10,000 women from 2010 to 2015
- Over 350 media mentions
- 37 media mentions in 2017 (approx. 1 every 4 days)
- Recent results:
 - 1 in 3 adult women in Alaska were stalked in their lifetime
 - 1 in 9 adult women age 60+ experienced psychological or physical abuse in the past year
 - From 2010 to 2015, violence against women dropped by more than 30%

One in three adult women in Alaska were stalked in their lifetime

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Among all adult women in the State of Alaska:

1 in 3

(more than 80,800)
were stalked in their lifetime

1 in 17

(more than 15,300)
were stalked in the past year

*Among women who experienced intimate partner violence or sexual violence
in their lifetime:*

50%

(more than 66,800)
were also stalked in their lifetime

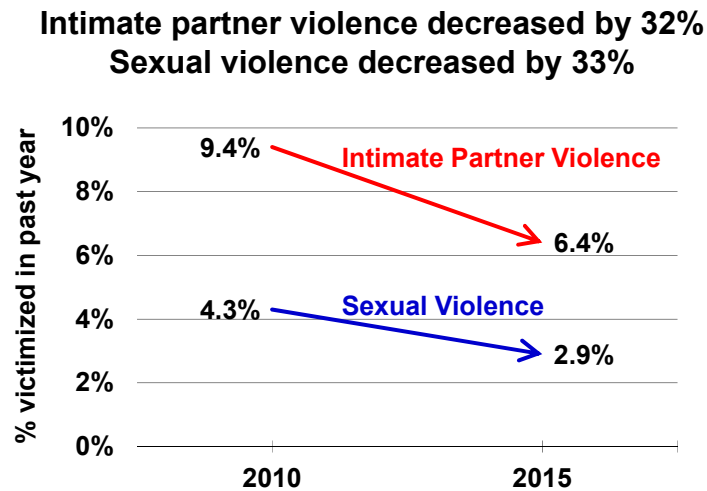
27%

(more than 5,800)
were also stalked in the past year

These estimates come from a 2015 survey of adult women in the State of Alaska.
Source: UAA Justice Center, Alaska Victimization Survey, <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/justice/avs>.

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Next Steps: Alaska Victimization Survey

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- Release results on psychological and physical abuse against women aged 60 and older
- Release results for the North Slope Borough, in partnership with Arctic Women in Crisis
- Release results for the Aleutian/Pribilof Island Region, in partnership with Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence (USAFV)
- Compute estimates for service needs (legal, advocacy, and housing)