

Alaska Victimization Survey: 2011 Results for Juneau



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Alaska Victimization Survey in Juneau



- Designed to establish a baseline for estimates of intimate partner & sexual violence in Juneau.
- 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 throughout the City and Borough of Juneau.



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- Survey was approved by multiple institutional review boards and was supported by AWARE.
- 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 601 adult women surveyed from April 2011 to June 2011.



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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 2011 to June 2011.



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- 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 11,771)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	47.1%	5,544
A. Threats	23.2%	2,731
B. Physical Violence	45.2%	5,320

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

- *47.1% of adult women in the City and Borough of Juneau (or 5,544) experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime,*
 - *23.2% (or 2,731) experienced threats of physical violence,*
 - *45.2% (or 5,320) experienced physical violence.*



Intimate Partner Violence Estimates



Past Year Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 11,771)
Intimate Partner Violence ¹	12.1%	1,424
A. Threats	7.0%	824
B. Physical Violence	10.4%	1,224

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

- 12.1% of adult women in the City and Borough of Juneau (or 1,424) experienced intimate partner violence in the past year,
 - 7.0% (or 824) experienced threats of physical violence,
 - 10.4% (or 1,224) experienced physical violence.



Sexual Violence Definitions



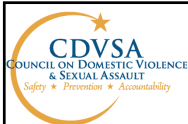
- **Sexual violence includes two measures:**
 - A – Alcohol or drug involved sexual assault.
 - B – Forcible sexual assault.
 - Measures are not limited to intimate partners.
 - Measures are then combined into a single ‘sexual violence’ composite.
- **Alcohol or drug involved sexual assault:**
 - When 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?*



Sexual Violence Estimates



Lifetime Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 11,771)
Sexual Violence ¹	35.3%	4,155
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	22.1%	2,601
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	23.4%	2,754

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

- *35.3% of adult women in the City and Borough of Juneau (or 4,155) experienced sexual violence in their lifetime,*
 - *22.1% (or 2,601) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,*
 - *23.4% (or 2,754) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.*



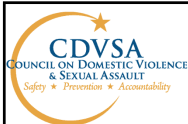
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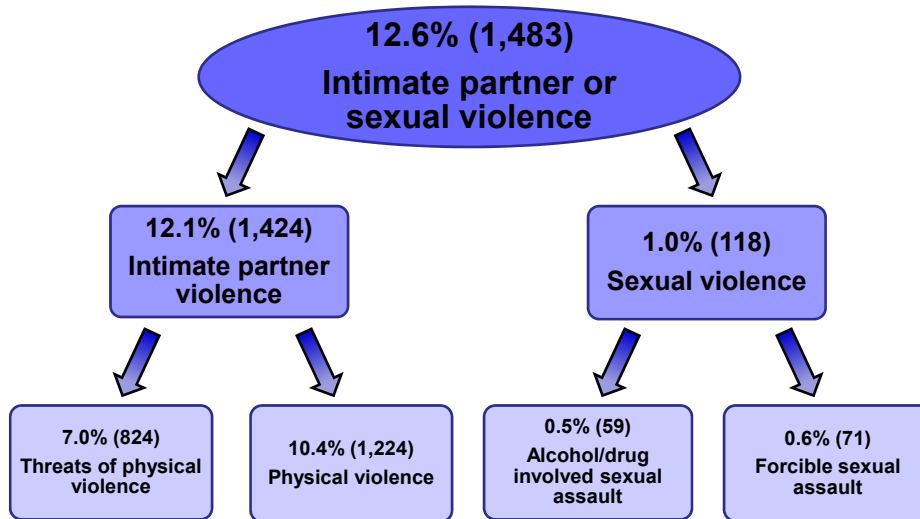
Past Year Estimates	Estimated %	Estimated N (out of 11,771)
Sexual Violence ¹	1.0%	118
A. Alcohol or Drug Involved Sexual Assault	0.5%	59
B. Forcible Sexual Assault	0.6%	71

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

- 1.0% of adult women in the City and Borough of Juneau (or 118) experienced sexual violence in the past year,
 - 0.5% (or 59) experienced at least one alcohol or drug involved sexual assault,
 - 0.6% (or 71) experienced at least one forcible sexual assault.

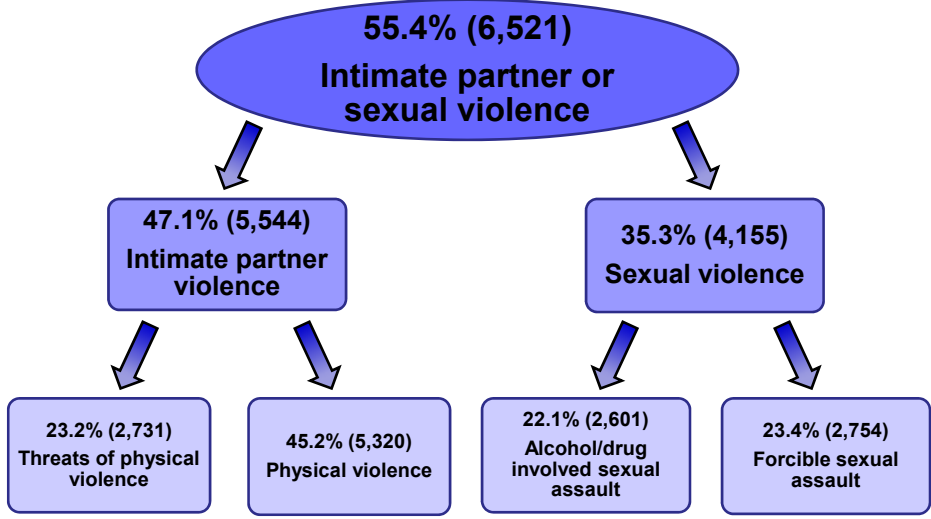


Summary of Past Year Estimates



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

Summary of Lifetime Estimates

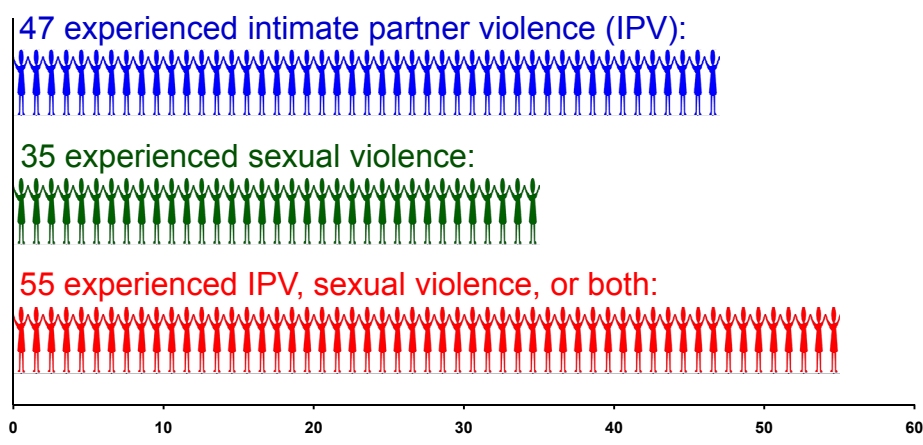


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Lifetime Estimates



Out of every 100 adult women in the City and Borough of Juneau:





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 City and Borough of Juneau 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 Juneau. Thank you!



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**We also thank
Aiding Women In Abuse
and Rape Emergencies (AWARE)**



<http://www.awareak.org>

AWARE provides comprehensive intervention and prevention, outreach and education regarding domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The Juneau crisis line is 907-586-1090. The toll-free crisis line is 1-800-478-1090.



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