

## Persons Who May Be Alaska Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries were more likely to experience Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence

Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries include Alaskans with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcohol or drug addiction, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, and traumatic brain injuries.

**3** out of **4**

Women in Alaska who were possibly **Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries** experienced intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence (SV), or both in their lifetime.

Data Source: 2020 AVS

Over their entire lifetime, women who were possibly **Trust beneficiaries** were

**1.6x** more likely

to have experienced

IPV, SV, or both than women who were **non-beneficiaries**

Over the past year, women who were possibly **Trust beneficiaries** were

**2.4x** more likely

to have experienced

IPV, SV, or both than women who were **non-beneficiaries**

Data Source: 2020 AVS

Out of women in Alaska who experienced intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence (SV), or both in the past year,

**Half** were possibly **Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries**

Data Source: 2020 AVS

## The Alaska Victimization Survey

The Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) is funded by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and conducted by the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center. A total of 2,100 English-speaking women in Alaska aged 18 or older participated by telephone in the AVS between July 2020 and November 2020. The 2020 AVS asked respondents about their mental health history to determine if they may be an Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiary, identifying Alaskans with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcohol or drug addiction, Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, and traumatic brain injuries. For more details on how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trust beneficiary status were measured in the AVS, see the full report at <http://hdl.handle.net/11122/12259>.

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