

Male victims of physical assault by intimate partners

in seven English speaking western democracies
based on results of published government studies

Male victims as % of total male and female victims of physical assault

	Australia ⁽¹⁾ 2005	Canada ⁽²⁾ 2004	England & Wales ⁽³⁾ 2005/06	Ireland ⁽⁴⁾ 2003	New Zealand ⁽⁵⁾ 2001	Northern Ireland ⁽⁶⁾ 2005	USA ⁽⁷⁾ 2004
<i>Lifetime</i>							
- force	29.4	-	35.3	-	40.4 ⁽⁸⁾	35.3	-
- severe force	-	-	38.8	30.8	-	41.7	-
<i>In past 5 years</i>							
- force	-	45.5 ⁽¹⁰⁾	-	-	-	-	-
- severe force	-	-	-	40.8	-	-	-
<i>In past year</i>							
- force	22.3	-	37.5	-	37.5 ⁽⁹⁾	-	25.6
- severe force	-	-	41.9	50.0	-	-	25.0

Sources

- (1) **Personal Safety Survey, Australia 2005.** Age 18 and over
- (2) **Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile, 2005.** Age 15 and over
- (3) **Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2005/2006.** Age 16 to 59
- (4) **Domestic Abuse of Women and Men in Ireland: Report on the National Study of Domestic Abuse, July 2005.** Age 18 and over
- (5) **New Zealand National Survey of Crime Victims 2001.** Age 15 and over
- (6) **Experience of Domestic Violence: Findings from the 2005 Northern Ireland Crime Survey.** Age 16 to 59
- (7) **Intimate Partner Violence in the United States, 1993-2004.** Age 12 and over

Notes

- (8) Heterosexual partners only of 'ever-partnered' women and men
- (9) Excludes ex-partners
- (10) Includes also threat to kill, and/or sexual assault

AUSTRALIA

Victims of non-sexual physical assault by intimate partners

Source:

Personal Safety Survey (PSS), Australia 2005

(Re-issue), 21 August 2006 [4906.0]

Survey conducted by Australian Bureau of Statistics throughout Australia (except for remote areas) from August to December 2005 using face-to-face interviews with 11,800 women and 4,500 men aged 18 years and over. Survey included experiences of male victims for first time.

Numbers of victims of physical assault by current and former partners (Table 16)

	Women	Men	% Men of W+M
<i>(a) During last 12 months</i>			
By all partners	74,000	21,200	22.3
- by current partner	30,700	5,000**	14.0
- by previous partners	43,300	16,200*	27.2
<i>(b) Since the age of 15</i>			
By all partners	780,500	325,700	29.4

** standard error exceeding 50%

* standard error of 25% to 50%

CANADA

Spousal violence 1999 and 2004

Source:

Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile, 2005

with data used from the 2004 General Social Survey (GSS) on Victimization based on computer assisted telephone interviews with about 24,000 people age 15 and over between January and December 2004 in ten provinces

Numbers of women and men aged 15 and over who reported violence by a current or former partner during the previous 5 years, 1999 and 2004

(Table 1.1 and Fig 1.1)

including threat to hit, physical assault and/or sexual assault

	Female		Male		% Male of F+M
	Number (1000s)	% of female popln	Number (1000s)	% of male popln	
<i>(a) 1999</i>					
Total	690	8	549	7	44.3
<i>(b) 2004</i>					
Total	653	7	546	6	45.5

Frequency of violent incidents reported by women and men in past 5 years 1999 and 2004 (Table 1.4)

	Female		Male		% Male of F+M
	Number (1000s)	% of F victims	Number (1000s)	% of M victims	
<i>(a) 1999</i>					
Once	225	33	227	41	50.2
2 – 5 times	197	29	194	35	49.6
6 – 10 times	72	11	35	6	32.7
Over 10 times	178	26	72	13	28.8
Not stated/don't know	17	3	21	4	-
<i>(b) 2004</i>					
Once	262	40	264	48	50.2
2 – 5 times	197	30	172	31	46.6
6 – 10 times	42	6	36	7	46.2
Over 10 times	135	21	60	11	30.8
Not stated/don't know	18	3	14	3	-

Severity of spousal violence by sex of victim in past 5 years, 1999 and 2004 (Table 1.5)

	Female		Male		% Male of F+M
	Number (1000s)	% of F victims	Number (1000s)	% of M victims	
<i>(a) 1999</i>					
Physical injury	279	40	72	13	20.5
No physical injury	396	57	462	84	53.8

Received medical attention	104	15	15	3	12.6
Did not receive medical attention	174	25	57	10	24.7
Feared for life	259	38	41	7	13.7
<i>(b) 2004</i>					
Physical injury	285	44	101	19	26.2
No physical injury	368	56	443	81	54.6
Received medical attention	85	13	13	2	13.3
Did not receive medical attention	198	30	88	16	30.8
Feared for life	224	34	54	10	19.4

ENGLAND and WALES

Intimate Violence in England and Wales 2005/2006

Source 1:

Homicides, Firearm Offences and Intimate Violence 2005/2006

Home Office Statistical Bulletin 02/07, 25 January 2007

Supplementary Volume 1 to Crime in England and Wales 2005/2006

Kathryn Coleman et al

Based on responses of 26,214 men and women aged 16-59 to a computerised self-completion module on intimate violence included as a supplement to the 2005/2006 British Crime Survey. The response rate was 83% of those eligible.

Victims of non-sexual threat or force once or more by current or former partners among adults 16-59 (Table 3.1)

Percentage victims once or more

	Women	Men	% Men of W+M
<i>(a) During last year (prior to survey)</i>			
Threat or force	3.5	1.9	35.2
Force:	3.0	1.8	37.5
- minor	2.4	0.8	25.0
- severe	1.8	1.3	41.9
<i>(b) Since age 16</i>			
Threat or force	20.8	10.7	34.0
Force	19.1	10.4	35.3
- minor	15.2	4.4	22.4
- severe	13.7	8.7	38.8

Source 2:

Domestic violence, sexual assaults and stalking: Findings from the British Crime Survey (2001)

Home Office Research Study 276, March 2004

Sylvia Walby and Jonathan Allen

Based on responses of 22,463 men and women aged 16-59 to a computerised self-completion questionnaire on intimate violence included as a supplement to the 2001 British Crime Survey.

Injuries sustained in worst incident of domestic violence (Table 3.1)

	percentages					
	Women			Men		
	Since age 16	Victims 4 or more times since age 16	Last year	Since age 16	Victims 4 or more times since age 16	Last year
No injury	25	3	28	50	13	49
Minor injury	48	62	46	35	63	41
Moderate injury	26	50	20	15	44	14
Severe injury	8	17	6	2	7	1
Mental or emotional problems	37	60	31	10	37	9

IRELAND (EIRE)

Prevalence of Domestic Abuse

Source:

Domestic Abuse of Women and Men in Ireland: Report on the National Study of Domestic Abuse, July 2005

by Dorothy Watson and Sara Parsons

National Crime Council in association with the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)

Telephone survey of a nationally representative sample of 3,077 women and men respondents aged 18 and over conducted by the ESRI in 2003.

The survey suggested that 213,000 women and 88,000 men in Ireland had been severely abused by a partner at some point in their lives, a proportion of male victims of about 30%.

Lifetime prevalence of Severe Abuse and Minor Incidents of Different Types for Women and Men (Table 2.1)

	Women %	Men %	% Men of W+M
Severe physical abuse	9	4	30.8
Severe emotional abuse	8	3	27.3
Any severe abuse	15	6	28.6
Severe physical abuse or minor physical incidents	13	13	50.0
Severe emotional abuse or minor emotional incidents	26	23	46.9
Any severe abuse or minor incidents	29	26	47.3

Prevalence of Severe Physical Abuse by Gender (Fig 2.1)

	Women %	Men %	% Men of W+M
Lifetime	8.9	4.0	31.0
Last five years	4.2	2.9	40.8
Last year	1.4	1.4	50.0

Physical Injury by Gender (Table 2.2)

	Women %	Men %	% Men of W+M
Physical injury	8	4	33.3
Number of cases	1,542	1,484	-

Severity of Injury by Gender (Table 2.3)

	Women %	Men %	% Men of W+M
Injury did not require medical treatment	41	77	65.3
Injury required GP/ hospital visit	49	22	31.0
Injury required hospital stay	10	1	9.1
Number of cases	116	52	-

NEW ZEALAND

Violent victimisation by partners

Source:

New Zealand National Survey of Crime Victims 2001

Allison Morris and James Reilly
Ministry of Justice, May 2003

Based on a random sample of the population age 15 and over using computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) generally and computer assisted self-interviewing (CASI) to measure violence by intimate partners. In addition, there were two 'booster' samples of Maori and Pacific peoples respectively. In total, about 5,300 people were interviewed, with response rates of 65% for the main sample, 62% for the total sample, 57% for the Maori booster and 52% for the Pacific booster.

Type of violence by heterosexual partners of 'ever-partnered' women and men – lifetime prevalence (Table 5.1)

percentages

Behaviour	Sample of ever-partnered women	Sample of ever-partnered men	% men of W+M
Force or violence	21.2	14.4	40.4
Threat to use force	19.5	8.0	29.1
Deliberate damage	18.8	9.8	34.3
Use of weapon	6.2	3.4	35.4
Sample size	2,526	1,721	

Note: Lifetime prevalence for violence by heterosexual partners was very much higher than the average for Maori women than for NZEuropean/European women and for Pacific women.

Type of violence by heterosexual partners of current partners, by sex - year 2000⁽¹⁾
(Table 5.6)

Incidence⁽²⁾ per 100 currently partnered people, prevalence⁽³⁾ as percentages

Behaviour	Currently partnered women		Currently partnered men		% Men of W+M	
	Incidence	Prevalence	Incidence	Prevalence	Incidence	Prevalence
<i>Since 1 Jan 2000</i>						
Force or violence	4.1	2.0	3.3	1.2	44.6	37.5
Threat to use force	6.0	2.3	1.3	0.8	17.8	25.8
Deliberate damage	3.2	1.4	0.8	0.6	20.0	30.0
Use of weapon	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	50.0	66.7
Experienced one or more of these - %	3.0		1.8		37.5	
Sample size	1,606		1,327			

Notes:

(1) Excludes ex-partners

(2) Incidence rates give the average number of victimisations experienced per individual

(3) Prevalence rates give the percentage of individuals victimised once or more

NORTHERN IRELAND

Domestic violence in Northern Ireland 2005

Source:

Experience of Domestic Violence: Findings from the 2005 Northern Ireland Crime Survey

Supplementary Bulletin to 2005 Northern Ireland Crime Survey

Northern Ireland Office. Research and Statistical Bulletin 5/2007. M Carmichael

Based on the responses of 2,108 men and women between ages 16 to 59 during the period January to December 2005 to a computer-assisted self-interviewing (CASI) domestic violence module as a supplement to the 2005 Northern Ireland Crime Survey (NICS), with an eligibility response rate of 83%.

Lifetime experience of domestic violence

(Tables 1.1 and 2.1, Figs 4.1 and 4.2)

	% of respondents		
	Female	Male	% Male of F+M
<u>Abuse, threats and/or force</u> (Tables 1.1, 2.1 and Fig 2.1)			
age 16-59	16	10	38.5
age 16-29	20	11	35.5
age 30-59	14	10	41.7
Abuse	9	6	40.0
Threats and/or force	13	6	31.6
Force	11	6	35.3
Severe force	7	5	41.7
<u>Frequency</u> from perpetrator of worst incident (Fig 4.1)			
Once	32	52	61.9
2 - 3 times	22	20	47.6
Many times	35	7	16.7
<u>Repeat victimisation</u>	57	27	32.1
<u>Injuries</u> Type of injury in worst incident (Fig 4.2)			
Any injuries	68	49	41.9
Mental/emotional problem	58	32	35.6
Minor injuries	65	67	50.8
Moderate injuries	41	33	44.6
Severe injuries	15	3	16.7

UNITED STATES

Nonfatal violent victimisation by intimate partners

Source:

Intimate Partner Violence in the United States, 1993-2004

by Shannan Catalano

US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics 2005

Based on results of the National Crime Victimization Survey in 2004 in which a nationally representative sample of 84,360 households and 149,000 individuals of age 12 and over were interviewed, with a response rate of between 87% and 93% of those eligible.

Rates per 1,000 persons age 12 and over of nonfatal physical assault by intimate partners

(excluding robbery and sexual assaults)

	Female	Male	% Male of F+M
<i>Average annual 1993-2004</i>			
Physical assault	5.4	1.0	15.6
- aggravated	1.0	0.3	23.1
- simple	4.4	0.7	13.7
<i>Year 2004</i>			
Physical assault	3.2	1.1	25.6
- aggravated	0.6	0.2	25.0
- simple	2.6	0.9	25.7

Average annual number and percent of injuries sustained by victims as a result of nonfatal violence by intimate partners, 1993-2004

	Female		Male	
	Number	% of total F	Number	% of total M
Not injured	369,670	49.5	79,570	63.7
Injured	376,910	50.5	45,360	36.3
- seriously	33,490	4.5	5,840	4.7
- minor only	317,020	42.5	38,580	30.9
- sexual assault (w/o additional injury)	25,430	3.4	460	0.4
- unknown	970	0.1	490	0.4
Of those injured	% of total F injured		% of total M injured	
- not treated	31.3		22.7	
- treated	19.2		13.4	

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