

2020 Statewide Alaska Victimization Survey

Preliminary Main Violence Prevalence Results

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Summary of AVS 2020 Data Collection

- The AVS is a general population survey of adult (18 years of age and older), non-institutionalized, English-speaking women residing in Alaska.
- For the 2020 AVS, respondents were randomly selected and contacted by landlines and cell phones between July and December. 2100 agreed to participate.
- The survey was modeled after the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey administered by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Survey procedures were designed to maximize the safety and confidentiality of all respondents.

Key AVS 2020 Findings

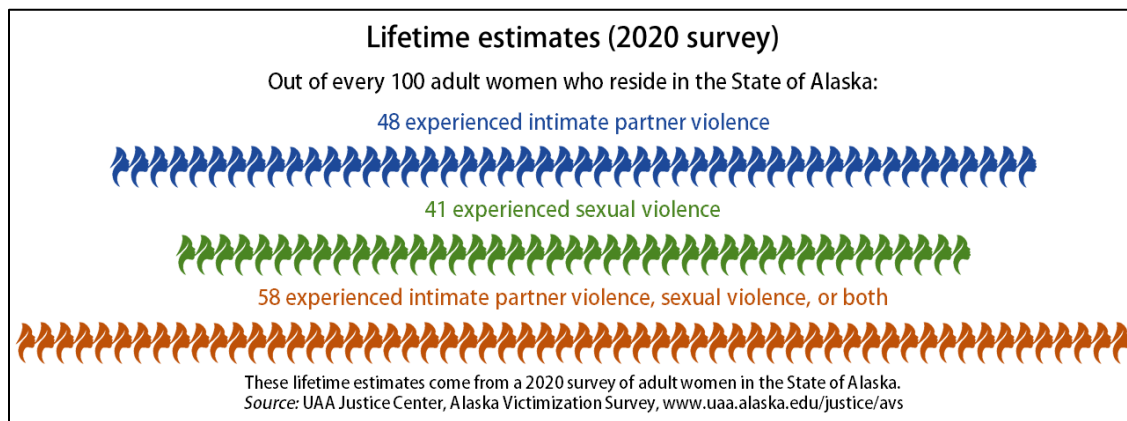


Table 1. Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) past year and lifetime intimate partner and sexual violence victimization experiences: changes over time (2010-2020)

Measures of Violence	Lifetime (%)			Past Year (%)		
	2010	2015	2020	2010	2015	2020
Intimate partner violence (composite)	47.6	40.4	48.0	9.4	6.4	6.9
Threats of physical violence	31.0	25.6	28.5	5.8	3.0	2.6
Physical violence	44.8	39.6	46.8	8.6	5.9	6.5
Sexual violence (composite)	37.1	33.1	40.5	4.3	2.9	3.4
Alcohol- or drug-involved sexual assault	26.8	22.6	27.5	3.6	2.0	2.1
Forcible sexual assault	25.6	23.5	27.7	2.5	1.6	2.2
Any violence (composite)	58.6	50.3	57.7	11.8	8.1	8.1

Violence measures

- **Intimate partner violence** includes two measures:
 1. Threats of physical violence by intimate partners
 - Have your romantic or sexual partners made threats to physically harm you?
 2. 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?
- **Sexual violence** includes two measures:
 1. 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?
 2. 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?