The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Injury Prevention and Control launched the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) in 2010. NISVS is an ongoing, nationally representative survey that assesses adult men and women’s experiences of sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence (Black et al., 2010, p. 7). NISVS was administered to surveyed English- and Spanish-speaking, noninstitutionalized men and women over the age of 18 using a random digit dial telephone method that included both landline and cell phones.

The first year’s findings were published in December 2011. In September 2014, the latest findings (from January – December 2011 data) were released. Prior to the release of the NISVS data, the most recent national survey that provided statistics on sexual violence prevalence was the National Violence Against Women Survey, conducted by the National Institute of Justice and the CDC in 1995 and 1996.

Having accurate, current statistics about sexual violence prevalence from a respected source is helpful to our work in the anti-sexual violence field. However, it can often be difficult to interpret complex technical research findings. We recently wrote about this in Using Statistics to Support Your Work. This resource includes a fact sheet of NISVS findings about sexual violence. Thankfully, the CDC also understands this and created an infographic about the most recent NISVS findings. Advocates may find this helpful in understanding the research themselves, and also in communicating it to others in their communities.

References

Intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence, and stalking are widespread and affecting both men and women. Each year, nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. Approximately 79% of female victims of completed rape report being raped before age 25. More than 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. Women with a household income less than $25,000 have been raped in their lifetime. There is a significantly higher prevalence of IPV among women and men who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. They cause far-reaching health issues and varying by income, they have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking. Women have reported significant short- and long-term impacts, such as post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms and injury. They also result in immediate injury. Everyone deserves a life free of violence. The good news is violence is preventable.

FACTS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE & STALKING

- Understanding these types of violence, we can take action to stop them before they start in our communities.

More than 2 million people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. Nearly 1 in 2 women and nearly 1 in 5 men are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner each year. Of all races/ethnicities, violence impacts millions of Americans each year. 79% of female victims of completed rape report being raped before age 25. More than 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States. Women with a household income less than $25,000 have been raped in their lifetime. There is a significantly higher prevalence of IPV among women and men who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual. They cause far-reaching health issues and varying by income, they have experienced contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking. Women have reported significant short- and long-term impacts, such as post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms and injury. They also result in immediate injury. Everyone deserves a life free of violence. The good news is violence is preventable.

Visit www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention and help make your community safer.

---

**Violence starts early**

- They impact all types of people
  - of all races/ethnicities.
  - of all sexual orientations.

---

**They cause far-reaching health issues**

- creating a ripple effect of consequences beyond immediate injury.

---

**Everyone deserves a life free of violence.**

The good news is violence is preventable.

Visit www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention and help make your community safer.