

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS: NEW YORK



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.⁴
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- Victims are being denied shelter services because of a lack of resources. In 2006, 10,131 adults and 12,076 children were turned away from shelters due to lack of space.⁷
- Shelters frequently do not have the funding to hire disability-trained staff. In 2006, 518 victims in New York City and 343 victims in the remainder of the state were denied access to shelter because of "special needs that could not be met."⁷

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"New York State is somewhat unique in having an executive-level state agency dedicated solely to the issue of domestic violence. Our office works collaboratively both with the State Coalition and our partner State agencies to ensure that a recognition and response to domestic violence is integrated into all of the work of the State."

- Executive Director, NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

"New York has made training a priority. Thousands of professionals around the State received specialized training. These trainings were designed to increase the awareness and skills of police officers, child protective workers, Department of Social Services staff, health care workers, advocates, probation and parole officers, and mental health professionals."

-NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence⁸

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN NEW YORK

- There were 50,088 reported cases of domestic violence in 2006.⁹
- There were 123,649 orders of protection filed in 2005.⁸
- 38,674 adults and 20,119 children were assisted by domestic violence programs in New York in 2006.⁷
- 3,636 forcible rapes were reported in New York in 2005.¹⁰
- The most common relationship between a perpetrator and their victim is marriage.⁹
- 133 homicides were a result of domestic violence in 2006.¹¹
- 28 children were killed as a result of domestic violence in New York in 2006.¹¹

STATE RESOURCES

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.NYSCADV.org

- ◇ The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) is a non-profit organization that works to eradicate domestic violence through community outreach, training, education, technical assistance and policy development.¹²

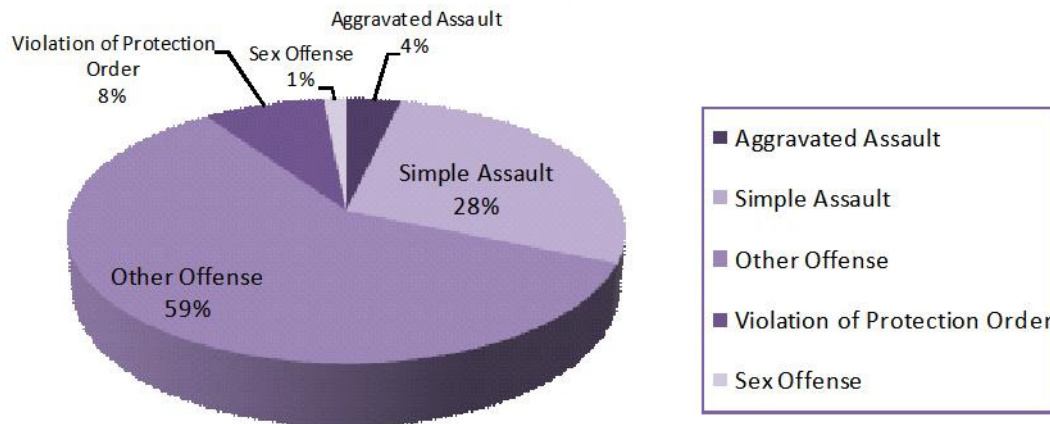
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.NYSCASA.org

- ◇ The Coalition works to eliminate sexual violence in New York through advocacy, public policy and legislation drafting, networking, and to respond to issues of sexual violence with a collective voice.¹³

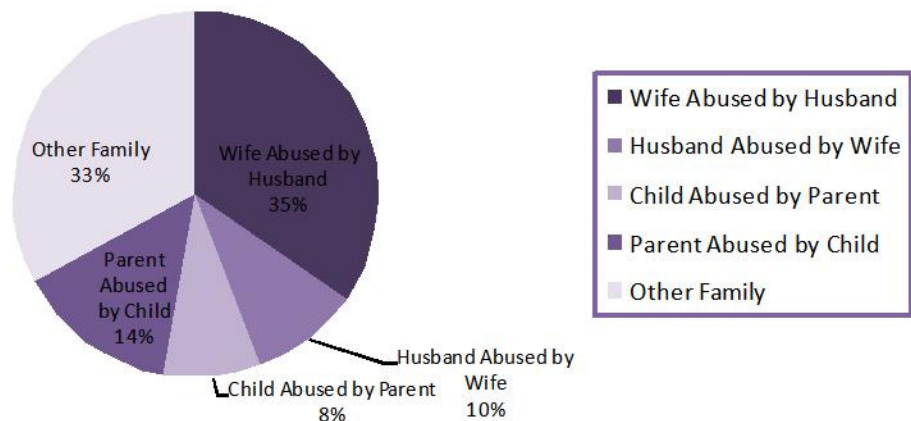
For more information or to get help, please contact the
 New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hotline at
1-800-942-6906

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

Domestic Violence Reported by Offense (2006)⁸



Relationship to Perpetrator in Domestic Violence (2006)⁸



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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.