



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

- In the Violence Policy Center's report, *Men Who Murder Women*, South Carolina is among the top ten states for number of females murdered by males in single victim/single offender homicides. This points to the need for more resources devoted to victims of violence in the state.¹²

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"Locally our agency depends on community support to be able to provide much needed education and services to the people in our service area. The need continues to grow and outweighs the resources. We're constantly giving requests to schools and daycares for education about healthy relationships and how to eliminate violence in the community. We need the support to be able to provide a healthy environment for our children."

-Executive Director, Family Violence Resource Center

"South Carolina ranks 7th in the nation for numbers of women killed by men. The state has consistently ranked in the top 10 since 2000. The implications of this statistic are obvious and will require a cooperative effort of our state leaders, our leaders in congress, our law enforcement and the courts, as well as, increased resources for shelters and advocates."

-Executive Director, South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- There were 35,894 victims of domestic violence in South Carolina in 2005. 43% of reported domestic violence cases ended in an arrest.⁸
- In South Carolina, 36% of aggravated assaults were domestic violence related in 2006.¹⁰
- 1,809 forcible rapes were reported in South Carolina in 2005.⁹
- 28% of murders in South Carolina were domestic violence related in 2006.¹⁰
- There were 32 domestic violence related homicides in 2005.⁸
- The most common relationship between homicide perpetrators and victims was boyfriend/girlfriend and the second most common relationship was between spouses.¹⁰

STATE RESOURCES

The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

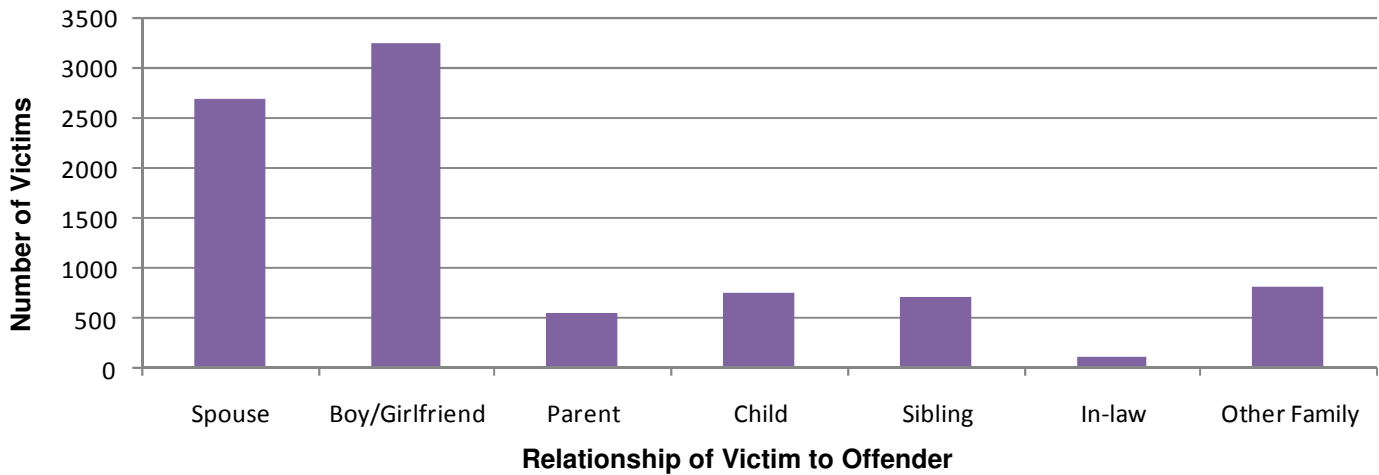
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- ◇ The coalition works to eliminate interpersonal violence in South Carolina through training, advocacy, education and influencing public policy. It is a state coalition consisting of all the domestic violence shelters and rape crisis centers across the state. These programs provide a variety of services to survivors of domestic violence and their children including emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and counseling.¹¹

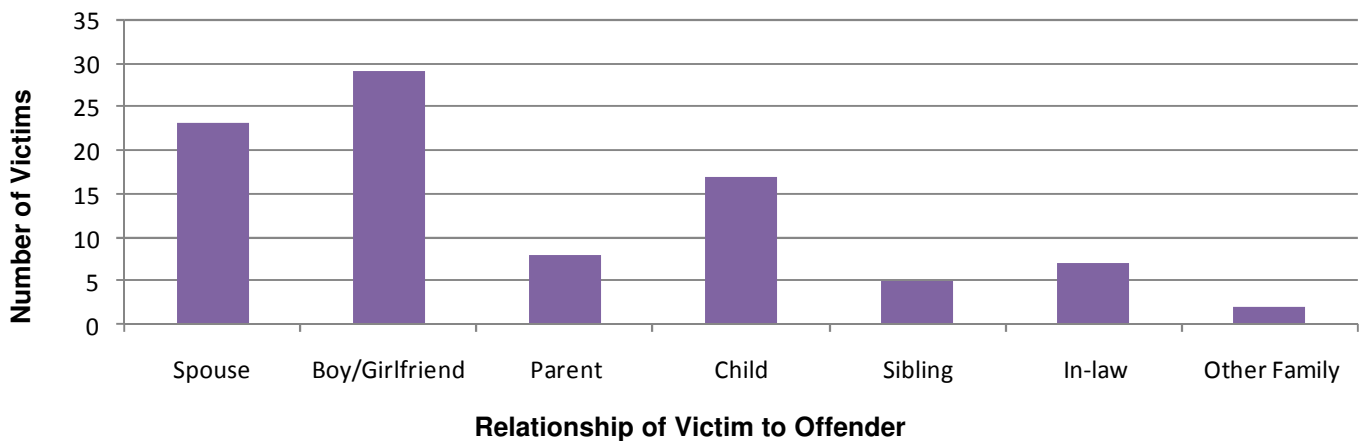
For more information or to get help, please contact the
 South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline at
1-800-260-9293

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

Domestic Violence Aggravated Assaults (2006)



Domestic Violence Homicides (2006)



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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.