

Family Violence Statistics in Texas

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	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Family violence incidents ¹	185,299	183,440	180,385	175,282	177,176
Women killed by intimate male partners ²	140	117	113	104	99

Texas Department of Public Safety

¹ TDPS reports on a calendar year basis, January 1 - December 31, 2001.

² TDPS 2003 supplemental homicide report and TCFV news research, defined as husbands, ex-husbands, common-law husbands, boyfriends and ex-boyfriends.

Family Violence Shelter Services in Texas

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Adults sheltered	11,545	11,257	12,589	11,841	11,423
Children sheltered	18,188	17,629	16,838	15,779	15,066
Adults receiving nonresidential services (i.e., counseling, legal advocacy, etc.)	34,452	33,403	32,267	29,362	28,196
Children receiving nonresidential services	14,701	14,480	12,653	10,330	10,104
Adults denied shelter (due to lack of space)	22%	19%	16%	23%	23%
Hotline calls answered	179,061	184,245	156,518	162,809	157,248
Referrals and information provided to batterers	6,924	6,923	7,332	7,911	8,601

Information provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (Formerly the Texas Department of Human Services)

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In 2002, The Texas Council on Family Violence conducted a statewide polling on prevalence and attitudes on domestic violence. Below are some of the findings:

74% of all Texans have either themselves, a family member and/or a friend experienced some form of domestic violence.

47% of all Texans report having personally experienced at least one form of domestic violence, severe (physical or sexual), verbal and/or forced isolation from friends and family at some point in their lifetime.

31% of all Texans report that they have been **severely abused** (physically or sexually abused) at some point in their lifetime. Women report severe abuse at a higher rate than men.

75% of all Texans report that they would be likely to call the police if they were to experience some form of domestic violence. Yet only **20.3%** indicated that they actually did call the police when they or a family member experienced domestic violence.

73% of all Texans believe that domestic violence is a serious problem in Texas.

HHSC (Formerly DHS) reports that **913,404** Texas women were battered in **2003**.

National Family Violence Statistics

- The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) has received over 1,000,000 calls since February 1996. — NDVH, September 2003.

- Nationally, Ninety-two percent of women say that reducing domestic violence and sexual assault should be a top priority of any formal efforts taken on behalf of women today, according to a new survey released by the Center for the Advancement of Women
- Approximately 1.5 million women are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner each year in the United States. — National Institute of Justice, July 2000
- Estimates range from 960,000 incidents of violence against a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend per year to 4 million women who are physically abused by their husbands or live-in partners per year. —Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March, 1998

Other Family Violence Statistics

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- While women are less likely than men to be victims of violent crimes overall, women are 5 to 8 times more likely than men to be victimized by an intimate partner. —Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March, 1998
- Violence by an intimate accounts for about 21% of violent crime experienced by women and about 2 % of the violence experienced by men.—Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March, 1998

Homicide

- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country every day. In 1998, approximately 1,830 murders were attributed to intimates; nearly three out of four of the murder victims (1,320 total) were women. - U.S. Department of Justice, Intimate Partner Violence, May 2000
- In 1996, among all female murder victims in the U.S., 30% were slain by their husbands or boyfriends.— Uniform Crime Reports of the U.S. 1996, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1996
- 31,260 women were murdered by an intimate from 1976-1996. — Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends, and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March 1998

Children

- Studies show that child abuse occurs in 30-60% of family violence cases that involve families with children.— “The overlap between child maltreatment and woman battering.” J.L. Edleson, Violence Against Women, February, 1999
- A child’s exposure to the father abusing the mother is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.—Report of the American Psychological Association Presidential Task Force on Violence and the Family, APA, 1996
- Forty percent of teenage girls age 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.— Children Now/Kaiser Permanente poll, December, 1995

Stalking

- It is estimated that 503,485 women are stalked by an intimate partner each year in the United States. — National Institute of Justice, July 2000
- Seventy-eight percent of stalking victims are women. Women are significantly more likely than men (60 percent and 30 percent, respectively) to be stalked by intimate partners. — Center for Policy Research, Stalking in America, July 1997

Domestic Violence and the Workplace

- Family violence costs the nation from \$5 to \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity.— Medical News, American Medical Association, January, 1992
- Husbands and boyfriends commit 13,000 acts of violence against women in the workplace every year.— Violence and Theft in the Workplace, U.S. Department of Justice, July, 1994
- The majority of welfare recipients have experienced domestic abuse in their adult lives and a high percentage are currently abused. — Trapped by Poverty, Trapped by Abuse: New Evidence Documenting the Relationship Between Domestic Violence and Welfare, The Taylor Institute, April, 1997