

GET THE FACTS ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Framework

UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW, 1979	http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CEDAW.aspx
UN Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, 1993	https://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/ViolenceAgainstWomen.aspx
CoE Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, Istanbul Convention, 2011	https://www.coe.int/en/web/istanbul-convention

Facts

About one in three (30%) of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
27% of women aged 15-49 years who have been in a relationship report that they have been subjected to some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
Globally, 38% of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner.	http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/
An estimated 37% of women living in the poorest countries have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence in their life, with some of these countries having a prevalence as high as one in two.	https://www.who.int/news/item/09-03-2021-devastatingly-pervasive-1-in-3-women-globally-experience-violence
The regions of Oceania, Southern Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa have the highest prevalence rates of intimate partner violence among women aged 15-49, ranging from 33%-51%. The lowest rates are found in Europe (16-23%), Central Asia (18%), Eastern Asia (20%) and South-Eastern Asia (21%).	https://www.who.int/news/item/09-03-2021-devastatingly-pervasive-1-in-3-women-globally-experience-violence
Worldwide, up to 50% of sexual assaults are committed against girls under 16.	http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html

<p>The first sexual experience of some 30% of women was forced. The percentage is even higher among those who were under 15 at the time of their sexual initiation, with up to 45% reporting that the experience was forced.</p>	<p>http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html</p>
<p>Violence can negatively affect women's physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health, and may increase the risk of acquiring HIV in some settings.</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>80% of the estimated 800,000 people trafficked across national borders annually are women and girls, with the majority (79 percent) trafficked for sexual exploitation. Many more women and girls are trafficked within countries, often for purposes of sexual exploitation or domestic servitude.</p>	<p>http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html</p>
<p>55% of women living with HIV report intimate partner violence in the U.S.</p>	<p>http://kff.org/hiv/aids/issue-brief/hiv-intimate-partner-violence-and-women-new-opportunities-under-the-affordable-care-act/</p>
<p>One study in Europe found that 60% of trafficked women had experienced physical and/or sexual violence before being trafficked, pointing to gender-based violence as a push factor in the trafficking of women.</p>	<p>http://www.endvawnow.org/en/articles/299-fast-facts-statistics-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-.html</p>
<p>Sexual violence, particularly during childhood, can lead to increased smoking, substance use, and risky sexual behaviors. It is also associated with perpetration of violence (for males) and being a victim of violence (for females).</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>Women who had been physically or sexually abused were 1.5 times more likely to have a sexually transmitted infection and, in some regions, HIV, compared to women who had not experienced partner violence.</p>	<p>https://www.who.int/en/news-room/factsheets/detail/violence-against-women</p>
<p>Women who experienced intimate partner violence were 16% more likely to suffer a miscarriage and 41% more likely to have a pre-term birth.</p>	<p>https://www.who.int/en/news-room/factsheets/detail/violence-against-women</p>
<p>Several studies conducted in international settings have found that male perpetrators of IPV engage in behavior that puts their partners at greater risk for HIV.</p>	<p>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3274697/</p>

<p>Children who grow up in families where there is violence may suffer a range of behavioral and emotional disturbances. These can also be associated with perpetrating or experiencing violence later in life.</p>	<p>http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/</p>
<p>Around 120 million girls worldwide (slightly more than one in 10) have experienced forced intercourse or other forced sexual acts at some point in their lives.</p>	<p>https://www.unicef.org/mena/press-releases/nearly-one-in-four-adolescent-girls-experience-physical-violence</p>
<p>It is estimated that more than 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone female genital mutilation (FGM) in the countries where the practice is concentrated. Furthermore, there are an estimated 3 million girls at risk of undergoing FGM every year.</p>	<p>https://www.who.int/teams/sexual-and-reproductive-health-and-research-(srh)/areas-of-work/female-genital-mutilation/prevalence-of-female-genital-mutilation</p>
<p>Women and girls are disproportionately affected by modern slavery, accounting for 28.7 million, or 71% of the overall total. More precisely, women and girls represent 99% of victims of forced labor in the commercial sex industry and 58% in other sectors.</p>	<p>https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/@dgreports/@dcomm/documents/publication/wcms_575479.pdf</p>
<p>A 2014 study based on interviews with women across the 28 Member States of the European Union revealed that only 14% of women reported their most serious incident of intimate partner violence to the police, and 13% reported their most serious incident of non-partner violence to the police.</p>	<p>https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2014-vaw-survey-main-results-apr14_en.pdf</p>
<p>Before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 100 million girls were expected to marry before their eighteenth birthday in the next decade. Now, up to 10 million more girls will be at risk of becoming child brides as a result of the pandemic. Girls who marry before 18 are more likely to experience domestic violence and less likely to remain in school. They have worse economic and health outcomes than their unmarried peers, which are eventually passed down to their own children, further straining a country's capacity to provide quality health and education services.</p>	<p>https://www.unicef.org/protection/child-marriage</p>
<p>Globally, girls who marry before 15 are 50% more likely to face physical or sexual violence from a partner.</p>	<p>https://www.girlsnotbrides.org/themes/violence-against-girls/</p>

See more at:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/ending-violence-against-women/facts-and-figures>
<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>