



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS: WISCONSIN



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

- Due to a lack of funding from the federal, state and local levels of government, Wisconsin domestic violence shelters and programs have been unable to adequately accommodate the increasing amount of domestic violence victims requesting their services.
- In Wisconsin's rural and remote counties, battered women and their children face many challenges: lack of anonymity, transportation and housing, and geographical isolation exacerbated by extreme weather conditions during much of the year. Local programs face similar challenges.

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"In Wisconsin, we haven't had an increase in state level funding since 1992. During that same period counties have had to cut back on what they contribute. Meanwhile since the early 90s the number of victims coming in for services has nearly doubled."

- Public Policy Director, WCADV

"Milwaukee county has the highest volume of domestic violence victims seeking legal orders of protection in Wisconsin. In 2006, we assisted 4,814 individuals with 4,435 restraining orders designated to protect them from future violence. In December 2006, we also served a total of 100,226 clients since our restraining order clinics inception in 1986."

-Advocate, Task Force on Family Violence of Milwaukee Inc.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN WISCONSIN

- In 2005, there were 26,323 reported cases of domestic violence.⁷
- In 2005, 68% of reported domestic violence cases ended in an arrest.⁷
- 1,142 forcible rapes were reported in Wisconsin in 2005.⁸
- In 2005, 33% of domestic violence incidents were between spouses or ex-spouses and 26% were between dating relationships.⁷
- In 2005, 43% of reported victims of domestic violence were between the ages of 18 and 29.⁷
- In 2005, 34 incidents of homicides were a result of domestic violence in Wisconsin.⁹
- Nine children were killed in Wisconsin as a result of domestic violence in 2005.⁹

STATE RESOURCES

Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.wcadv.org

- ◇ The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence (WCADV) is a statewide membership organization of survivors of domestic abuse and domestic abuse programs and organizations that work to educate the public on issues of domestic violence, draft and develop legislation, and provide technical assistance, with the ultimate goal of ending domestic violence.¹⁰

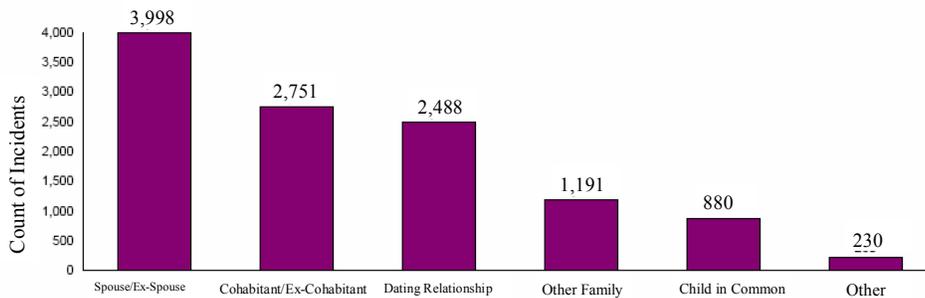
The Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault
www.wcasa.org

- ◇ WCASA works to eliminate sexual violence in Wisconsin by providing support to sexual assault victims and working with victim services programs to raise public awareness and develop effective public policy.¹¹

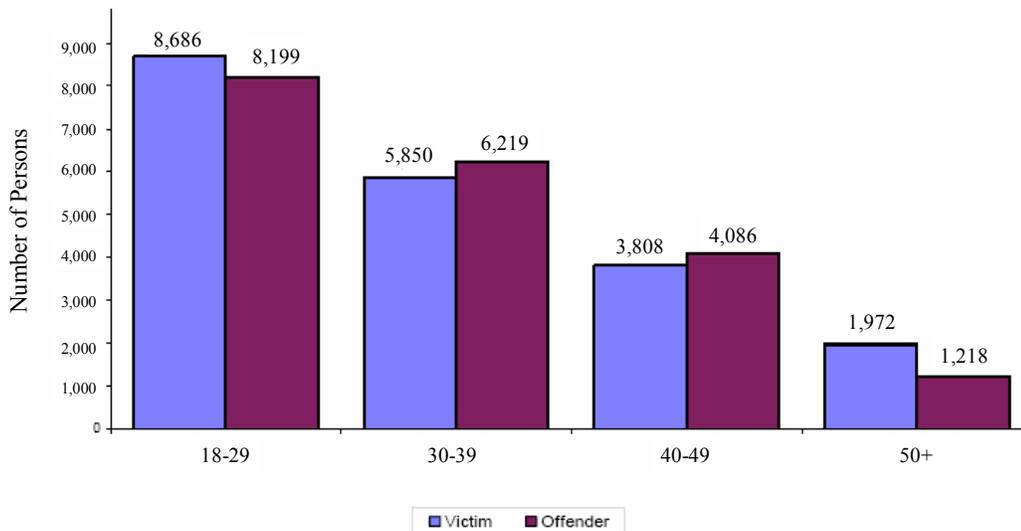
For more information or to get help, please contact the
Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence Hotline at
608-255-0539

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

2004 Wisconsin Domestic Abuse Incident Report⁷
 Relationship of Offender to Victim as Reported by Law Enforcement
 In Reporting Counties*



2004 Wisconsin Domestic Incident Report: Age⁷
 In Reporting Counties*



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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.