

FACTS ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA

Domestic violence: a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner.

Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure or wound someone.

United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Oklahoma is ranked 17th in the nation for number of females murdered by men in single victim/single offender incidents (based on 2010 data).

Source: The Violence Policy Center

In 2009, **18,686 adults and children sought help** from Oklahoma's 30 certified domestic violence programs.

- 72% women
- 3% men
- 25% children

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

In 61% of domestic violence homicide cases someone else knew of ongoing domestic violence prior to the homicide.

- 62% were family
- 50% were friends
- 35% were law enforcement

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

IMPACT ON CHILDREN

CHILD WELFARE

In State Fiscal Year 2012, 24.16%* of substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect had exposure to domestic violence, up from 15.44%* in SFY 2011.

**This number represents the percentage of all substantiated reports; not all reports received. Children can be victims of more than one type of abuse or neglect so totals of confirmed abuse and neglect by category are greater than the total number of confirmed reports by child.*

Source: OKDHS Child Welfare data on substantiated reports of abuse or neglect for SFY 2011 and 2012

In 33% of all domestic violence homicide cases reviewed, a child witnessed the homicide. This means approximately 30 children a year witness the death of one or both of their parents.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

CHILD CUSTODY

In 31% of cases where the victim and perpetrator had children together, custody was an issue.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

CHILD SUPPORT

As of July 31, 2012, 10%* of child support cases had family violence identified.

**This number does not include tribal cases.*

Source: OKDHS Quarterly Family Violence report, July 31, 2012

IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

More than 80% of women with disabilities have been sexually assaulted (Hard, 1986).

Among those women with disabilities who have reported sexual assault, 50% had been assaulted 10 or more times (Valenti-Hein and Schwartz, 1995).

13.9% of men with disabilities reported experiencing sexual violence in their lifetime, compared with 3.7% of men without disabilities.

Source: American Journal of Preventative Medicine

VULNERABLE ADULTS

In 2012, 19% of OKDHS Adult Protective Services investigations involved substantiated caretaker abuse of a vulnerable adult*. Thirteen percent of investigations involved substantiated sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult. Thirty-six percent involved substantiated verbal abuse of a vulnerable adult.

Source: OKDHS Adult Protective Services FY12 Annual Report

**A vulnerable adult is defined as an adult who, because of physical or mental disability or other impairment, may be subject to maltreatment and is substantially impaired in his or her ability to independently provide adequately for his or her own care or custody, manage his or her property and financial affairs effectively, meet essential requirements for mental or physical health or safety, or protect himself or herself from maltreatment without assistance.*

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

UNEMPLOYMENT

In 2011, 26% of domestic violence perpetrators and 16% of victims were unemployed.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

DEPRESSION/MENTAL HEALTH

27% of perpetrators had identified mental health issues at the time of the death event.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

ALCOHOL & DRUG USE

In 51% of cases, alcohol/drugs were consumed prior to the death event.

68% of perpetrators and 44% of victims were known to regularly use drugs/alcohol.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

HOMELESSNESS

In 2008, 28% of homeless families were homeless because of domestic violence.

Source: U.S. Conference of Mayors, 2008

Approximately 63% of homeless women have experienced domestic violence in their adult lives.

Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence

PRIOR HISTORY AND ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE

In 77% of cases there was evidence of prior abuse.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

THREATS TO KILL

49% of perpetrators had made death threats prior to homicide.

15% of perpetrators told someone before the death event that they planned to kill the victim.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

STALKING

20% of victims told someone the perpetrator was stalking them.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011

SEPARATION

45% of victims were in the process of leaving the perpetrator.

Source: Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, 2011