

Facts about Teen Dating Violence

- Nearly 20.9% of female high school students and 13.4% of male high school students report being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.ⁱ
- Nearly 1.5 million high school students in the United States are physically abused by dating partners every year.ⁱⁱ
- Women aged 16 to 24 experience domestic violence at the highest rate of any age group, almost three times the national average.ⁱⁱⁱ
- A 2013 study of 10th graders found that 35% had been either physically or verbally abused; 31% were perpetrators of physical or verbal abuse.^{iv}
- A 2014 study found 10% of teenage students in dating relationships were coerced into sexual intercourse in the previous year.^v
- A 2013 study found 26% of teens in relationships were victims of cyber dating abuse. Females were twice as likely to be victims as males.^{vi}
- Fifty-seven percent of teens know someone who has been physically, sexually, or verbally abusive in a dating relationship.^{vii}
- Only 33% of teenage dating abuse victims ever told anyone about it.^{viii}
- Among youth reporting dating violence and rape, 50% also reported attempting suicide. This is compared to 12.5% of non-abused girls, and 5.4% of non-abused boys.^{ix}
- Half of youth who have been victims of both dating violence and rape attempt suicide, compared to 12.5% of non-abused girls and 5.4% of non-abused boys.^x
- Being physically or sexually abused makes teen girls six times more likely to become pregnant and twice as likely to get a STD.^{xi}
- Violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications by putting the victims at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior and further domestic violence.^{xii}
- 82% of parents feel confident that they could recognize the signs if their child was experiencing dating abuse, a majority of parents (58%) could not correctly identify all the warning signs of abuse.^{xiii}
- 81% of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it's an issue.^{xiv}
- Violent behavior typically begins between the ages of 12 and 18.^{xv}
- Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence — almost triple the national average.^{xvi}

Facts about Campus Violence

- Among dating college women, 43% reported experiencing violent or abusive behaviors from their partner.^{xvii}
- More than 13% of college women report that they have been stalked. Of these, 42% were stalked by a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend.^{xviii}

- One in 5 women are sexually assaulted during their college tenures.^{xix}
- Date rape among college students accounts for 35% of attempted rapes, 22.9% of threatened rapes, and 12.8% of completed rapes.^{xx}

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