

# Family Violence Statistics in Texas

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	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Family Violence incidents <sup>1</sup>	193,505	189,401	186,868	187,811	182,087	185,299	183,440	180,385
Women killed by intimate partners	136 <sup>2</sup>	104	120	143	116	154	117	113

## Family Violence Shelter Services in Texas<sup>3</sup>

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Adults Sheltered	11,776	11,688	12,356	11,996	11,983	11,545	11,257	12,589
Children Sheltered	15,591	15,445	16,968	17,105	17,619	18,188	17,629	16,838
Adults receiving nonresidential services (i.e. counseling, legal advocacy, etc.)	35,124	35,274	36,254	36,250	34,452	34,452	33,403	32,267
Children receiving nonresidential services	16,004	15,049	15,621	15,522	14,701	14,701	14,480	12,653
Adults denied shelter (due to lack of space)	22.63%	27.72%	22.13%	23%	17%	17%	19%	16%
Hotline calls answered	200,258	175,836	182,459	190,269	179,061	179,061	184,245	156,518
Referrals & information provided to batterers	4,135	4,146	7,015	9,544	6,924	6,923	7,332	7,911

<sup>1</sup> Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) reports on a calendar year basis, January 1 – December 31.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled from TDPS 2008 Uniform Crime Report-supplemental Homicide Report does not include ex-girlfriends and ongoing TCFV research of news accounts. Current as of August 31, 2009. Same applies to previous years. For the most current statistics visit [www.tcfv.org/DVAM](http://www.tcfv.org/DVAM).

<sup>3</sup> Information provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, 10/9/08

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- HHSC estimates that **1,130,164** Texas women were battered in 2008.
- More than **1,303** Texas women were killed by an intimate partner from **1998–2008**.
- Texas generates the second highest call volume to the National Domestic Violence Hotline behind California.

*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) at some point in their lifetime. Women report severe abuse at a higher rate than men.
- **73% of all Texans** believe that domestic violence is a serious problem in Texas.

## National Family Violence Statistics

- The National Domestic Violence Hotline (NDVH) has received more than 2 million calls since February 1996. — NDVH, August 2009
- Nationally, 92 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. — 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
- 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

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### Homicide

- Nationwide, 33 percent of female homicide victims were killed by their husbands or boyfriends and 2.7% of male victims were killed by their wives or girlfriends in 2004. — Uniform Crime Report, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2004
- 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
- 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

- 1 in 3 teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner. — Liz Claiborne, Inc./Teenage Research Unlimited Teen Dating Abuse Survey, February 2005
- Studies show that child abuse occurs in 30 percent to 60 percent 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
- Approximately, 15.5 million children are exposed to domestic violence every year. — *Estimating the Number of American Children Living in Partner Violence Families*. R. McDonald, et al, Journal of Family Psychology, 2006
- 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

### 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**

- The costs of intimate partner violence in the United States annually exceeds \$12 billion, including medical treatment, shelters, police, court time, foster care, sick leave and nonproductivity. —World Health Organization, Injuries and Violence Prevention, 2006
- Victims of intimate partner violence lose 8 million paid workdays each year – the equivalent of more than 32,000 full-time jobs and 5.6 million days of household productivity. — Congressional Findings, Safe Act, Section 2, October 2003
- Seventy-five percent of battered employees are harassed at work by their abusers. — NCJ, July 1998
- 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