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| Every 9 seconds in the United States, a woman is assaulted or beaten.[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Although anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, women are disproportionally affected: 1 in 4 women is the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.[[2]](#footnote-2) |
| 6 in 10 adults claim that they know someone personally who has experienced domestic violence.[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| In the United States, an average of 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually.[[4]](#footnote-4) |
| In more than 80% of intimate partner violent victimizations in 2015, the victim did not receive assistance from victim service agencies.[[5]](#footnote-5) |
| On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men.[[6]](#footnote-6) |
| In 2017, 1,527 women were murdered by an intimate partner.[[7]](#footnote-7) **That’s an average of 4 women every day**. In 2018, 65% of all murder-suicides involved an intimate partner; 96% of the victims of these crimes are female.[[8]](#footnote-8) |
| It has been estimated that at least 8 million children witness physical and verbal spousal abuse each year, including a range of behaviors from insults and hitting to fatal assaults with guns and knives.[[9]](#footnote-9) |
| According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), an estimated 47% of women and men will be victims of psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.[[10]](#footnote-10) |

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