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Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men *Fact Sheet*

Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men, Report by the National Institute of Justice (2016)

For American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women, four out of five (84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime. This includes:

- More than half (56.1 percent) have experienced sexual violence.
- More than half (55.5 percent) have endured physical violence by an intimate partner.
- At least half (48.8 percent) have experienced stalking.
- Sixty-six percent have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner.
- Overall, more than 1.5 million AI/AN women have experienced violence in their lifetime.
- The vast majority (96 percent) of AI/AN female victims of sexual violence experienced violence at the hands of a non-Native perpetrator (ex. individuals of other races); 21 percent have experienced intra-racial violence (ex. members of the same race).

For American Indian and Alaska Native men, four out of five men (81.6 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime. This includes:

- One in four (27.5 percent) who have experienced sexual violence.
- Two in four (43.2 percent) have endured physical violence by an intimate partner.
- Eighteen percent who have experienced stalking.
- Nearly three in four (73 percent) who have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner.

It is important to recognize there are distinct, gender-based differences on the severity and impact of violence:

- Three out of five (66.5 percent) of AI/AN women and one in four (26.0 percent) of AI/AN men expressed concern for their safety.
- Two out of five (41.3 percent) of AI/AN women and one in five (20.3 percent) of AI/AN men were physically injured.
- Nearly half (49.0 percent) of AI/AN women and at least one in five (19.9 percent) of AI/AN men needed victim services.
- Forty percent of AI/AN women and 9.7 percent of AI/AN men missed days of work or school.

National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), Survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2015)

It is critical to note the severity of violence against the Native LGBTQ and Two-Spirit community. While not Native-specific, the survey found in general:

- Forty percent of lesbian women and 61 percent of bisexual women – compared to 35 percent of heterosexual women – experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Twenty-six percent of gay men and 37 percent of bisexual men – compared to 29 percent of heterosexual men – experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime.



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