

Teen Dating Violence Fact Sheet

Twenty-four percent of victims served in shelters in Indiana in 2006-2007 were between the ages of 15-24.
(Source: Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

How serious is the problem of teen dating violence?

- Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls have report having been physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- 58% of rape victims report being raped between the ages of 12 - 24.
- 44% of all students have been in an abusive relationship by the time they graduate from college.
- 1 in 3 teens report knowing a peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, or physically hurt by their dating partner.
- Half of teens (50%) reported they've been in a dating relationship and nearly a third (32%) said they've been in a serious relationship.
- 1 in 3 teenagers in a serious relationship reported that they've been concerned about being hurt physically by a boyfriend or girlfriend. One out of five of these teens say they have actually been hit, slapped, or pushed by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- Almost one-third of girls who have been in a relationship (29%) said they've been pressured to have sex or to engage in sexual acts when they didn't want to do so.
- Nearly one out of four (23%) reported they've gone further sexually in a relationship than they wanted.
- 1 in 4 teens who have been in a serious relationship say their boyfriend or girlfriend has tried to prevent them from spending time with friends or family; the same number have been pressured to only spend time with their partner.
- More than one-fourth of teens (27%) who have been in a relationship said they've had a partner call them names or put them down.
- Twenty-four percent of 14 to 17-year-olds know at least one student who has been the victim of dating violence, yet 81% of parents either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they don't know if it is an issue.
- 80% of teens view verbal abuse as a serious issue for their age group.
- Nearly 80% of females reported experiencing at least one incident of physical or sexual aggression by the end of college.
- 49% of males (high school to 4th year in college) report using at least one incident of physical or sexual violence against an intimate partner.
- Tweens – Ages 11 to 14
 - 62% say that they know friends that have been verbally abused.
 - 24% say that physical abuse is a serious problem for their age group.

Data from a Liz Claiborne, Inc. study on teen dating abuse conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, March 2006.

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