

Men and Sexual Violence

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The Family Advocacy Center would like to bring awareness of male victimization and sexual violence. Often we associate sexual assault with women but in fact, there is a high prevalence of intimate partner violence, stalking, unwanted sexual experiences, and abusive sexual experiences among male victims before the age of 18. We would like to share some facts and data about Native American Men who have experienced sexual violence:

- *Men are victims of sexual assault and harassment*
- *Men experience unwanted sexual contact by people of any gender. Women sexually assault men*
- *Men experience unwanted sexual contact by people of any sexual orientation*
- *Men are sexually assaulted by people they know*
- *Unwanted sexual contact causes harm to men and boys who experience it*
- *Men recover from sexual abuse, including abuse that happened during childhood, with the help of safe, supportive and caring relationships and support services*
- *Physiological responses of the body (erections) can occur during unwanted sexual contact, but this does not mean there was consent*
- *Sexual orientation is a part of someone's identity; people do not decide whom they are attracted too. Experiencing sexual assault has no bearing on sexual orientation.*

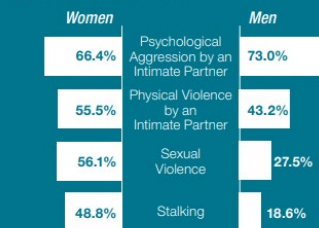
Table 2. Violence Against Men

Type of Violence	American Indian or Alaska Native, %	Non-Hispanic White Only,* %	Relative Risk
Any Lifetime Violence	81.6	64.0	1.3
Sexual Violence	27.5	20.9	NS
Physical Violence by Intimate Partner	43.2	30.5	1.4
Stalking	18.6	13.4	NS
Psychological Aggression by Intimate Partner	73.0	52.7	1.4
Any Past-Year Violence	34.6	25.7	NS
Sexual Violence	9.9	3.8	NS
Physical Violence by Intimate Partner	5.6	4.5	NS
Stalking	3.8	3.7	NS
Psychological Aggression by Intimate Partner	27.3	19.3	NS

Percentages of American Indian and Alaska Native women and men who have experienced violence in their lifetime



Types of Victimization



More than two in five American Indian and Alaska Native female victims reported being physically injured, and almost half reported needing services. The services most commonly needed were medical care and legal services. Unfortunately, more than a third (38 percent) were unable to receive necessary services



Resources:

<https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/violence-against-american-indi>

[Five Things About Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Men | National Institute of Justice \(ojp.gov\)](#)

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