



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS: WASHINGTON



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.⁴
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence **exceeds \$5.8 billion each year**, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- Between June 2004 and June 2005, **34,824 individuals were turned away from shelters**.⁷ As is the case in most states, Washington state would require increased funding and shelter programs in order to adequately meet the emergency shelter needs of all domestic violence victims.
- Washington's domestic violence programs currently do not provide chemical dependency treatment to domestic violence survivors and WCADV is advocating for the creation of these programs to better serve victims.⁹

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"Washington State is taking a very proactive approach to domestic violence. We are working with everyone in the domestic violence field to have a positive impact against domestic violence."

-Domestic Violence Liaison,
Attorney General Office

"We are witnessing the beginning of a wave of "generational" turnover; that is, long-time directors and leaders leaving the work. This presents widespread challenges with regard to succession-planning, program and administrative stability, leadership development, movement continuity, and the integration of new vision, strategies, and direction."

-Director, WCADV

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN WASHINGTON

- In 2006, there were 49,980 reported cases of domestic violence.⁸
- 2,672 cases of forcible rape were reported in Washington in 2005.⁸
- In 2006, the most common relationship between offenders and victims was wives and girlfriends.⁸
- In 2006, 59 out of 195 homicides were a result of domestic violence.⁸
- 30% of criminal homicides were domestic violence related.⁸
- 16 children were killed in Washington between January 1997 and June 2006 as a result of domestic violence.⁹
- In 2006, 47% of domestic violence homicides occurred after the victim had left, divorced, separated, or was planning on breaking up with the abuser.⁹

STATE RESOURCES

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.wscadv.org

- ◇ WSCADV is a non-profit network of 65 independent member programs working together to end domestic violence. WSCADV commits itself to ending domestic violence by conducting research, advocating legislation to help domestic violence victims, providing specialized training for domestic violence shelters and community programs, and educating the public.¹⁰

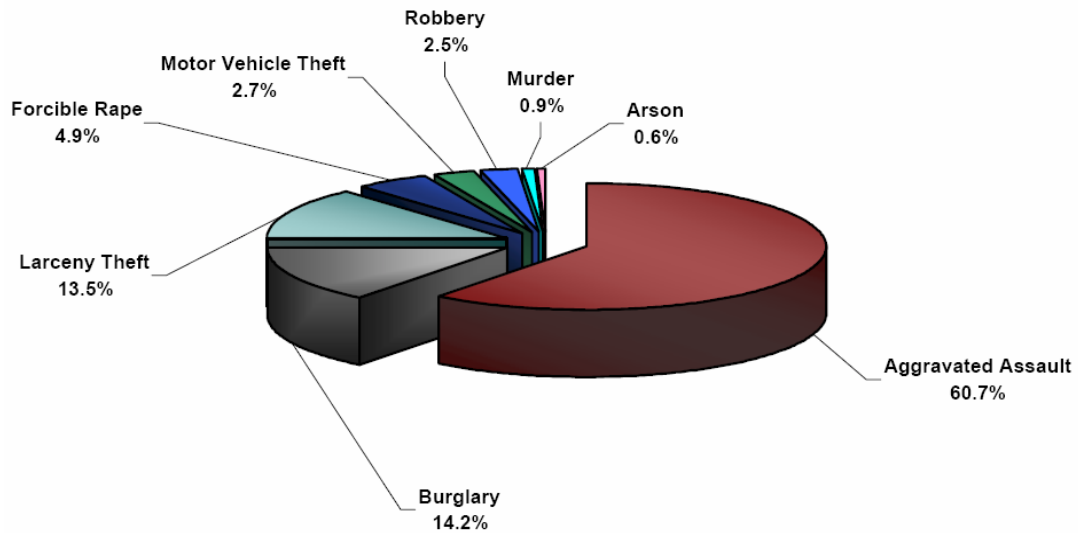
Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs
www.wcsap.org

- ◇ The Coalition works to eliminate sexual violence in Washington through advocacy, education, community outreach and through social change. WCSAP is committed to serving all individuals effected by sexual assault by empowering survivors and providing them with the resources necessary to eliminate sexual violence.¹¹

For more information or to get help, please contact the
Washington Statewide Domestic Violence Hotline at
1-800-562-6025

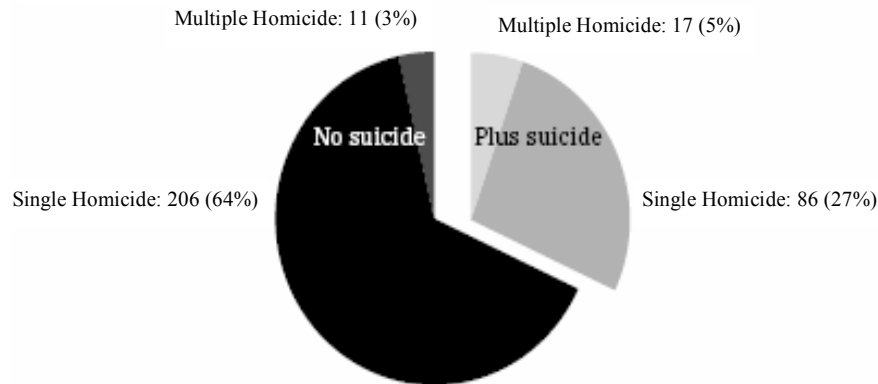
The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

2006 Domestic Violence Offenses ⁷



Homicides Committed by Domestic Violence Abusers: January 1, 1997 to June 30, 2006 ⁹

Total Cases: 320



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The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.