

# PARTNER VIOLENCE

**“Domestic Violence demands a response that cannot wait for a perfect database.”**

(Report on 2000 Ohio Family Violence Data, p. 12)

- In the world today, 1 in every 3 women is beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime.  
(Population Reports: *Ending Violence Against Women*. 1999.)
- Data from the National Violence Against Women Survey, indicate that violence against women is predominantly intimate partner violence. Of the women who reported being raped and/or physically assaulted since the age of eighteen, three quarters were victimized by a current or former husband, cohabiting partner, date, or boyfriend.  
(National Institute of Justice and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 1998.)
- In the United States in 1999, intimate partner victimizations were reported by 671,110 individuals.  
(Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report. 1993-99.)
- Of those reported victimizations, approximately 50% resulted in physical injury.  
(Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report. 1993-99.)
- 53% of all victims were victimized by a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend.  
(Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report. 1993-99.)
- 10% of all intimate partner violence involved gay men against their partners and 2% of all intimate partner violence involved lesbian women against their partners.  
(Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report. 1993-99.)
- The median time spent in an abusive relationship is 5 years.  
(Populations Reports: *Ending Violence Against Women*. 1999.)
- Victims of family violence are overwhelmingly female – 71 percent for family violence versus 58 percent for all other types of violence.  
(Office for Victims of Crimes publication. 2000.)
- Women between the ages of 16 and 24 are the most vulnerable to non-fatal intimate partner violence.  
(Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report. 1993-99.)
- Women are at greatest risk of being murdered immediately after separation.  
(Populations Reports: *Ending Violence Against Women*. 1999.)