

# Prevention Pathways

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### Statistics About Violence Against Women

- Women are the victims of 2.5 million violent crimes each year.<sup>1</sup>
- Women of every race, nationality, and income level experience intimate partner violence.
- Nearly 30 percent of all female homicide victims are killed by their husbands, ex-husbands, boyfriends, or partners. In contrast, about 6 percent of male homicide victims are killed by their wives, ex-wives, or girlfriends.<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.<sup>3</sup>
- Women make up from 60 to 76 percent of those subjected to all forms of abuse and neglect.<sup>4</sup>
- Only 10 to 20 percent of rapes are ever reported because of the victims' sense of shame. According to the National Women's Study, approximately 683,000 forcible rapes are reported every year.<sup>5</sup> This means that there are actually many more than:
  - 56,916 rapes per month
  - 1,871 rapes per day
  - 78 rapes per hour
  - 1.3 rapes per minute
- Women are nearly 10 times more likely than men to be victims of rape or sexual assault.<sup>6</sup>
- Women aged 16 to 34 were victims of the most intimate violence (dating violence), with the most frequent ages between 20 and 24.<sup>7</sup>

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