

Male victims of domestic and partner abuse 25 key facts

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- (1) 38% of domestic abuse victims are male: **for every five victims, three will be female, two will be male.**
- (2) 7.1% of women and 4.4% of men were estimated to have experienced domestic abuse in the last year, equivalent to an estimated 1.15 million female and 720,000 male victims.
- (3) 30% of women and 16.3% (one in six) of men have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16. These figures were equivalent to an estimated 4.9 million female victims of domestic abuse and 2.7 million male victims.
- (4) Partner abuse was the most commonly experienced type of intimate violence among both women and men. 26.5% of women (4.3 million) and 12.7% of men (2.1 million) reported having experienced such abuse since the age of 16: for every three victims of partner abuse, two will be female and one will be male.
- (5) **In 2012/13, 5.2% of women (845,000) and 3.1% of men (517,000) experienced partner abuse:** for every three victims of partner abuse, two will be female and one will be male.
- (6) In 2012/13, 4.1% of women (662,000) and 1.9% of men (311,000) reported experiencing stalking: for every three victims of stalking, two will be female and one will be male.
- (7) Domestic abuse and partner abuse has fallen significantly between 2004/05 and 2012/13 (12/13 figures in brackets) .In 2004/05, 6.7% (5.2%) of women were victims of partner abuse and 5.0% men (3.1%) were victims of partner abuse.
- (8) 1% of men and 1.4% of women were victims of severe force at the hands of their partner during 2012/13.
- (9) Younger people are more likely to be a victim of domestic and partner abuse than those in older age groups. In 2012/13, 7.5% of men aged 16-19 were victims of domestic abuse and 3.6% were victims of partner abuse. The figures were 11.3% and 6.3% for women respectively. For male 20-24 year olds, the figures were 6.9% and 5.1% for domestic and partner abuse - and for women they were 12.5% and 7.4% respectively. It shows that for partner abuse amongst those under 25, at least for every three victims, two will be female and one will be male.
- (10) Couples who have separated are more likely to suffer domestic and partner abuse than those who are married. 18% of separated men and 21.3% of separated women suffered domestic abuse in 2012/13 and 9.5% of separated men and 14.5% of separated women suffered partner abuse.

- (11) **More married men (1.5%) and cohabitating men (4.0%) suffered from partner abuse in 2012/13 than married women (1.3%) and cohabitating women (3.4%).**
- (12) Men (5.7%) with a long-term illness or disability were more likely to be victims of partner abuse in 2012/13 than women (5.2%) in the same situation.
- (13) Of those that suffered partner abuse in 2012/13, more men suffered from severe force (34%) than women (28%)
- (14) 21% of men and 21% of women suffered three or more incidents of partner abuse in 2012/13
- (15) Of those that suffered from partner abuse, 22% of men and 24% of women suffered an injury, with 5% of both genders suffering severe bruising. 32% of men and 45% of women suffered mental and psychological problems with 3% and 5% respectively trying to kill themselves
- (16) **Male victims (29%) are nearly twice as likely than women (17%) to not tell anyone about the partner abuse. Only 10% of male victims will tell the police (27% women), only 22% will tell a person in an official position (38% women) and only 10% (15% women) will tell a health professional.**
- (17) The number of women convicted of perpetrating domestic abuse has more than quadrupled in the past seven years from 806 (2004/05) to 3,231 (2012/13) – peaked at 3,968 (2010/11). Only 27% of all partner abuse cases reported to the police by both genders go to court.
- (18) The percentage of gay or bi-sexual men (6.2%) who suffered partner abuse in 2008/09 is nearly double the number for heterosexual men (3.3%). Lesbian women (12.4%) as a percentage also suffered far more partner abuse compared to heterosexual women (4.3%).
- (19) In 2012/13 – 15 men died at the hands of their partner or ex-partner (30 men in 2002/03) compared with 77 women (106 in 2012/13).
- (20) **One in every five victims of forced marriage is a man (20%).**
- (21) The average male victim calling the ManKind Initiative helpline is 43, is 5ft 9in tall and weighs 13st. The average female perpetrator is 40, is 5ft 4in tall and weighs 10st 7lb.
- (22) 12 organisations offer refuge or safe house provision for male victims in the UK - a total of 86 spaces, of which 25 are dedicated to male victims only (the rest being for victims of either gender so they could easily be unavailable to male victims), and some are for gay men only or are restricted to men specifically from the local area. There are over 260 organisations with around 4,000 spaces dedicated to female victims
- (23) On at least 120 occasions in 2010 a caller decided not to consider a refuge or safe house because they were too far away and would mean having to completely uproot their lives, often having to leave their children and their job behind.

- (24) The NSPCC reported that 18% of boys and 25% of girls had been victims of physical violence at the hands of their girlfriend or boyfriend. 4% of boys had been victims of severe physical violence (11% of girls).
- (25) In 2012/13, 75,000 men suffered a sexual assault.
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25 Key Facts: Sources

ONS figures are for men and women aged 16-59 in England Wales

Report: ONS BCS Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences 2012/13 <http://tinyurl.com/nb4xga>

Data Tables: <http://tinyurl.com/qgxb7xg> (Use Appendix Table)

- (1) ONS BCS Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences 2012/13 <http://tinyurl.com/nb4xga>; Table 4.03 on Appendix Table: <http://tinyurl.com/qgxb7xg>
- (2) ONS BCS Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences 2012/13 <http://tinyurl.com/nb4xga>; Table 4.01 and 4.02 on Appendix Table: <http://tinyurl.com/qgxb7xg>
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- (15) ONS BCS Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences 2012/13 <http://tinyurl.com/nb4xga>; Table 4.13-4.14 on Appendix Table: <http://tinyurl.com/qgxb7xg>
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