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Violence Against Women

- Women are more likely to be victimized by someone they know (e.g., intimate partner, other relative, or acquaintance/friend) than by a stranger.*
- 78% of non-lethal violence (e.g., rape, aggravated, and simple assault) committed against women is committed by an intimate partner.*
- 4% of non-lethal violence against men is committed by an intimate partner.*
- Approximately 80% of female rape victims are victimized by someone they know.**
- While crimes of violence, in general, have begun to decline in recent years (since 1992), the violent victimization rate for men has declined to a greater degree than it has for women.*
- When men are killed, women are the perpetrators in 9% of the cases. However, when women are killed, men are the perpetrators in 90% of the cases.***
- In 70% of all intimate partner homicides, the victims are women.***
- There has been a decrease in marital homicide since 1983.***
- Unmarried partner homicide rates increased between 1983 and 1993, which was driven primarily by men killing their female partners. These rates have since begun to decline.***

The information for this fact sheet was excerpted from the following sources:

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** National Victim Center, & Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center. (1992). *Rape in America: A Report to the Nation*. (1992). Arlington, VA: National Victim Center.

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