Domestic Violence

- 21 – 55% of Asian women report experiencing intimate physical and/or sexual violence during their lifetime, based on a compilation of disaggregated samples of Asian ethnicities in local communities. 

- 18% of Asian or Pacific Islander women reported experiencing rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime in a national survey, as compared to 48% of American Indians or Alaska Native women, 45% of Black women, 34% of Hispanic women, and 37% of White women.

Domestic Violence-Related Homicide

- In 236 cases involving homicides of API women, 58% of cases with known causes were related to intimate partner violence.

- Of the intimate partner violence-related homicides, 81% of perpetrators were the victim’s current intimate partner, and 10% were a former intimate partner.

In a six-year period, 160 cases in Asian families resulted in 226 fatalities, of which 72% were adult homicide victims, 10% were child homicide victims, and 18% were suicide deaths.

68% of victims were intimate partners (current, estranged, or ex-partners), of which 111 were women and 14 were men.

83% of homicide perpetrators were men, 14% were women, 3% unknown.

Children were the second largest group of victims, and the parents of wives and girlfriends were the third largest group.


Sexual Violence

Of API women, 23% experienced some form of contact sexual violence, 10% experienced completed or attempted rape, and 21% had non-contact unwanted sexual experiences during their lifetime.

Of API men, 9% experienced one or more forms of contact sexual violence, and 9% had non-contact unwanted sexual experiences during their lifetime.


56% of Filipinas and 64% of Indian and Pakistani women had experienced sexual violence by an intimate partner in a study of 143 domestic violence survivors.

Stalking

- 8% of API women experienced stalking in their lifetime.
  

- 68% of Filipina and 50% of Indian and Pakistani domestic violence survivors reported being stalked by an intimate partner.
  

Children’s Exposure to Family Violence

- 70% of Cambodians, 61% of Chinese, 80% of Koreans, 79% of South Asians, and 72% of Vietnamese men and women reported being hit regularly as children.

- 28% of Cambodians, 18% of Chinese, 30% of Koreans, 8% of South Asians, and 27% of Vietnamese witnessed their fathers regularly hit their mothers.
  

- In a review of 160 Asian homicide cases, 22 children were killed. Of the 63 non-fatal child victims for whom information was available, 60 were either on site when the homicides occurred, survived an attempted homicide, were eye or ear witnesses to a maternal homicide, or discovered the bodies.
  

 Trafficking

- Of the 3,116 trafficking survivors with specified ethnicities who reached out to Polaris operated hotlines in 2016, 23% (715) were Asian.
  

Additional statistics and resources are available on our website at api-gbv.org.