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Intimate Partner Violence & Domestic Violence in Tennessee

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Learning Objectives

- Define & differentiate Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) & Domestic Violence (DV).
- Determine factors that increase the risk of IPV & DV.
- Identify prevalent patterns of IPV & DV.
- Learn about mandatory reporting.
- Uncover appropriate community resources.

IPV & DV Definitions – What's the Difference?

IPV & DV Defined

IPV – Abuse or aggression that occurs within a romantic relationship.

DV - Abuse or violence that occurs within a victim's domestic circle.

(TN.gov, 2022)

Intimate Partner Violence & Domestic Violence

IPV & DV



- Physical Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Stalking
- Psychological Aggression

(CDC, 2022)

Prevalence of IPV/DV

- Women ages 18-24 most abused
- 1 in 4 women; 1 in 9 men – some form of IPV
- 1 in 10 women have been raped by an IP
- 1 in 7 women; 1 in 18 men stalked by an IP
- 72% of murder-suicides with 94% of the victims being women are by an IP
- 1 in 15 children exposed to DV and 94% witness IPV

(NCADV, n.d.)

Impact of IPV/DV

- Long-term health risks
- Childhood exposure
 - Increased risk of delinquency
 - Greater mental health problems
 - Intergenerational dating violence & IP relationships

(CDC, 2022)

IPV/DV Risk Factors

- Individual
- Relationship
- Community
- Societal

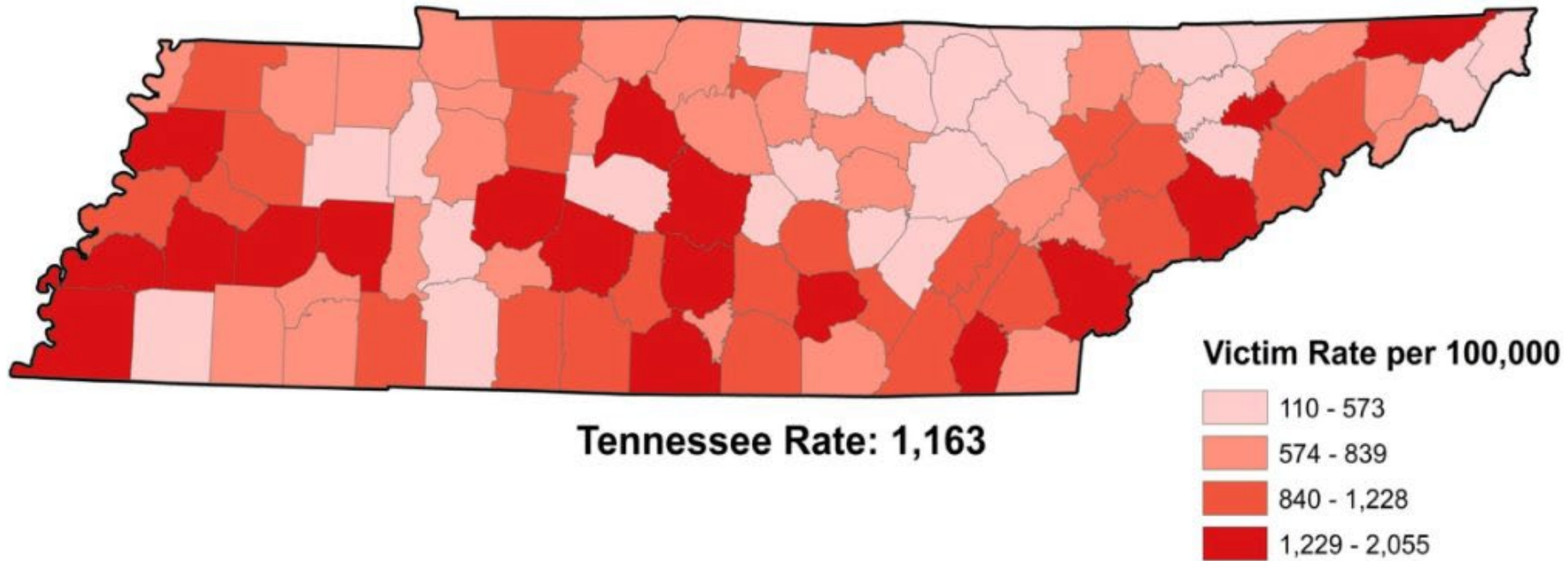
(CDC, 2021)

IPV/DV in Tennessee

- Lifetime Impact
- Homicides
- Abductions

(NCAVD, 2021)

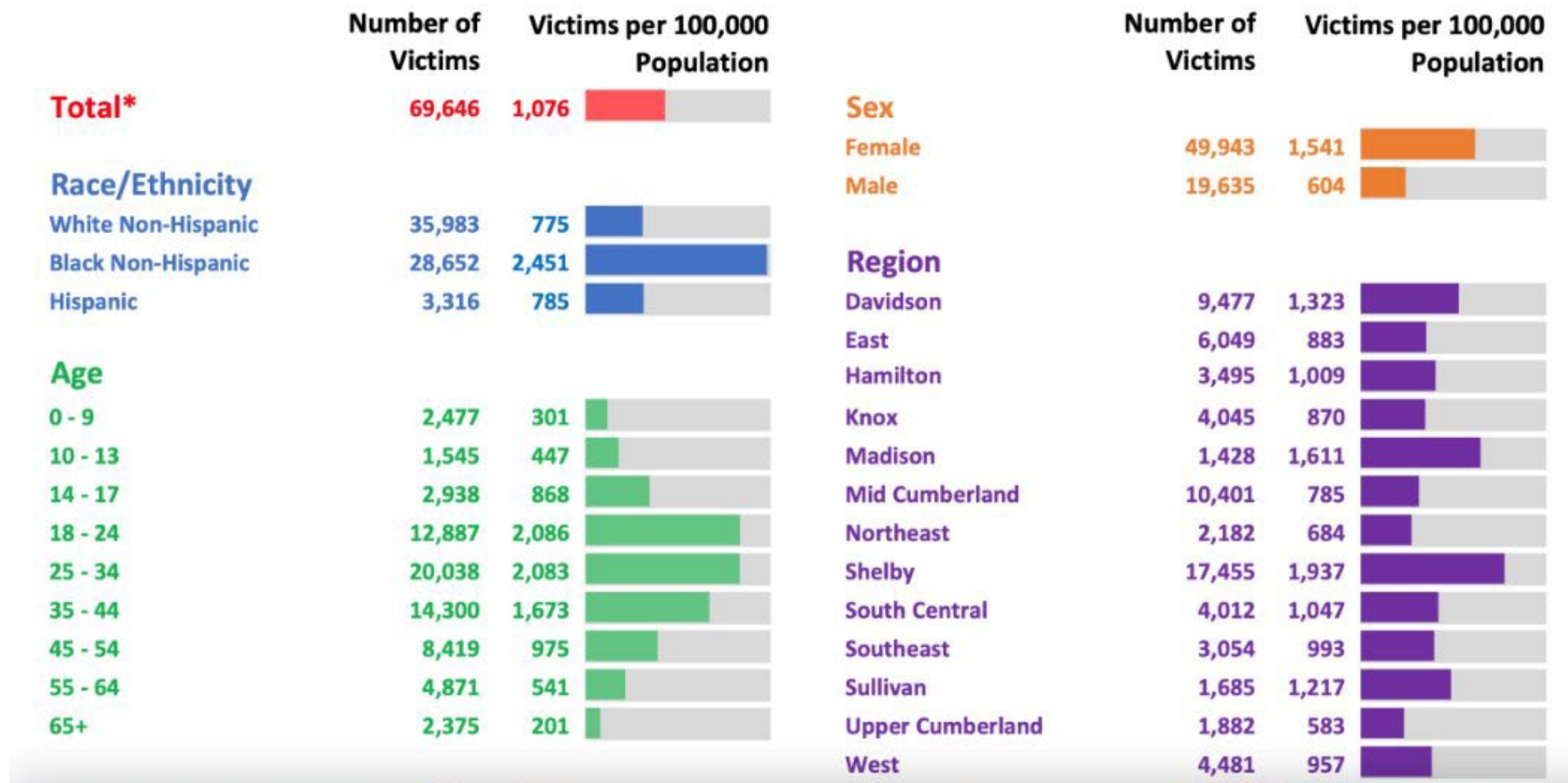
Domestic Assault Victimization Rates Tennessee, 2016-2020



(NCADV, 2021)

Domestic Violence Victims

The following charts summarize data on the victims of domestic violence reported to Tennessee law enforcement agencies in 2020.



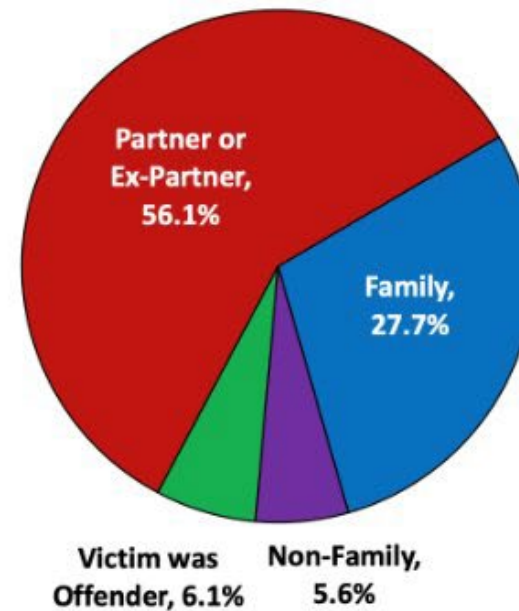
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Domestic Violence Offenders

The following charts summarize data on the offenders of domestic violence reported to Tennessee law enforcement agencies in 2020.

	Number of Offenders	Percent of Offenders
Total	84,205	100.0%
Age		
0 - 9	127	0.2%
10 - 13	1,065	1.3%
14 - 17	4,003	4.8%
18 - 24	15,756	18.7%
25 - 34	26,963	32.0%
35 - 44	19,060	22.6%
45 - 54	10,138	12.0%
55 - 64	4,991	5.9%
65+	1,632	1.9%
Sex		
Female	26,564	31.5%
Male	57,618	68.4%

Relationship of Victim to Offender



- In 2020, there were 84,205 offenders of domestic violence reported to Tennessee law enforcement agencies.
- Domestic violence offenders spanned a wide range of ages, with 25 to 34 year olds accounting for the highest percentage of offenders (32%).
- The majority of domestic violence offenders (68%) were men.
- The majority of domestic violence offenders (56%) were the partner or ex-partner of the victim, while another 28% were another type of (non-partner) family member.

(NCADV, 2021)

Impact on Rural Residents

- Limited access
 - Geographic isolation
 - Transportation
- Family connections
- Stigma
- Poverty

Rural Prevention Strategies

- Employment
- Counseling
- Violence prevention programs
- Awareness campaigns
- Anti-bullying & mentoring in schools

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

Lethality Assessment Program

- Dual Goals
- Lethality screen
- High Risk Response
- Hotline Advocate
- Empowerment and self-care

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY SCREEN FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Officer:	Date:	Case #:
Victim:	Offender:	
Check one if victim did not answer any of the questions:		
1. If "Yes" response to any of Questions #1-3 automatically triggers the protocol referral.		
1. Has he/she ever used a weapon against you or threatened you with a weapon?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
2. Has he/she threatened to kill you or your children?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
3. Do you think he/she might try to kill you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
4. Negative responses to Questions #1-3, but positive responses to at least four of Questions #4-11, trigger the protocol referral.		
4. Does he/she have a gun or can he/she get one easily?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
5. Has he/she ever tried to choke you?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
6. Is he/she violent or constantly jealous or does he/she control most of your daily activities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
7. Have you left he/her or separated after being together or being married?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
8. Is he/she unemployed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
9. Has he/she ever tried to kill himself/herself?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
10. Do you have a child that he/she knows is not his/hers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
11. Does he/she follow or spy on you or leave threatening messages?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Ans.
12. An officer may trigger the protocol referral, if not already triggered above, as a result of the officer's response to the below question, or whenever the officer believes the victim is in a potentially lethal situation.		
12. After applying the first 11 questions about your safety, all 12: "What worries you?"		
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Victim answered none leading to the protocol <input type="checkbox"/> Victim screened in based on the belief of officer <input type="checkbox"/> Victim did not screen in		
If victim screened in: After advising he/she of a high danger assessment, <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No did the victim speak with the hotline counselor?		

NOTE: The questions above are not the criteria for determining the level of risk a person faces. It is not possible to make a perfect correlation between the level of risk to a person or danger to their partner. However, each time there is a screen above the screen for officer risk for lethal violence that is or appears to be a screen. Although some victims who screen "positive" or "high danger" would not be expected to be killed, some victims face much higher risk than others. Consider victim's experience partner violence.

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(NIJ, 2015)

Mandatory Reporting in Tennessee

- Child abuse
 - Any person
 - Healthcare provider
 - Mental health professional

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-403, 37-1-605)
- Abuse of person who may need protective services (i.e. elder abuse)
 - Any person
 - Healthcare provider
 - Mental health professional

(Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-6-103)

(Victim Rights Law Center, 2018)

Mandatory Reporting in Tennessee

- Violence inflicted injury
 - Healthcare provider
(Tenn. Code Ann. § 38-1-101)
- Patient is a danger to others
 - Mental health professional
(Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-3-210)

(Victim Rights Law Center, 2018)

Resources

- Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic Violence
- Safe at Home Address Confidentiality Program
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
- Centers for Disease Control
- Stanford Medical
- Rural Health Info Hub
- Child Safety Practice Manual
- FORGE

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Questions?