

Executive Summary

National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey

NISVS 2016/2017 – North Carolina Summary

The latest National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) data for each state was released in December 2023 and is based on survey responses that were collected in 2016/2017. This executive summary visualizes the prevalence of lifetime experiences of intimate partner violence for adults over 18.

Lifetime Prevalence Rates of Intimate Partner Violence

Table 1: Percentage and estimated numbers of adults in NC and the US who have ever experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime, by violence type

Violence Type	Weighted % of Women*	Weighted % of Men*	Estimated Number of Women**	Estimated Number of Men+
Psychological Violence (NC)	56.7%	44.1%	2,229,000	1,602,000
Psychological Violence (US)	49.4%	45.1%	61,663,000	53,301,000
Physical Violence (NC)	47.7%	37.8%	1,876,000	1,373,000
Physical Violence (US)	42%	42.2%	52,437,000	49,932,000
Stalking by an Intimate partner (NC)	14.2%	Not enough data	558,000	Not enough data
Stalking by an intimate partner (US)	13.5%	5.2%	16,859,000	6,156,000
Physical/sexual violence, stalking (NC)	54.9%	40.4%	2,159,000	1,467,000
Physical/sexual violence, stalking (US)	47.3%	44.2%	59,006,000	52,128,000

*Due to limitations in CDC's data collection methods, only binary men/women data is presented. Please see the [2015 U.S. Transgender Survey](#) for additional data.

**According to Census 2015 adult population estimates there are 4,030,327 women in NC / 127,246,685 women in the US

+ According to Census 2015 adult population estimates there are 3,724,425 men in NC / 120,542,426 men in the US

Psychological Aggression by an Intimate Partner

Includes expressive aggression (insulting, humiliating, or making fun of a partner in front of others) and coercive control and entrapment, which includes behaviors intended to monitor and control or threaten an intimate partner.

56.7%



More than 1 in 2 adult women (56.7%) in NC have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

44.1%



Nearly 1 in 2 adult men (44.1%) in NC have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Table 2: Percentage of NC adults that experienced psychological violence in their lifetime, by subtype

Psychological Violence Subtype	Weighted % of Women	Weighted % of Men
Expressive Aggression	29.1 %	19.2 %
Coercive Control and Entrapment	52.7 %	41.0 %

Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner

Includes a range of behaviors from slapping, pushing or shoving to severe acts that include being hit with a fist or something hard, kicked, hurt by pulling hair, slammed against something, tried to hurt by strangulation or suffocating, beaten, burned on purpose, used a knife, and used a gun.

47.7%



Nearly 1 in 2 adult women (47.7%) in NC have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

37.8%



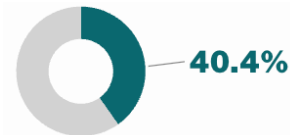
More than 1 in 3 adult men (37.8%) in NC have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Physical or Sexual Violence and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner

Occurrence of multiple forms of violence by an intimate partner. Contact sexual violence is a measure that includes rape, made to penetrate (cis males only), sexual coercion, and/or unwanted sexual contact.



More than half of adult women (54.9%) in NC have experienced physical or sexual violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.



More than 1 in 3 adult men (40.4%) in NC have experienced physical or sexual violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Black women in NC are 31% more likely to have experienced Physical or Sexual Violence, and/or stalking by an Intimate Partner in their lifetime, than white women in NC

Table 3: Prevalence of Sexual & Physical Violence and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner

Race/Ethnicity	Weighted % of Women (NC)	Weighted % of Men (NC)
Non-Hispanic Black	66.7 %	66.1 %
Non-Hispanic White	48.9 %	33.7 %

