



Intimate Partner Violence Statistics in the Black Community

- ***Black women living in poverty have higher rates of victimization due to lack of money or resources to escape their abusers (Gedeon, 2023).***
- ***Murder by intimate partners is among the leading causes of death for African American women between the ages of 15 and 45 (Women's Leadership and Resource Center).***
- ***African immigrant women are at increased risk of intimate partner violence due to isolation from family, unstable employment, economic dependence, language barriers, and lack of access to support services (Wenham et al. 2022).***
- ***For every Black woman who reports rape, at least 15 Black women do not report (Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, 2003).***
- ***40% of sex trafficking victims were identified as Black women in the United States (Congressional Black Caucus Foundation).***
- ***According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Black and African American LGBTQIA+ individuals were more likely to experience physical violence than their peers.***
- ***More than 40% of Black women experience domestic violence in their lifetime (Institute of Women's Policy Research).***
- ***Black women are 2.5 times more likely to be murdered by men than white women. (Blackburn Center, 2020).***
- ***At least four Black women and girls were murdered per day in the U.S. in 2020 (Whitfield, 2022).***
- ***Black women exposed to IPV are likely to experience negative health outcomes relating to low self-esteem, self-blame, suicidal ideation, depression, and PTSD (Neville et al., 2004).***

- ***The socioeconomic ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic increased housing insecurity and impeded access to safe housing for Black women surviving IPV (Willie et al. 2023).***
- ***A survey of 222 gender-based violence advocates across the United States revealed that 33% reported femicides had increased in their communities during the pandemic (Sutton & Beech, 2023).***