

Violence Against Young Women

Violence Against Female Secondary School Students:

- More than 4 out of 10 Ontario girls are the target of unwanted sexual comments or gestures.
- 1 out of 4 Ontario girls report having been pressured into doing something sexual they did not want to do
- More than 4 out of 10 teenage girls in Quebec experienced abuse by their boyfriends

Violence Against Female College & University Students:

Incidence of women abuse in Canadian college & university dating relationships:

- 79% Reported being psychologically abused
- 27% Reported being sexually abused
- 22% Reported being physically abused
- 15-25% North American female college & university students who will experience sexual assault during their academic career.

As of 2010, there were 582 cases of missing or murdered Aboriginal women in Canada. In 85% of the 582 cases, the age of the victim was known (495 cases). 55% of these 495 cases involved women and girls under the age 31. 17% involved women and girls aged 18yrs and younger.

During one school year. 36% of female students in grades 7 to 12 experienced sexual harassment through texting, email, Facebook, or other electronic means.

Police-reported violence against women in Canada in 2011:

Young women aged 15 to 24 are:

- At greatest risk of all forms of police-reported violence against women
- The most vulnerable to sexual violence by dating partner
- At greatest risk of being murdered by a current or former spouse

Self-reported victimization of women in Canada in 2009:

Compared to older women, women aged 15 to 34 are:

- 3x more likely to report non spousal violent victimization
- 5x more likely to report non-spousal sexual assault
- 2-3x more likely to report non-spousal victimization in the last 12 months