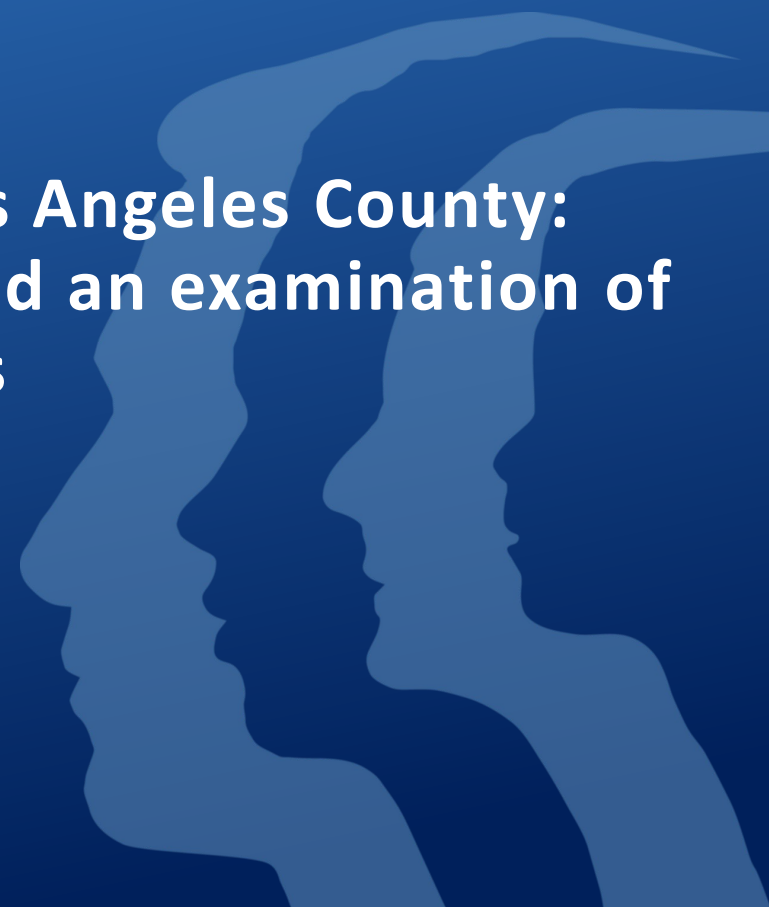




Intimate Partner Violence in Los Angeles County: Results from the 2023 LACHS and an examination of Domestic Violence Data Sources

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Overview

1. How Common is Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in Los Angeles County?

- Los Angeles Health Survey (LACHS) and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) Domestic Violence (DV) Statistics
 - Changes over time
- 2023 LACHS Intimate Partner Violence

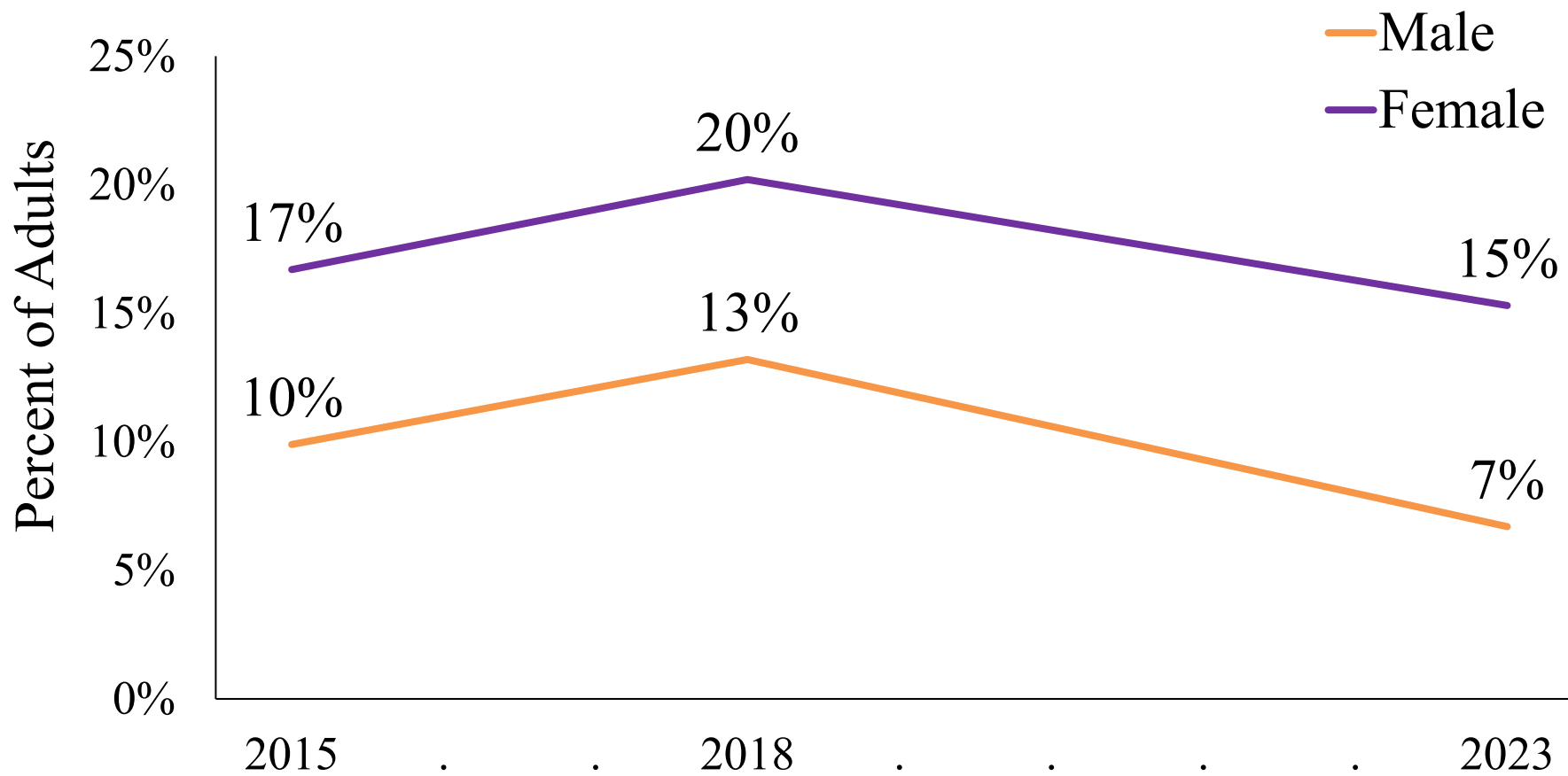
2. How Do We Measure Intimate Partner Violence?

- Different Data Sources on IPV/DV
 - Rates, Strengths, and Weaknesses
- Improvements since 2010
- Recommendations
- Conclusions

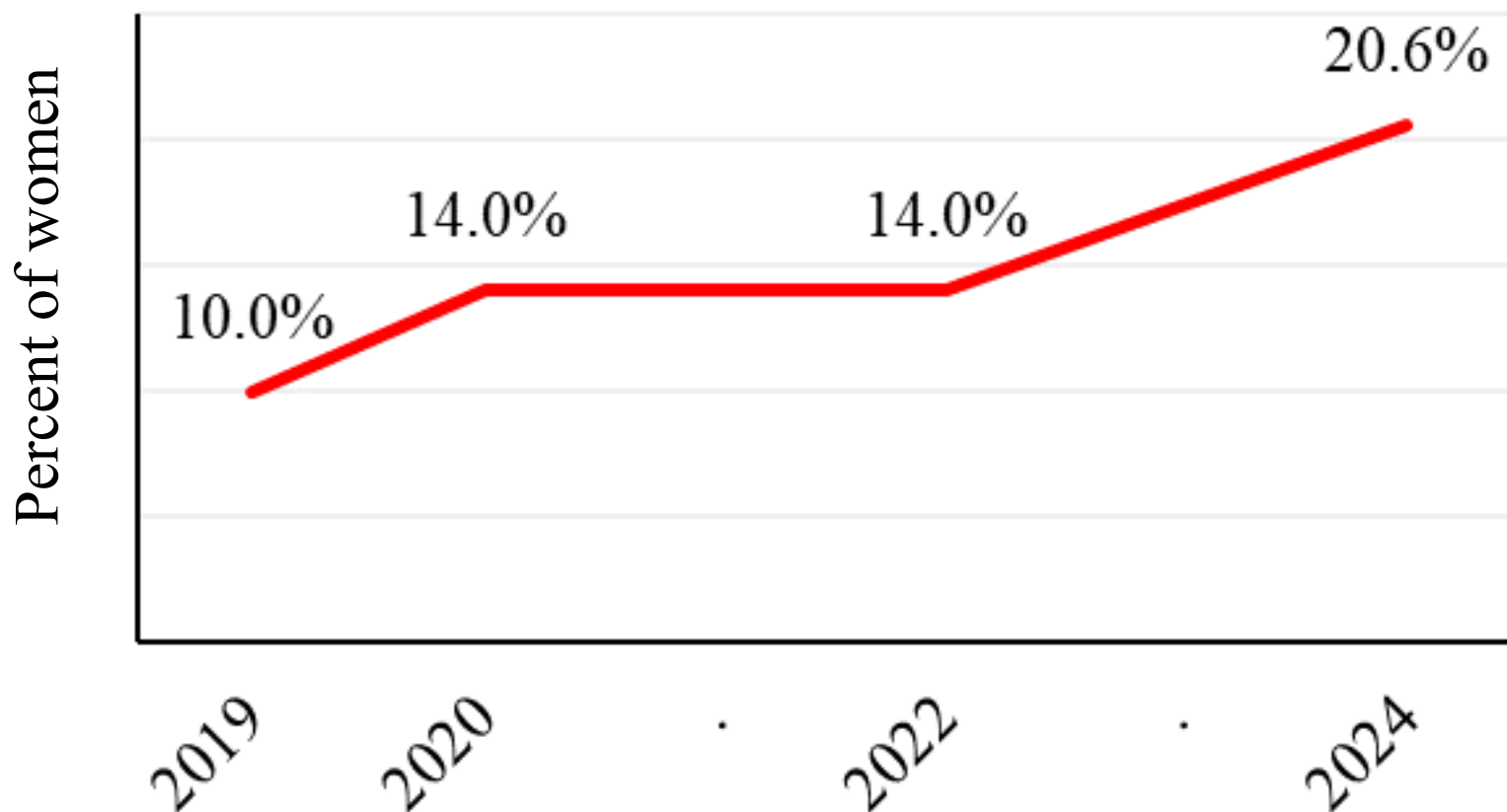


How common is Intimate Partner Violence in Los Angeles County?

Percent of Adults In LA County Who Reported Ever Experiencing Physical or Sexual Violence by an Intimate Partner, by Gender



Percent of Women in LA County Who Are Homeless Due to Fleeing Intimate Partner Violence, LAHSA



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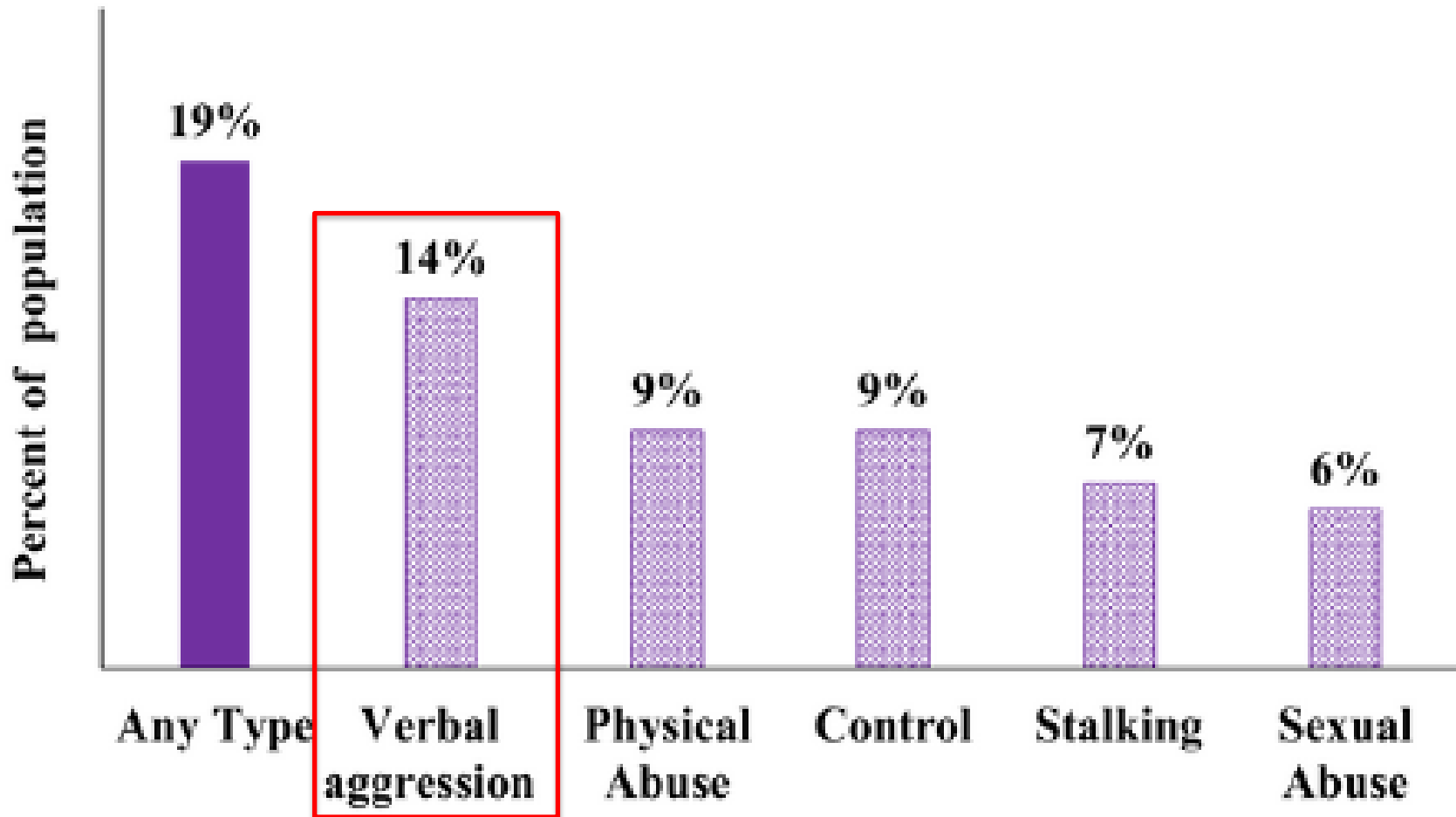
IPV is more than just Physical or Sexual Abuse

11% of individuals residing in LA County reported ever experiencing **physical or sexual violence**.

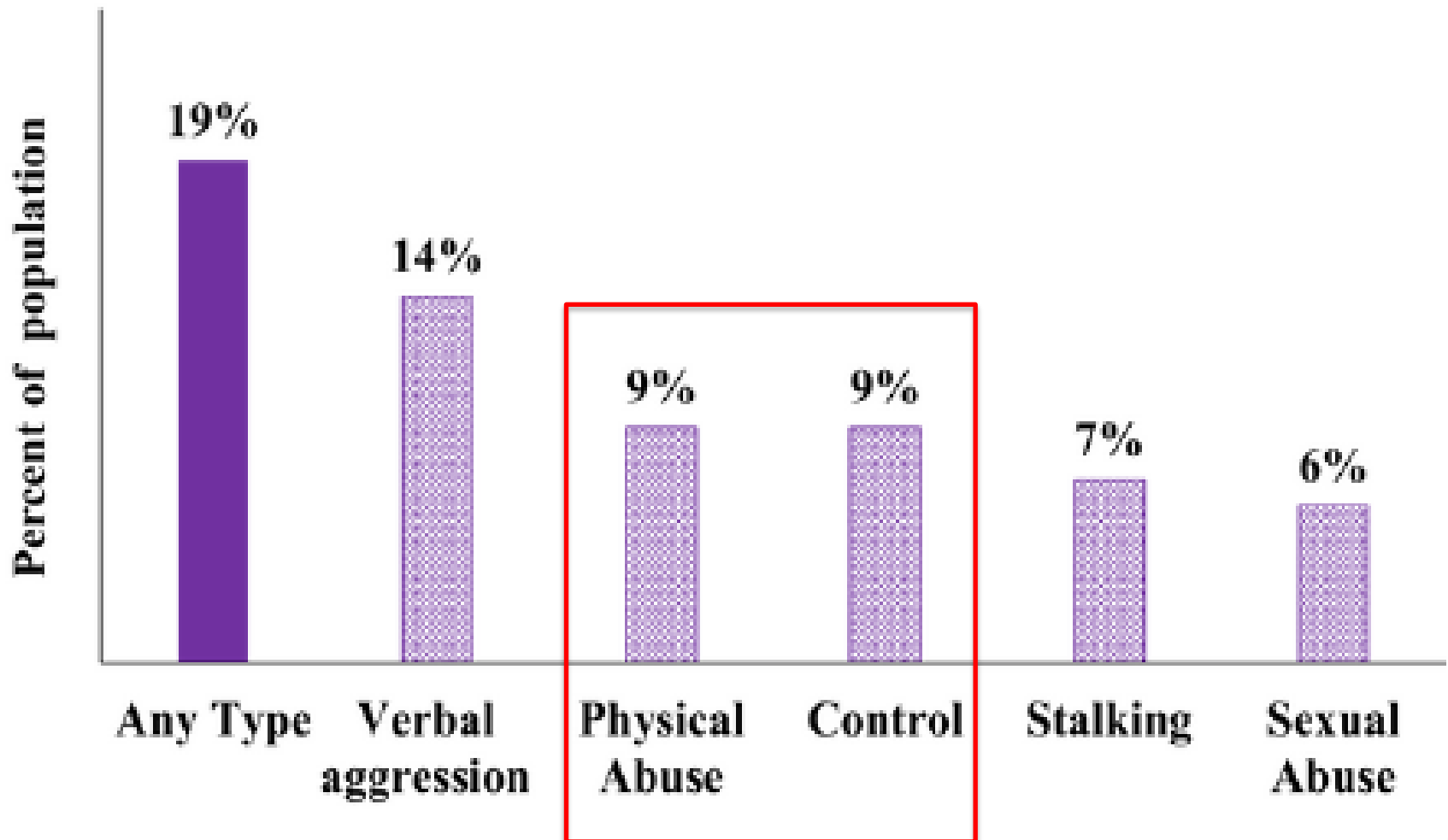
19% of individuals residing in LA County reported ever experiencing **physical or sexual violence, stalking, verbal aggression or control enacted by a present or past romantic partner**.

LACHS, 2023

Reports of Intimate Partner Violence by Type, LACHS 2023



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IPV is more than just Physical or Sexual Abuse



Individuals who reported verbal abuse, were

29x more likely to
report stalking

23x more likely to
report physical abuse

15x more likely to
report sexual abuse

Compared to individuals who did not report verbal abuse

LACHS, 2023

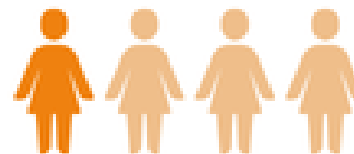
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According to 2023 data for LA County



~1 in 7 Cisgender Men (14%)



~1 in 4 Cisgender Women (24%)



~1 in 2 TGN individuals (47%)

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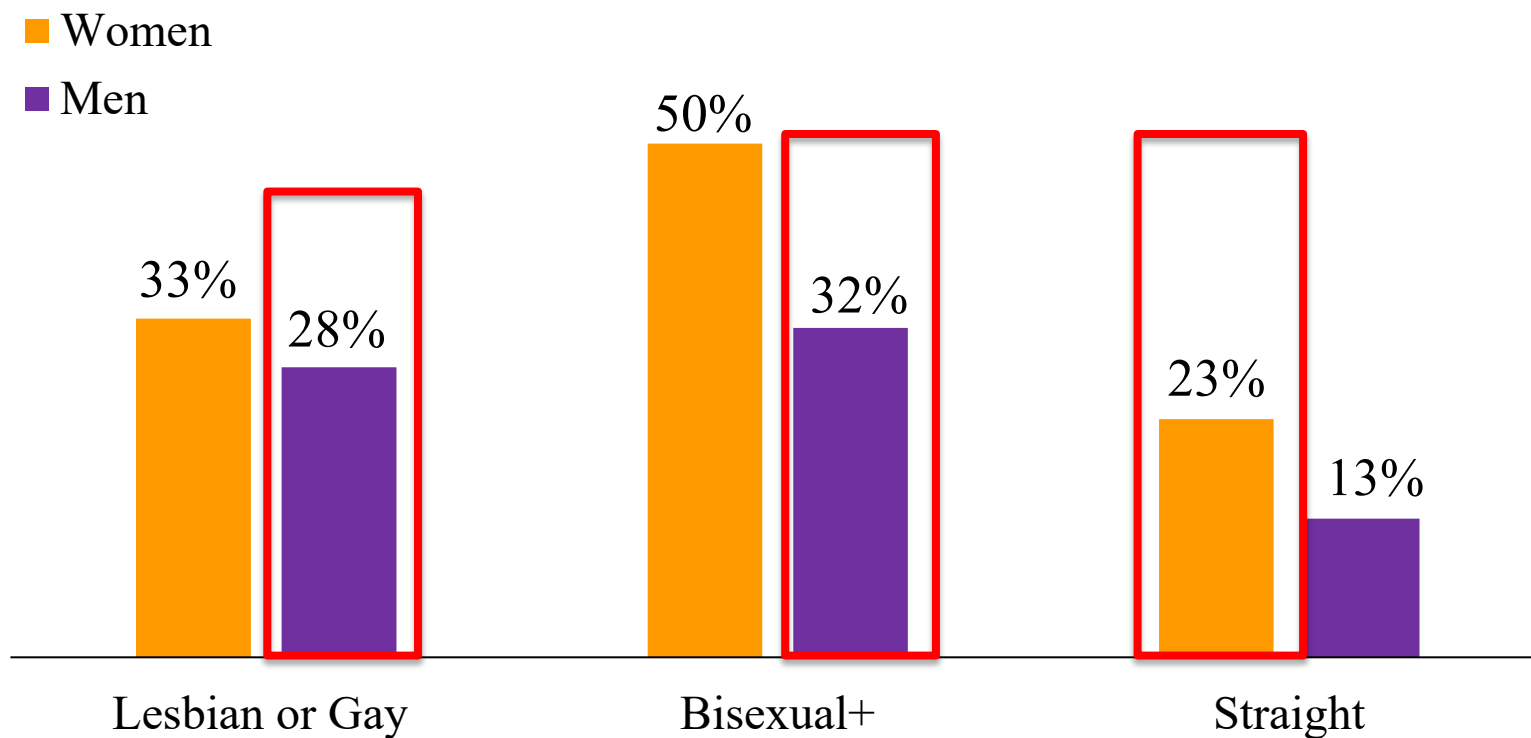
Reports of Intimate Partner Violence by Sexual Orientation and Cisgender*, LACHS 2023



*Estimates are not provided for TGN individuals due to small sample size.

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Women in LA County with disabilities were

1.7x more likely to report experiencing any type of IPV compared to women without disabilities.



Women in LA County who were born in United States were

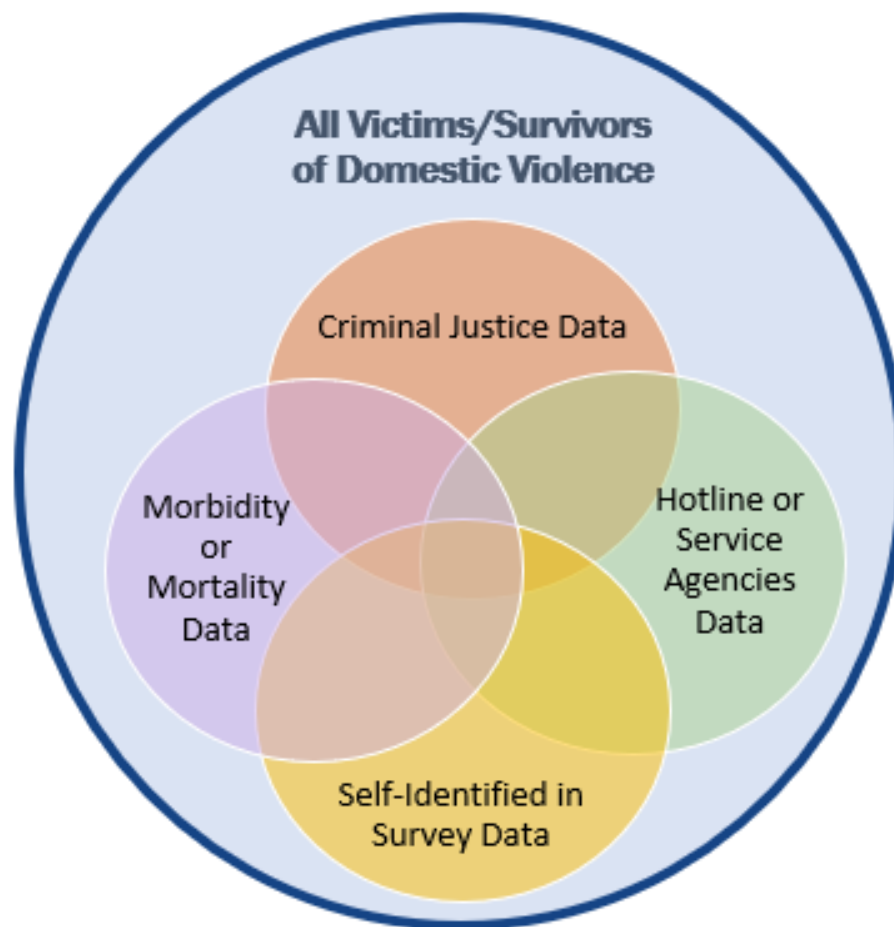
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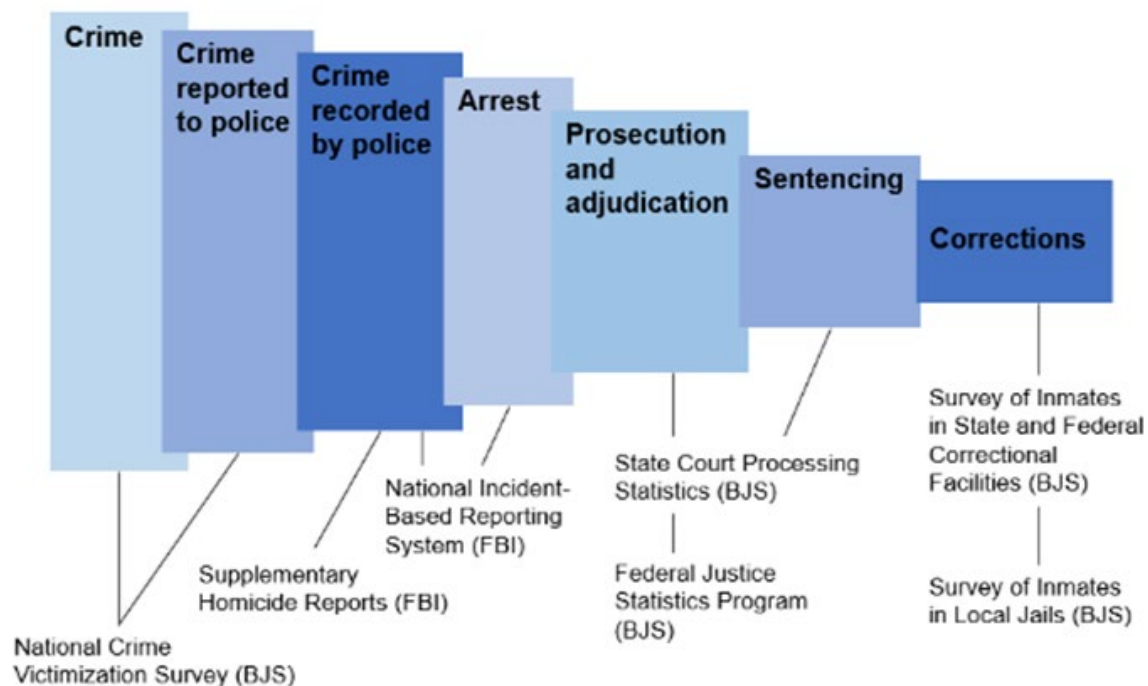
The Population of Victims and Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence (DV)



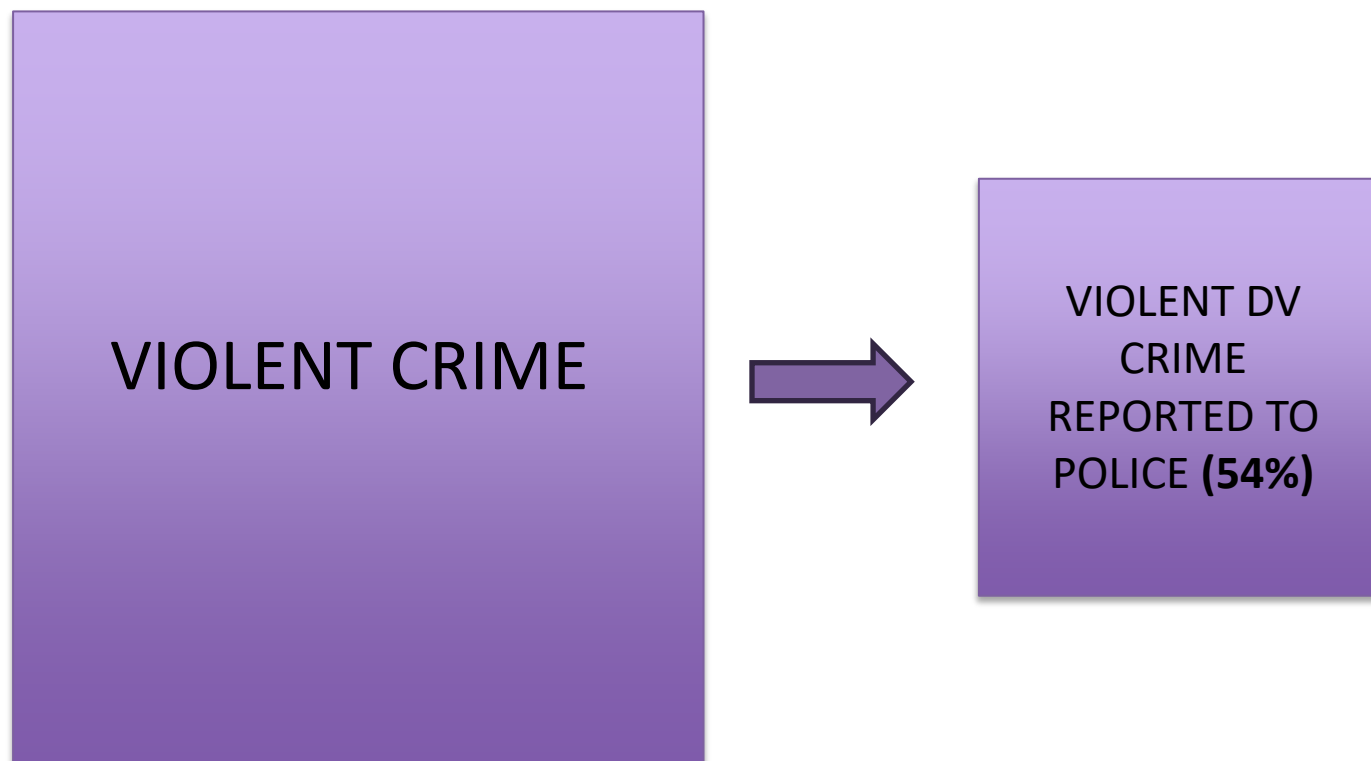
Self Reported Survey Data

Data Source	Year	Observations
Maternal Infant Health Assessment Survey	2019-2021	5.6% of sample residing in LAC reported DV during pregnancy
LA Mommy and Baby Project (LAMB)	2016	1.9% of sample reported physical violence by baby's father several months prior to survey
Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System	2023	7.8% & 7.1% of LAUSD high school students reported physical dating violence & sexual dating violence, respectively, in the 12 months prior to the survey
LA Homelessness Services Authority	2025	8.9% of sample are homeless due to DV

Criminal Justice Data



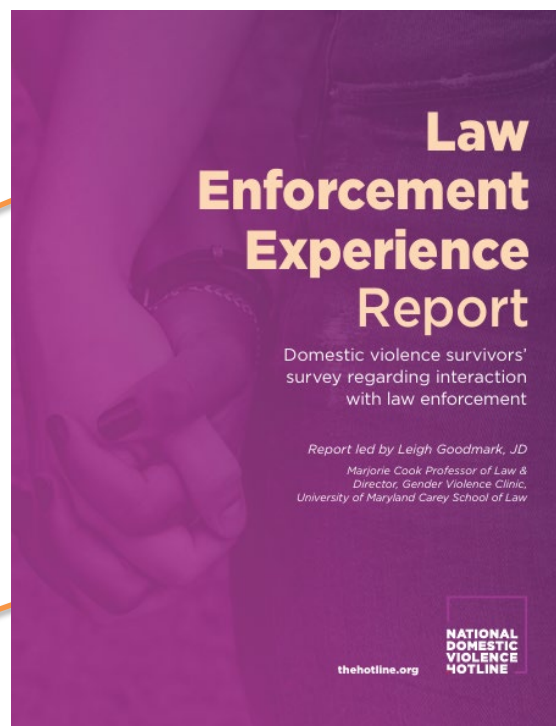
Adapted from: Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Family Violence Statistics," 2005, p. 4. Note that some crime is not reported to police, some crime reported to police is not recorded, and some conduct reported to police is not crime. Graphic available from <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/fvs10.pdf>



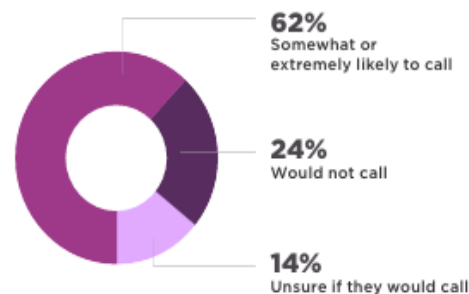
Survey of ~1,500 Callers to National DV Hotline, 2021

Approximately 82% had contacted the police, while 12% had not.

Of those who did call the police, more 39% felt less safe after calling, compared to 20% who felt safer. 40% thought it made no difference.



WOULD YOU CALL THE POLICE IN THE FUTURE?

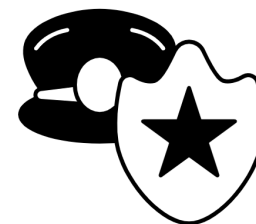


More than three-quarters of people who called the police expressed fear or concern about calling in the future.



Criminal Justice Data on IPV

- Compiled by local, state, federal agencies
- Challenges:
 - Inconsistent definitions of IPV/DV and inconsistent applications of penal code by different agencies
 - Penal code violations reflect only a small part of abusive conduct
 - Relationship between person causing harm and person harmed may not be determined
 - Biases in law enforcement responses (racism, sexism, homophobia, etc.)



Criminal Justice: LA County DV Observations

Source	Year	Observations
CA Department of Justice <i>[for LAC overall]</i>	2024	36,720 DV-related calls
LA Police Dept, Calls for service ^a <i>[for City of Los Angeles]</i>	2024 ^b	36,720 DV- related calls
LA Police Dept., Crimes <i>[for City of Los Angeles]</i>	2023 ^c	15,100 DV-related violent crimes (homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault, robbery, rape)
LA Sheriff Dept., Crimes <i>[for unincorp areas + 42 contract cities]</i>	2023	7,462 DV-related crimes (aggravated assaults and non-aggravated assaults)

a Calls for service capture all DV-related calls made to LAPD, regardless of whether they result in an official crime report, providing a broader but less detailed picture.

b Data are updated on a daily basis, and as such estimates change periodically. This estimate was pulled on 07/16/2025.

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Criminal Justice: LA County DV Data, continued

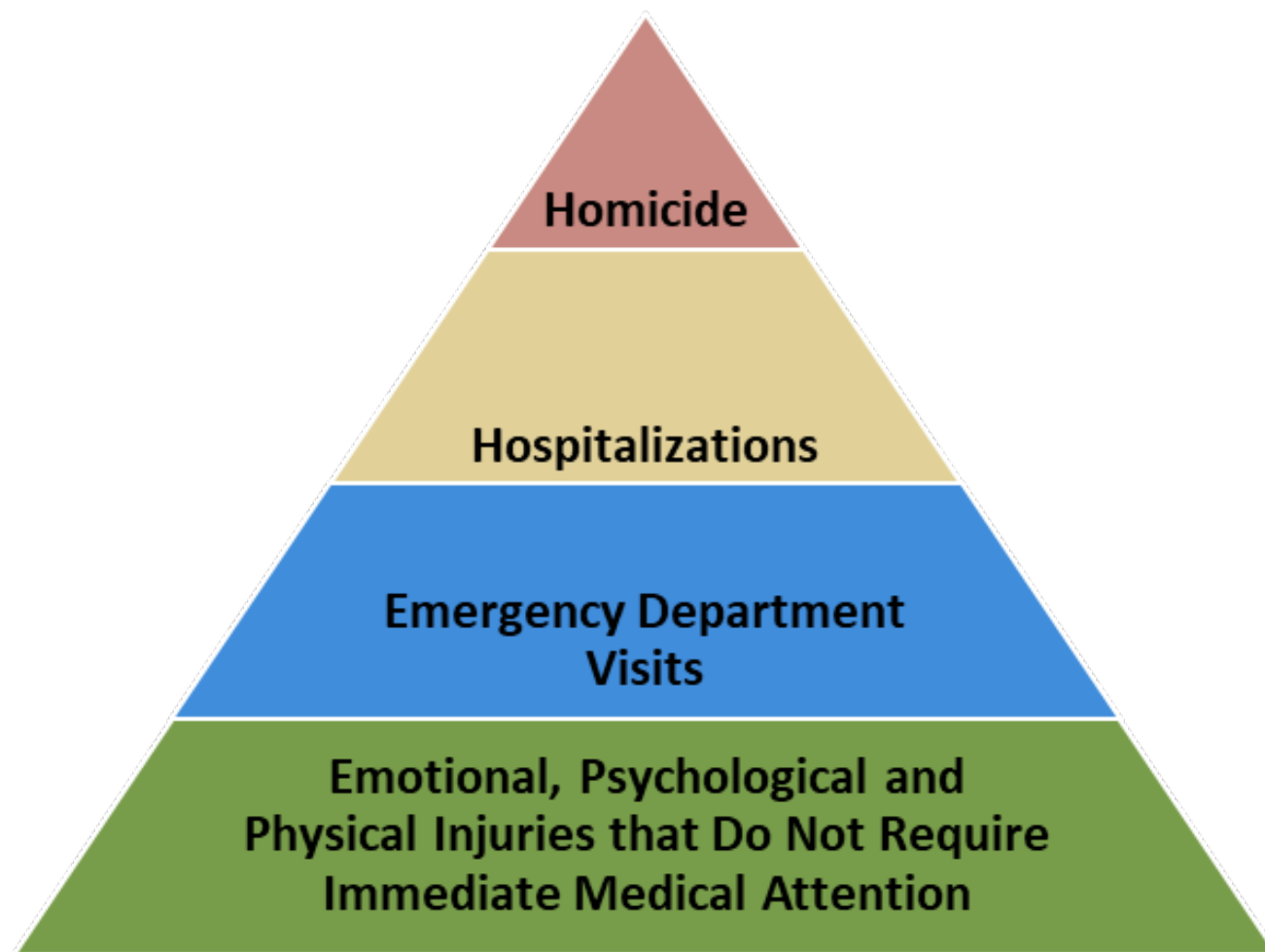
Source	Year	Observations
LAC District Attorney Case Data <i>[for LAC overall]</i>	2023	Intimate Partner Homicide: 32 cases filed; 14 cases declined ^d
		Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: 24 cases filed; 255 cases declined
		Intimate Partner Violence: 3,892 cases filed; 14,945 cases declined



District Attorney Case Data: Prosecution

- Many IPV and intimate sexual abuse cases are declined for prosecution
- Legal standards require strong, admissible evidence likely to lead to conviction, especially when there is no independent corroboration
- Survivors' reluctance to cooperate, often due to safety, fear, or financial dependency, contributes to higher rates of rejection and dismissal
- Data for number of cases filed and number of jury trials may greatly underestimate the prevalence of DV

Health Related DV Data: Morbidity and Mortality



LA County Emergency Dept./Hospital Visits & Mortality Data

Data Source	Year	Observations
California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) [visits made by LAC residents)	2022	897 visits for assaults related to DV/IPV treated in hospitals and emergency departments
LAC Violent Death Reporting System [Deaths occurring in LAC]	2022	49 homicides related to IPV (including non-intimate partners)

Hotline and Direct Services Data

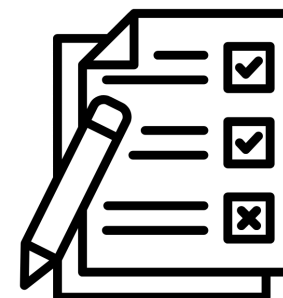
Data Source	Year	Observations
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Hotline	2023	6,123 total calls
Los Angeles County Contracted Domestic Violence Supportive Services (DVSS) & Shelter-Based Providers (DVSBP)	2023 – 2024 Fiscal Year	DVSS: case management services for 3,010 survivors; legal services for 1,219 DVSBP: 17,902 call-in requests*

Note. Hotline and direct reporting services data are generated from the number of calls, clients served, or services delivered.

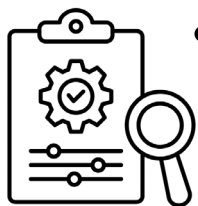
*This number likely includes repeated calls to one or more shelters

Improvements in IPV Data Collection since 2010

1. Survey data
 - Broader scope of IPV questions reflecting complexity of DV
 - Inclusivity – gender diversity
2. Greater efforts to describe and monitor DV at national level
 - Launch of National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey by U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
3. Research studies utilizing multiple sources



Recommendations – Survey Data



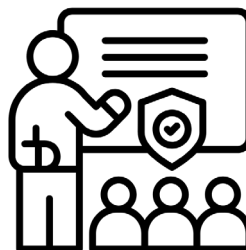
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- Broader Measures of IPV/DV
 - Lifetime and past 12-month time-intervals
 - More than just single occurrence
 - Standardized measures (e.g., Conflicts Tactics Scale; verbal aggression, control)
- Continually Evolving Measures
 - Linguistically & culturally sensitive
 - Emerging forms of abuse (e.g., digital violence)

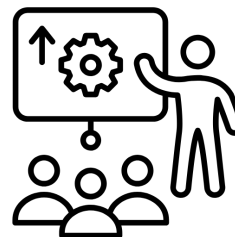


Recommendations – Law Enforcement Data

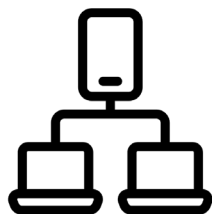
- Adoption of uniform & consistent definitions of DV
 - California Penal Code § 13730
 - Continued trainings & quality improvement feedback loops



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- Centralized Data Systems
 - Standardized case identifiers
 - Structured fields for all § 13730 data points



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Recommendations – Hospital/Health Care Data



- Adopt standard definitions of DV
 - Promote adoption of five Uniform Data System ICD-10 (diagnosis) codes for IPV
- Improve capacity of healthcare professionals to identify, address, and document DV
 - Integrate IPV screening tools or universal education prompts into EHR
 - Regular trainings
 - Partnering with community-based DV service providers



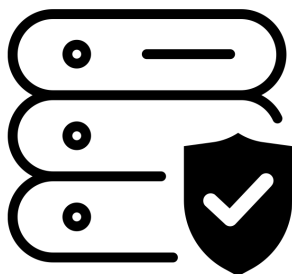
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Recommendations – Hotline and Direct Services

- Investment in technology and training for CBOs and NGOs
 - Development of streamlined data systems
 - Reliable assessment tools
 - Anonymization and safe aggregation



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- Data literacy and ethics training
 - Data management tools
 - Prioritization of client safety and autonomy



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Conclusion

- A lot of Improvement in DV/IPV Data Collection Efforts
- More Progress to be made
- Uncertainty of Progress



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