Male victims of family violence: key statistics

Research from the 2012 ABS Personal Safety Survey and Australian Institute of Criminology shows that both men and women in Australia experience substantial levels of violence.

Males make up a significant proportion of victims of family and sexual violence, yet are excluded from government anti-violence programs.

75 males were killed in domestic homicide incidents between 2008-10. This equates to one death every 10 days.

Experience of family violence by gender

DURING THE PERIOD 2008-10:

More than 1 in 3 victims of domestic homicide were male (38.7%)

More than 1 in 4 victims of intimate partner homicide were male (27.0%)

BEFORE THE AGE OF 15:

2 in 5 victims of physical and/or sexual child abuse were male (39.0%)

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**EXPERIENCE OF FAMILY VIOLENCE BY GENDER**

DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS:

1 in 3 victims of current partner violence were male (33.3%)

Almost 1 in 4 victims of previous partner violence were male (22.0%)

Almost 1 in 3 victims of violence from a boyfriend/girlfriend or date were male (27.9%)

1 in 2 victims of violence from known persons were male (49.0%)

More than 1 in 3 victims of partner emotional abuse were male (37.1%)

Half these males experienced anxiety or fear due to the emotional abuse (46.1%)

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DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS:

1 in 3 victims of stalking were male (34.2%)

Almost 1 in 3 victims of sexual assault were male (29.6%)

Almost 1 in 3 victims of sexual harassment were male (30.0%)

Almost 10% of all males experienced violence

Since the previous ABS Personal Safety Survey (2005) there has been a large increase in the number of males reporting current partner and dating violence since the age of 15.

The vast majority of partner and dating violence committed against men is perpetrated by females (94%). Only 6% occurs in relationships with a male perpetrator.

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MALE VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE ARE:

2 to 3 times more likely than women to have never told anybody about experiencing
• Current partner violence

Twice as likely as women to have never sought advice or support about experiencing
• Current partner violence

Up to 40% more likely than women to have not contacted police about experiencing
• Current partner violence

Half as likely as women to have had a restraining order issued against the perpetrator of
• Previous partner violence

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