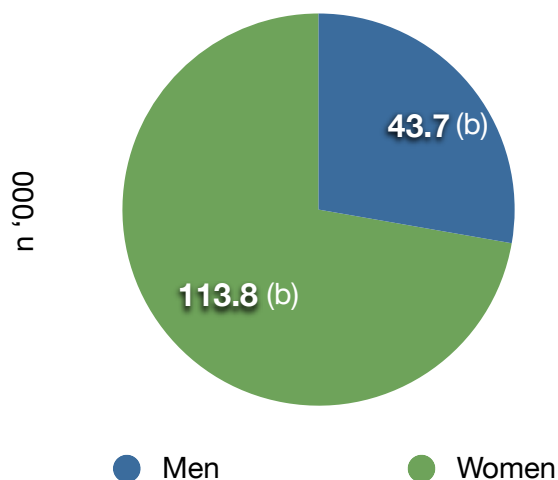


**PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY INTIMATE PARTNERS
(CURRENT PARTNER, PREVIOUS PARTNER, BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND OR DATE)**

**Men's and Women's experience of physical assault by a current partner, previous partner or boyfriend/
girlfriend or date (a) in the last 12 months.**

**Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data from Personal Safety Survey, Australia, 2005
(cat.no. 4906.0) (ABS, Customised report, 2011)**



**Physical assault by a current partner, previous partner or
boyfriend/girlfriend or date in the last 12 months (a) (reference period: 2005)**

28 per cent (around one in three) people who experienced physical assault by an intimate partner (current partner, previous partner, boyfriend, girlfriend or date) in the last 12 months were male.

The prevalence rate for males who experienced physical assault by a current partner, previous partner or boyfriend/girlfriend or date was 0.6%, whereas the prevalence rate for females who experienced physical assault by a current partner, previous partner or boyfriend/girlfriend or date was 1.5%. These results are statistically significantly different.

NOTE: This data does not show all physical assaults. It refers only to assaults which the respondent believed involved the use of physical force *with the intent to harm or frighten*. It excludes incidents of sexual assault or threatened sexual assault which also involved physical assault, those which occurred before the age of 15 and those which occurred during the course of play on a sporting field. A person may have experienced physical assault by male and female perpetrators. Where a person experienced both, they are counted only once in the total.

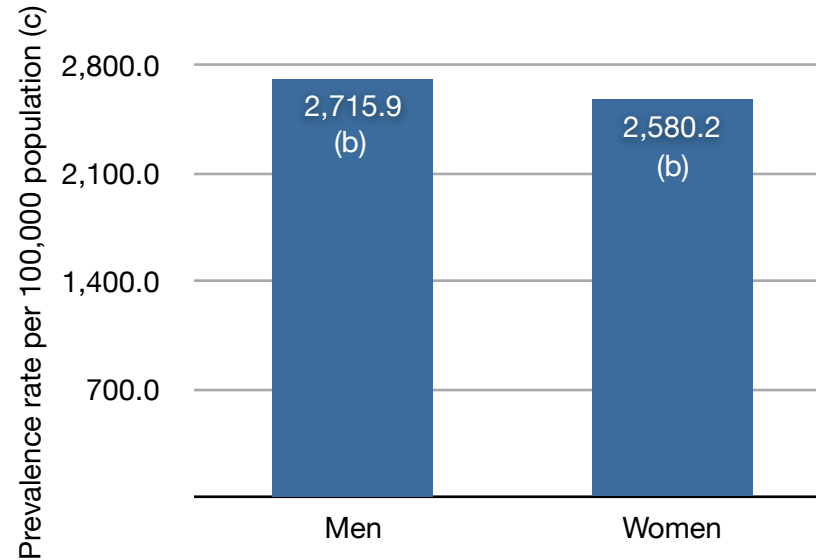
(a) A partner includes both married and defacto relationships. A current partner is defined as a person the respondent is currently living with. Previous partner is defined as a partner the respondent was living with at the time of the incident or a partner they were no longer living with at the time of the incident. Where a relationship has not involved co-habitation, this is described as a boyfriend/girlfriend or date. This will include different levels of commitment and involvement (ranging from a single date, to regular dating with or without sexual involvement).

(b) Difference in estimate between males and females who experienced physical assault by a current partner, previous partner or boyfriend/girlfriend or date in the last 12 months is statistically significant.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY KNOWN PERPETRATORS

Prevalence rate of men's and women's experience of physical assault
by a known perpetrator in the last 12 months.

Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data from Personal Safety Survey, Australia, 2005
(cat.no. 4906.0) (ABS, Customised report, 2011)



Physical assault by any known perpetrator (a) in the last 12 months (reference period: 2005)

There were no statistically significant differences in the prevalence rates between women and men experiencing physical assault by known perpetrators in the last 12 months (2.6% or 198,500 women and 2.7% or 203,100 men)

NOTE: This data does not show all physical assaults. It refers only to assaults which the respondent believed involved the use of physical force *with the intent to harm or frighten*. It excludes incidents of sexual assault or threatened sexual assault which also involved physical assault, those which occurred before the age of 15 and those which occurred during the course of play on a sporting field.

(a) Known perpetrator refers to current partner, previous partner, boyfriend, girlfriend or date or any other known person (includes father or mother, son or daughter, brother or sister, other relative or in-law, friend, acquaintance or neighbour, employer or boss or supervisor, co-worker or co-volunteer, counsellor or psychologist or psychiatrist, ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend, doctor, teacher, minister or priest or clergy, prison officer and any other unspecified known persons).

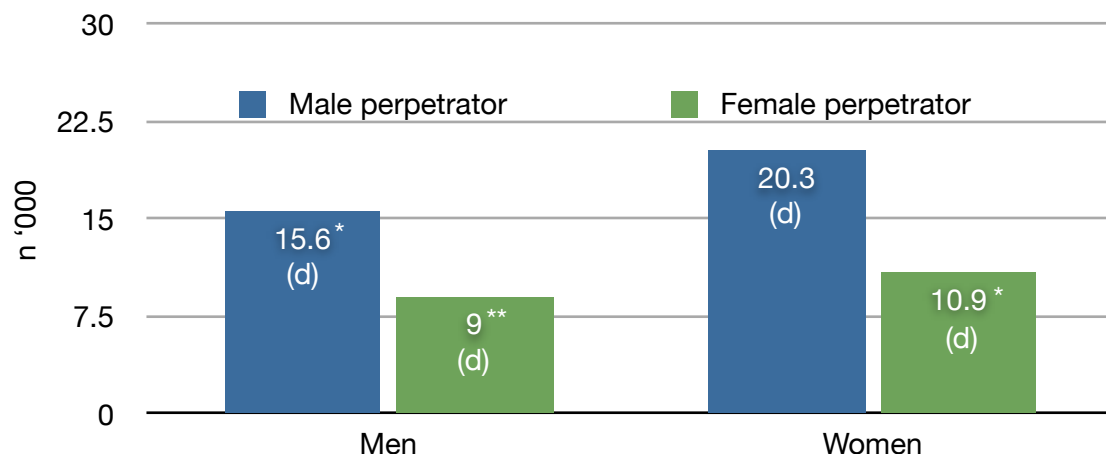
(b) Difference in prevalence rate between males and females who experienced physical assault is *not* statistically significant

(c) Proportion of total males/females who experienced physical assault by a known perpetrator in the last 12 months.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY FAMILY MEMBER/EX-BOYFRIEND/EX-GIRLFRIEND

Men's and women's experience of physical assault by family member (c)/ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend in the most recent incident of physical assault by an other known person (b) in the last 12 months (a).

Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data from Personal Safety Survey, Australia, 2005 (cat.no. 4906.0) (ABS, Customised report, 2011)



Physical assault by family member (c)/ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend in most recent incident of physical assault by an other known person in the last 12 months (a) (reference period: 2005) (d)

* estimate has a relative standard error of 25% to 50% and should be used with caution

** estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use

NOTE: This data does not show all physical assaults. It refers only to assaults which the respondent believed involved the use of physical force *with the intent to harm or frighten*. It excludes incidents of sexual assault or threatened sexual assault which also involved physical assault, those which occurred before the age of 15 and those which occurred during the course of play on a sporting field. This data does not show overall population estimates (numbers or rates). It refers only to a sub-group of those who experienced physical assault by any other known perpetrator.

- (a) The category of 'any other known person' includes father or mother, son or daughter, brother or sister, other relative or in-law, friend, acquaintance or neighbour, employer or boss or supervisor, co-worker or co-volunteer, counsellor or psychologist or psychiatrist, ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend, doctor, teacher, minister or priest or clergy, prison officer and any other unspecified known persons. This category excludes assaults by current partner, previous partner, boyfriend/girlfriend or date.
- (b) Where a person has experienced physical assault by more than one 'any other known person', details of relationship to perpetrator is collected only for the person's most recent incident of physical assault by a male 'other known perpetrator' and most recent incident of physical assault by a female 'other known perpetrator'. Details about their other incidents by an 'other known perpetrators' are not collected. Therefore data about a person's experience physical assault by each of the various other known perpetrator types are not able to be derived from the PSS.
- (c) Family member includes father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, other relative/in-law.
- (d) Difference in estimate between men and women is *not* statistically significant.

In their most recent incident of physical assault by a male perpetrator in the last 12 months, 15,600* men and 20,300 women reported that the perpetrator was a family member/ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend.

In their most recent incident of physical assault by a female perpetrator in the last 12 months, 9,000** men and 10,900* women reported that the perpetrator was a family member/ex-boyfriend/ex-girlfriend.

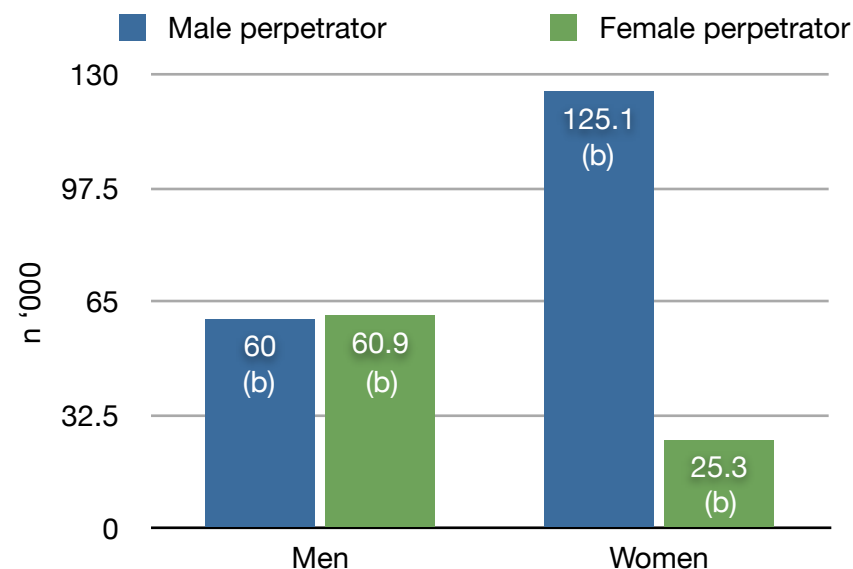
These results are not statistically significantly different.

However this information does not infer that there were no differences in the overall prevalence of men and women experiencing physical assault by family members/ex-boyfriends/ex-girlfriends.

SELECTED LOCATIONS OF MOST RECENT INCIDENT OF PHYSICAL ASSAULT

Men's and women's experience of physical assault at person's home/at perpetrators home/at another person's home in the most recent incident of physical assault (a) in the last 12 months

Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics data from Personal Safety Survey, Australia, 2005
(cat.no. 4906.0) (ABS, Customised report, 2011)



Physical assault at person's home/at perpetrators home/at another person's home in the most recent incident of physical assault (a) in the last 12 months (reference period: 2005)

NOTE: This data does not show all physical assaults. It refers only to assaults which the respondent believed involved the use of physical force *with the intent to harm or frighten*. It excludes incidents of sexual assault or threatened sexual assault which also involved physical assault, those which occurred before the age of 15 and those which occurred during the course of play on a sporting field. This data does not show overall population estimates (numbers or rates). It refers only to the location for a person's most recent incident by a male and female perpetrator.

(a) Where a person has experienced physical assault more than once, details of the location is collected only for the person's most recent incident of physical assault by a man and the person's most recent incident of physical assault by a woman. Details about their other incidents and respective locations are not collected. Therefore data about a person's experience physical assault by each of the various locations are not able to be derived from the PSS.

(b) Difference in estimate between males and females who experienced physical assault in the last 12 months; characteristics of the location of the most recent incident is statistically significant.