The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation

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National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey

- Funded and launched by CDC in 2010 with support from NIJ and DoD
- Ongoing, nationally representative telephone survey of adults aged 18 years and older
- Summary report was published December 2011
Purposes of NISVS

To describe

- Prevalence and characteristics of sexual violence, stalking and intimate partner violence.
- The patterns and impact of violence
- Health consequences
Types of Violence

**Sexual violence by any perpetrator**
- Rape (completed, attempted, alcohol/drug facilitated penetration)
- being made to penetrate someone
- sexual coercion, unwanted sexual contact, non-touch unwanted sexual experiences

**Stalking by any perpetrator**

**Violence by an intimate partner**
- physical aggression
- psychological aggression
- control of reproductive or sexual health
- sexual violence and stalking
2010 Data Collection

- Dual-frame (landline and cell)
- Conducted from January 22-December 31, 2010
- 16,507 completed interviews
  - 9,086 females
  - 7,421 males
Contents of this Report

- First national surveillance data on violence by sexual orientation
  - Sexual Violence Victimization by any Perpetrator
  - Stalking Victimization by any Perpetrator
  - Violence by an Intimate Partner
  - Impact of Intimate Partner Violence

- Offers a statistical comparison between groups
Key Findings

- Gay men and lesbians experience violence at levels equal to or greater than heterosexuals.

- Bisexual women had significantly higher prevalence of sexual violence, stalking and intimate partner violence compared to lesbians and heterosexual women.
Rape

- **Lifetime Prevalence for Women**
  - Lesbian 13.1%
  - Bisexual 46.1%
  - Heterosexual 17.4%

- **Lifetime Prevalence for Men***
  - Heterosexual 0.7%

* Estimates not reported for gay and bisexual men due to small numbers
Sex of Perpetrator - Rape

Most bisexual and heterosexual women who experienced rape in their lifetime reported having only male perpetrators.

* Estimates not reported for lesbians, gay and bisexual men due to small numbers.
Most lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual women reported having only male perpetrators.

Most gay and bisexual men reported having only male perpetrators.

Less than half of heterosexual men report having only male perpetrators.
Stalking

1 in 3 bisexual women and 1 in 7 heterosexual women were the victims of stalking at least once in their lifetime *

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Intimate Partner Violence*

- **Lifetime Prevalence for Women**
  - Lesbian 43.8%
  - Bisexual 61.1%
  - Heterosexual 35.0%

- **Lifetime Prevalence for Men**
  - Gay 26.0%
  - Bisexual 37.3%
  - Heterosexual 29.0%

*rape, physical violence, and/or stalking
Sex of Perpetrator-Intimate Partner Violence

Of those who experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner:

- Bisexual and heterosexual women report primarily male perpetrators
- Bisexual and heterosexual men report primarily female perpetrators
- Lesbians and gay men report primarily same sex perpetrators
Severe Physical Violence

- **Lifetime Prevalence for Women**
  - Lesbian 29.4%
  - Bisexual 49.3%
  - Heterosexual 23.6%

- **Lifetime Prevalence for Men**
  - Gay 16.4%
  - Bisexual *
  - Heterosexual 13.9%

* Estimates not reported for bisexual men due to small numbers
Impact of Intimate Partner Violence

Approximately 1 in 3 lesbian and heterosexual women and more than half of bisexual who experienced rape, physical violence and/stalking by an intimate partner reported at least one measured impact related to these or other forms of violence.
Implications For Prevention

- Ensure access to protection, services, and resources

- Targeted primary prevention

- Implement strong data systems for monitoring and evaluation
Questions?

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