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New Report from CDC

http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/SpecialReports.html
Have You Read...?

Have you read the special report “NISVS: 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation”?

Answer on the left

Today’s Presenters

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Learning Objectives

• Describe the findings from the CDC’s NISVS 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation

• Identify opportunities for advancing sexual violence and intimate partner violence prevention in LGBT communities

• Identify resources for sexual violence and intimate partner violence prevention prevention in LGBT communities

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

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Overview

• Public health importance
• What sets NISVS apart
• 2010 data collection
• Sexual orientation special report
• Key findings
• Implications for prevention
Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence

- Major public health issues
- Long-term serious health consequences
- Social, economic, and health-related costs
  - $8 billion in medical and lost productivity costs alone

Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence among LGBT

- Little is known
- National data not previously available
- Data by sexual orientation is important for understanding and addressing disparities
National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey

- Funded and launched by CDC in 2010 with support from NIJ and Department of Defense
- 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 any intimate partner
  • physical aggression
  • psychological aggression
  • control of reproductive or sexual health
  • sexual violence and stalking

Impact of Violence

Impacts assessed for all forms of violence experienced by a specific perpetrator:

• Fear
• Concern for safety
• Physical injuries
• PTSD symptoms
• Missed days of work or school
• Need for medical care
• Contacted a crisis hotline
• Need for services (i.e., housing, community, victim’s advocate, legal)
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

Measurement of Sexual Orientation

Do you consider yourself to be...
- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
Sample Characteristics by Sexual Orientation

- **Female**
  - Heterosexual 97%
  - Bisexual 2%
  - Lesbian 1%
- **Male**
  - Heterosexual 97%
  - Bisexual 1%
  - Gay 2%

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**
Do you have any questions about the NISVS methodology?

Gay and bisexual men report significantly higher prevalence of SV other than rape compared to heterosexual men.

Bisexual women reported significantly higher prevalence of sexual violence (including rape and SV other than rape) compared to lesbian and heterosexual women.
Lifetime Prevalence of Rape & Other SV - U.S. Women

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<td>13.1%</td>
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<td>74.9%</td>
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Lifetime Prevalence of Other SV - U.S. Men

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<td>40.2%</td>
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**Sex of Perpetrator**

**Rape & Other Sexual Violence**

- Most lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual women who experienced rape and other sexual violence reported having only male perpetrators.
- Most gay and bisexual men who experienced sexual violence other than rape reported having only male perpetrators.
- Most heterosexual men who experienced sexual violence other than rape reported having only female perpetrators.

**Stalking**

1 in 3 bisexual women and 1 in 7 heterosexual women were the victims of stalking at least once in their lifetime.
Lifetime Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner
U.S. Women

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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

Lifetime Prevalence of Sexual Violence by an Intimate Partner
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*The number of lesbians reporting sexual violence victimization by an intimate partner was too small to produce a reliable estimate
### Lifetime Prevalence of Physical Violence by an Intimate Partner
#### U.S. Women

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* The number of bisexual men reporting severe physical violence by an intimate partner was too small to produce a reliable estimate.
Lifetime Prevalence of Any Psychological Aggression by an Intimate Partner
U.S. Women

- Lesbian: 63%
- Bisexual: 76.2%
- Heterosexual: 47.5%

Lifetime Prevalence of Any Psychological Aggression by an Intimate Partner
U.S. Men

- Gay: 59.6%
- Bisexual: 53%
- Heterosexual: 49.3%
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 in the relationship.

What findings do you feel are important for your work to prevent sexual violence and intimate partner violence?
Implications for Prevention

- Implementing prevention efforts that promote acceptance and recognition of healthy, respectful relationships regardless of sexual orientation.
- Research focused on types of violence (including risk and protective factors associated with violence) among lesbian, gay and bisexual persons.
- Referring survivors to culturally appropriate accessible services.

Building an LGBTQ Cultural Context

Implications for developing, implementing and evaluating Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence prevention efforts.
## Reframing the Conversation

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<td>Why are people lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?</td>
<td>What are the obstacles to LGBT people’s equality?</td>
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<td>What are LGBT people’s lives like?</td>
<td>What does discrimination and violence look like?</td>
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<td>How do lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people feel about themselves?</td>
<td>How do we dismantle the systems of oppression that target women and LGBT people?</td>
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### Social-Ecological Model: A Framework for Prevention

The diagram illustrates the Social-Ecological Model, which considers societal, community, relationship, and individual levels of influence.

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- **Societal**
- **Community**
- **Relationship**
- **Individual**
Did you hear myths, stereotypes or hurtful characterizations about LGBTQ people and communities while growing up?

Societal Level

*looking at factors that help create a climate in which violence is encouraged or inhibited*

- Impact of oppression – biphobia, homophobia, transphobia - on our lived experiences, relationships and communities
- Lack of civil legal protections around anti-discrimination, relationship recognition, parenting, etc.
Community Level

exploring the settings in which social relationships occur; seeking to identify characteristics of these settings associated with becoming victims or perpetrators of violence.

• Lack of role-models of loving, equitable LGBTQ families & relationships

• Consequences of “coming out” – isolation, lack of access to family & community of origin

Community Level

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• Exclusion of experiences of LGBTQ survivors from the mainstream narrative of domestic violence

• Silence around IPV & SV within LGBTQ communities
Examples

What are some examples of how our culture invisibilizes or invalidates LGBTQ relationships and perpetuates & reinforces risk factors for IPV & SV?

Relationship Level

*examines close relationships that may increase the risk of experiencing violence as a victim or perpetrator*

- Different cultural experiences around dating and sexuality – lack of developmentally appropriate opportunities to express romantic/sexual desire; impacts of social and cultural isolation
Do most LGBTQ people receive developmentally appropriate messages about healthy, equitable LGBTQ relationships across their lifespan?

Answer: No Answer
Individual Level

Identifies biological and personal history factors that increase the likelihood of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence

- Lack of access to developmentally appropriate education and support around sex, sexuality, healthy relationships and violence

Contributing Factors for Bisexual Women

Based on understanding the impact of oppressive systems on LGBTQ people’s lives, what are potential contributing factors to higher rates of violence reported by bisexual-identified women?
Our ability to do effective primary prevention work with LGBTQ individuals and communities is directly linked to our knowledge of the strengths, challenges, and barriers faced by these communities, the trust and collaboration we create with LGBTQ community partners, and an active practice of not reinforcing stereotypes or misinformation about LGBTQ relationships and families.

Northwest Network’s approach to Primary Prevention within LGBTQ Communities
The NW Network’s Winter Relationship Skills Class
Get the skills you need for the relationships you want!

Wednesdays, Jan 9th-Feb 20th 6-8:30pm
Register by Monday December 31st
For interpretation please register by December 17th by emailing deann@nwnetwork.org

Topics include: identifying cultural norms, values, accountability, boundaries, strengthening support networks & more.

The Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian & Gay Survivors of Abuse
206 568 7777
nwnetwork.org

The NW Network’s Mini Relationship Skills Class:
Recovery and Addiction
Wednesdays, March 6th & 13th, 6-8:30 pm
Please register by February 27th

To Sign up or get more info, contact DeAnn@nwnetwork.org or call (206) 568 7777
Interpreters available upon request. Please register by February 18th. Wheelchair accessible.

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friends help friends survive
That means you too, gay people.

we love gay love
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Prevention Strategies

• Build relationships with LGBTQ leaders in your community to inquire about their view of the needs of the LGBTQ community in your area and potentials for collaboration
• Make training inclusive of and specific to LGBTQ communities & IPV/SV a priority for staff and volunteers at your organization
• Ensure the language on your website and publicity materials are inclusive of LGBTQ people and communities
• Include information about domestic & sexual violence in LGBTQ communities in your training and community engagement curriculum, especially for youth and young adults
LGBTQ Resources in your community

What are some LGBTQ resources in your community?

Building Community Partners: Find a LGBTQ Resource in your area!

Even in more rural or conservative areas, LGBTQ people exist and are supported by many amazing formal & informal community organizations and resources. Find out what’s available in your area!

- Check PFLAG’s online database of local chapters
- Talk to your local community college or university about GSA chapters or LGBTQ student organizations
- Find affirming faith congregations through SoulForce
- Contact your statewide LGBTQ equality project for local resources
- See if there’s an LGBTQ-friendly anti-violence program in your area via NCAVP
- Check Facebook and other social media for online community spaces
Based on the information presented today, what are your next steps in your prevention efforts to address LGBTQ people and communities?

**NISVS Resource Page**
www.VAWnet.org/research/NISVS

**Special Collection:**
*Sexual Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer Communities*
www.vawnet.org/special-collections/SVLGBTIQ

**Applied Research:**
*Culturally Competent Service Provision to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Survivors of Sexual Violence*
www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/AR_LGBTSexualViolence.pdf
Sexual Violence & Individuals Who Identify as LGBTQ

Information Packet includes:

- Guide for Transformative Prevention Programming
- Creating Inclusive Agencies
- The Impact on Individuals & Communities
- Sexual Harassment & Bullying of Youth
- Hate & Bias-Motivated Crimes
- The Impact of Discrimination
- Talking About Gender & Sexuality
- The Process of Coming Out
- Annotated Bibliography
- Research Brief
- Resource List


National LGBTQ Resources

- Northwest Network of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse www.nwnetwork.org
- National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs www.ncavp.org
- The Task Force – www.thetaskforce.org
- National Center for Transgender Equality www trannyality.org
- National Center for Lesbian Rights www.nclrights.org
- Lambda Legal www.lambdalegal.org
- Southerners on New Ground www.southernersonnewground.org
- SoulForce www.soulforce.org
- SAGE: Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders www.sageusa.org
National LGBTQ Youth Resources

- GLSEN [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)
- GSA Network [www.gsanetwork.org](http://www.gsanetwork.org)
- Safe Schools Coalition [www.safeschoolscoalition.org](http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org)
- Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) [http://www.colage.org/](http://www.colage.org/)
- CUAV (Community United Against Violence) [www.cuav.org](http://www.cuav.org)
- Queer Youth Space (QYS) [www.queeryouthspace.org](http://www.queeryouthspace.org)
- Put This on the Map (Reteaching Gender and Sexuality) [http://www.reteachinggenderandsexuality.org/](http://www.reteachinggenderandsexuality.org/)

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Relationship Skills Class Curriculum

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