

## **How common is DV, sexual violence & sexual harassment?**

Now, let's see what scientific studies say. The question; "how common is violence?" - is hard to answer with precision. We can't give you a single number but we can give you the range of statistics to show we have a problem.

This chart shows data that has been compiled from a variety of research studies. You can see that there is a large range for men and women and gaps in the research for transgender people.

The range of stats can be attributed to differing time periods in which the data was collected, how it is collected, varying locations and differences due to who was asked and how questions were posed. Many studies will tell you that in spite of best efforts, the stats are conservative because many people are reluctant to report their own experiences of violence.

Even with the differences, looking at the lowest numbers, it's easy to see that domestic and sexual violence are serious issues. If 10% of people had a disease it would be considered an epidemic."

It is important to note that although 20-49% of women have experienced some form of domestic violence, this does NOT mean that 20-49% of men have committed such violence. One man might commit such violence against multiple partners over the years.