

Domestic Violence in South Africa

The Department of Justice has estimated that one in four women have been subjected to domestic violence.

- 9.5% have been assaulted in the previous year.
- 11.6% have experienced assaults or threats.

The high proportion of women who reported injuries raises the possibility that less severe forms of violence, such as slaps, have been under-reported.

These numbers do not necessarily capture other forms of non-physical domestic violence.

- Between 40% and 51% of women report experiencing emotional and/or financial abuse.

27.5% of men were admitted to abusing their female partners. The 1995 Human Rights Watch Report said South African women are disproportionately likely to be victims of domestic violence.