

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA

A CALL TO ACTION

FACT SHEET 1

Violence among all women aged 18 years and older, regardless of partnership status

Lifetime physical violence



Translates to **7 310 389** women

Recent physical violence **6.1%**

Translates to **1 338 336** women

Lifetime sexual violence



Translates to **2 150 342** women

Recent sexual violence **2.0%**

Translates to **432 525** women

Lifetime physical and/or sexual violence



Translates to **7 847 438** women

Recent physical and/or sexual violence **7.0%**

Translates to **1 536 729** women

Intimate partner violence (IPV) among women and men aged 18 years and older

VICTIMISATION

PERPETRATION

Lifetime physical IPV

22.4%

Translates to **3 221 649** women

Recent physical IPV **5.2%**

Translates to **747 188** women

16.7%

Translates to **2 495 451** men

Recent physical IPV **2.4%**

Translates to **366 030** men

Lifetime sexual IPV

7.9%

Translates to **1 131 293** women

Recent sexual IPV **2.5%**

Translates to **354 196** women

7.5%

Translates to **917 395** men

Recent sexual IPV **2.3%**

Translates to **284 311** men

Lifetime physical and/or sexual IPV

23.9%

Translates to **3 448 669** women

Recent physical and/or sexual IPV **6.4%**

Translates to **925 261** women

20.5%

Translates to **3 192 790** men

Recent physical and/or sexual IPV **4.0%**

Translates to **627 939** men

Non-partner violence (NPV) among women, since aged 15

Lifetime physical violence



Translates to **5 417 522** women

Recent physical violence **3.4%**

Translates to **738 407** women

Lifetime sexual violence



Translates to **1 278 011** women

Recent sexual violence **0.6%**

Translates to **124 438** women

Lifetime physical and/or sexual violence



Translates to **5 948 915** women

Recent physical and/or sexual violence **3.7%**

Translates to **807 260** women

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