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Out of every 100 adult women who reside in the State of Alaska:

40 experienced intimate partner violence (IPV):



33 experienced sexual violence:



50 experienced intimate partner violence, sexual violence, or both:



These lifetime estimates come from a 2015 survey of adult women in the State of Alaska.
Source: UAA Justice Center, Alaska Victimization Survey, <http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/avs>.

Alaska's rate of sexual violence is unacceptable by any standard. Sexual assault unfortunately touches all Alaskans, the young and old, regardless of region or socioeconomic status. Our state continues to work diligently at all levels and in all communities to prevent assaults and support survivors, but our work is far from over. Each year, the Alaska State Legislature works to recognize the resources in our communities, progress made, and prevention opportunities available by recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

No one entity can end the plague of sexual assault, but by pooling the hard work, compassion and resources in all reaches of our state, we have an opportunity to improve the lives of men and women in Alaska and prevent future violence. Join us in declaring April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and working towards a safer, healthier future for all Alaskans.