

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention Fact Sheet

Cost of Violence

- People aged 15 to 44 years comprise 44 percent of the population, but account for nearly 75 percent of injuries and 83 percent of costs due to interpersonal violence.¹
- The average cost per homicide was \$1.3 million in lost productivity and \$4,906 in medical costs.²
- The average cost per case of suicide is \$1 million lost productivity and \$2,596 in medical costs.³
- The average cost for a non-fatal self-inflicted injury was \$9,726 in lost productivity and \$7,234 in medical costs.⁴
- Sixty-eight percent of the costs from assaults and 63 percent for the costs from self-inflicted injuries were in males aged 15 to 44.⁵
- The Center for Disease Control estimates that the cost of domestic violence in 2003 was more than over \$8.3 billion. This cost includes medical care, mental health services, and lost productivity.⁶
- There are 16,800 homicides and \$2.2 million (medically treated injuries due to intimate partner violence annually, which costs \$37 billion.⁷

¹ The Cost of Violence in the United States. 2007. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Centers for Injury Prevention and Control. Atlanta, GA. Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/costofviolence.htm>

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⁵ Corso PS, Mercy JA, Simon TR, Finkelstein EA, & Miller TR. Medical Costs and Productivity Losses Due to Interpersonal Violence and Self- Directed Violence. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 2007: 32(6): 474-482.

⁶ Max W, Rice DP, Finkelstein E, Bardwell RA, Leadbetter S. The economic toll of intimate partner violence against women in the United States. *Violence and Victims* 2004;19(3):259–72.

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