

## Illinois Center for Violence Prevention Fact Sheet

### Domestic Violence

- 85% of domestic violence victims are women.<sup>1</sup>
- One in every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.<sup>2</sup>
- According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in 2001 over 1,300 murders were committed by a spouse or intimate partners. These numbers equate to nearly four murders a day.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2005, 1,181 women were murdered by an intimate partner. That is an average of three women every day.<sup>4</sup>
- Nearly three out of four (74%) of Americans say they know a woman who has been physically abused by her husband or boyfriend in the past year.<sup>5</sup>
- In 2008, there were 109,089 domestic violence crimes reported in Illinois.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2009, there were 60,260 Orders of Protection entered into the State Police LEADS system in Illinois.<sup>7</sup>
- A National Violence Against Women study found that 22.1% of women and 7.4% of men had experienced physical forms of intimate partner violence at some point in their lives<sup>8</sup>
- In 2008, about 99% of violence against women was committed by male offenders and about 83% of violence against men was committed by female offenders<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics Crime Data Brief, Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2001, February 2003

<sup>2</sup> Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control Prevention, "Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey," (2000).

<sup>3</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics, Intimate Homicide Victims by Gender

<sup>4</sup> Bureau of Justice Statistics, There has been a decline in homicide of intimates, especially male victims

<sup>5</sup> Allstate Foundation National Poll on domestic Violence, 2006.

<sup>6</sup> Illinois State Police. Reported Violent Offenses. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 2008.

<sup>7</sup> Illinois State Police. Reported Violent Offenses. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 2008.

<sup>8</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Intimate Partner Violence can Lead to Serious Injury

<sup>9</sup> Catalano, S., Rand, M., Smith, E., & Snyder, H. (2009). [\*Female Victims of Violence\*](#). BJS