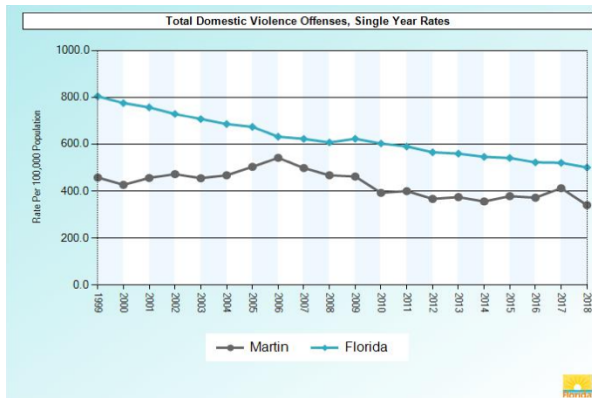


Intimate Partner Violence - Exposure of Children to Violence

Children in homes where one parent is abused may feel fearful and anxious. They may always be on guard, wondering when the next violent act will happen. Very young children that witness intimate partner violence may exhibit disrupted attachment and regressive behavior, e. g. bed-wetting, thumb-sucking, increased crying with difficulty falling or staying asleep, and may show signs of terror and separation anxiety. Children that witness or who are victims of emotional, physical or sexual abuse are at higher risk for health issues in adulthood, including depression and anxiety, diabetes, obesity and heart disease. *Office of Women's Health* www.womenshealth.gov



Total DV Offenses, 1999 -2018, Single-Year Rates, Martin v Florida

BENCHMARK: Against a 58.9% 2008 baseline, *Healthy People 2020* has set a target of 53.0% of children exposed to any form of violence, crime and abuse, representing 10% improvement.

Children that witness violence in the home and abused children display many similar psychologic effects, including being at greater risk for internalized behaviors such as anxiety and depression, and for externalized aggressive behavior. School-age children are more likely to have psychosomatic complaints and compromised social competence, interpersonal skills and school performance, including truancy. Latency-age children and adolescents may engage in risk-taking behavior, substance use/abuse and early sexual activity. Overall, youth that witness DV have unhealthy attitudes about violence as a means of resolving conflict and more likely use violence themselves.

Per FDLE: Total Domestic Violence Offenses, Rate Per 100,000 Population, Single Year, Martin County vs. Florida													
Data Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
County Counts	719	678	674	575	587	541	555	530	569	562	628	530	524
County Rates	498*	467*	462*	393*	400*	367*	374*	356*	378*	372*	412*	340*	332*
Florida Rates	622	607	623	602	590	565	560	546	541	522	520	501	495

*Denotes county rate is statistically significant different from the statewide rate

The National Domestic Violence (DV) Hotline offers these statistics regarding:

CHILDREN:

- A child witnessed violence in 22% (nearly 1 in 4) of intimate partner violence cases filed in state courts
- 30% to 60% of perpetrators of (adult) intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household
- The link between domestic violence and child abuse: among child abuse victims, 40% report DV in the home
- DV-exposed children are 15x more likely to be physically and/or sexually assaulted than the national average
- The *U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect* suggests DV may be the single major precursor to child abuse and neglect fatalities in this country

TEENS:

- 9.4% of high school students that responded to a national survey reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the prior 12 months
- 1/5 of women & 1/7 of men who stated prior sexual assault, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner, first experienced some form of partner violence between 11 & 17 years of age
- 1 in 10 high school students has experienced physical violence from a dating partner during the past year
- 1 in 4 dating teens is abused or harassed online or through texts by their partners
- Nearly 1 in 10 teens in relationships report a partner tampering with their social networking account (the most frequent form of harassment or abuse)

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- 43% of college women report violent, abusive dating behaviors including physical, technological, verbal, controlling or sexual
- 52% of college women report knowing a friend who has experienced violent and abusive dating behaviors
- More than half of all college students (57%) say it is difficult for them to identify dating abuse

FLORIDA DATA

Per the 2019 *Florida Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report*, 10-Year Data Trends indicate from 2013-2019, per a randomized anonymous survey, the percentage of high school students that experienced physical dating violence decreased from 9.9% to 8.9%, and the percentage that experienced sexual dating violence decreased from 10.5% to 8.8%.

Nationally recognized DV primary prevention principles include: all levels of the social-ecological model; multiple teaching methods, with active skills-based learning; a minimum of 7-9 hours of program exposure; scientific-based prevention strategies; an emphasis on stable relationship-building; sociocultural relevance; systemic outcome evaluation; trained staff and timed for greatest impact.

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2022 UPDATE

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES

Per FDLE: Total Domestic Violence Offenses Rate Per 100,000 Population, Single Year Martin County vs. Florida			
Data Year	2018	2019	2020
Martin County Count	530	524	462
Martin County Rate	340.4*	331.6*	286.9*
Florida Rate	500.6	495.1	492.2

*Denotes county rate is statistically significant different from the statewide rate

The 2020 total domestic violence offenses rate (per 100,000 population) of 286.9 was statistically significantly lower than the statewide rate (of 492.2) – and placed Martin County as 11th (lowest) among Florida's 67 counties.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

According to the 2019 *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* of U.S. high school students, with victimization represented as occurring twelve months prior, findings reveal 8.2% of survey respondents reported physical dating violence; 8.2% reported sexual dating violence; 10.8% reported sexual violence by anyone, of which 50% of cases were by a perpetrator other than a dating partner. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/su/pdfs/su6901-H.pdf>

The *Youth Risk Behavior Survey* provides the most recent surveillance data on health behaviors and experiences among high school students in the U.S. per 2019 Florida versus United States results:

High School Youth Behavior Survey Florida and United States Results, 2019		
Metric	Florida	U.S.
Experienced physical dating violence	8.9%	8.2%
Experienced sexual dating violence	7.0%	8.2%
Experienced physical dating violence	8.9%	8.7%

www.cdc.gov *High School YRBS, Florida 2019 and United States 2019 Results

BENCHMARKS: *Healthy People 2030*

Reduce sexual or physical adolescent dating violence:

Per 2019 data of 14.3% re: students in grades 9-12, *Healthy People 2030* set a target rate of 11.4%.

Reduce adolescent sexual violence by anyone:

Per 2019 data of 10.8% re: students in grades 9-12, *Healthy People 2030* set a target rate of 8.7%.