

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AMONG LATIN@S

## PREVALENCE AND OCCURRENCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

National statistics about the experience of domestic violence among Latina women in the United States represent estimates that may vary by different methods of data collection.

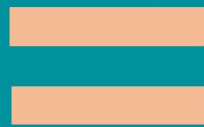
**1 IN 3**

Latinas will experience domestic violence during their lifetimes.



**1 IN 12**

Latinas has experienced domestic violence in the past 12 months.



This rate is approximately the same as for women from other racial/ethnic groups.



Studies have found that Latin@ youth who witness domestic violence are at a higher risk for poor health outcomes.



Immigrant women (including Latinas) who are married are more likely to experience domestic violence than unmarried women.



Studies have found that domestic violence increases during pregnancy. Expectant mothers are more prone to physical and emotional abuse.

# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

Nearly half of Latinas in one study reported abuse to authorities. They also report seeking access to shelter less than others. These rates could speak to the need of culturally relevant services for the Latin@ communities.



Latina survivors' help-seeking behaviors are closely tied to various cultural factors.



Latinas reported seeking access to shelters less than women from other ethnic/racial groups; this is especially true for immigrant Latina survivors.



Studies have found that parents think that children are unaware of domestic violence occurring in their homes.

Latinas prefer to tell family members, female friends, or neighbors about domestic violence, while non-Latinas may be more likely to tell health care workers or clergy.



Domestic violence is not only about physical abuse. Threats, coercion, controlling you and your children are also forms of domestic violence. Remain alert of those signs.

If you or someone you know might be experiencing domestic violence, please contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233



For more information and sources, please visit the Learn More tab on the National Latin@ Network's website [www.nationallatinonetwork.org](http://www.nationallatinonetwork.org)

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