



Intimate Partner Violence in Michigan



- Based on Michigan data from 1999–2000, about four of every ten females (39%) seen in selected emergency departments (EDs) for injuries related to assault were there because of intimate partner violence against women (IPVAW).¹
 - Despite the legal requirement that hospitals must contact law enforcement in cases of injury inflicted by violence², police were not contacted in at least 11% of IPVAW cases seen in EDs—it was unknown whether law enforcement was contacted in an additional 15%.¹
- It is estimated that there were 22,328 domestic violence cases handled in Michigan’s prosecuting attorney offices in 2000.³
 - An estimated 65% (14,455) of the DV cases handled by county prosecutors were incidents of IPVAW.³
- From 1999–2001, a total of 316 violent deaths connected to intimate partner relationships were registered in the Michigan Intimate Partner Homicide Surveillance System.⁴ Of these 316 fatalities, 192 were intimate partner homicides (IPHs) and 124 were intimate partnership-related (IPR) deaths.
 - While the majority of IPH victims identified in Michigan were women (85%), males comprised most of the IPR decedents (82%).⁴
 - Forty-two of the male IPR deaths were suicides following a completed homicide.⁴
- Intimate partner violence robbed Michigan residents of 5,268 years of potential life (YPLL) before age 65 from 1999–2001.⁴
- Firearms were the major weapon type used in identified IPHs of both sexes from 1999–2001, followed by knives/cutting instruments.⁴
- Age-adjusted IPH rates decreased by 29% between 1999 and 2001—from a high of 9 per million residents in 1999 to 7.4 in 2000 and 6.3 in 2001.⁴

¹ Biroscak BJ, Smith PK. *Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in Michigan: Findings from Emergency Department Surveillance, 1999–2000*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health; August 2003.

² The Michigan Penal Code (Excerpt)—Act 328 of 1931/Michigan Compilation Law 750.411. Available from URL: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=getObject&objName=mcl-750-411&queryid=10338222&highlight=violence%20>

³ Wojcik C, Tan-Schriner C, Smith PK, Biroscak BJ. *Michigan Intimate Partner Violence Surveillance System: A Profile of 2000 Prosecuting Attorneys’ Data*. Okemos, MI: Michigan Public Health Institute; forthcoming.

⁴ Biroscak BJ, Smith PK. *Intimate Partner Homicide in Michigan, 1999–2001*. Lansing, MI: Michigan Department of Community Health; forthcoming.