

Women in NSW 2012 – Safety and Access to Justice

Topic 1: Safety in families and households

Women in NSW are more than twice as likely as men to experience domestic violence-related assault.

69% of Domestic Violence (DV) victims were women in the 12 months to September 2011.

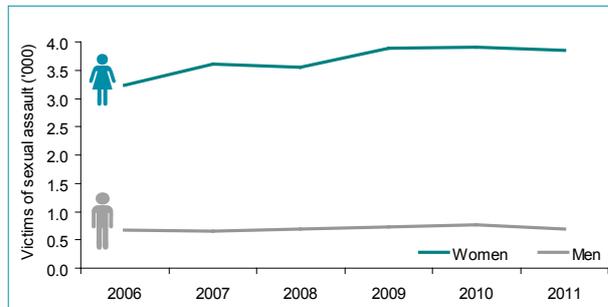
The number of female DV victims remained stable over the six years to 2010-11, around **20,000** per year.

Women are nearly **5** times more likely to be sexually assaulted than men.

People known to the victim, whether family members or not, account for more than **75%** of sexual assault offences against women.

Topic 2: Safety in families and households

While women are significantly more likely to be victims of DV and sexual assault, men are slightly more likely than women (0.3 percentage point) to be victims of physical and threatened assault.



Women are less than half as likely as men to be victims of murder, non-domestic assault, and robbery.

But women are significantly more likely than men to be victims of domestic homicide – killed by someone with whom they shared a current or former domestic relationship.



4 out of **5** female homicide victims were victims of domestic homicide in 2007-08

Topic 3: Transport-related safety

Women's and men's feelings of safety are at similar levels (**78%** and **76%** respectively) when waiting for public transport at a train station, bus stop or wharf during daylight hours.

At night however, women's sense of safety drops, while men's stays the same. When surveyed between 6.01 pm and 6.30 am, women's feelings of safety while waiting for public transport dropped by 6 percentage points to **72%**. Men's feelings of safety stayed the same at **76%**.

Separate research suggests women are **4** times more likely than men not to use public transport after dark because they feel unsafe.

Topic 4: The justice system

The reporting rate for sexual assault has dropped slightly since 2008-09 and stands at **39%**. This is significantly lower than the reporting rate for physical assault (55%) and robbery (69%), where the majority of victims are male.

		Women %	Men %
Safety			
All public transport	Feeling safe at the station/stop/wharf	77	76
	Feeling safe while on the service	81	78
	Overall satisfaction	87	82
Train	Feeling safe at the station/stop/wharf	69	69
	Feeling safe while on the service	71	69
	Overall satisfaction	83	78
Bus	Feeling safe at the station/stop/wharf	80	80
	Feeling safe while on the service	90	87
	Overall satisfaction	88	83
Ferry	Feeling safe at the station/stop/wharf	94	94
	Feeling safe while on the service	95	96
	Overall satisfaction	97	95

Criminal proceedings were initiated in only **12%** of reported sexual assault cases involving child victims, and **18%** of reported cases involving adults.

Less than **8%** of reported sexual assault incidents involving children, and less than **10%** of incidents with an adult victim were proven in court.

Women are more than twice as likely as men to be granted an Apprehended Domestic Violence Order (ADVO) – a court order prohibiting another person from harassing or intimidating them.

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Outer South Western Sydney had the highest rate of ADVOs granted per 100,000 population in 2010. For NSW as a whole, the Far West of NSW had the highest rate of ADVOs granted.

Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders granted, by residence of the person of interest, 2010

Sydney Statistical Division of residence	Number	Rate/100,000 population
Outer South Western Sydney	1,150	459
Blacktown	1,355	452
Fairfield-Liverpool	1,345	357
Central Coast	1,104	349
Outer Western Sydney	1,061	326
Central Western Sydney	1,096	319
Inner Sydney	1,027	293

Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders granted, by residence of the person of interest, 2010 continued

NSW Statistical Division of residence	Number	Rate/100,000 population
Far West	299	1,315
North Western	920	776
Northern	1,171	634
Murrumbidgee	887	559

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