Violence against women is an important issue that impacts individuals, families and society as a whole. It also acts as a barrier to gender equality in Canada and around the world.

Violent victimizations include sexual assault, robbery and physical assault.

2014

OVER 1.2 MILLION VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION INCIDENTS self-reported* by women

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2015

88.2% OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS ARE FEMALE

*Rates of victimization decline with age

Young Women

Violent victimization was the highest among young women in this age category, with 215 incidents per 1,000 population.

RISK FACTORS

Violence can affect anyone, but some factors can put individuals at higher risk of being victimized.

Rates of victimization decline with age

*per 1,000 population

Indigenous Women

Experienced violence at a rate 2.7 times higher than non-Indigenous women in 2014.

Lesbian and Bisexual Women

Experienced violence at more than twice the rate reported by gay and bisexual men in 2014.

*per 1,000 population

These highlights were taken from the "Women in the Criminal Justice System" chapter of the 7th edition of Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report.