

WOMEN AND CRIMINAL VICTIMIZATION

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.

2014

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

Violent victimizations include sexual assault, robbery and physical assault.



this represents
56%
of all violent incidents



2015

88.2% OF SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS ARE FEMALE

*The two primary sources of data are police-reported crime data, and self-reported victimization. Self-reported incidents may not have come to the attention of the police and were collected through the General Social Survey on Canadians' safety.

RISK FACTORS

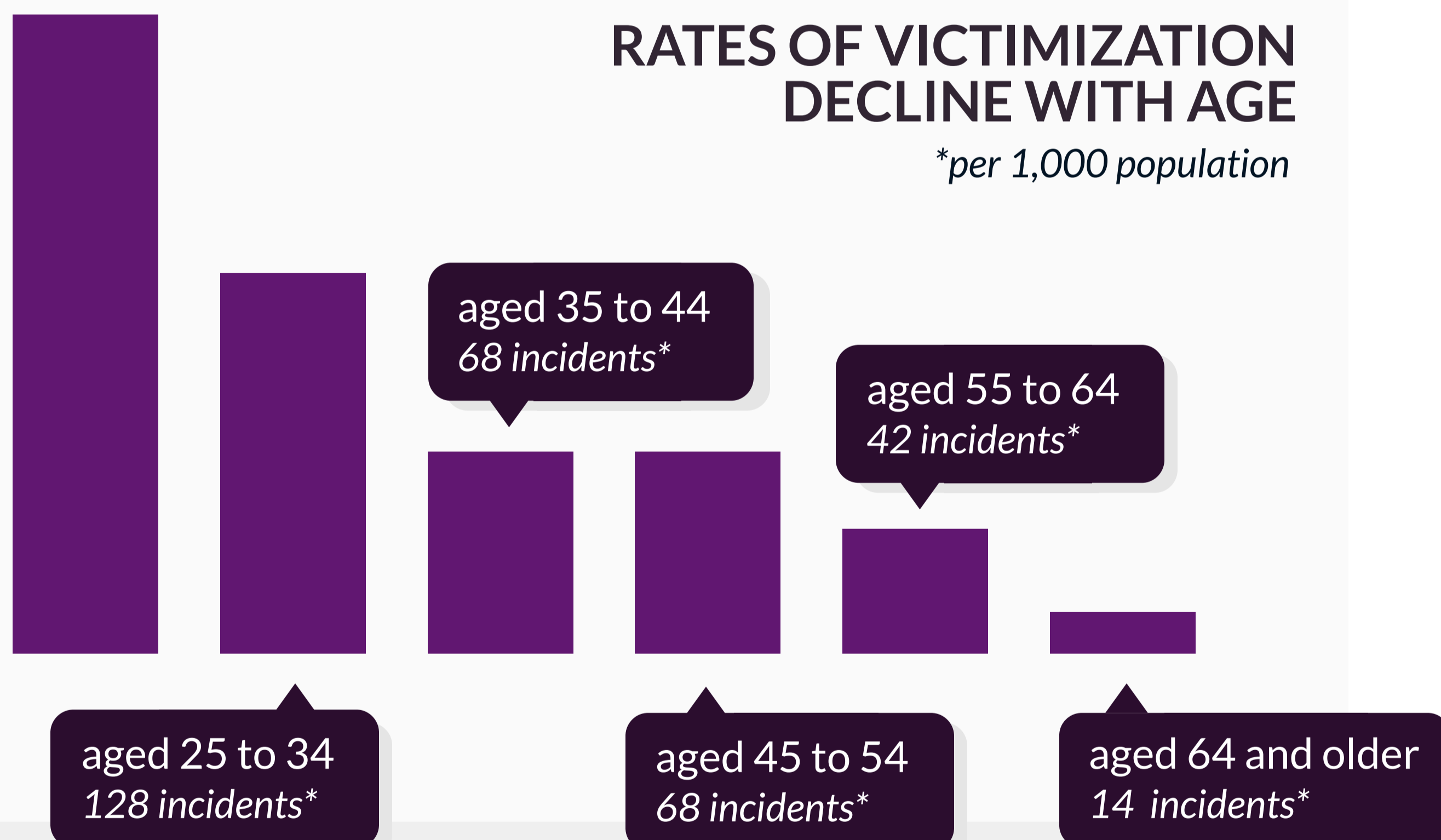
Violence can affect anyone, but some factors can put individuals at higher risk of being victimized.

YOUNG WOMEN
aged 15 to 24

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

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.

1980



9%

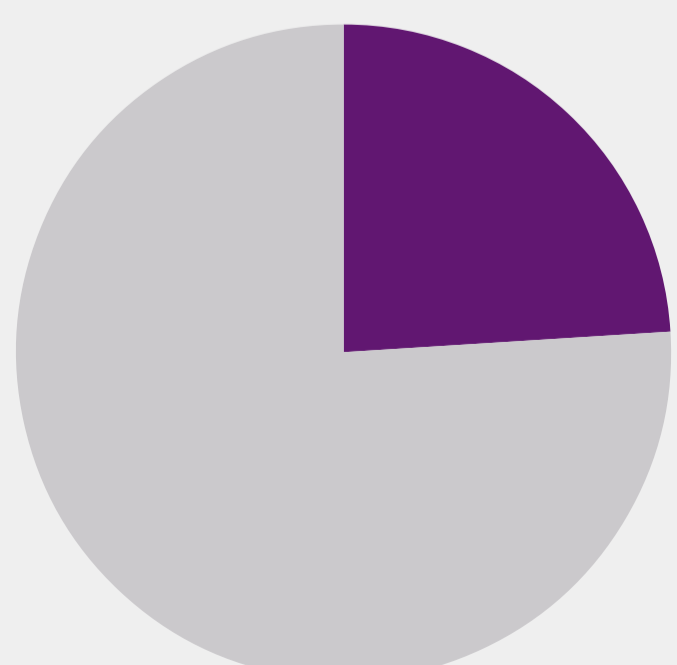
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LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL WOMEN

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

*per 1,000 population

2015



24%

of all female homicide victims were Indigenous

121
incidents*

Gay and bisexual men

281
incidents*

Lesbian and bisexual women

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*.

