

STATISTICS

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The numbers are hard to ignore; teens are seeing and experiencing abuse in their relationships. Look at the following stats below and think about the people in your life and in your community. Not only might they be experiencing abuse, but you might know about it and they may be looking for your support.

1 in 3 know someone in an abusive relationship
1 in 3 teens report knowing a friend or peer who has been physically hurt by their partner. (Liz Claiborne, 2005)

3 in 4 teens would tell their friends first
73% of teens said they would turn to a friend for help if they were in an abusive relationship. (Liz Claiborne, 2005)

1 in 6 girls have experienced dating abuse.

1 in 25 guys have experienced dating abuse.
16% high school females and 4% high school males have experienced physical and/or sexual violence in a relationship. (MA YRBS, 2005)

1 in 3 LGBTQ youth have experienced dating abuse.

31% of youth identifying as gay, lesbian, or bisexual and/or reporting same-sex behaviors have experienced dating violence. (MA YRBS, 2005)

Dating abuse is bad for your health.

High school students who experience dating abuse are more likely to:

Consider suicide (35% vs. 10%)

Attempt suicide (23% vs. 5%)

Have sexual intercourse (84% vs. 41%)

Have been or gotten someone pregnant (69% vs. 30%)

Drink and drive (18% vs. 10%)

(MA YRBS, 2005)

