

Domestic Violence is Prevalent among U.S. Adolescents and Young Adults

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In 2019 there were nearly 120,000 incidents of domestic violence (DV) among adolescents and young adults aged 15-24 reported to the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Figure 1 shows that DV, also referred to as intimate partner violence, is prevalent among 15 to 24-year-olds across the U.S., with remarkably high rates in Tennessee and South Carolina. The map also illustrates substantial NIBRS reporting gaps: currently, only 57% of U.S. counties report to NIBRS. All states and counties should report DV incidents, as surveillance and monitoring informs programmatic and policy work, helps set priorities, and provides transparency. Within the available data, 69% of incidents involved simple assault, such as pushing or slapping someone during an argument. The next most common incidents were aggravated assault (the offender intends to inflict bodily harm) (14%), intimidation (10%), sexual offenses (5%), kidnapping (2%), and homicide (<0.1%). Given the high prevalence of DV among adolescents and young adults along with its societal costs, it is imperative to prioritize [domestic violence prevention](#). Knowing how to recognize abusive relationships before violence occurs can prevent incidents. Educating young people is especially important to help them establish and maintain healthy relationships.

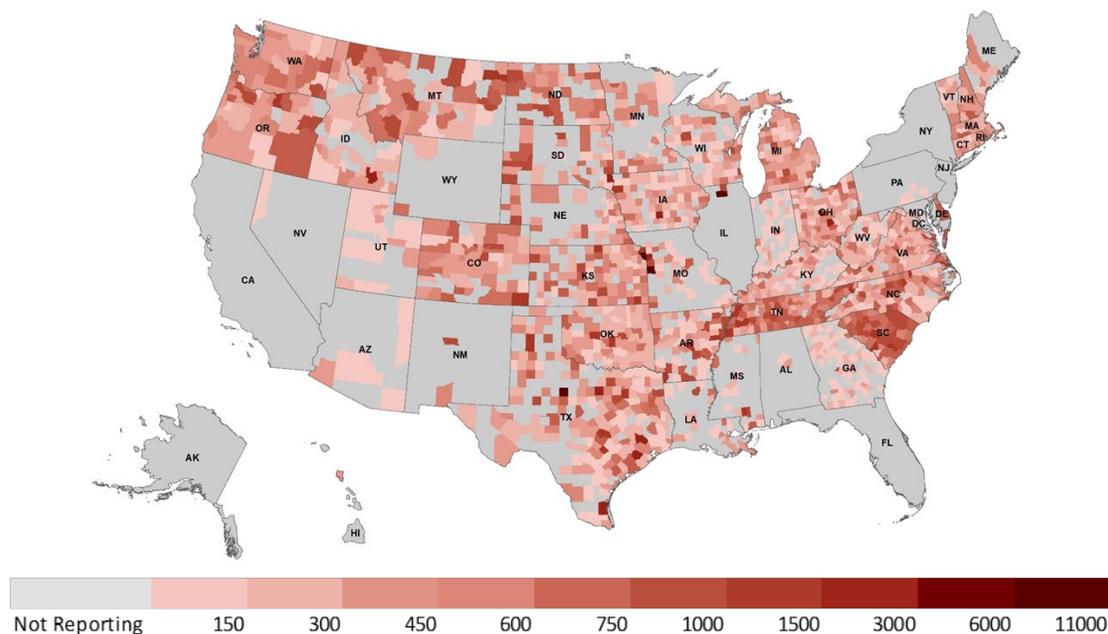


Figure 1: Domestic Violence Incidence Rate (incidents per 100,000 population) by U.S. County among ages 15-24, 2019.

Data Source: National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime Data Explorer. Includes all reporting agencies of NIBRS certified states.

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