



RECENT STATISTICS

Nearly half of all homicides in New Zealand are family violence.

There were 44 family violence homicides in New Zealand in 2008 (includes murder, manslaughter and attempted murder).

On average 14 women, 6 men and 10 children are killed by a member of their family every year.

POLICE STATISTICS

Police recorded 86,545 family violence incidents and offences in 2008.

Police are called to around 200 family violence situations a day - one every 7 minutes.

Police estimate only 18% of family violence incidents are reported.

Half of all violent crime in New Zealand is family violence. In 2008 this was:

- 42% of kidnappings and abductions
- 44% of grievous assaults
- 64% of serious assaults.

At least 74,785 children and young people aged under 17 were present at family violence situations attended by Police.

84% of those arrested for family violence are men; 16% are women.

CHILD ABUSE

About 10 children are killed every year in New Zealand by a member(s) of their family.

Child Youth and Family received 49,063 reports of abuse that required further action in 2006.

Around 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 10 boys in New Zealand have experienced sexual abuse.

PARTNER ABUSE

1 in 3 women experience physical or sexual violence from a partner in their lifetime (WHO study in Auckland and Waikato).

14% of men report being assaulted by a partner in their lifetime (NZ Crime and Safety Survey 2006).

Women's Refuge received around 50,000 crisis calls in 2007/08, and provided services to 11,295 women and 6,996 children.

85% of sexual violence is committed by someone known to the victim.



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HOSPITAL STATISTICS

523 women and 53 men were admitted to hospital in 2006 due to assault or abuse by their partner.

239 children under 15 were admitted to hospital in 2006 due to assault, abuse or neglect.

156 people over 65 years old were admitted to hospital in 2006 due to assault, abuse or neglect.

WHANAU VIOLENCE STATISTICS

Half of all children killed by caregivers are Maori.

Seven times more young Maori women and four times more Maori children are hospitalised from an assault compared to Pakeha women and children.

49% of Maori women experienced partner abuse at some time in their life, compared with 24% of Pakeha and 23% of Pacifica women.

COURT STATISTICS

There were 4,511 applications for protection orders in 2007.

Each day the Courts deal with around 21 prosecutions of assault on women by men.

There were 863 prosecutions for assault on a child and a further 96 prosecutions for cruelty to children in 2008.

ECONOMIC COST

The economic cost of family violence was estimated at \$1.2 to \$5.8 billion per year by economist Suzanne Snively in 1994. In today's figures that would rise to \$8 billion.

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