

Data Summaries 2017: Snapshot

This snapshot is drawn from the six NZFVC 2017 [Data Summaries](#). Refer to the Data Summaries for [definitions](#) and caveats on the data below.

Family violence

- In 2016, there were 118,910 family violence investigations by NZ Police.¹
- Responding to family violence accounts for 41% of a frontline Police Officer's time.²
- In 2016, 5,461 applications were made for protection orders:
 - 5,072 (89%) were made by women and 550 (10%) by men.³
 - 4,940 (89%) of respondents were men and 560 (10%) women.³
- In 2016, there were 6,377 recorded male assaults female victimisations and 4,852 proceedings against offenders for breaching a protection order.⁴
- In 2015/16, Women's Refuges affiliated to the National Collective of Independent Women's Refuges received about 73,000 crisis calls. 11,062 women accessed advocacy services in the community. 2,446 women and children stayed in safe houses.⁵

Intimate partner violence (IPV)

- 1 in 3 (35%) ever-partnered New Zealand women report having experienced physical and/or sexual IPV in their lifetime. When psychological/emotional abuse is included, 55% report having experienced IPV in their lifetime. In the 12 months prior to the survey, 5% had experienced physical and/or sexual IPV. When psychological/emotional abuse was included, 18% had experienced one or more forms of IPV.⁶
- Between 2009 and 2015, there were 92 IPV deaths. In 98% of death events where there was a recorded history of abuse, women were the primary victim, abused by their male partner.⁷

Adult sexual assault

- In 2014, 24% of New Zealand women and 6% of men reported having experienced sexual assault in their lifetime.⁸
- 17% of New Zealand women report having experienced sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime; 2% in the last 12 months.⁶
- In 2016, there were 2,708 reported sexual offences against an adult over 16 years.⁴

Children and young people

- In 2015/16, Child, Youth and Family received 142,249 Care and Protection notifications. 44,689 were deemed to require further action, leading to 16,394 findings of abuse or neglect.⁹
- In 2015, NZ Police recorded 10 homicides of children and young people under 20 by a family member.⁴ 63 children aged 16 years or under were hospitalised for an assault perpetrated by a family member.¹⁰
- Between 1 in 3¹¹ and 1 in 5¹² New Zealand women and 1 in 10¹¹ men report having experienced child sexual abuse. 20% of female and 9% of male secondary school students report having experienced unwanted sexual contact in the last 12 months.¹³
- In 2016, there were 2,163 reported sexual victimisations against a child aged 16 years or under.⁴

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