



Public Opinion of Alaskans on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Results from the Alaska ANDVSA Public Opinion Research Survey conducted by Hellenthal & Associates, 2006. The survey participants consist of 605 randomly called people distributed across the state. Margin of error is +/- 4%.

How Informed Are Alaskans About Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Issues?

- 49.3% think Alaska is ranked among the top states for sexual assault rates. In fact, Alaska has the highest rates of sexual assault (“Table 5: Crime in the United State by State.” *FBI Uniform Crime Report*, 2005).
- 83.1% think Alaska is ranked at or near the top for rates of domestic violence. Alaska continuously ranks in the top five states. Alaska had the highest rate of female homicides in 2004 (Violence Policy Center, 2006).

How Does Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Affect Alaskans?

- 74.7% have experienced or know someone who has experienced domestic violence or sexual assault.
- 93% said they would intervene if they knew someone experiencing domestic or sexual violence, and 61.6% believe other members of the community would intervene.

How Do Alaskans Utilize Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Service Providers?

- 73.1% can name their local programs providing services to victims.
- Of the 74.7% of Alaskans who have experienced or know someone who has experienced domestic violence and sexual assault, 66.5% tried to access services in their community or encouraged others to do so.
- 28.6% did not access services or encourage others to do so because there were no services available at the time.

What Legislative Measures do Alaskans Support?

- 81.1% did not know that funding for services providers did not increase between 1995-2005.
- 89% of those surveyed would support an increase in funding for service providers and 84.3% of registered voters surveyed would vote to increase funding.
- 90.4% support enhanced penalties for domestic violence and sexual assault perpetrators.