



VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE WOMEN FACT SHEET

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NATIVE WOMEN

The rate of violent crime experienced by Native American women is nearly 50% higher than that reported by black males aged 12 and over.

OTHER RACE OFFENDERS

Over 80% of violence experienced by Native Americans is committed by persons not of the same race.... Substantially higher than for whites or blacks.

MOST VICTIMIZED

Native American victims of crime are 2 times the national rate. (All races: 50 per 1,000. Native Americans: 124 per 1,000).

RAPE

Native American women are 3.5 times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted than women of other races. (All races: 2 per 1,000. Native Americans: 7 per 1,000).

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Native American victims reported at a rate more than double that of all races. (All races: 11 per 1,000. Native Americans: 35 per 1,000).

SIMPLE ASSAULT

Native American victims reported at a rate more than double that of all races. (All races: 31 per 1,000. Native Americans: 70 per 1,000).

OVERALL

Violent crime rate among Native American women was 98 per 1,000. More than twice that of whites (40 per 1,000).

VICTIM-OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP

Native Americans' victim-offender relationship was about the same as that reported by all other races.

INJURIES

Native American victims of intimate and family violence are more likely than victims of all other races to be severely injured and need hospital care. (Medical costs were more than \$21 million over a 4 year period).

HOMICIDE

Native American women are twice as likely to be murdered by a family member as are Native American men. (Native women: 31%. Native men: 15%, Centers for Disease Control).
