



## Stalking Statistic and Fact Sheet

### Stalking in America

- Approximately 1 million women and 371,000 men are stalked each year in the US
- 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime
- 87% of stalkers are men
- 77% of female and 64% of male victims know their stalker
- 59% of female and 30% of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner
- 81% of women stalked by a current or former partner are physically assaulted by that partner and 31% are sexually assaulted by that partner
- The average duration of stalking is 1.8 years and increases to 2.2 years if the stalker is a former partner
- 61% of stalkers made unwanted phone calls, 33% sent unwanted letters or items, 29% vandalized property, and 9% killed or threatened to kill a family pet
- 12% of stalking cases result in criminal prosecution
- The relationships of stalkers and victims are as follows: 43% dating/intimate partner, 8% neighbor, 5% coworker, 3% acquaintance, 18% spouse/ex-spouse, 8% public figure, 15% no relationship
- On average, 92% of stalkers are male. The average age is 38 years.

Tjaden & Thoennes. (1998). "Stalking in America," NIJ

### Stalking Laws in Arkansas

- Stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia
- In Arkansas, stalking has several different definitions and penalties. The penalties range from a misdemeanor violation with up to a \$1000 fine and 6 years in jail to a felony violation with up to a \$15,000 fine and 20 years in jail. See [www.aardvarc.org](http://www.aardvarc.org) for more information.
- Distinctions in the Arkansas law involve the following: possession of a weapon, violation of a protective order, threats of using a weapon, offensive physical contact, makes obscene remarks or gestures in a public place

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### Stalking on Campuses

- 80% of campus stalking victims know their stalkers
- 3 in 10 college women report being emotionally or psychologically injured from being stalked
- In one 2000 study, 13% of college women participants reported being stalked for a 6-9 month period. Of these, 42% were stalked by a boyfriend or ex-boyfriend.
- 52% of all victims/survivors are between 18-29 years of age

Fisher, Cullen, and Turner. (2000). "The Sexual Victimization of College Women," NIJ/BJA

### Stalking and Homicide

- 76% of female victims had been stalked by the person who killed them
- 89% of female victims who had been physically abused had also been stalked in the year prior to their murders
- 54% of female intimate partner homicide victims reported the stalking to the police before their stalkers killed them.

McFarlane et al. (1999). "Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide," *Homicide Studies*

Information adapted from the Stalking Resource Center ([www.ncvc.org/src](http://www.ncvc.org/src)) and The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education of the University of Minnesota