

31 Facts About *Domestic Violence* in Latin@ Communities

1 **1 in 3** Latinas have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime

2 **1 in 12** Latinas have experienced domestic violence in the past **12 months**

3 **63%** of victimized Latinas experience multiple acts of victimization

4 **50%** of Latinas who experience abuse never report it

5 Non-immigrant Latina survivors contact **formal services** for intimate partner violence resources more often than immigrant Latinas

6 Due to barriers such as anti-immigrant laws, Latinas are **1/2 as likely** to report abuse versus survivors from other ethnic/racial groups

7 **49%** of Latino men know a victim of domestic violence

8 In one study, **19%** of pregnant Latinas reported emotional violence during pregnancy by their partner

9 In one study, **10%** of pregnant Latinas reported physical violence during pregnancy by their partner

10 **Latinas prefer** to tell family members, female friends, or neighbors about their intimate partner violence, while non-Latinas may be more likely to tell health care workers or clergy

11 More recent immigrant Latinas may not be as **familiar** with laws, options, and possibilities regarding their domestic violence experience

12 **44%** of Latin@s under 25 years old know a victim of domestic violence

13 **15.5 million** kids live in homes where they witness domestic violence in the United States

14 **49%** of Latin@s under 30 years old know a domestic violence victim

16 Youth have potential for demonstrating remarkable resiliency in overcoming adversity when they witness **#domesticviolence**

15 **Reasons** Latinas don't report intimate partner violence: fear and lack of confidence in the police, shame, guilt, loyalty and/or fear of partners, fear of deportation, and previous experience with childhood victimization

18 Many Latino men are actively engaged in ending violence against women not only in the U.S but also in Latin America. Learn more at **www.teinvito.org**

17 Threatening to take children away from Latinas if they leave is an especially powerful **strategy** some men use against undocumented, non-English speaking women

19 Studies find parents think children are **unaware** of domestic violence occurring in their homes. They're not.

20 **More than half** of Latin@s in the U.S. know a victim of domestic violence

21 Latinas report seeking local **shelters** less than women from other ethnic/racial groups; this is especially true for immigrant Latina survivors

22 In one study, **35%** of Latina survivors reported an increased climate of fear due to the immigration enforcement environment

23 Fewer than **3 in 10** Latinas have heard of intimate partner violence protective orders. Not many knew about local domestic violence agencies

24 **41%** of Latin@s believe the primary reason Latin@ victims may not come forward is fear of deportation

25 **Immigration status** is a common and powerful control mechanism partners use to force immigrant women to stay in abusive relationships

26 It is important for parents to talk with their children about domestic violence and sexual assault. Learn how **www.wesaynomas.org**

27 **1 in 3** shelters do not have any Spanish-speaking staff. Let's make language access a priority **www.languageaccessplans.org**

28 **61%** of Latin@s who knew a victim of domestic violence say they intervened and did something for the victim. Men & women responded similarly

29 **Only half** of the participating shelters offer child-related services, a service that is very important to Latina survivors

30 **62%** of Latina women know a domestic violence victim

31 #DomesticViolence in Latin@ communities is **NOT a cultural tradition**

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