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Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18

Sexual violence

- Females: 35%
- Males: 59%

Physical violence

- Females: 17%
- Males: 68%

For many youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced

(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

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- 32% of girls who experienced physically forced or coerced sex in age 14-15
- 25% prior to age 13
- 43% ages 16-17

Sexual violence is linked to negative health outcomes

- 22% of females who experienced sexual violence in childhood
- 13% of males who did not experience sexual violence in childhood
- 11% of females who ever thought of suicide
- 6% of males who ever thought of suicide

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- 28% of girls who experienced physically forced or coerced sex before age 18 became pregnant

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**Perpetrators of sexual violence are often someone known to the child or adolescent**

Most common perpetrators of first incident of sexual violence as reported by females and males who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

*Intimate partner is defined as spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend or romantic partner

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<td>Classmate/schoolmate</td>
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**Sexual violence often occurs in familiar locations**

Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by females and males prior to age 18

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*Respondent’s and/or perpetrator’s home

**Girls and boys who experience sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need**

Females and males who told someone, sought and/or received services for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

- **Told someone:** 53%
- **Sought services:** 10%
- **Received services:** 8%

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The Violence Against Children Surveys are nationally representative household surveys led by national governments, with technical support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the Together for Girls Partnership.