

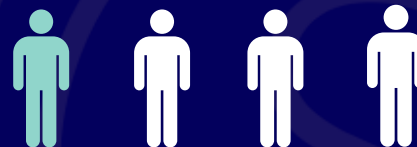
## Domestic abuse is a shadow pandemic.

**1.3 BILLION**

women globally have experienced domestic abuse <sup>1</sup>

**10+ MILLION**

adults in the United States experience domestic violence annually <sup>2</sup>



More than **1 in 3 women** and **1 in 4 men** in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime <sup>2</sup>

**44%** of lesbian women and **61%** of bisexual women in the U.S. experience rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner, compared to **35%** of straight women <sup>2</sup>

**26%** of gay men and **37%** of bisexual men in the U.S. experience rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner, compared to **29%** of straight men <sup>2</sup>



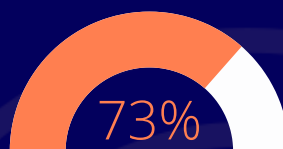
Survivors who are people of color and immigrants face greater challenges accessing support services. A 2019 survey found that **3 out of 4 advocates** reported that immigrant survivors fear accessing legal services related to their abuser <sup>3</sup>

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# The #1 reason victims cannot leave is due to financial abuse and financial insecurity.



99%  
of domestic abuse cases involve financial abuse in the United States<sup>5</sup>



73%  
of survivors reported that their abusers took money from them against their will over the course of their relationship(s)<sup>6</sup>

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) defines financial abuse as **"...behavior that seeks to control a person's ability to acquire, use, or maintain economic resources, and threatens their self-sufficiency and financial autonomy..."**

**\$250 OR LESS**  
**\$7,500**

is how much survivors have in savings on average<sup>7</sup>

is about how much is required to leave in Month 1<sup>8</sup>

83% of survivors reported that their abusive partners disrupted their ability to work<sup>6</sup>



66% reported their abusive partner disrupted their ability to complete education or training<sup>6</sup>

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