

PART 2: ADULT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SUBSTANCE USE EATON COUNTY

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Intimate partner violence (IPV) refers to abuse or aggression that occurs in a romantic relationship, including both current and former spouses or dating partners.

Preventing IPV and supporting survivors is a significant public health priority. It requires not only responding to acts of violence but also addressing the factors that lead to them and strengthening the environments that protect individuals and families. IPV affects people of all backgrounds and has lasting impacts on lifelong health, safety, and well-being.

Summary from Part 1: Teen Dating Violence

- Eaton County data show that male and female students report physical and sexual dating violence, with females generally at higher risk.
- Teens involved in dating violence are more likely to engage in substance use, experience mental health challenges, and encounter intimate partner violence in adulthood.

For detailed youth data, view the full [Teen Dating Violence DIA \(Part 1\)](#).

Future Implications

Intimate partner violence can result in injuries and even death. Survivors can also experience:

- Depression
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Higher risk of engaging in smoking, binge drinking, and risky sexual activity

Types of Intimate Partner Violence

Type	Description
Physical Violence	When a person hurts or tries to hurt a partner by using physical force.
Sexual Violence	Forcing or attempting to force a partner to take part in a sex act, sexual touching, or a non-physical sexual event when the partner does not or cannot consent.
Stalking	A pattern of repeated, unwanted attention and contact by a partner that causes fear or concern for one's own safety or the safety of someone close to the victim.
Psychological Aggression	The use of verbal and non-verbal communication with the intent to harm a partner mentally or emotionally or to exert control over a partner.

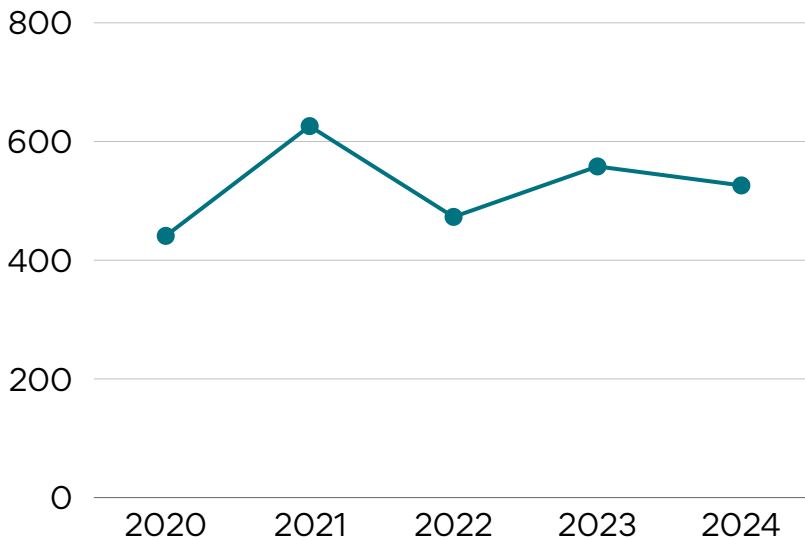


ADULT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

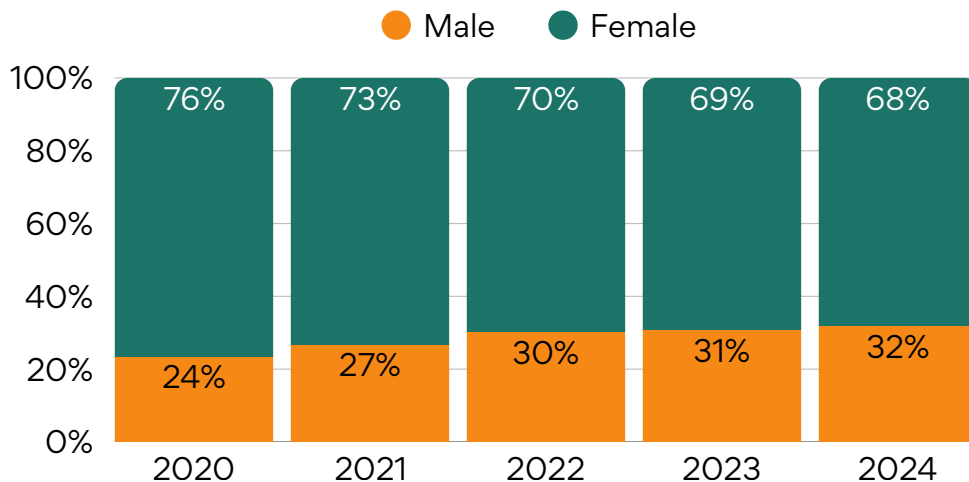
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Michigan Incident Crime Reporting (MICR): Domestic violence is the occurrence of any of the following acts, by a person, that is not an act of self-defense: causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member, placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm, causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress, and/or engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, intimidated, harassed, or molested. Domestic violence is indicated by the investigating officer.

NUMBER OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN EATON COUNTY, MI



VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY GENDER IN EATON COUNTY, MI



NATIONAL DATA

U.S. Crime Reports suggest that:

- Over half of female homicide victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner.
- **1 in 5** homicide victims are killed by an intimate partner



The CDC National Intimate Partner & Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), 2022:

Over 2 in 5 women



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Over 1 in 4 men



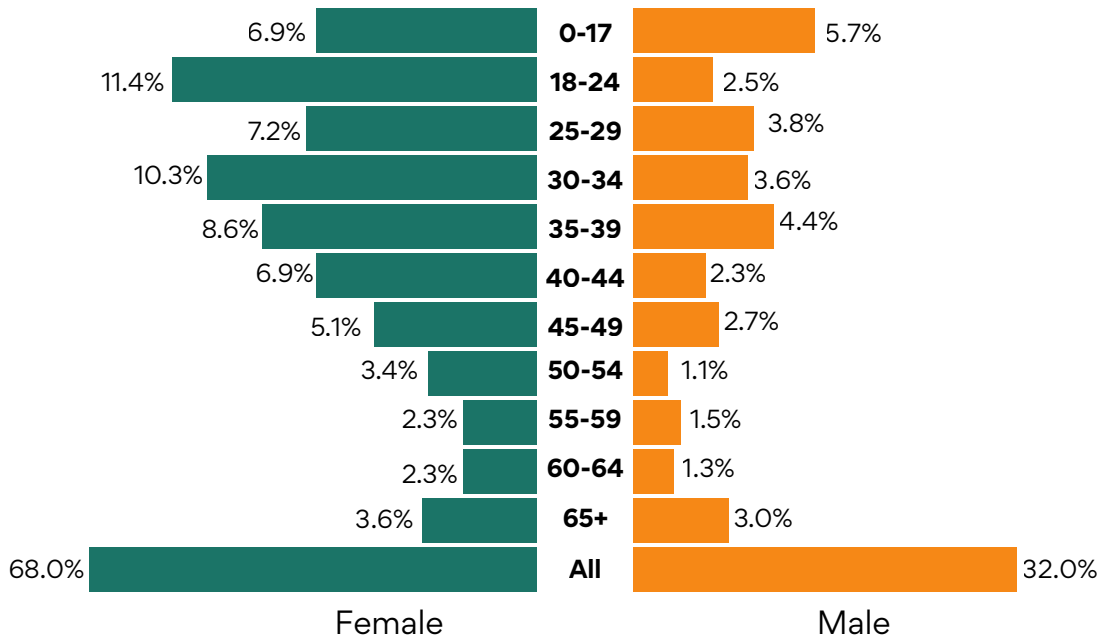
reported to experience contact sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

Seasonal Patterns:

- In Michigan, domestic violence incidents are more common between May and August (2020–YTD 2025).
- Nationally, additional spikes have been observed around the winter holidays.

ADULT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Victims of Domestic Violence, 2024 Eaton County, MI



- Historically, between 2020-2024 females are more vulnerable to being a victim of DV during ages 18-24 and males are more vulnerable at ages 0-17.
- In 2024, the largest share of domestic violence victims in Eaton County (28%) were in a dating relationship with the offender.

Risk Factors for Perpetration:

Societal

- Cultural norms- aggression toward others
- Income inequality

Community

- High violence and crime
- low social connectedness
- Ease of access to drugs and alcohol

Relationship

- Conflicts: Jealousy, possessiveness, tension, divorce, separations
- Economic stress
- Witnessing violence between parents as a child

Individual

- Low self-esteem
- Heavy alcohol and/or drug use
- Anger and hostility
- History of physical or emotional abuse in childhood

Protective Factors for Perpetration:

Relationship

- Strong social support networks
- Stable and positive relationships with others

Community

- Positive social connectedness
- Access to safe, stable housing
- Access to medical care and mental health services

PREVENTION

- Social-emotional learning programs for youth
- Victim-centered services
- Treatment and support for survivors, including teen dating violence

CONNECTION BETWEEN DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AND SUBSTANCE USE

Research consistently shows a strong co-occurrence between intimate partner violence (IPV) and substance use. While substance use is a major contributing factor, it does not cause domestic violence; underlying abusive behaviors and risk factors remain the root cause.



- Substance use plays a bidirectional role:**
- Victims may use substances to cope with trauma.
 - Perpetrators’ substance use can increase risk and severity of violence.
 - Some survivors experience substance-use coercion from abusive partners.

KEY NATIONAL STATISTICS

Studies Report:

40-60%

of domestic violence cases involve alcohol or drug use.

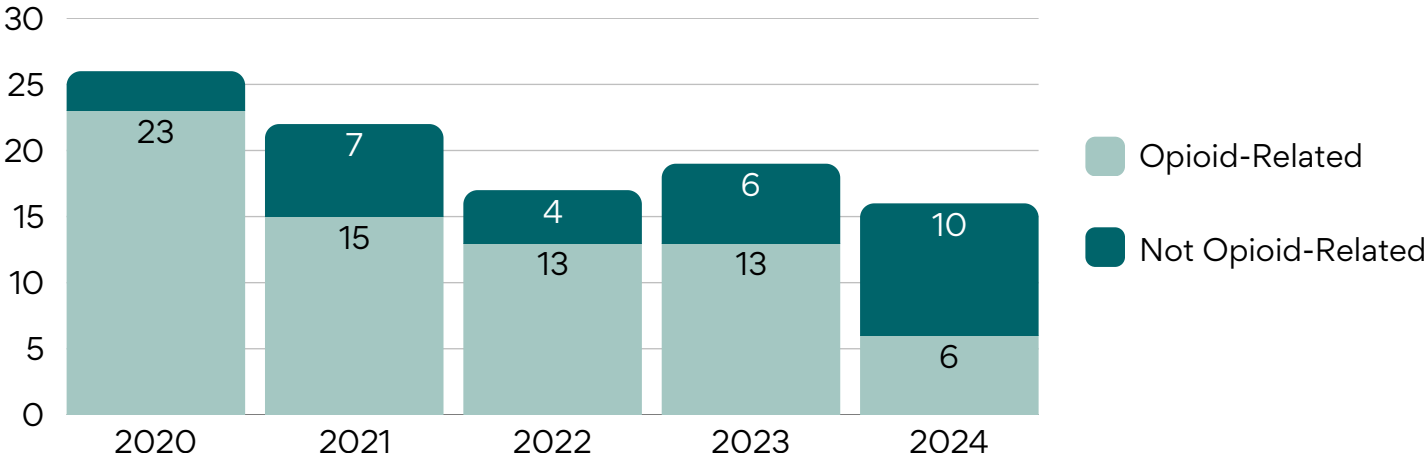


Individuals with a substance use disorder are

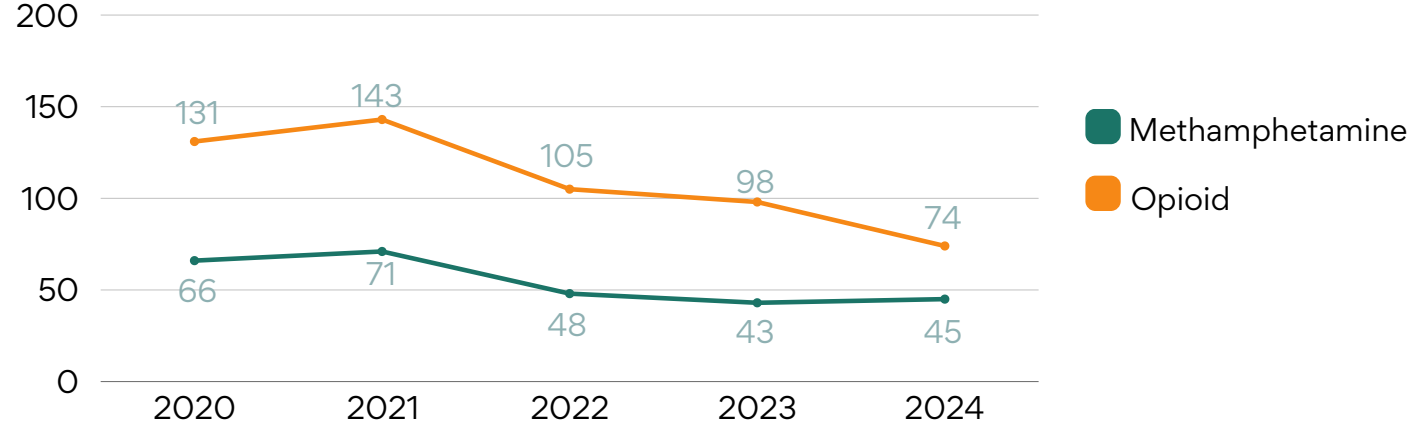
4-10x

more likely to perpetrate violence compared to non-drug users.

DRUG-RELATED DEATHS IN EATON COUNTY, MI



EMS RESPONSES TO PROBABLE DRUG-RELATED EVENTS INVOLVING THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANCES:



ADULT SUBSTANCE USE

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Total EMS Responses for
Opioid-Related Events

98
(2023)

24%



74
(2024)



Naloxone Kits Ordered
through the State Portal

420
(2023)

134%



984
(2024)

Substances in the Immediate Cause of Death:

Fentanyl

70%
(2023)

38%
(2024)

↓32 pp

Methamphetamine

5%
(2023)

38%
(2024)

↑33 pp

Cocaine

40%
(2023)

50%
(2024)

↑10 pp

MORE ON SUBSTANCE USE IN EATON COUNTY:

- [Eaton Substance Use Needs Assessment](#)

YOUTH SUBSTANCE USE IN EATON COUNTY:

- [Youth Prescription Drug Use](#)
- [Nicotine & Tobacco](#)
- [Alcohol Use](#)
- [Cannabis](#)

RESOURCES

- [Intimate Partner Violence Prevention : Resource for Action : A Compilation of the Best Available Evidence](#)
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call 1-800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224 or visit online to chat one-on-one with a support specialist.](#)
- [Love is Respect National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: Call 1-866-331-9474 or TTY 1-866-331-8453 or visit online to chat one-on-one with a support specialist.](#)

SOURCES

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- Michigan Department of Education, 2022, Michigan school health survey system. bit.ly/3T3OMvV
- [The CDC National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey \(NISVS\) – 2022](#)
- www.cawc.org/
- www.cdc.gov/intimate-partner-violence/about/index.html
- [Michigan Incident Crime Reporting \(MICR\)](#)
- Michigan Emergency Medical Services Information System (MI-EMSIS)
- University of Michigan- Sparrow Medical Examiner's Office
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Michigan Overdose Data to Action Dashboard



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