

- There were 3, 043 incidents of domestic violence reported in Wyoming in 2004. ¹
- In 2004, the majority of domestic violence victims were between the ages of 19 and 29. ²
- 226 domestic violence victims were under age 18 in 2004. ³
- In 2004, 52.2% of domestic violence incidents in Wyoming resulted in arrest. ⁴
- In 7.7% of homicides in Wyoming in 2004, the offender was the boyfriend or girlfriend of the victim. ⁵
- In 23.1% of homicides in Wyoming in 2004, the offender was the parent of the victim. ⁶

WYOMING COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

- The Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (WCADVSA) aims to provide a state level voice to local programs and participate in policy and planning activities with state governmental and private agencies. ⁷
- WCADVSA runs a Civil Legal Assistance Project, a Rural Project and an Active Student Empowerment Project for teens. ⁸

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN WYOMING

- 110 forcible rapes were reported in Wyoming in 2004. ⁹
- In a survey conducted by the Wyoming Council for Women's Issues, 45.1% of respondents indicated sexual assault as a serious problem concerning women in their community. ¹⁰
- Approximately, 1 in 5, or 19.9%, of adult women in Wyoming has been raped at some time in her lifetime. ¹¹

CHALLENGES

- The social and economic status of American Indian women in Wyoming is worse than that of white women in Wyoming, and according to some indicators, worse than that of Native American women nationally. Thus, Native American women in Wyoming can clearly benefit from improved policies and practices to lessen sex and race based inequalities, especially as they relate to domestic and sexual violence. ¹²
- The state of Wyoming received a grade of D from The Family Violence Prevention Fund's report on Health Care Laws and Domestic Violence. According to the report, Wyoming did not have any health care laws regarding domestic violence training, screening or protocols as of June 30, 2001. Health care providers are often in the best position to help victims of abuse. Therefore, domestic violence related health care laws could play an important role in combating domestic violence in Wyoming. ¹³

For more information: www.ncadv.org

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