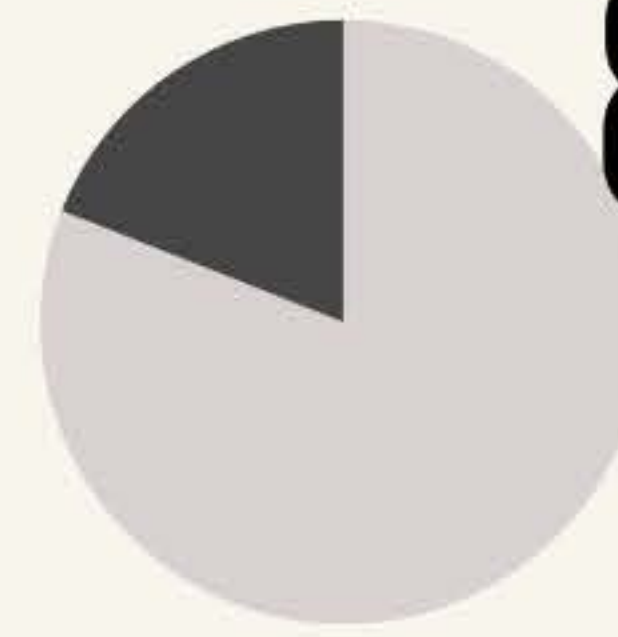




Intimate Partner Violence in Saskatchewan

According to 2015 data from Statistics Canada, there were 5,976 police-reported incidents of intimate partner violence in Saskatchewan. A rate of 666 per 100,000 puts Saskatchewan over double the national average of police-reported IPV.



81% of the victims of police-reported IPV in Saskatchewan are female

In Saskatchewan, **a woman is killed every 4 months** by a current or ex-partner*
*average: January 2012-July 2017

Trying to create a life free of violence can be a difficult journey. Women in abusive relationships are isolated and face many obstacles such as self blame, threats of further violence, family or social pressure, and lack of money. Some women face additional barriers. For example:

- - Women living in northern Saskatchewan face extreme housing shortages, high cost of living, limited access to transportation, and long distances to the nearest crisis services
- - Women living on-reserve, in a small town, or on a farm are also isolated from crisis services. When leaving a violent relationship, they are also leaving their community and, often, a cherished way of life.
- - Women with disabilities who rely on their partner for care, transportation, or connection to the outside world may find it very difficult to find a way to leave their abusers.



Women's Shelters in Saskatchewan

Each year, emergency shelters, transition houses, and second stage homes in Saskatchewan take in approximately 5000 women and children who have been through extremely difficult circumstances. Shelters ensure that residents have the basic comforts of home, giving women a chance to make decisions about their lives without constant fear of attack. They also help women plan for life after they leave the shelter. By providing referrals to community and government resources, offering parenting and life skills support, and helping women navigate the legal/court system, shelters contribute to positive change in the lives of women and their children.

Outreach Services

Throughout the province there are specialized support services to victims, survivors, or those at risk of experiencing interpersonal abuse and sexualized violence. Crisis intervention is available through 24-hr Crisis Lines.

Women can receive assistance in accessing a women's shelter by calling those outreach services or a crisis line.

To access a list of services in your community visit:
<http://pathssk.org/resources/abuse-help-lines/>



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