

Here is the information you requested regarding...

Stalking Victimization

- Stalking is more prevalent than previously thought, with 8% of women reporting having been stalked at some point in their lives (Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998)
- Stalking is not a one-time incident: the median duration of stalking cases is 24 months. (Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998)
- Stalking is gendered crime; most stalking victims are female (78% victims female, 87% stalkers male) (Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998)
- 81% of women stalked by a current or former partner also physically assaulted and 31% also experienced sexual violence (Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998)
- Studies document relationship between stalking and other forms of abuse (Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998; Logan et al, 2000; Spitzburg & Rhea, 1999; Coleman, 1997)
- Studies document a relationship between stalking and sexual coercion (Spitzburg & Rhea, 1999)
- Studies document a relationship between stalking and verbal and physical abuse (Coleman, 1997; Bjerregaard, 2000; Mechanic, 2000; Coleman, 1997). •Most victims stalked by a person known to them (77%). For women, 62% by current or former intimate (Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998).
- The most likely group of stalkers to be violent are those individuals who have had a prior sexually intimate relationship with the victim. (Zona et al, 1993; Tjaden & Thoennes, 1998)
- Stalkers are likely to have prior criminal, psychiatric, and drug abuse histories. Between 39% and 66% of stalkers have prior criminal histories (Harmon et al., 1995; Meloy, 1998)
- Jordan, Logan, Walker & Nigoff (2003) reported criminal histories among stalkers:
 - Felony stalkers had high rate prior alcohol/drug; resisting arrest; other violent; threat and property crimes
 - Misdemeanor stalkers had high rates of alcohol/drug abuse-related convictions
 - 19% of felony and misdemeanor stalkers had previously been incarcerated.
- Stalkers are frequently respondents to protective orders (38%) (Jordan et al., 2003).
- Tjaden & Thoennes (1998) 55% female victims reported to police. 24% prosecuted. Half resulted in conviction – but not necessarily for stalking.
- Jordan et al. (2003) found most common disposition of felony (54%) & misdemeanor (62.2%) stalking cases is dismissal. If the case proceeds all the way through the process, the conviction rate is 28.5%.