The State of Violence in California
CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE EXPERIENCES SURVEY (CalVEX) 2023

1 in 20 Californians (5%) have experienced physical violence in the past year.

- In 2023, more than 550,000 women and 900,000 men in California were victims of physical violence.
- In 2023, more than 1.5 million women and 900,000 men in California were victims of sexual harassment or assault.

THE HEALTH CONSEQUENCES of VIOLENCE ARE DIRE
People who experience physical or sexual violence are:

4x more likely to report serious consideration of suicide
2x more likely to report recent substance misuse
2x more likely to report severe depression and/or anxiety symptoms

NON-BINARY and TRANSGENDER PEOPLE EXPERIENCE VERY HIGH RATES OF PHYSICAL and SEXUAL VIOLENCE

1 in 7 (14%) of non-binary people reported past year physical violence
1 in 4 (27%) of transgender people reported past year physical violence
1 in 2 (56%) of non-binary people
2 in 5 (40%) of transgender people

Physical violence experiences were common across the lifespan.

- 17% in childhood (age 0-12)
- 19% in adolescence (age 13-17)
- 20% in young adulthood (age 18-24)
- 17% in adulthood (age 25+)

Sexual violence experiences were most common in adolescence through adulthood.

- 13% in childhood (age 0-12)
- 23% in adolescence (age 13-17)
- 30% in young adulthood (age 18-24)
- 25% in adulthood (age 25+)

About the survey: The final sample included 3,560 respondents—2,013 women; 1,483 men; 64 people who identify as non-binary, genderqueer, gender fluid, or other self-described gender identity. The survey was conducted online by NORC at the University of Chicago from March to May 2023.