

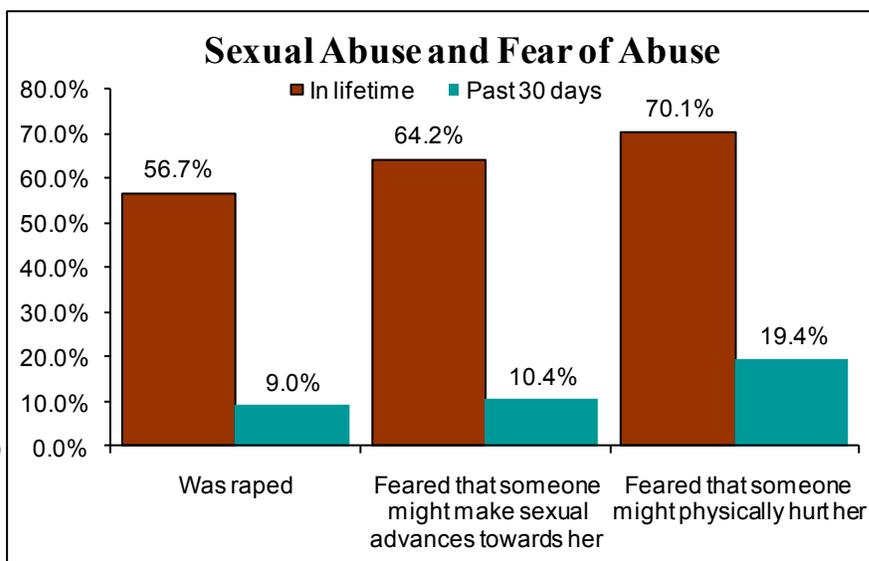
Research Brief Series II: Harassment & Abuse of LGBTQQ Individuals in AZ

Brief D: LGBTQQ Adult Women in HerStory to Health

The [University of AZ-Southwest Institute for Research on Women's \(UA-SIROW\) HerStory to Health](#) is a comprehensive, gender specific, and culturally competent HIV, STD, and Hepatitis B/C prevention and mental health enhancement project for women enrolled in residential substance abuse treatment and women who are homeless/near homeless. There are **67** adult women enrolled in [HerStory to Health](#) who self-identified as LGBTQQ.



- More than half of these women reported having been raped (56.7%) and feared abuse (64.2%, 70.1%) in their lifetime.
- Substantial percentages were raped (9.0%) and feared abuse (10.4%, 19.4%) during the past 30 days.
- A greater percentage feared physical abuse than feared sexual abuse.



Domestic Violence (DV) in Lifetime		
Type of DV Incident	N	%
Involved in DV as the victim or the perpetrator	54	80.6
Involved in DV where DV was reported to police	47	70.1
Involved in DV where another person was arrested	28	41.8

- The majority of these women (80.6%) reported being involved in domestic violence (DV) in their lifetime.
- The majority of the 54 who reported being involved in DV reported being involved in a DV incident that was reported to the police (47 of 54, 87.0%).
- About half of the 54 who reported being involved in DV reported being involved in a DV incident in which another person was arrested (28 of 54, 51.9%).

Physical Violence Involving Non-family Members				
Other person involved	Involved as the victim or perpetrator		Other person instigated physical violence	
	N	%	N	%
Stranger	30	44.8%	23	34.3%
Main sexual partner	32	47.8%	25	37.3%
Other sexual partner	6	9.0%	4	6.0%
Drug partner	17	25.4%	12	17.9%
Female friend/acquaintance	27	40.3%	18	26.9%
Male friend/acquaintance	23	34.3%	17	25.4%

- Substantial percentages reported physical violence involving non-family members.
- At least 60% of the women who reported physical violence by each non-family member reported that the violence was instigated by the other person (23 of 30, 25 of 32, 4 of 6, 12 of 17, 18 of 27, and 17 of 23).
- Physical violence involving a stranger, a main sexual partner, or a female friend/acquaintance, were the most commonly reported overall and where the other person instigated the violence.

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Data from this project is not representative of all LGBTQQ adult women in AZ.

For more information about [HerStory to Health \(A Woman's HIV, STD, Hepatitis B and C, and Mental Health Drug Treatment Enhancement and Program Expansion Project\)](#), please see <http://sirow.arizona.edu/work/projects/view/?id=59> or contact Rosi Andrade, PhD, at rosia@mail.sbs.arizona.edu. [HerStory to Health](#) is supported by grant H79 T118730 from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration—CSAT (2007-2012).