



Maternal Mortality from Violence and Related Data about IPV

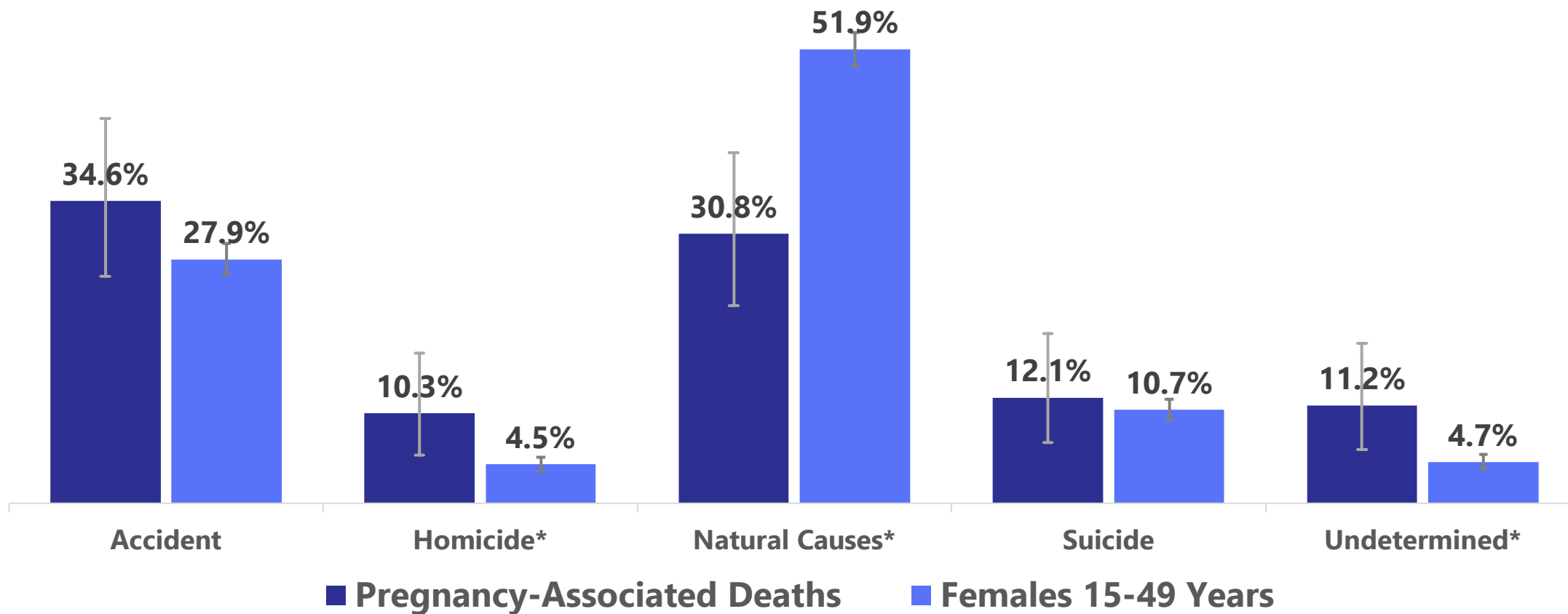
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Manner of Death Among Pregnancy-Associated Deaths and All Females Ages 15-49

(Alaska, 2012-2021)



* Difference statistically significant at 95%

Data Source: MCDR, HAVRS Death Certificates

Maternal Deaths from Violence in Alaska



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58 pregnancy-associated deaths from all causes were identified for the 5 years ending 2021.

Of these:

- **19% were due to homicide**
- **14% were due to suicide**
- **74% of maternal deaths from suicide and homicide are among Alaska Native and other racial minority groups**
 - Due to complex systemic factors
 - NOT caused by characteristics or behaviors of the race/racial groups themselves

Interpersonal Violence as a Factor in Maternal Deaths



51% of maternal deaths reviewed had an IPV history*

18% of maternal deaths from suicide had an IPV history within the past year**

74% of reviewed maternal deaths with SUD as a contributing factor were individuals who had experienced IPV***

*Based on MCDR review of 90% (n=86) of the 96 maternal deaths that occurred 2011-2020

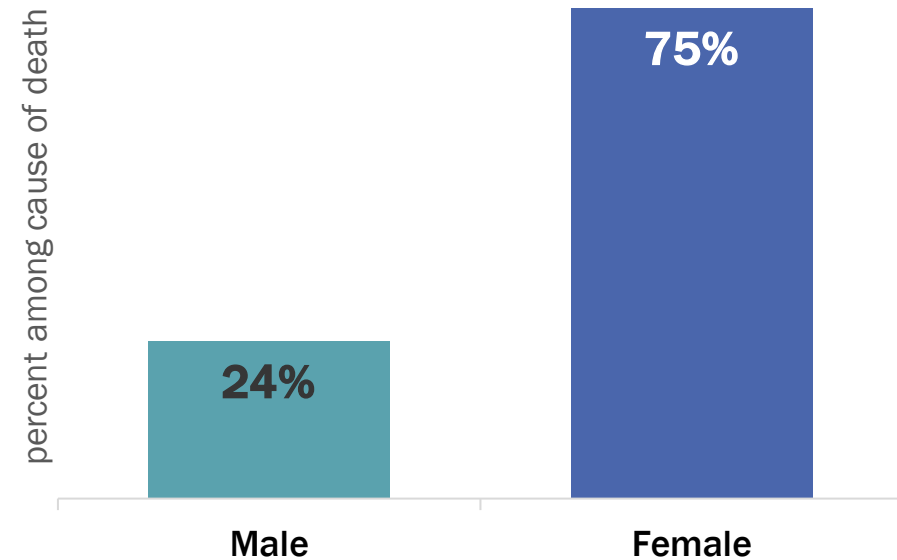
**2006-2016 review data (n=11)

***Based on reviewed deaths entered in MMRIA data system for death years 2017 and after (n=30)

Sexual Abuse and Interpersonal Violence History* in Youth Suicide Deaths

deaths reviewed by MCDR 2016-2020

Youth Sexual Abuse History by Sex



18% of females who died by suicide were IPV survivors

**missing and unknown values excluded from denominator*

State of Alaska Qualitative Data

PRAMS Survey Responses



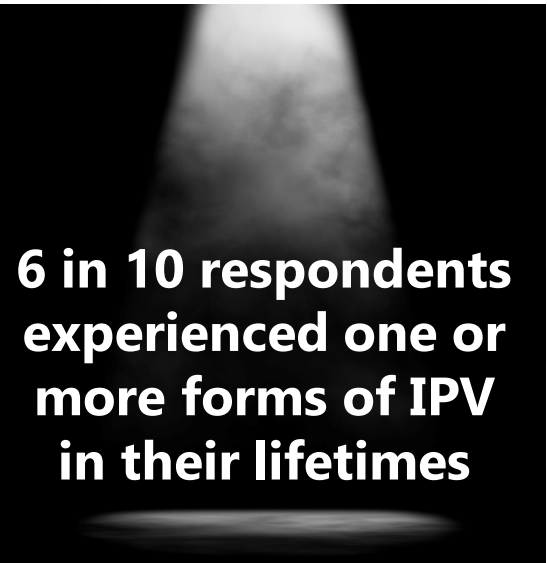
“My baby was born 39 wks. and 1 day. I believe it was because my partner would drink and was abusive. I lived in terror and was depressed, stressed, had suicidal thoughts. But other than that issue I had a very normal, uncomplicated pregnancy.”

State of Alaska Qualitative Data

PRAMS Survey Responses




*“I was due on [undisclosed date], but delivered my baby [two months premature], my water broke on [a day twelve days before birth]. I was [medevac'd] to [an Anchorage hospital] & stayed in NICU for about 2 months... I [believe] my water broke and I [delivered] early because [two months prior to delivery] I had a domestic violence with my now ex partner, I lost my apartment and had to pack & move a 3 bedroom 2 story apartment all by myself to a storage unit then check in to a domestic shelter, the abuse I endured, the physical labor & mental abuse I believe is what put my body into premature labor. My ex is now out of our lives & baby & I are now happy & healthy
Thank you”*

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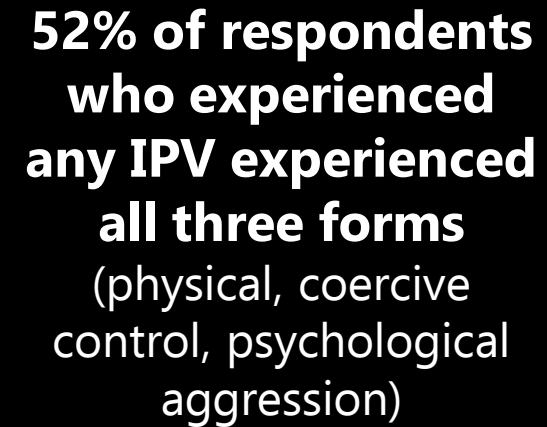
**6 in 10 respondents
experienced one or
more forms of IPV
in their lifetimes**

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**4 in 10 experienced
physical violence in
their lifetimes**

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**17% were forced to
engage in a sexual
behavior by a
partner**

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**52% of respondents
who experienced
any IPV experienced
all three forms
(physical, coercive
control, psychological
aggression)**

Alaska Victimization Survey (2020), CDVSA
