ADDRESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

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Alameda County Family Justice Center
“...law enforcement alone cannot prevent violence. This is because the underlying contributing factors—poverty, hopelessness, oppression, mental illness, substance abuse, victimization history, etc.—are beyond the scope of law enforcement efforts. Rather, they span the mandate of multiple stakeholders.”

-A Lifetime Commitment to Violence Prevention: The Alameda County Blueprint
**Gender**

- Male: 49%
- Female: 51%

**Race/Ethnicity**

- Latino: 23%
- White: 34%
- African American: 12%
- Asian: 26%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Multirace: 4%

**Age**

- <15: 19%
- 15-24: 13%
- 25-34: 15%
- 35-44: 15%
- 45-54: 14%
- 55-64: 12%
- 65+: 12%
Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence-Related Deaths
Deaths Due to Domestic and Familial Violence
Alameda County

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 1998-2013
Gender

Alameda County population

- Male 49%
- Female 51%

Domestic and Family Violence deaths

- Male (victims) 17%
- Male (perps) 28%
- Female 55%

Victims 3x more likely to be female.
Two thirds of male deaths are to the perpetrators.

Source: Census 2010 & Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 1998-2013
Victims most likely to be ages 25-44

Source: Census 2010 & Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 1998-2013
Race & Ethnicity

Alameda County population

- White: 34%
- Asian: 26%
- African American: 12%
- Multirace: 4%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Latino: 23%

Domestic and Family Violence deaths

- African American: 49%
- White: 24%
- Asian/PI: 6%
- Latino: 21%

Victims 4x more likely to be African American

Source: Census 2010 & Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 1998-2013
Deaths Due to Domestic and Familial Violence
Alameda County

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Method of Domestic and Familial Violence-Related Deaths Alameda County

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013

- Gun shot wound: 51%
- Stabbing: 30%
- Blunt trauma: 9%
- Asphyxiation: 5%
- Other: 5%
Time of Death During Normal Business Hours (M-F 9-5)

Proxy for available services at time of incident

- **Yes**: 14%
- **Unknown**: 35%
- **No**: 51%

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Between 2006 and 2013

- 71 D&FV-related incidents
- Resulting in 85 deaths
- Average of 10.6 deaths per year
- 61 victims: 47 females and 14 males
- 24 perpetrators were killed or committed suicide, all males.

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Relationship of Perpetrator to Victim
Domestic & Familial Violence Deaths, Alameda County

- BF, husband, spouse: 52%
- Ex-BF, ex-husband: 11%
- Son or stepson: 10%
- Bystander: 10%
- Other male relative: 8%
- Girlfriend: 5%
- Unknown: 3%

N=61

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Perpetrator Deaths - Person Responsible
Domestic and Familial Deaths, Alameda County

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013

- Self (suicide): 58%
- Police: 29%
- Son: 4%
- BF, spouse: 4%
- Unknown: 4%

N=24
Method of Domestic Violence-Related Deaths Alameda County

- Gun shot wound: 51%
- Stabbing: 33%
- Blunt trauma: 10%
- Other: 6%

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Circumstances of Domestic Violence Deaths, Alameda County

Between 2006 and 2012

- 59 DV-related incidents
- Resulting in 71 deaths
- Average of 10 deaths per year
- 51 victims: 42 females and 9 males
- 20 perpetrators were killed, all males.

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Relationship of Perpetrator to Victim
Domestic Violence Deaths, Alameda County

- BF, husband, spouse: 57%
- Ex-BF, ex-husband: 12%
- Son or stepson: 10%
- Other male relative: 6%
- Unknown: 6%
- Mother's BF: 4%
- Other: 4%
- Girlfriend: 2%

N=51

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013
Perpetrator Deaths - Person Responsible
Domestic Violence Deaths, Alameda County

Source: Alameda County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2006-2013

- Self (suicide) - 55%
- Police - 20%
- GF - 10%
- BF, spouse - 5%
- Unknown - 5%

N=20
In 2012, 6,644 domestic violence related calls were made to police in Alameda County.

Source: State of California Department of Justice, 2012
Partner Assault ED Visits
N=475. Males and females, all ages.
Alameda County population

- Male: 49%
- Female: 51%

Partner/Spouse Assault ED Visits

- Male: 12%
- Female: 88%

Assault victims 7x more likely to be female than male.

Source: Census 2010 & Alameda County OSHPD ED 2011-13
75% of assault victims are between the ages of 15-44.

Source: Census 2010 & Alameda County OSHPD ED 2011-13
Race & Ethnicity

Alameda County population

- White: 34%
- Asian: 26%
- African American: 12%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- Latino: 23%
- Multirace: 4%

Victims almost 4x more likely to be African American

Partner/Spouse Assault ED Visits

- White: 45%
- Latino: 18%
- API: 9%
- Afr Am: 9%
- Others/Unk: 19%

Source: Census 2010 & Alameda County OSHPD ED 2011-13
Spouse/Partner Assault ED Visit Rate, Female Victims 15-64 years

N=412. Females ages 15-64 years.

Source: CAPE, with data from OSHPD ED (including those admitted), 2011-2013.
Violent Crime Rate
Violent Crime Rate Trend

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reporting 2000-2012
Violent Crime Rate by Jurisdiction

- Oakland Police Dept: 2,013.4
- Emeryville Police Dept: 1,651.9
- Alameda County: 775.5
- San Leandro Police Dept: 510.1
- Berkeley Police Dept: 426.3
- Hayward Police Dept: 417.7
- Newark Police Dept: 393.9
- Livermore Police Dept: 368.6
- Union City Police Dept: 333.3
- Alameda Police Dept: 214.3
- Albany Police Dept: 186.1
- Dublin: 173.1
- Fremont Police Dept: 139.8
- Piedmont Police Dept: 117.9
- Pleasanton Police Dept: 68.3

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reporting 2012
Sexual Assault and Rape

- In 2012, there were 477 reported forcible rapes in Alameda County.
- It is estimated that only 1 in 9 women who are sexually assaulted report the crime.

![Graph showing the rate per 100,000 from 2000 to 2012 for Alameda County, California, and the U.S.]

Source: FBI Uniform Crime Reporting 2000-2012
Hate Violence Incidents Alameda County

In 2011, there were 42 hate violence incidents in Alameda County.

In 2011, types of hate crimes reported in California:

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<th>Rank</th>
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<td>Sexual Orientation bias</td>
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<td>Religious bias</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>More than one bias</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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Source: California Department of Justice, Hate Crime in California Report, 2011
Homicide and Assault
Assault ED Visit Rate by City/Place

- Oakland: 831.0
- Hayward: 461.0
- San Leandro: 447.0
- Alameda County: 426.7
- San Lorenzo: 363.4
- Castro Valley: 306.5
- Alameda: 305.5
- Sunol: 298.1
- Newark: 293.2
- Union City: 285.8
- Berkeley: 273.6
- Livermore: 205.1
- Fremont: 187.5
- Dublin: 147.0
- Pleasanton: 143.0
- Albany: 131.4

Rate per 100,000

Source: OSPHD ED & PDD 2009-11

N = 19,957
Assault ED Visit Rate by Age

Source: OSPHD ED & PDD 2009-11
Assault ED Visit Rate by Race/Ethnicity

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<td>Latino/Hispanic</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>297.3</td>
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Source: OSPHD ED & PDD 2009-11
Assault ED Visits

**Place**
- Oakland: 52%
- All Other Locations: 48%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- African American: 48%
- Latino: 21%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 7%
- White: 24%
- All Other: 5%

**Age**
- <15: 5%
- 15-24: 31%
- 25-34: 23%
- 35-44: 16%
- 45-54: 17%
- 55-64: 7%
- 65+: 1%

Source: OSPHD ED & PDD 2009-11
Mechanism of Assault ED Visits
Alameda County

- Other/unspecified: 32%
- Struck by: 52%
- Firearms: 9%
- Cutting/piercing: 7%

Source: OSPHD ED & PDD 2009-11
Assault ED Visit Rate by Neighborhood Poverty Level

4.1X Higher

Rate per 100,000

Neighborhood Poverty Level
(\% of Residents Living in Poverty)

Source: OSPHD ED 2009-11
Homicide Trend, Alameda County

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics 2008-10
Homicide by City/Place

- Oakland: 20.8
- San Leandro: 11.0
- Newark: 9.6
- Alameda County: 9.0
- Hayward: 8.7
- Castro Valley: 7.4
- Berkeley: 5.0
- Fremont: 3.0

Rate per 100,000

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics 2008-10
Homicide by Race/Ethnicity

Source: Vital Statistics 2008-10
Homicide by Age Group

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics 2008-10
Mortality Trend of Top Leading Causes among Ages 15-24, Alameda County, 2000-2013

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics Files, 3-year rolling average rates, 2000-2013
### Leading Causes of Death among 15-24 years

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<td>73%</td>
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<td>Unintentional Injuries</td>
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<td>24%</td>
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<td>Suicide</td>
<td>28%</td>
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<td>21%</td>
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<td>Cancer</td>
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<td>3%</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Diseases of Heart</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td><strong>Top 5</strong></td>
<td>82%</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>84%</td>
<td>86%</td>
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Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics 2011-13
Homicide in Alameda County

**Place**
- Oakland: 37%
- All Other Locations: 63%

**Age**
- 15-24: 40%
- 25-34: 25%
- 35-44: 14%
- 45-54: 10%
- 55-64: 7%
- 65+: 2%
- <15: 2%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- White: 11%
- African American: 60%
- Latino: 21%
- Asian: 5%
- Hawaiian / Pacific Islanders: 2%
- Mixed Race: 1%

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics files, 2008-2010
Homicide Death Rate by Neighborhood Poverty Level

### Graph

- **<10% (Affluent)**: Rate 4 per 100,000
- **10-20%**: Rate 11 per 100,000
- **20-30%**: Rate 21 per 100,000
- **30%+ (Very High Poverty)**: Rate 30 per 100,000

The graph shows a 7.9X higher rate of homicides in neighborhoods with very high poverty compared to affluent neighborhoods.

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics files, 2008-2010
Age-Specific Homicide Death Rates by Neighborhood Poverty Level

![Graph showing age-specific homicide death rates by neighborhood poverty level.](source)

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics files, 2008-2010
Age Distribution of Homicide Deaths in Very High Poverty Neighborhoods

Almost half of homicide deaths in high-poverty neighborhoods are among young people ages 15-24.

About two-thirds of homicide deaths are among people under age 35.

Source: Alameda County Vital Statistics files, 2008-2010
Compared to a White child in the affluent Oakland Hills, an African American child born in West Oakland is...

- **2 times** more likely to be born low birth weight
- **13 times** more likely to live in poverty
- **5 times** more likely to be unemployed

- **12 times** less likely to have a mother who graduated from college
- **4 times** less likely to read at grade level
- **3 times** more likely to die of stroke

**INFANT**

**CHILD**

**ADULT**

**Cumulative impact:**
14 year difference in life expectancy

“Either directly or indirectly, violence affects everyone in Alameda County. We all have a stake in ending it, and there is a role that each of us can play.”

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