

Exposure Underreported

Underreporting occurs for many reasons, including fear (reprisal, getting loved one's in trouble), stigma, and pressure to remain silent. In Canada, estimates of children's exposure to domestic violence are derived from data on vulnerable populations (child welfare, shelters for abused women) as well as general population surveys.

- 52 - Percent of adult victims with children exposed to domestic violence between 2005 and 2009.
- 34 - Percent of substantiated maltreatment investigations in Canada during 2008 where exposure was identified as the primary type of abuse.
- 39 - Percent of substantiated maltreatment investigations in Ontario during 2008 where exposure was identified as the primary type of abuse.
- 3611 - Number of children living in Canada's shelters for abused women on April 15, 2010.
- 1589 - Number of children living in Ontario's shelters for abused women on April 15, 2010.
- 67 - Percent of children under age 10 living in shelters for abused women across Canada on April 14, 2004.