

2011 June

Violence

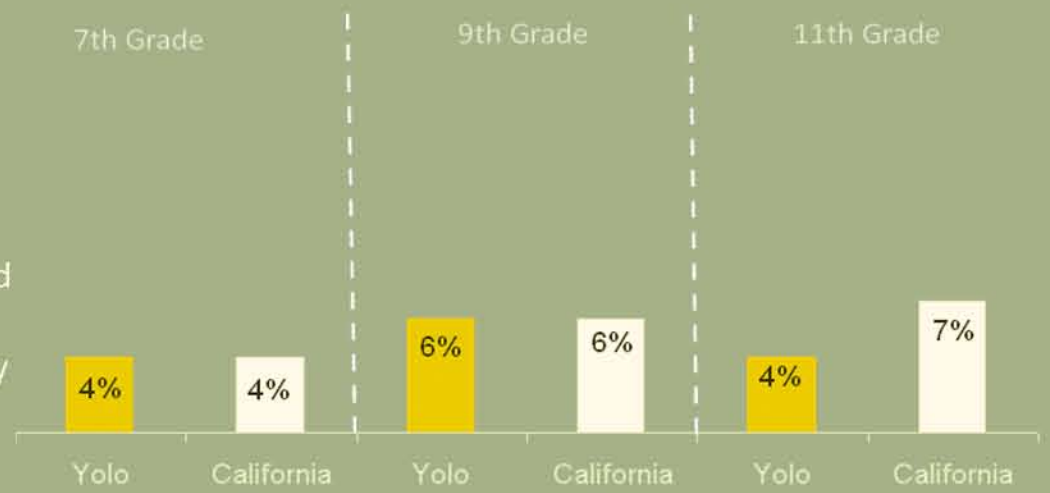
Violence erodes communities.



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Violence is a serious public health problem affecting all ages and socioeconomic groups. Crime statistics only tell part of the story about violence. Violence – including gang violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, child abuse, and elder abuse – often goes unreported. Violence is more than a traumatic experience. Research has found that adverse experiences such as sexual abuse lead to a range of emotional and health consequences for victims. Victims of adverse childhood experiences are more likely to suffer chronic diseases, experience emotional and functional disability, engage in harmful behaviors, and have difficulties in their intimate relationships.^{29,30} Violence also impacts our communities and neighborhoods, taking a toll on our collective sense of security and our immediate and long-term health and welfare.

Students Experiencing Physical Violence (hit, slap, etc.)¹⁹ from Boy/Girlfriend in Past Year



Fireworks Safety Month • Home Safety Month • Myasthenia Gravis Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 First Day of Summer	22	23	24	25
26 National HIV Testing Day	27	28	29	30	1	2

Child Abuse

Nationally, 794,000 children in 2007 were found to be victims of child abuse. Most were victims of neglect (59%), 11% were physically abused, and 8% were sexually abused. Some of these children were victims of multiple types of abuse.

In California, it is estimated that nearly 500 children are hospitalized yearly for severe maltreatment and 130-140 children die each year of child maltreatment.⁶²

In Yolo County in 2008, 420 cases (8.8 per 1,000 children) of child maltreatment were substantiated. The statewide rate was 9.7 substantiations per 1,000 children.⁴

Intimate Partner Violence

Intimate partner violence, or domestic violence, is abuse that occurs between two people in a close relationship. This includes physical abuse, sexual abuse (e.g., rape), threats, and emotional abuse (e.g., stalking, intimidation).

The CDC estimates that each year in the U.S., 4.8 million women and 2.9 million men experience intimate partner violence with destructive and lasting effects on individuals, children, and communities.¹²

From July 2008 through June 2009, the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center (SADVC) provided crisis line intervention to over 2,890 Yolo County residents⁸³

Self-Harm/Suicide

From 2005 through 2007, 44 Yolo County residents took their lives (about 15 per year). Of these suicides, the average age of death was 42 years, 80% were White non-Hispanic, and 77% were male.³³ In addition to suicides, over 50 Yolo County residents are hospitalized each year due to injuries induced through intentional self harm and/or attempted suicide.²⁸

Homicide

From 2005 through 2007, 6 Yolo County residents were murdered.³³

Elder Maltreatment¹²

Elder maltreatment is a problem in our society. Maltreatment may be physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, or financial. Caregivers with high levels of stress, depression, substance abuse, lack of social support, lack of training, and with high emotional or financial dependence on the elder are more likely to maltreat elders at some time.

If you are a caregiver, take care of yourself. Seek help beyond yourself through family, friends, adult day care, and faith-based organizations. Seek care and counseling for yourself if you are depressed or if you are having a problem with drug or alcohol abuse.

- Suicide Prevention Crisis Lines (24/7)
- Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Center (24/7)
- Yolo Co. Gang Task Force (District Attorney)
- Report Violence and Abuse

Call Davis (530) 756-5000 West Sacramento (916) 372-6565 Woodland (530) 666-7778
 Call (530) 662-1133 or (916) 371-1907
 Call (530) 666-8180
 Call 9-1-1