



Did you know that . . .

Wife battering is the most common form of violence against women reported in EV in 2005?

A total of 84 or 35.0% of the 240 cases of violence against women (VAW) reported to the Philippine National Police (PNP) in 2005 were on wife battering. This makes it the most common form of VAW in Eastern Visayas.

Rape, including incestuous and attempted rape, came next at 19.2% or 46 cases while physical injuries and maltreatment inflicted on women comprised 13.3% or 32 cases.

Table 2. PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, REGION VIII: 2005

Perpetrator	2005	
	Number	%
Region VIII	240	100
Husband	82	34.2
Live-in Partner	32	13.3
Relative	14	5.8
Father	3	1.3
Sister-in-Law	1	0.4
Son-in-Law	3	1.3
Boy/Girlfriend	2	0.8
Teacher	1	0.4
Neighbor/Acquaintance	87	36.3
Stranger	15	6.3

Source: Philippine National Police, Region VIII

Most or 93.8% of the perpetrators were known to the victims. Almost half or 47.5% were closest to them, either the husband or live-in partner. Neighbors and acquaintances accounted for 36.3%, while only 15 or 6.2% of the perpetrators were total strangers to the victims.

Almost three-fourths or 73.5% of the reported cases of violence against women occurred in a domestic setting, which makes the home far from being a safe and secure place. Meanwhile, 26.5% happened in schools, motels/hotels/inns and other places.

Of the 240 reported VAW cases in the region, Leyte accounted for the most number (170) or 70.8%.

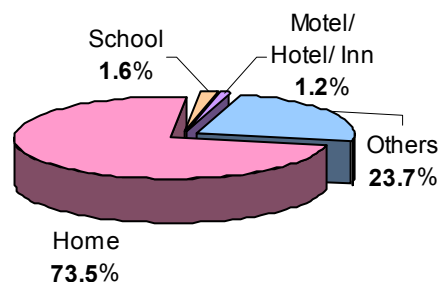
Table 1. CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSE REGION VIII: 2005

Classification of Offense	2005	
	Number	%
Region VIII	240	100.0
Wife Battering	84	35.0
Physical Injuries/Maltreatment	32	13.3
Rape	32	13.3
Incestuous Rape	1	0.4
Attempted Rape	13	5.4
Acts of Lasciviousness	20	8.3
Violation of RA 9262 (<i>Violence Against Women and their Children</i>)	1	0.4
Sexual Harassment	2	0.8
Concubinage	2	0.8
Sex Trafficking/White Slavery	1	0.4
Acts of Trafficking	6	2.5
Murder	4	1.7
Parricide/Frustrated Parricide	3	1.3
Frustrated Homicide	2	0.8
Threats	10	4.2
Oral Defamation/Slander	9	3.8
Neglect/Abandonment	7	2.9
Non-Support	9	3.8
Other Offenses	2	0.8

Source: Philippine National Police, Region VIII

The other provinces recorded minimal number of cases: Biliran (18), Southern Leyte (9), Samar (7), Eastern Samar (16), and Northern Samar (20).

Figure 1. CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN BY PLACE OF OCCURRENCE, REGION VIII: 2005



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