



Gender-based Violence in the Territories, 2018

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In 2018, the Survey of Safety in Public and Private Spaces (SSPPS) was conducted to find out more about gender-based violence. Gender-based violence — defined as violence that is committed against someone based on their gender identity, gender expression or perceived gender — encompasses a broad range of behaviours, from those that are not necessarily criminal (such as unwanted sexual attention while in public) to those that are classified as criminal acts (such as sexual and physical assault).

In the territories, just over half of women (52%) and men (54%) have been victims of physical or sexual assault at least once since age 15. However, women (39%) were three times more likely than men (12%) to have been sexually assaulted at least once since the age of 15.

Among the three territories, women and men in Yukon were more likely than other two territories to report having been physically or sexually assaulted at least once since age 15. In particular, just over 6 in 10 women (61%) and men (61%) experienced at least one physical or sexual assault since age 15.

Violent victimization since age 15, by territory¹ and gender, 2018,

	Men	Women
	percentage ²	
All territories - Sexual assault	12	39
All territories - Physical assault	52	40
All territories - Physical or sexual assault	54	52
Yukon - Sexual assault	16	50
Yukon - Physical assault	58	48
Yukon - Physical or sexual assault	61	61
Northwest Territories - Sexual assault	12	37
Northwest Territories - Physical assault	53	42
Northwest Territories - Physical or sexual assault	55	52
Nunavut - Sexual assault	8	31
Nunavut - Physical assault	44	30
Nunavut - Physical or sexual assault	46	42

¹ The territory refers to the respondent's current territory of residence; therefore, particularly for lifetime victimization estimates, data presented for one territory may include victimization experiences that occurred in other provinces or territories.

² Percentage calculations include missing or unspecified responses.

Note: The SSPPS collected information on the experiences of territory residents with unwanted behaviours and violent victimization. For more information, please see Statistics Canada's Juristat article: "[Gender-based violence: Sexual and physical assaults in Canada's territories, 2018](#)" (Catalogue number85-002-X). These results exclude intimate partner violence, which will be analyzed at a later time.