**NORTH DAKOTA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FACTS 2021**

**5,417** New Victims

18 CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTERS

**OF THOSE CASES:**

- **87%** of the victims were women.
- **94 women** were pregnant at the time they were assaulted.
- **18% of new victims** were people with disabilities. Of those, 10% were people with developmental disabilities, 36% had physical disabilities, and 54% were people with mental health disabilities.
- **At least 3,895 children** were directly impacted by these incidents.
- **At least 18%** of the victims were under the age of 25; 4% were under the age of 18.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

At least **66%** of victims served were physically abused.

Weapons were used in at least **13%** of the cases identified. Guns were used in **18%** of the cases and knives were used in **16%** of the cases involving weapons.

In at least **39%** of cases, the abuser had a history of abusive behavior with other adults including prior partners.

Alcohol use by abuser only was indicated in **28%** of the new cases. Alcohol use by both victim and offender was indicated in **5%** of the cases.

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**ADVOCACY**

31% of the victims were self-referred to domestic violence programs; 22% were referred by law enforcement.

Domestic violence programs provided victim assistance with 450 emergency protection orders.

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