CalVEX
CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE EXPERIENCES SURVEY

2025 Key Findings
FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLENCE

VICTIMIZATION AND PERPETRATION

Those who experienced physical violence in the past year were **28x more likely to report perpetrating physical violence** in the past year.

Those who had experienced sexual violence in the past year were **10x more likely to have perpetrated sexual violence** in the past year.

Those who had experienced IPV in the past year were **14x more likely to have perpetrated IPV** in the past year.

VICTIMIZATION AND FIREARM ACQUISITION

Californians who have experienced gun violence in the past year are almost **5x more likely to have purchased a gun** in the past year.

PAST YEAR VIOLENCE AND SUICIDALITY

Those who experienced past year physical violence were **5x more likely** than those without these experiences **to be suicidal** in the past year.

Those who experienced past year sexual violence were almost **4x more likely** than those without these experiences **to be suicidal** in the past year.

Those who experienced past year intimate partner violence (IPV) were **6x more likely** than those without these experiences **to be suicidal** in the past year.

ECONOMIC SHOCKS & PAST YEAR VIOLENCE

1 *in* **4 California women** (27%) **and men** (26%), and **2** *in* **3 gender non-conforming people** (65%) ***lacked sufficient money for food and other basic needs*** in the past year. Those who experienced this economic insecurity in the past year were:

- **4x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **physical violence**
- **2x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **sexual violence**
- **4x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **IPV**

1 *in* **25 California women** (4%), **1** *in* **33 men** (3%), and **1** *in* **25 gender non-conforming people** (4%) ***experienced eviction*** in the past year. Those who were evicted in the past year were:

- **4x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **physical violence**
- **3x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **sexual violence**
- **5x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **IPV**

More than **1** *in* **16 California women** (6%), **1** *in* **14 men** (7%), and **1** *in* **4 gender non-conforming people** (25%) ***reported experiencing homelessness*** in the past year. Those reporting homelessness in the past year were:

- **5x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **physical violence**
- **2x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **sexual violence**
- **5x** *more likely* to have experienced past year **IPV**

ABOUT THE SURVEY The California Violence Experiences Survey (CalVEX) 2025 provides population-based estimates of physical violence, sexual violence, intimate partner violence (IPV), discrimination, economic shocks, firearm-related attitudes, and mental and behavioral health outcomes among adults aged 18 years and older in California. Fielded in May–June 2025 with 4,007 respondents, CalVEX 2025 offers a comprehensive picture of violence as it is experienced across the lifespan and across social contexts, extending beyond what is captured in crime or administrative data systems. The California Violence Experiences Survey is generously funded by the Blue Shield of California Foundation.

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