

REIMAGINING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICY:

Stability, safety, and prevention in California

Domestic violence disrupts lives and communities throughout the state. It touches the majority of Californians and costs the state billions. A large majority of Californians believe domestic violence is preventable and support more funding for interventions that can make a lasting impact in preventing violence and restoring survivors' lives.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS WIDESPREAD IN CALIFORNIA —

Survivors and their communities point to prevention and stability as solutions

6 out of 10

Californians have a direct connection to domestic violence.



76%

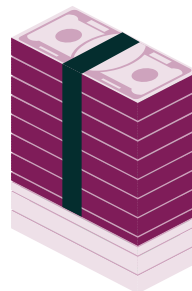
of Californians agree that domestic violence is preventable.

Policies tend to focus on criminal justice, an intervention that only 23% of survivors say is helpful.

Intimate partner violence cost California billions in 2022.

\$73.7^B

due to loss of income, the cost associated with healthcare expenses, criminal justice, and other response programs.¹



78% of Californians are open to alternatives to jail for people who cause domestic violence.



INVESTING IN PREVENTION AND SOLUTIONS TO BREAK THE CYCLE —

Californians support investing in solutions



Interventions that survivors say are most effective and needed:

- Freedom to make decisions
- Being financially stable
- More examples of healthy relationships
- Affordable and safe place to live

over 8 out of 10

Californians support their state investing more into services and programs to help people affected by domestic violence.



A KEY FACTOR TO PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE —

Housing stability

Risk factors for intimate partner violence

over 5 out of 10

Californians cited having an affordable and safe place to live as a key way to prevent domestic violence.



48% of survivors experienced at least one disruption to their housing as a result of the abuse they experienced.

It's **3x** more likely for Californians with a history of homelessness to report a history of sexual violence.²

It's **3-8x** more likely for those who reported eviction or financial insecurity in the past year to have experienced physical or sexual violence.²

It's **4x** more likely to have experienced physical or sexual violence for those who lacked money for food or other basic needs in the past year.²

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