



Precursors
of youth's sexual
and romantic
relationships



VIOLENCE IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

AMONGST SECONDARY 3 (9TH GRADE) TEENAGERS FROM THE PRESAJ STUDY WHO REPORTED BEING OR HAVING BEEN IN A RELATIONSHIP (62.2%)

PHYSICAL VIOLENCE*

6.3%

SAID THAT THEY HAD ALREADY BEEN HIT OR HAD THEIR HAIR PULLED BY THEIR PARTNER.



4.8%



8%

THREATENING BEHAVIOR

2.8%

HAD ALREADY BEEN THREATENED OF BEING HIT, OF BEING HURT OR OF HAVING SOMETHING THROWN AT THEM.

PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE

39.2%

HAD ALREADY BEEN INSULTED, TALKED TO IN A MEAN TONE OR HAD RUMORS ABOUT THEM SPREAD AROUND.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE*

6%

REPORTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN TOUCHED SEXUALLY OR FORCED TO HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS WHEN THEY REFUSED.



9.2%



2.4%

*A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IS OBSERVED BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

The study on precursors of youth's sexual and romantic relationships (PRESAJ) took place in 2018-2019 and involved 2600 secondary 3 (9th grade) teenagers. This study is directed by Sophie Bergeron, Ph.D., Université de Montréal and Jacinthe Dion, Ph.D., Université du Québec à Chicoutimi and is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

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