



Precursors  
of youth's sexual  
and romantic  
relationships



# VIOLENCE IN ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

AMONGST SECONDARY 3 (9TH GRADE) ADOLESCENTS FROM THE PRESAJ STUDY WHO REPORTED BEING OR HAVING BEEN IN A RELATIONSHIP DURING THE LAST YEAR (46%)

## PHYSICAL VIOLENCE\*

5.6%

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



3.9%



7.5%

## THREATENING BEHAVIOR

3.0%

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

## PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE

38.7%

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

## SEXUAL VIOLENCE\*

6.3%

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



9.4%



3.0%

\*A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IS OBSERVED BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.

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