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# Tillamook County Women's Resource Center

## The Tillamook County Market

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### Demographic Summary:

1. Education level	
High school graduate or less	43.2%
Technical training or some college	28.2%
College graduate +	28.6%
2. Length of time in Tillamook County	
2 years or less	8.1%
3 to 10 years	27.8%
More than 10 years	64.1%
3. Ethnicity	
Anglo-Caucasian or white	94.2%
Minorities	5.8%
4. Religious background	
Attend at least monthly	35.2%
Attend six times a year or less	14.4%
Never attend	50.4%
5. Income	
Less than \$50,000 in past year	46.8%
\$50,000+ in past year	53.2%
Mean income	\$57,886
6. Children at home	
Have children under 18 at home	29.7%
7. Age	
18 to 34 years old	20.5%
35-49 years old	28.3%
50+ years old	51.2%
Mean age	50 years
8. Marital Status	
Single never married	15.1%
Divorced, separated, widowed	17.6%
Married/living with domestic partner	67.3%

### COMMENTS:

The "average" Tillamook county resident has a high school or less education, is over 50 years old, retired, white is married and has lived in the county for over 16 years.

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## PERCEPTIONS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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### Perceptions about domestic violence in Tillamook County

"Domestic Violence in Tillamook County is below the state average"

41% don't know  
35% disagree with statement  
Only 9% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 2.23/5

"Domestic Violence is not talked about in Tillamook County"

14% don't know  
33% disagree with statement  
33% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 2.89/5

"Domestic Violence is caused by alcohol and/or drug use"

4% don't know  
Only 9% disagree with statement  
70% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 3.92/5

"Domestic Violence is caused by stress"

4% don't know  
Only 10% disagree with statement  
64% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 3.81/5

"Domestic Violence is caused by anger"

4% don't know  
9% disagree with statement  
78% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 4.12/5

"Domestic Violence is primarily in low income families"

5% don't know  
63% disagree with statement  
Only 15% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 2.10/5

"Domestic Violence is primarily a problem in minority families"

12% don't know  
67% disagree with statement  
Only 8% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 1.84/5

"Domestic Violence isn't that big of an issue"

2% don't know  
87% disagree with statement  
Only 7% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 1.47/5

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## PERCEPTIONS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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### Perceptions: Domestic violence in Tillamook County

“Domestic Violence is the woman's fault”

2% don't know  
92% disagree with statement  
Only 2% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 1.21/5

“Women are just as violent as men”

5% don't know  
22% disagree with statement  
53% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 3.46/5

“Domestic Violence is a private issue-not to be discussed outside of the home”

2% don't know  
88% disagree with statement  
Only 5% agree with statement  
Rating 1-5 is 1.38/5

#### COMMENTS:

The perception of residents is domestic violence is caused by:

Anger	78% agree
Alcohol and/or drug use	70% agree
Stress	64% agree

In general, residents think that DV is a big issue, is NOT primarily a problem of minority families, and is NOT the women's fault.

It is interesting that 88% feel that DV is NOT a private issue and can be discussed outside the home...but only 33% disagree with the statement that DV is NOT talked about in Tillamook county.

Just over half of residents feel that women are just as violent as men,

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### Perception: Examples & Causes of Domestic Violence

#### Examples of Domestic Violence:

Physical abuse	99%
Rape	98%
Emotional/mental abuse	97%
Sexual harassment	96%
Intimidation	93%
Controlling behaviors	91%
Physical restraint	89%
Stalking	87%

#### Causes of Domestic Violence:

Drug/alcohol use	50%
Stress	29%
Anger/temper problem	29%
Money problems	27%
Control	15%
Relationship issues	14%
Abuser was abused	13%
Frustration	8%
Mental illness	8%
Communication problems	7%
Possessiveness/jealousy	4%
Loses it/snaps/explodes	4%
Abuser is mean	3%

#### COMMENTS:

Residents have a wide range of behavior that they consider domestic violence.

They also feel that Drugs/Alcohol use, stress, anger and money problems are the primary causes of domestic violence.

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### Domestic Violence – Where it stands in Tillamook County

#### Know someone, not related to you, who has experienced domestic violence

Respondent knows someone, not related 50%

##### Steps taken:

Nothing	19%
Legal action	19%
Moved	16%
Counseling	12%

##### Time and geography:

Took place in last 5 years	66%
Took place in Tillamook County	59%
70% 18 to 34 years old	

#### Family member has experienced domestic violence

Family member experienced DV 37%

##### Steps taken:

Nothing	21%
Legal action	20%
Moved	14%
Go to family members	10%
Counseling	9%

##### Time and geography

Took place in last 5 years	33%
Took place in Tillamook County	30%

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### Domestic Violence – Where it stands in Tillamook County

#### Personally have experienced domestic violence

Personally experienced DV	25%
Women 34%	Men 15%

#### Steps taken:

Nothing	25%
Legal action	19%
Moved	19%
Counseling	15%

#### Time and geography

Took place in last 5 years	23%
Took place in Tillamook County	45%

#### COMMENTS:

The research provides the ability to project domestic violence incidence in Tillamook County. For instance, in the last 5 years, 37% state that a family member has experienced domestic violence with 30% of those instances taking place in Tillamook County. That means that a minimum of 11% of the Tillamook population, 1,145 household have a family member who has experienced DV.

#### Projection Summary:

Know someone, not family, who has experienced domestic violence	
Incidence 50% x 59% Tillamook County = 29% x 24,262 =	7,036
Family member has experienced domestic violence	
Incidence 37% x 30% Tillamook County = 11% x 24,262 =	2,668
Personally have experienced domestic violence	
Incidence 34% x 49% Tillamook County = 16% x 12,500 F =	2,000

#### Who contact FIRST if you or someone in your household experienced DV

##### TCWRC

93% did NOT state Tillamook County Women's Resource Center

#### Primary responses:

Police	53%
Relative	15%
Other responses less than	7%

#### COMMENTS:

In an emergency situation, contacting the police is the typical response. But many domestic violence situations are not an immediate emergency – such as “control” domestic violence issues – so it is of concern that 93% of Tillamook County residents would not first contact TCWRC.