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VIOLENCE
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The Economic Costs of Domestic Violence in Pinellas County



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Cost Categories

Category

Emergency Housing and Supplies

Health Care

Community Costs

1. Lost Productivity

2. Costs of Foster Care

**3. Law Enforcement, Protection and
Courts**

Support Services

Other Long-Term Costs

Cost Categories

Category	Who Bears Cost
Emergency Housing and Supplies	Victims, Shelters (CASA), Family and Friends
Health Care	Victims, Health Care Providers, Insurance Companies, Family and Friends
Community Costs	
1. Lost Productivity	Victims, Employers
2. Costs of Foster Care	Children, Foster Care Providers, Schools
3. Law Enforcement, Protection and Courts	Legal and Court System, Police and Sheriff's Offices
Support Services	Law Enforcement, Social Services, Shelters (CASA)
Other Long-Term Costs	Victims, Children, Health Care Providers

Methodology

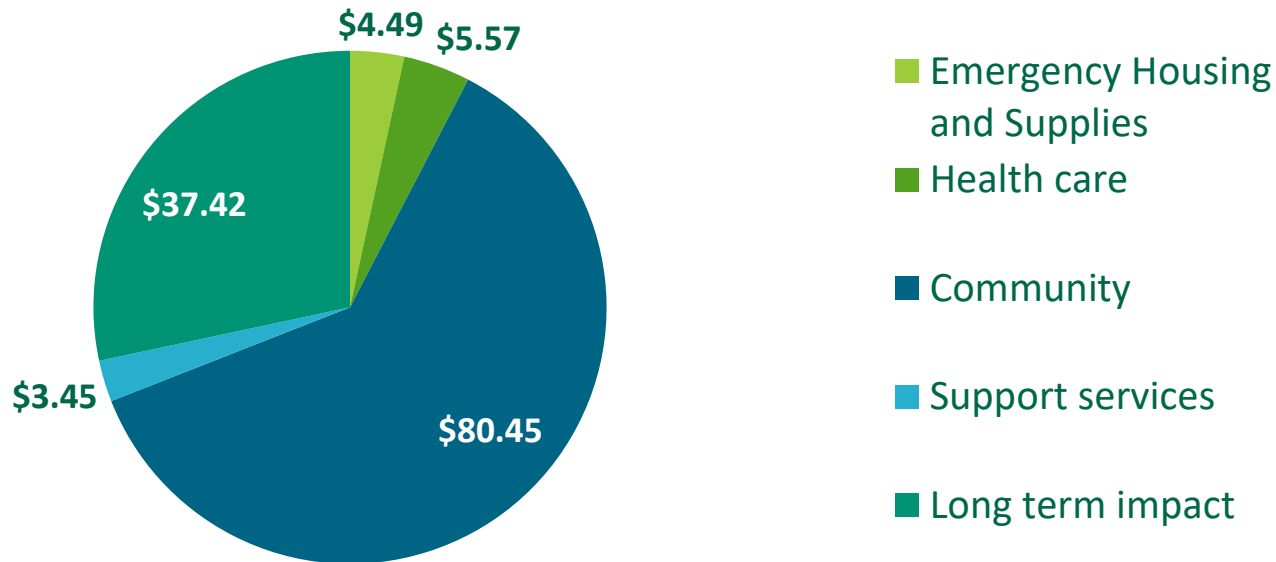


- Based on reported incidents only
- Likelihood of underestimating data
- General measurement difficulties

Results

Domestic violence costs \$132 million, or \$21,000 per victim

Breakdown of Costs (Millions)



Emergency Housing & Supplies: *\$4.49 Million*

Costs include:

- **Emergency Shelters:**
\$4.1 million
- **Damaged or Lost Supplies:**
\$113,000
- **Crime Scene Clean-Up:**
\$160,000



Health Care: *\$5.6 Million*



Health care estimates include:

- Medical Care
- Mental Health Care
- Administrative Costs

Community Costs: *\$80 million*



Community costs include:

- Lost productivity at work and at home
- Foster care
- Law enforcement, protection, and court cases

Community Costs - Lost Days of Work: *\$7.9 million*

**Table 3: Days of Work Missed,
By Type of Domestic Violence**

Type of Domestic Violence	Number of Victims	Average Days of Work Missed	Total Days of Work Missed
Rape	29	8.1	235
Physical Assault	6,187	7.2	44,546
Stalking	12	10.1	121
TOTAL DAYS OF WORK MISSED			44,903

=> \$7.9 Million in Wages Lost

Community Costs – Foster Care: *\$3 Million*



Estimate 10% of children in foster care due to domestic violence

- 69 children in family homes at \$19.19 per day
- 25 children in group homes at \$145.17 per day

Average stay in foster care is 600 days

Community Costs - Law Enforcement, Protection and Court Cases: *\$41.7 million*



- Police officers
- Jail Time
- Court bailiffs
- Judges
- Attorneys
- Victim advocates
- Medical examiner

Support Services: *\$3.4 Million*



- Child Protective Investigator (CPI) reporting
- Batterer's intervention program
- Trainings for school children
- Case management and law enforcement for children
- Training and outreach programs for law enforcement and health care workers
- Trainings: Job, financial literacy, parenting, etc.

Long-Term Costs:

\$37.4 Million

- **Lost lifetime earnings due to premature death**
- Lost lifetime earnings of survivors
- **Pain and suffering**
- Long-term medical costs
- Future impacts on children
- Consumption efficiency
- Debt and bad credit

Conclusions



This study provides a first look at the costs of domestic violence in Pinellas County

- Estimates are conservative
- Provides a starting point and lower bound estimate
- Highlights the many impacts that domestic violence has on our community

Questions?

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