



National Studies

- In adulthood, **1 in 5** African American women had been raped at some point in their lifetime.
- Estimated **3.1 million** Black rape victims and **5.9 million** Black survivors of other forms of sexual violence.

National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS, 2011)

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss6308.pdf>

Why consider racial differences?

Similarities in the prevalence and traumatic aftermath of sexual assault conceal unique racial experiences.



Challenges

- How do we talk about racial **similarities** without being “**color blind?**”
- How do we talk about **racial differences** without reinforcing **stereotypes?**