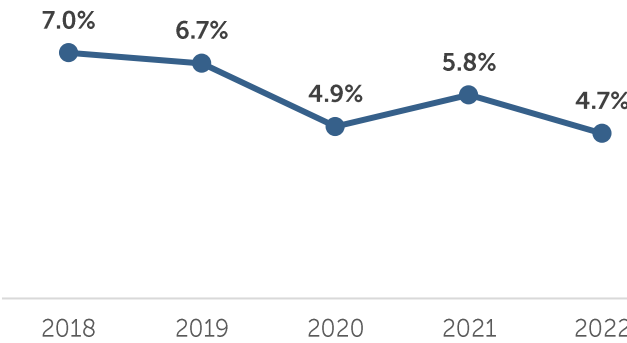


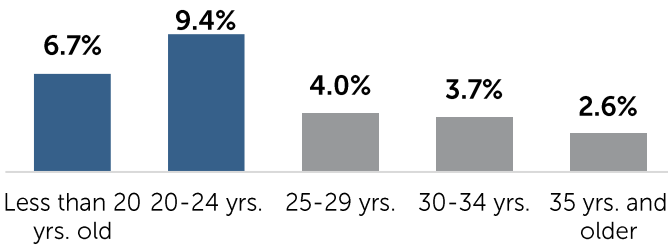
Abuse during pregnancy, often referred to as intimate partner violence (IPV), includes physical, emotional, and sexual harm inflicted by a partner during the gestational period.^a This form of violence poses serious risks to the health and safety of pregnant women and can have lasting consequences for both maternal and fetal well-being.^a

Intimate partner violence during pregnancy has been linked to a range of adverse outcomes, including increased risk of both maternal and perinatal death. These findings underscore the importance of early identification, intervention, and prevention efforts to reduce harm and improve outcomes for families affected by IPV.^b

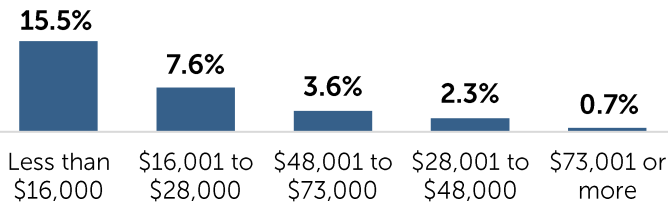
In the last five years, the percentage of mothers who were emotionally abused during pregnancy has decreased.



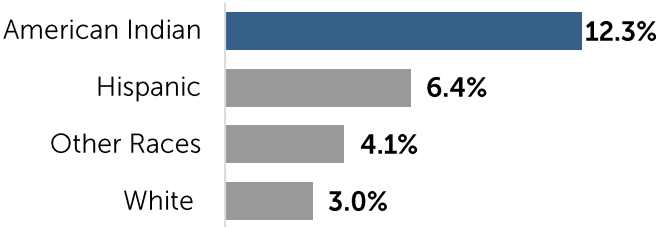
There were differences found by age among moms who reported emotional abuse during pregnancy. Younger moms (<25 years) were more likely to report emotional abuse during pregnancy (p<0.05).



Moms with higher household income were less likely to report emotional abuse during pregnancy compared to moms with lower household income.



American Indian mothers were more likely to report emotional abuse during pregnancy than other racial groups (p<0.001).



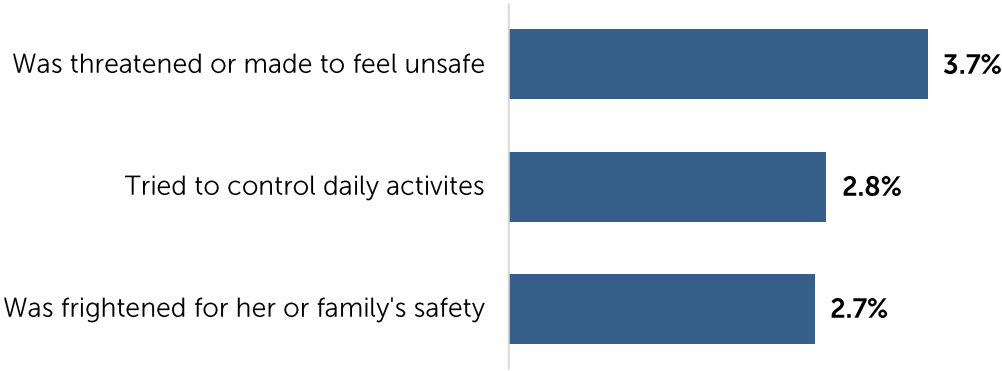
Significant differences were found between mothers who reported emotional abuse during pregnancy compared to those that did not:

	Yes	No
Depression during pregnancy	58.3%	20.7%
ACE Score 4+	66.9%	23.5%
Smoked in the 3 months before pregnancy	34.4%	15.8%
Illicit drug use in the 3 months before pregnancy	47.3%	12.6%
Attend less than 80% of the recommended prenatal care visits	30.8%	12.7%
Not insured before pregnancy	20.1%	8.1%
Never breastfed	19.1%	8.6%

Definition of Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse was defined as the husband/partner either trying to control the mother’s daily activities, threatening the mother in a way that made her feel unsafe, or frightening the mother for her or her family’s safety.^c

Type of emotional abuse during pregnancy

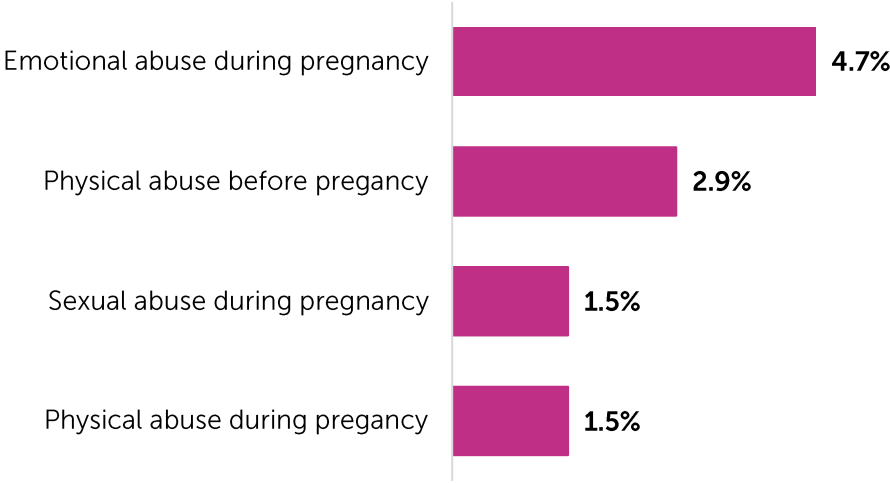


In 2022, **1.5%** of mothers reported sexual abuse during pregnancy by husband/partner

Definition of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse was defined as husband/partner forcing the woman to take part in touching or sexual activity when she did not want to.^c

Abuse by partner/husband



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