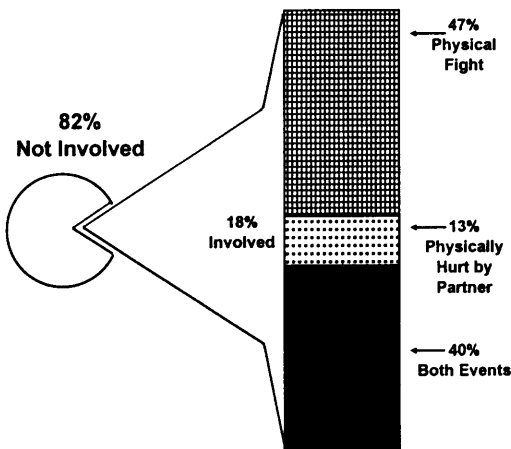


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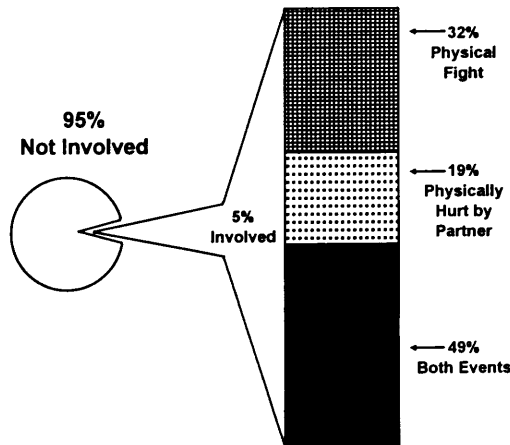
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- ➔ **Violent events tend to occur more frequently among adolescent pregnant women (19 years or younger) than among older pregnant women. 18% of Maine's adolescent mothers report being physically hurt by their partner or being in a physical fight during the 12 months before their baby was born; 5% of older mothers report experiencing similar events.**
- ➔ **Of those adolescents experiencing physical violence, 47% were in a physical fight, 13% were injured by their partner, and 40% were involved in both types of violence.**

Overall Prevalence of Violence Involvement among Adolescent Mothers (aged 19 and under)



Overall Prevalence of Violence Involvement among Older Mothers (aged 20 and over)



- ➔ **In many ways, adolescent mothers who have experienced violence have similar characteristics to those adolescent mothers who had no such experience. The two groups show no significant differences in the intendedness of pregnancy, smoking during pregnancy, prenatal care entry, source of prenatal care, adequacy of prenatal care, baby's birth weight, or prematurity.**

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