

JAG Campus Stalking Project*

ABOUT STALKERS

66-90% of stalkers are male.

83% of victims are female.

Stalkers are older on average than most criminals.

The majority of stalkers appear to have a mental disorder.

Stalkers are likely to be more intelligent than other criminals.

Stalkers are not disproportionately prevalent in any particular racial or ethnic group.

Stalkers are frequently unemployed or under-employed, which enables their stalking behavior.

If men are stalked, it is slightly more likely to be by another man.

At least half of stalkers threaten their victims.

Most are not violent – violence occurs in 25-35% of cases.

If violence occurs, it is usually directed at the object of the stalking.

Violence can also be directed at a third party – a triangulated situation.

If violence occurs, it is more likely to be affective than predatory – an explosive upsurge of rage rather than conscious planning and preparation.

Fewer than 2% of stalking cases result in homicide.

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(The Psychology of Stalking by J. Reid Meloy, Ed. Academic Press, 1998)