

## Key Findings on Women's Empowerment and Status from the 2007 Ukraine Demographic and Health Survey (2007 UDHS)

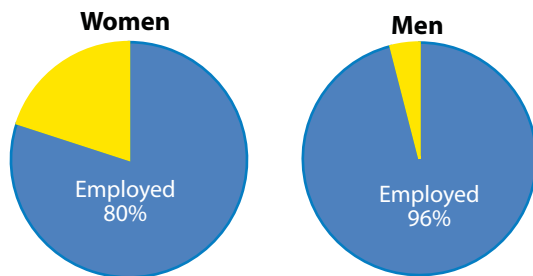
The 2007 Ukraine Demographic and Health Survey provides up-to-date information on the population and health situation in Ukraine. The 2007 UDHS is the first national demographic and health survey conducted here. The UDHS includes information on fertility and family planning, maternal and child health, HIV knowledge, women's status, spousal violence, and other adult health issues, such as tuberculosis and hypertension.

The survey is based on a nationally representative sample. It provides estimates for the rural and urban areas of the country and for each of the 5 regions. 6,841 women and 3,178 men age 15-49 were interviewed for the UDHS.

### Findings on Women's Empowerment and Status

#### Employment

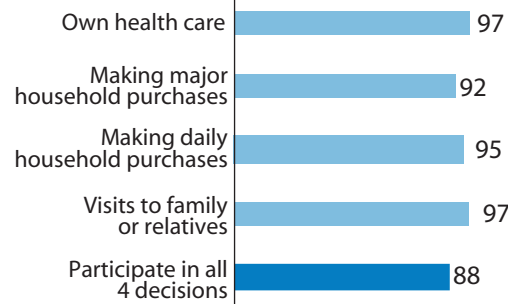
Percent of currently married women and men 15-49



Almost all men and 80 percent of women are currently employed. Working women, however, are slightly more likely to earn only cash than men (96 percent versus 91 percent). Almost all women (98 percent) report that they alone or jointly with their husbands decide how to use their earnings.

#### Women's Participation in Decisions

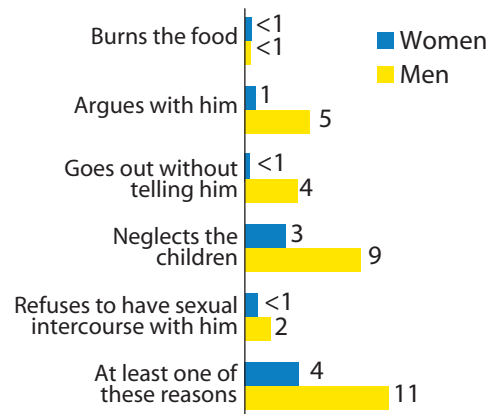
Percent of currently married women who usually make decisions either by themselves or jointly with their husband



Most Ukrainian women participate in all 4 of these household decisions.

#### Attitudes Toward Wife Beating

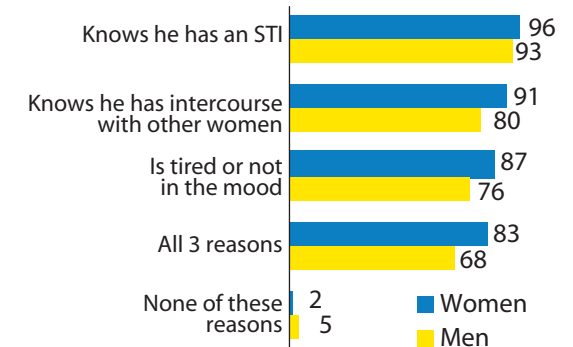
Percent who believe that a husband is justified in hitting or beating his wife if she:



One in ten men believe that a husband is justified in beating his wife for at least one of the above reasons.

#### Attitudes Toward Refusing Sex with Husband

Percent who believe that wife is justified in refusing to have sexual intercourse with her husband if she:



Most men and women believe that a wife has the right to refuse to have sex with her husband under various circumstances. However, 24 percent of men believe that a husband has the right to respond by getting angry and reprimanding the wife, and 11 percent believe the husband has the right to have sex with another woman if refused sex by his wife.

### Human Trafficking

Eight percent of household members who worked abroad in the three years before the UDHS had problems with human trafficking.

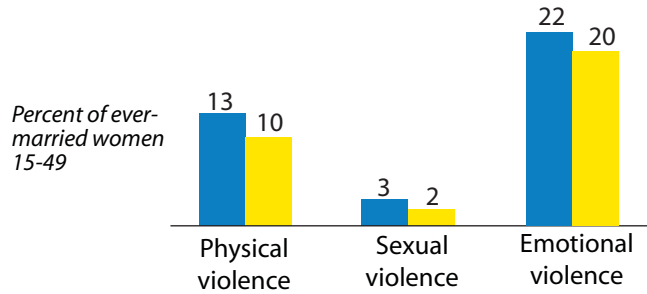
Ten percent of respondents report that they know someone who has personally experienced human trafficking.



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## Women's Experience with Spousal Violence

■ Ever experienced    ■ Experienced in last 12 months



13% of women have ever experienced physical violence by their husbands. 10% experienced this violence in the 12 months before the survey.

## Physical and/or Sexual Violence by Husband's Education and Alcohol Consumption

Percent of ever-married women 15-49 who have ever suffered physical and/or sexual abuse by their current or most recent husband



Women with less educated husbands are more likely to have experienced physical or sexual violence than those with more educated husbands. More than half of women whose husbands are often drunk have experienced spousal violence.

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