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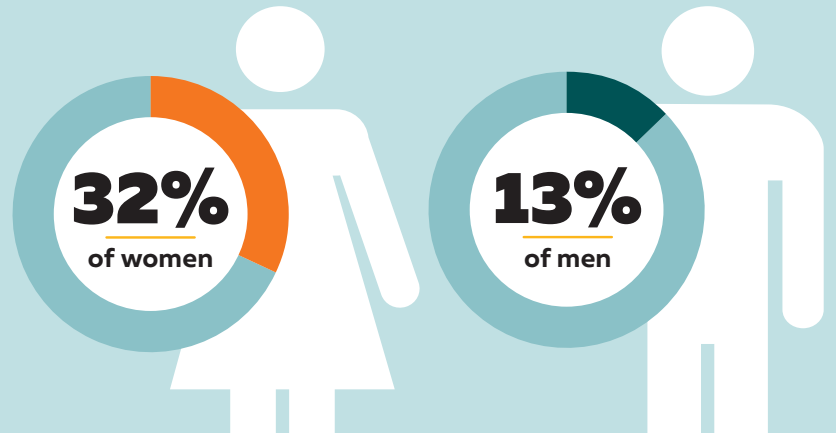
Sexual or Harassing Behaviours in Canada

Unwanted sexual behaviours in public include:

- Unwanted physical contact
- Indecent exposure
- Unwanted sexual attention (such as whistles, catcalls, or comments)
- Comments about sex, gender, or sexual orientation

All are forms of **gender-based violence**

Almost **1 in 3 women** and just over **1 in 8 men** 15 years of age and older felt unsafe or uncomfortable due to unwanted sexual behaviour they experienced.



Among those individuals who experienced this behaviour in the past 12 months



Overall, **1 in 4 women** and **1 in 15 men** experienced unwanted sexual attention in public.

This was the most common type of unwanted sexual behaviour.



The perpetrator was usually a **male stranger**.

75% of women and 47% of men who experienced unwanted sexual behaviour stated this.



1 in 10 said that the most serious instance took place on public transit.

This represented 629,000 women and 211,000 men.



About half of women and men changed their behaviour due to their experience.

This included altering their routines, actions, or the way they look or act in public.



18% of women and **14% of men** experienced some form of harassment while online or using a smartphone.

The **two most common** harassing behaviours experienced online were:



Of all Internet users, **28% of women** and **19% of men** blocked other users, deleted their own account, or restricted their Internet use to protect themselves from harassment

For more information, see the full *Juristat* article: *Gender-based violence and unwanted sexual behaviour in Canada, 2018*.
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