

# Domestic Violence and Debt

This report shows preliminary results\* from a voluntary survey conducted with 1816 women age 18 years or older, living in the U.S. who called the National Domestic Violence Hotline during an eight week period in July and August, 2014.



71%

Had an intimate partner who **kept financial information** from them



33%

Were **left owing money on bills** that an intimate partner had convinced or pressured them to put under only their name



22%

**Found out about debt or bills** they owed that an intimate partner put in their name without them knowing



37%

Were convinced or pressured to **borrow money or buy something on credit** when they didn't want to; saying "No" may have resulted in harm



46%

Had their **credit report or score hurt** by the actions of an intimate partner

*Another 14% said "not sure"*



73%

**Stayed longer** than they wanted in a relationship with someone who was controlling because of concerns about financially supporting their family