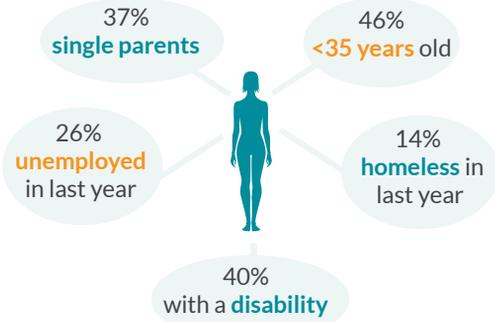


# Legal and broader needs of people experiencing Domestic and Family Violence

The first quantitative assessment based on population data shows that DFV is linked to a broad range of legal problems. Legal Australia-Wide (LAW) Survey respondents who had experienced DFV ('DFV respondents') had increased prevalence of a myriad of family, civil and criminal law problems with more severe adverse impacts on their health, financial and housing circumstances. The study reinforces the need for accessible, wrap-around and joined-up legal and human services for people experiencing DFV.

DFV respondents were more disadvantaged

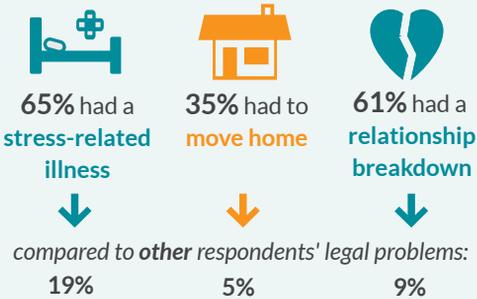


DFV respondents had more legal problems

DFV respondents had **20 legal problems** on average in 1 year including **4 DFV** incidents and **much higher** rates of **family, civil** and other **crime** problems

other respondents had **2 legal problems** on average

DFV respondents faced more adverse life impacts

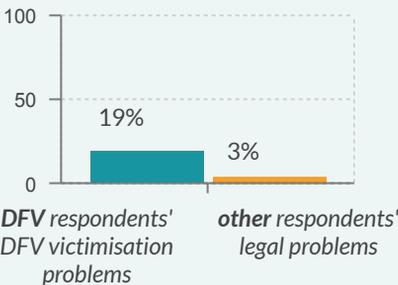


DFV respondents' legal problems were more severe

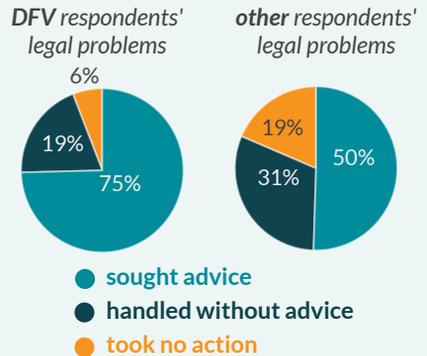
reported at least **1 severe** legal problem



DFV victimisation problems more often led to formal legal proceedings



DFV respondents sought professional advice more often



DFV respondents were more likely to use:

- **health or welfare professionals** (56% of problems)
- **legal advisers** (52% of problems)