

Teen Economic Abuse:

How it impacts youth employment

Economic abuse occurs when a partner tries to interfere with and control another's financial resources and economic opportunity. This can impact their education, ability to pursue or maintain a job, and their financial independence.

A 2021 survey of nearly 3,000 13-19 year olds across the U.S. highlighted an often overlooked element of teen dating violence - economic abuse.

What can this look like?

Being pressured, bullied, or coerced to:

- not have a job or to have a job when they didn't want to work
- skip work or change work schedules
- respond to text or calls while at work
- change jobs or quit their job

67%

of teens experienced some form of interference with employment from their partner



30%

said that their partner discouraged them from having a job

26%

of teens experiencing this type of abuse did not think their relationships were abusive

2/3

said their partner tried to convince them to skip their shift



20%

did because they felt threatened, scared, or bullied

44%

less than half think that interfering with a partners' ability to go to school or work is dating violence

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