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Forced Penetration Victimization

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Men's Forced Penetration Victimization

Of the men who identified as victims, 33.8% to 58.7% had experienced forced penetration. This shows that forced penetration items are crucial in capturing men's victimization experiences.

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