



To the Director: General Statistics on Sexual Assault in the United States

- Background Definitions
 - Sexual Assault is an umbrella term for physical altercation of a sexual nature
 - Rape is a form of sexual assault that is defined on a state/federal level. It most commonly conforms to a list of potential actions that include—but are not limited to: digital, artificial, phallic TO vaginal, oral, anal, or wound penetration.
- Victim Breakdowns
 - Women
 - General
 - 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime (14.8% completed rape; 2.8% attempted rape).¹
 - 17.7 million American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape.²
 - Rate of Rape/Attempted Rape by Race³
 - All women: 17.6%
 - White women: 17.7%
 - Black women: 18.8%

¹ National Institute of Justice & Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey. 1998.

² National Institute of Justice & Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey. 1998.

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- Asian Pacific Islander women: 6.8%
- American Indian/Alaskan women: 34.1%
- Mixed race women: 24.4%
- Men
 - General
 - About 3% of American men — or 1 in 33 — have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.⁴
 - 2.78 million men in the U.S. have been victims of sexual assault or rape.⁵
- Children
 - 44% of victims of sexual assault are under age 18⁶
 - 15% of sexual assault and rape victims are under age 12.
 - The year in a male's life when he is most likely to be the victim of a sexual assault is age 4. A female's year of greatest risk is age 14.⁷
 - 2-34 are the highest risk years.
 - Girls ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault⁸

⁴ National Institute of Justice & Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey. 1998.

⁵ National Institute of Justice & Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey. 1998.

⁶ "Statistics | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network." Statistics | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. N.p., n.d. Web. 27 Oct. 2015. <<https://rainn.org/statistics>>.

⁷ U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. 2000 Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement. 2000.

⁸ "Who Are the Victims? | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network." Who Are the Victims? | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. N.p., n.d. Web. 27 Oct. 2015. <<https://rainn.org/get-information/statistics/sexual-assault-victims>>.

- 93% of juvenile sexual assault victims know their attacker.⁹
- College Students
 - Women 18-24 who are enrolled in college are 3 times more likely than women in general to suffer from sexual violence. Females of the same age who are not enrolled in college are 4 times more likely.¹⁰
 - Male college aged students are 78% more likely than nonstudents to be a victim of rape or sexual assault.¹¹
- Frequency of Sexual Assault
 - Every 107 seconds, another American is sexually assaulted.
 - According to the U.S. Department of Justice's National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)--there is an average of 293,066 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year.¹²
 - However In recent years, researchers have noticed a decline in the number of reported violent crimes in the United States, including rape and sexual assault.¹³
 - Children

⁹ U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. 2000 Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement. 2000.

¹⁰ Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice. Rape and Sexual Victimization Among College-Aged Females, 1995-2013. 2014.

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¹² "How Often Does Sexual Assault Occur? | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network." How Often Does Sexual Assault Occur? | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. N.p., n.d. Web. 27 Oct. 2015. <<https://rainn.org/get-information/statistics/frequency-of-sexual-assault>>.

¹³ Negrusz, Adam, Matthew Juhascik, and R.e. Gaensslen. "Estimate of the Incidence of Drug-Facilitated Sexual Assault in the US." PsycEXTRA Dataset (2005): n. pag. Web.

- Every 8 minutes, Child Protective Service responds to a report of sexual abuse.¹⁴
- Falling Rates of Sexual Assault
 - Sexual assault has fallen by 49% in recent years.¹⁵
 - Sexual Assault has decreased by more than half since 1993.
 - Had the 1993 rate held steady, about 9.7 million Americans would have been assaulted in the last 20 years.¹⁶
- Drug Use
 - Individuals who use drugs, with or without alcohol, are thought to be at a significantly higher risk for sexual assault. In some cases, the substances are taken voluntarily by the victims, impairing their ability to make decisions. In other cases the substances are given to the victims surreptitiously which may decrease their ability to identify a dangerous situation or to resist the perpetrator.¹⁷
 - About 25% of women report that drugs were a factor in a rape¹⁸

¹⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. 2013 Child Maltreatment Survey 2013.

¹⁵ U.S. Department of Justice. National Crime Victimization Survey. 1993-2013.

¹⁶ "How Often Does Sexual Assault Occur? | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network." How Often Does Sexual Assault Occur? | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. N.p., n.d. Web. 27 Oct. 2015. <<https://rainn.org/get-information/statistics/frequency-of-sexual-assault>>.

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¹⁸ "Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault." The Hard Facts. N.p., n.d. Web. 27 Oct. 2015. <http://www.sexualityandu.ca/sexual-health/drug_facilitated_sexual_assault/the-hard-facts>.

- Some of the drugs used to facilitate sexual assault or rape can be fatal when mixed with alcohol.¹⁹
- “Date-rape” drugs are also commonly used recreationally, putting the user at risk of sexual assault.²⁰
- The most frequently detected drug in victims of drug-facilitated sexual assault is alcohol. The second most common is marijuana.²¹
- Offenders
 - 82% of sexual assaults were perpetrated by a non-stranger to the victim.²²
 - Approximately 50% of all rape/sexual assault incidents were reported by victims to have occurred within 1 mile of their home or at their home.²³
 - Simulating the Offender via Statistics
 - The average age of a rapist is 31 years old.²⁴
 - 52% are white.²⁵

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²² U.S. Department of Justice, National Crime Victimization Study: 2009-2013.

²³ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Statistics. 1997 Sex Offenses and Offenders Study. 1997.

²⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Statistics. 1997 Sex Offenses and Offenders Study. 1997.

²⁵ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Statistics. 1997 Sex Offenses and Offenders Study. 1997.

- 22% of imprisoned rapists report that they are married.²⁶
- Juveniles accounted for 16% of forcible rape arrestees in 1995 and 17% of those arrested for other sex offenses.²⁷
- In 1 in 3 sexual assaults, the **perpetrator** was intoxicated — 30% with alcohol, 4% with drugs.²⁸
- Convictions and Sentencing
 - Rapists are more likely to commit non-sexual illegal activity than become serial rapists.²⁹
 - 46% of rapists who were released from prison were re-arrested within 3 years of their release for another crime.
 - Sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes, with 68% still being left unreported.³⁰
 - Out of every 100 rapes:
 - 32 Get reported to the police
 - 7 Lead to an arrest³¹

²⁶ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Statistics. 1997 Sex Offenses and Offenders Study. 1997.

²⁷ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Statistics. 1997 Sex Offenses and Offenders Study. 1997.

²⁸ U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Statistics. 1998 Alcohol and Crime Study. 1998.

²⁹ "The Offenders | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network." The Offenders | RAINN | Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. N.p., n.d. Web. 27 Oct. 2015. <<https://rainn.org/get-information/statistics/sexual-assault-offenders>>.

³⁰ Justice Department, National Crime Victimization Survey: 2008-2012

³¹ FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, Arrest Data: 2006-2010

- 3 Are referred to prosecutors³²
- 2 Lead to a felony conviction³³
- 2 Rapists (convicted, so the term is objective) will spend a single day in prison³⁴
- The other 98 (reintroducing 30 of the originally reported) will walk free and only the 7 have any official record tied to alleged incidents.

³² FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, Offenses Cleared Data: 2006-2010

³³ Department of Justice, Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties: 2009

³⁴ Department of Justice, Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties: 2009