

General

- In the United States, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men report experiencing an attempted or completed rape at some time in their lives.¹
- Rape results in about 32,000 pregnancies each year.²
- Every two and a half minutes, somewhere in the United States, someone is sexually assaulted.³
- 67% of sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone known to the victim.⁴
- 77% of completed rapes are committed by someone who is known to the victim.⁵
- Women are more likely than men to be victims of sexual violence; 78% of the victims of rape and sexual assault are women, and 22% are men.⁶
- More than half of all rapes of women (54%) occur before age 18; 22% of these occur before age 12. For men, 75% of all rapes occur before age 18, and 48% before age 12.⁷
- Of the nearly 400,000 rapes and sexual assaults reported between 1993 and 1999, 29% reportedly took place in the presence of a third party. In 11% of the reported sexual assault/rape incidents, one or more victims were assaulted.⁸
- Victims of rape and sexual assault report that in nearly 3 out of 4 incidents, the offender was not a stranger. Based on police-recorded incident data, in 90% of the rapes of children younger than 12, the child knew the offender. Two-thirds of the victims 18 to 29 years old had a prior relationship with the rapist.⁹

¹ Tjaden, P., and Thoennes, N. *Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence against Women Survey*. Washington (DC): Department of Justice (US); 2000. Publication No.: NCJ 181867. Available from www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/181867.htm.

² Holmes, MM, Resnick HS, Kilpatrick DG, Best CL. Rape-Related Pregnancy: Estimates and Descriptive Characteristics from a National Sample of Women. *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* 1996;175:320-4.

³ Calculation based on National Crime Victimization Survey, 2004

⁴ National Crime Victimization Survey, 2004

⁵ Bureau of Justice Statistics. *Sex Offenses and Offenders, 1997*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice.

⁶ Tjaden P, Thoennes N. *Extent, nature, and consequences of intimate partner violence: findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey*. Washington (DC): Department of Justice (US); 2000. Publication No.: NCJ 181867. Available from: URL: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/181867.htm

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⁸ Planty, M. (2002). *Third-Party Involvement in Violent Crime, 1993-1999*. Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice 1 Snyder, H.N. 2000. *Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement: Victim, Incident and Offender Characteristics*. Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice.

⁹ Greenfeld, Lawrence A., 1997. *Sex Offenses and Offenders: An Analysis of Data on Rape and Sexual Assault*. Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

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- In 29% of rapes, the offender used a weapon.¹⁰
- 80%-90% of violent crimes against women are committed by someone of the same racial background as the victim¹¹
- Teens 16 to 19 were three and one-half times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault¹²
- Men were about twice as likely as women to experience acts of violence by strangers.¹³
- Around the world at least 1 woman in every 3 has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Most often the abuser is a member of her own family.¹⁴
- 42% of the women who were victims of date or acquaintance rape said they had sex again with the men who assaulted them.¹⁵
- According to a report by the U.S. Department of Justice, women accounted for 1 in 50 offenders committing a violent sex offense including rape and sexual assault. Women committed 2% of the total sexual assaults committed by violent offenders¹⁶
- Among female rape victims, 61% are under age 18.¹⁷
- Nearly 25 million women and 7 million men are raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner in their lifetime.¹⁸

¹⁰ Violence against Women, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Justice, 1994.

¹¹ U.S. Department of Justice, 1994. Violence Against Women. Rockville, Maryland: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

¹² National Crime Victimization Survey. Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, 1996

¹³ Bachman, Ronet, 1995. Violence against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey. Bureau of Justice Statistics: National Crime Victimization Survey: 3.

¹⁴ Population Information Program. Population Reports: Ending Violence Against Women, 2000. Population Information Program, Center for Communications Programs. Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Center for Healthcare Gender Equity.

¹⁵ Warshaw, Robin. 1994. "I Never Called it Rape." The Ms. Report on Recognizing, Fighting and Surviving Date & Acquaintance Rape. New York: Harper Perennial: 63.

¹⁶ Bureau of Justice Statistics (1999; revised in 2000). Women Offenders. Washington, D.C., Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

¹⁷ American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Adolescence. "Sexual Assault and the Adolescent". Pediatrics, 1994;94(5): 761-765

¹⁸ Tjaden and Thoennes, 1998