

Male Survivors

- Men were about twice as likely as women to experience acts of violence by strangers.¹
- In a study of 162 gay men and 111 lesbians, 52% reported at least one incident of sexual coercion by same-sex partners. Gay men experienced 1.6 incidents per person; while lesbians experienced 1.2 incidents per person.²
- Results of an experimental study indicated that male victims are often assessed more blame for their assaults than female victims.³
- In a study of male survivors sexually abused as children, over 80% had a history of substance abuse; 50% had suicidal thoughts; 23% had attempted suicide; and almost 70% had received psychological treatment.⁴
- Of 452 male respondents in 3 prisons, 101 or 22% indicated they had been “pressured or forced to have sexual contact against their will.”⁵
- 11% of males reported being sexually victimized on at least one occasion since being on the street. The perpetrators were most often male strangers. Gay and bisexual males were more likely to be victimized by acquaintances or friends. substance abuse, greater mental health symptomatology and current risky sexual activity.⁶

¹ Bachman, Ronet, 1995. Violence against Women: Estimates from the Redesigned Survey. Bureau of Justice Statistics: National Crime Victimization Survey: 3.

² Waldner-Haugrud, Lisa K. and Vaden Gratch, Linda. 1997. “Sexual Coercion in Gay/Lesbian Relationships: Descriptives and Gender Differences.” Violence and Victims 12(1): 87-98.

³ Ford, T.M., Liwag-McLamb, M.G., & Foley, L.A. (1998) “Perceptions of Rape Based on Sex and Sexual Orientation of the Victim” Journal of Social Behavior and Personality Vol. 13. No. 4, 253-263.

⁴ Lisak, D., 1994. “The Psychological Impact of Sexual Abuse: Content Analysis of Interviews with Male Survivors. Journal of Traumatic Stress 7, no 4, 1994: 525-548

⁵ Struckman-Johnson, C., 1996. “Sexual Coercion Reported by Men and Women in Prison.” Journal of Sex Research 33(1).

⁶ Tyler, K., Whitbeck, L., Hoyt, D., & Cauce, A. (2004) “Risk Factors for Sexual Victimization Among Male and Female Homeless Runaway Youth” Journal of Interpersonal Violence Vol. 19, No. 3, 503-520