



The National Center for Victims of Crime

Statistics on Perpetrators of Child Sexual Abuse

- Offenders are overwhelmingly male, ranging from adolescents to the elderly
- Some perpetrators are female. It is estimated that women are the abusers in about 14% of cases reported among boys and 6% of cases reported among girls.
- Approximately one-third of offenders are themselves juveniles
- 23% of reported cases of child sexual abuse are perpetrated by individuals under the age of 18
- Only 14% of children who suffered sexual abuse were violated by an unknown perpetrator
- 60% of children are sexually abused by someone in their social circle. Hence, the phrase “Stranger Danger” is misleading
- Meta-analysis estimates that 14% of sexual offenders commit another sexual offense after five years, 24% after fifteen years
- Child maltreatment 2010 reports that 6.2% of child abusers sexually abused a child
- 40-80% of juvenile sex offenders have themselves been victims of sexual abuse (Advances in Clinical Child Psychology page 19)

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Statistics on Sexual Assault in the United States

- 1 in 5 women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives [\(a\)](#)
- In the U.S., 1 in 3 women and one in six men experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime [\(o\)](#)
- 51.1% of female victims of rape reported being raped by an intimate partner and 40.8% by an acquaintance [\(a\)](#)
- 52.4% of male victims report being raped by an acquaintance and 15.1% by a stranger [\(a\)](#)
- Almost half (49.5%) of multiracial women and over 45% of American Indian/Alaska Native women were subjected to some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime [\(o\)](#)
- 91% of victims of rape and sexual assault are female, and 9% are male [\(m\)](#)
- In 8 out of 10 cases of rape, the victim knew the perpetrator [\(j\)](#)
- 8% of rapes occur while the victim is at work [\(c\)](#)

Cost & Impact of Sexual Assault

- The lifetime cost of rape per victim is \$122,461 [\(n\)](#)
- Annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion), followed by assault (\$93 billion), murder (\$71 billion), and drunk driving, including fatalities (\$61 billion) [\(j\)](#)
- 81% of women and 35% of men report significant short- or long-term impacts such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) [\(a\)](#)



- Health care is 16% higher for women who were sexually abused as children and 36% higher for women who were physically and sexually abused as children ([k](#))

Child Sexual Abuse

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old ([d](#))
- 30% of women were between the ages of 11 and 17 at the time of their first completed rape ([a](#))
- 12.3% of women were age 10 or younger at the time of their first completed rape victimization ([a](#))
- 27.8% of men were age 10 or younger at the time of their first completed rape victimization ([a](#))
- More than one third of women who report being raped before age 18 also experience rape as an adult ([a](#))
- 96% of people who sexually abuse children are male, and 76.8% of people who sexually abuse children are adults ([l](#))
- 34% of people who sexually abuse a child are family members of the child ([l](#))
- It is estimated that 325,000 children per year are currently at risk of becoming victims of commercial child sexual exploitation ([k](#))
- The average age at which girls first become victims of prostitution is 12-14 years old, and the average age at which boys first become victims of prostitution is 11-13 years old ([k](#))
- Only 12% of child sexual abuse is ever reported to the authorities ([f](#))

Campus Sexual Assault

- 20% - 25% of college women and 15% of college men are victims of forced sex during their time in college ([b](#))
- A 2002 study revealed that 63.3% of men at one university who self-reported acts qualifying as rape or attempted rape admitted to committing repeat rapes ([h](#))
- More than 90% of sexual assault victims on college campuses do not report the assault ([b](#))
- 27% of college women have experienced some form of unwanted sexual contact ([e](#))
- Nearly two thirds of college students experience sexual harassment ([p](#))

Crime Reports

- Rape is the most under-reported crime; 63% of sexual assaults are not reported to police ([m](#))
- The prevalence of false reporting is low — between 2% and 10%. For example, a study of eight U.S. communities, which included 2,059 cases of sexual assault, found a 7.1% rate of false reports ([i](#)). A study of 136 sexual assault cases in Boston found a 5.9% rate of false reports ([h](#)). Researchers studied 812 reports of sexual assault from 2000-2003 and found a 2.1% rate of false reports ([g](#)).



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