

# Speak Out: It's About Time to Prevent Sexual Assault

## Statistics

While statistics can provide valuable information, they must be reviewed with a critical eye. Statistics are often taken out of a fuller context and may not provide the clearest picture. The statistics shared here are chosen to give you a sketch of the issue of sexual violence in Minnesota and in the United States.<sup>5</sup>

### General Statistics

- An American is sexually assaulted every two minutes. (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, RAINN website)
- There were 0.9 reported rapes or sexual assaults among persons 12 or older per 1,000 people in 2004. In 67 percent of these victimizations, the offender was an intimate, another relative, a friend or an acquaintance of the victim. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2004)
- Rape usually occurs more than once. Among adults who reported rape, women experienced 2.9 rapes and men experienced 1.2 rapes in the previous year. (Centers for Disease Control 2004)
- 32,000 pregnancies result from rape every year. (AIDS Patient Care and STDs 1999).
- A National survey reported that 34 percent of women were victims of sexual coercion by a husband or intimate partner in their lifetime. (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control 2002).

### Childhood Sexual Abuse Statistics

- In 2003, on-line child pornography and child sexual exploitation were the largest crimes against children problem faced by the FBI. (Federal Bureau of Investigation 2003)
- The Justice Department estimates that 1 in 6 victims of sexual assault are under the age of 12. (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, RAINN website)
- Four percent of males and females in 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Minnesota reported that they had been victims of date rape; 3 percent of males and 8 percent of females in 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Minnesota reported they had been forced to touch a non-family adult sexually or had a non-family adult touch them sexually; 2 percent of males and 4 percent of females in 12<sup>th</sup> grade in Minnesota reported they had been touched sexually or been forced to touch sexually an older family member. (Minnesota Student Survey 2004)
- Women who are raped before the age of 18 are twice as likely to be raped as adults. (National Institute of Justice 2000 Report)

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<sup>5</sup> The most recent updated Sexual Violence Justice Institute Fact Sheets can be found at the back of the manual.

### Male Victims

- There were 6,200 reported rapes of males in 2004. All 6,200 reported that they were raped by a stranger. (Bureau of Justice Statistics 2004)
- 6.1 percent of male students nationally reported experiencing sexual abuse. (Centers for Disease Control 2004)
- 75 percent of male rapes occur before the age of 18; 48 percent occur before the age of 12. (National Institute of Justice 2000 Report)

### Race and Sexual Assault

- Overall, 12.3 percent of Black students, 10.4 percent of Hispanic students, and 7.3 percent of White students reported that they had been forced to have sexual intercourse (Center for Disease Control 2004).
- American Indian and Alaskan Native women are more likely (34%) to report being raped than African American women (19%), White women (18%) or Hispanic women (15%). (National Institute of Justice 2000 Report)

### Sex Trafficking and Prostitution Among Adults and Children

- Over 50,000 women are trafficked into the United States every year. (Webster University Women and Global Human Rights website)
- 5,000 women of Chinese descent are in prostitution in Los Angeles, California. (Christian Scientist Monitor 1998)
- The American mail-order bride industry has become a multi-million dollar business, marketing women from developing countries as potential brides to men in Western nations. (Washington Post 1998)
- Approximately 55 percent of young homeless girls are involved in prostitution. (US Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section)
- Today, International Relief Organizations estimate there are 300,000 children working as prostitutes in the U.S. (Children of the Night website)

### Perpetration

- Among acts of sexual violence committed against women since the age of 18, 100% of rapes, 92% of physical assaults, and 97% of stalking acts were perpetrated by men. (National Institute of Justice 2000 Report)
- Sexual violence against men is also mainly male violence: 70% of rapes, 86% of physical assaults, and 65% of stalking acts against men were perpetrated by men. (National Institute of Justice 2000 Report)

- Individual risk factors for perpetration include alcohol and drug use, coercive sexual fantasies, impulsive and antisocial tendencies, preference for impersonal sex, hostility towards women, hyper-masculinity, childhood history of sexual abuse, and witnessed family violence as a child.<sup>6</sup>(Centers for Disease Control 2004)

### Minnesota State Statistics<sup>7</sup>

- 2.5 percent of females and .5 percent of males at the University of Minnesota in 2003 reported that they had been raped in the past academic year.
- 13.8 percent of female students at the University of Minnesota in 2003 and 2.5 percent of male students reported that they had been raped in their lifetime.
- 33.6 percent of victims in Minnesota in 2003 were 18 to 29 years old. 24 percent were 13 to 17 years old.
- Amongst 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Minnesota in 2003, 11 percent reported they had been a victim of date rape or sexual abuse in their lifetime.
- 67.5 percent of Minnesota sexual assault victims in 2003 were white; 9.5 percent were immigrant/refugee; 6.8 percent were African-American; 6.4 percent were Native American and 4.1 percent were Latina.
- In fiscal year 2004, 61 sexual assault programs in Minnesota served 6,080 victims.
- Minnesota registered 2,373 rapes in 2004 and 2,387 in 2003, a decrease of .6 percent. (Department of Public Safety Minnesota Crime Information 2004)

The information that follows deals with rapes and other sexual assaults committed throughout Minnesota and in your community. It is broken down by county. This is important because it is often much more powerful if you can make facts and figures more relevant to your area. While it may be disturbing to local citizens, it forces them to realize that sexual violence isn't someone else's problem; it happens everywhere.

Other sources for statistics include the FBI website at [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov), Bureau of Justice Statistics at [www.oip.uscfoi.gov/bjs](http://www.oip.uscfoi.gov/bjs), National Institutes of Justice at [www.opj.gov/nij](http://www.opj.gov/nij), National Center for victims of Crime at [www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org), the Center for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), and the Department of Justice at [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov).

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<sup>6</sup> Other categories of risk factors for perpetration are societal, community and familial.

<sup>7</sup> All stats in this section taken from the Minnesota Office of Justice Program's 2004 Sexual Assault report.

### Rape and Other Sex Offenses by County

The following table lists reported rapes and other sex offences by county in Minnesota for 2004.<sup>8</sup>

County	Reported Rapes	Other Sex Offenses	Total	County Population
Aitkin	13	11	24	15,616
Anoka	120	248	368	312,344
Becker	11	23	34	31,030
Beltrami	33	51	84	41,350
Benton	22	5	27	27,838
Big Stone	2	3	5	5,722
Blue Earth	51	30	81	57,152
Brown	5	19	24	26,884
Carlton	19	21	40	32,834
Carver	11	57	68	76,217
Cass	68	14	80	28,053
Chippewa	2	5	7	11,984
Chisago	10	30	40	44,932
Clay	28	49	77	52,357
Clearwater	5	1	6	8,466
Cook	1	1	2	3,892
Cottonwood	6	4	10	12,138
Crow Wing	37	64	101	57,363
Dakota	92	285	377	371,310
Dodge	1	13	14	18,698

<sup>8</sup> Statistics for table taken from the Department of Public Safety Minnesota Crime Report 2004

Douglas	20	22	42	33,785
Faribault	2	21	23	16,051
Fillmore	5	7	12	21,587
Freeborn	4	9	13	32,346
Goodhue	25	31	56	44,378
Grant	3	7	10	6,305
Hennepin	663	5,578	6,241	1,133,660
Houston	4	7	11	20,003
Hubbard	6	17	23	18,571
Isanti	8	26	34	34,066
Itasca	6	58	64	44,493
Jackson	4	7	11	11,370
Kanabec	8	25	33	15,577
Kandiyohi	32	36	68	41,155
Kittson	0	1	1	5,099
Koochiching	10	15	25	14,088
Lac Qui Parle	2	2	4	7,995
Lake	1	1	2	11,182
Lake of the Woods	3	4	7	4,420
Le Sueur	4	8	12	24,687
Lincoln	0	0	0	6,281
Lyon	22	10	32	25,316
Mcleod	23	39	62	35,683
Mahnomen	2	7	9	5,191
Marshall	0	5	5	9,987

Martin	7	55	62	21,405
Meeker	31	2	33	23,059
Mille Lacs	17	45	62	23,852
Morrison	10	42	52	32,616
Mower	35	54	89	39,091
Murray	3	3	6	9,079
Nicollet	16	34	50	30,506
Nobles	1	5	6	20,611
Norman	3	2	5	7,373
Olmstead	59	106	165	129,980
Ottertail	25	57	82	58,446
Pennington	12	21	33	13,621
Pine	21	28	49	27,556
Pipestone	0	0	0	9,838
Polk	14	16	30	31,361
Pope	4	6	10	11,278
Ramsey	277	115	392	512,332
Red Lake	0	0	0	4,347
Redwood	7	14	21	16,404
Renville	8	3	11	17,187
Rice	26	76	102	59,633
Rock	0	0	0	9,871
Roseau	1	28	29	16,357
St. Louis	102	349	451	201,563
Scott	28	53	81	106,051

Sherburne	21	44	65	65,849
Sibley	0	0	0	15,478
Stearns	98	145	243	151,855
Steele	11	59	70	34,663
Stevens	4	6	10	9,964
Swift	6	13	19	11,694
Todd	20	25	45	25,305
Traverse	2	2	4	3,983
Wabasha	7	9	16	22,821
Wadena	7	10	17	13,093
Waseca	8	10	18	19,590
Washington	52	113	165	211,566
Watsonwan	4	9	13	11,757
Wilkin	4	9	13	7,024
Winona	5	61	66	49,752
Wright	21	43	64	98,836
Yellow Medicine	2	2	4	11,939

### Statistics for Minnesota: Rural and Urban

- 1,803 rapes were reported in urban Minnesota; 570 were reported in rural areas.
- 2,795 other sex offenses were reported in urban Minnesota; 1,037 were reported in rural areas.

### Gender Specific Statistics

- 833 males and 26 females were arrested for rape in 2004.
- 1,359 males and 62 females were arrested for other sex offenses in 2004