



Sexual Assault Fact Sheet

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Press Kit

- 1 out of 6 American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. (14.8% completed rape; 2.8% attempted rape.)¹
- 17.7 million American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape.²
- 9 of every 10 rape victims were female in 2003.³
- While about 80% of all victims are white, minorities are somewhat more likely to be attacked.⁴
- 7% of girls in grades 5–8 and 12% of girls in grades 9–12 said they had been sexually abused.⁵
- Victims of rape are:
 - 3 times more likely to suffer from depression.
 - 6 times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.
 - 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol.
 - 26 times more likely to abuse drugs.
 - 4 times more likely to contemplate suicide.⁶
- 64,080 women were raped in 2004–2005.⁷
- 17.2% of 8,000 women surveyed said they were raped. 21.6 % of them were under the age of 12 when first raped. Another 32.4 % said they were raped between the ages of 12 and 17. So, 54 % of women said they were raped before the age of 18.⁸
- Only one-third of victimized women receive treatment for injuries; 35.6 percent during their most recent rape, and 30.2 percent during their most recent assault.⁹
- 51.9 % of women said they were physically assaulted. 1.9 million women are physically assaulted annually in the United States.¹⁰

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

² Ibid.

³ U.S. Department of Justice. *2003 National Crime Victimization Survey*. 2003.

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

⁵ *1998 Commonwealth Fund Survey of the Health of Adolescent Girls*. 1998.

⁶ World Health Organization. 2002.

⁷ U.S. Department of Justice. *2005 National Crime Victimization Survey*. 2005.

⁸ Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, "Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey." 2000.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Ibid.