

Sexual and Domestic Violence Fact Sheet

Violence on Campuses

Overview

- Women age 16 to 24 experience the highest per capita rate of intimate partner violence.¹
- 22% of all rape victims are between the usual college ages of 18-24.²
- 75% of male students and 55% of female students involved in date rape had been drinking or using drugs.³
- In a study surveying more than 6,000 students at 32 colleges and universities in the U.S.:⁴
 - 1 in 4 women had been victims of rape or attempted rape.
 - 84% of those raped knew their attacker, and 57% of the rapes happened on dates.
 - Only 27% of the women whose sexual assault met the legal definition of rape thought of themselves as rape victims.
 - 42% of the rape victims told no one about the assault, and only 5% reported to the police.

1. U.S. Department of Justice. (1997). *Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes Committed by Current & Former Spouses, Boyfriends & Girlfriends*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

2. Kilpatrick, DJ, Edmunds, CN, Seymour, A. 1992. *Rape in America: A Report to the Nation*, Arlington VA: National Victim Center.

3. Koss, K.P., 1998. "Hidden rape: Incident, Prevalence and Descriptive Characteristics of Sexual Aggression and Victimization in a National Sample of College Students." *Rape and Sexual Assault*, vol. II. (ed.) A.W. Burgess. New York: Garland Publishing Co.

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



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The National College Women Sexual Victimization Study⁵

(n=4,432)

- For their sample, the rate of completed and attempted rapes was 35 per every 1,000 female students. The researchers suggest that based on this rate, college campuses having 10,000 female students could theoretically have as many as 350 incidents of rape during the academic year.
- For women who had been raped and sexually assaulted,
 - 9 of 10 offenders were known to the victim (boyfriend, ex-boyfriend, classmate, friend, acquaintance or co-worker).
 - 60% of completed rapes occurring on campus took place in the victim's residence. 31% occurred in other living quarters on a campus and 10.3% took place in a fraternity. Off-campus victimizations also were more likely to occur in residences. Some respondents also reported that incidences took place in bars, dance clubs, and work settings.

5. Fisher, S., Cullen, F., Turner, M., 2000. The Sexual Victimization of College Women. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice.

Resources

Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline

offers crisis intervention, support, information, and referrals to campus and local Sexual Assault Crisis Centers, Domestic Violence Programs. It is free, confidential, and operates 24 hours a day.

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