



## Statistics

### **Child Sexual Abuse (under the age of 18)**

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be sexually abuse before the age of 18<sup>1</sup>
- 44% of survivors are under the age of 18<sup>1</sup>
- Girls ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault.<sup>1</sup>
- **93%** of juvenile sexual assault victims know their attacker<sup>1</sup>

### **Sexual Assault on College Campuses (huntingground.org)**

- Every 107 seconds, another American is sexually assaulted
- Before starting college, 28% of women had experienced completed or attempted rape. By the end of sophomore year, that percent is raised to 37%. That is an increase of 9% in less than two years of a women's life on campus.<sup>3</sup>
- In a study surveying more than 6,000 students at 32 colleges and universities in the U.S., 84% knew their attacker, and 57% of the rapes happened on dates.<sup>4</sup>
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college<sup>5</sup>
- Male perpetrators on college campuses are more often than not repeat offenders<sup>6</sup>

### **Sexual Assault in Military**

- In 2012, 1,590 service member on service member reports of sexual abuse were made.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2013, more than 5,000 reports of sexual assaults occurred within the military, a spike of 50%<sup>8</sup>
- 86% of the people sexually assaulted or abused within the military were women<sup>8</sup>
- 65% of those sexually assaulted/abused within the military were under the age of 24, junior enlistees within the military.<sup>8</sup>
- 1 in 4 women in the military are raped while serving time<sup>9</sup>
- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 100 men seen in VHA (Veteran's Health Administration) respond "yes" when screened for MST.<sup>10</sup>

### **Sexual Assault in Jail**

- According to the Human right watch, 15% of incarcerated females have been victims of prison sexual assault
- The rate of inmate-on-inmate assault is three times higher for females(13.7%) than for males (4.2%)<sup>11</sup>
- 1 in 10 state prisoners are sexually victimized while incarcerated<sup>12</sup>



## **Male Survivors**

- 1 in 33 men (3%) of American men become survivors of attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>
- 1 in 6 men have been through abusive sexual experiences before even reaching adulthood<sup>1</sup>
- Some men will start to question their sexuality after an assault, however being assaulted by someone of the same sex does not mean you are more likely to be gay<sup>1</sup>
- 1 in 45 men have been forced to penetrate an intimate partner<sup>5</sup>

## **Female Survivors**

- 17.7 million American women have been victims of attempted or completed rape<sup>1</sup>
- 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime (14.8% completed rape; 2.8% attempted rape)<sup>1</sup>
- Estimated 17,342 pregnancies as a result of rape in 2012.<sup>1</sup>
- 1 in 10 women have been raped by an intimate partner<sup>5</sup>

## **Reporting**

- 63% of sexual assaults are never reported to the police<sup>13</sup>
- Only 2 out of 100 rapists will spend time in jail, the other 98 will go free<sup>1</sup>
- Sexual assault is one of the most under reported crimes<sup>1</sup>

## **False Reporting; Recanting**

- Between 2-10% of reports are false, but are inflated due to inconsistent definitions of sexual assault, and misunderstandings of sexual assault. So research shows the percentage is lower.<sup>5</sup>
- Many people believe that most cases reported are false reports, making it impossible for the judicial and criminal justice system to become better at handling this. To many people, unless it looks like a “real rape” to them, then that survivor is false reporting.<sup>13</sup>
- The percent (~2%) of rapes that end up being false are the same for any other felony, which means we are much more likely to disbelieve a woman if she says she was raped than if she says she was robbed, but for no good reason.<sup>14</sup>

## **Sexual Assault in the Legal System**

- The persistence of myths and biases about rape and sexual assault that are inconsistent with the true dynamics of sex crimes influence how police, prosecutors, judges, and juries enforce and interpret laws.<sup>15</sup>



- The mishandling of rape and other sex crimes puts victims at a unique disadvantage in the criminal justice system, decreasing the rate of reporting rape and other sex crimes and increasing the rate of claims withdrawn by victims <sup>15</sup>
- The disconnect between the law and reality can play a crucial role in individual victims' perception of whether or not they were victims of a crime<sup>15</sup>
- On average, a child will have to retell their story 7 times before being heard

### **People with Disabilities and Sexual Assault**

- Children with intellectual disabilities are 4 times more likely to be sexually abused than children without an intellectual disability <sup>16</sup>
- People with cognitive disabilities (or intellectual disabilities) experienced the highest risk of violent victimization. <sup>16</sup>
- Among adults who are developmentally disabled, as many as 83% of females and 32% of males are victims of sexual assault... <sup>17</sup>
- 1 in 4 women or young girls who have an intellectual disability are sexually assaulted in their life time<sup>16</sup>

### **LGBTQ survivors**

- 50% of bisexual men and women experience sexual violence in their lifetime, and 64% of transgender people will experience sexual assault within their lifetime.<sup>18</sup>
- 1 in 3 bisexual women (versus 1 in 6 heterosexual women) have been stalked and feared being harmed or killed by the assailant<sup>13</sup>
- Several studies indicate that sexual violence can be a dimension of hate or bias-motivated crimes against adults who identify — or are perceived to be —LGBTQ<sup>19</sup>
  - rape is used as a tool to discriminate
- 46.4% lesbians, 74.9% bisexual women and 43.3% heterosexual women reported sexual violence other than rape during their lifetimes, while 40.2% gay men, 47.4% bisexual men and 20.8% heterosexual men reported sexual violence other than rape during their lifetimes.<sup>5</sup>



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