

# Rape & Sexual Assault Statistics

- 1 out of every 6 American women (17.7 million women) has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.
- 9 of every 10 rape victims are female.
- 2.78 million men in the U.S. have been victims of sexual assault or rape.
- By age:
  - 15% of sexual assault and rape victims are under age 12.
  - 29% are age 12-17.
  - 44% are under age 18.
  - 80% are under age 30.
  - 12-34 are the highest risk years.
- Girls ages 16-19 are four times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.
- 7% of girls in grades 5-8 and 12% of girls in grades 9-12 say they have been sexually abused.
- 3% of boys grades 5-8 and 5% of boys in grades 9-12 say they have been sexually abused.
- Nearly 30% of child victims are between the ages of 4 and 7.
  - 93% of juvenile sexual assault victims know their attacker.
  - 34.2% of attackers were family members.
  - 58.7% were acquaintances.
  - Only 7% of the perpetrators were strangers to the victim.
- Victims of sexual assault 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.
- In 2007, there were 248,300 victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault. (These figures do not include victims 12 years old or younger.)
- Every two minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- In 1 in 3 sexual assaults, the perpetrator was intoxicated — 30% with alcohol, 4% with drugs.
- In recent statistics, 11% of rapes involved the use of a weapon — 3% used a gun, 6% used a knife, and 2 % used another form of weapon.
- 84% of victims reported the use of physical force only.

**Source:** *RAINN (The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)*

