

# Fact Sheet: Sexual Assault Statistics

## Prevalence

According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2010\*(1):

### Women:

- 1,266,000 women in Florida have been raped at some point in their lives. That's 17% or 1 in 6 women in Florida.
- 41.8% of women, or 3,111,000, in Florida have been victimized by sexual violence other than rape.
- 79.6% of female victims who have experienced one or more completed rape experienced the first rape before the age of 25; 42.2% were under 18 at the time of the first completed rape.

### Men:

- 20.4% of men, or 1,437,000 men, in Florida have been victimized by sexual violence other than rape.
- More than one quarter (27.8%) of male victims who have experienced at least one completed rape experienced the first rape when they were 10 years of age or younger.

*\*For this survey, rape is defined as completed forced penetration, attempted forced penetration, or alcohol/drug facilitated forced penetration. "Sexual violence other than rape" means unwanted sexual contact short of penetration, and unwanted, coerced penetration.*

## Reporting Rates

The National Women's Study Replication, funded by the National Institute of Justice, in 2005 found that nationally only 18% of forcible rapes are reported to law enforcement.(2)

The study found only 10% of drug and alcohol facilitated rapes are reported. (2)

## Women and Men with Disabilities

A study of women with mobility and both mobility and cognitive disabilities found participants experienced approximately twice the rate of lifetime sexual and physical abuse as generally reported for women without disabilities. (3)

A Massachusetts study found that the prevalence of lifetime sexual violence victimization was 13.9% among men with disabilities versus 3.7% among men without disabilities. (4)

## Military

According to Department of Defense statistics gathered by the Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)(5):

- 3,158 military sexual assaults were reported in fiscal year 2010, a decrease of 2% from fiscal year 2009. Only about a quarter of these sexual assaults occurred during deployment to a combat zone.
- While sexual assaults are notoriously under reported, this problem is exacerbated in military settings. The Department of Defense estimates that only 13.5% of survivors report the assault, and that in 2010 alone, over 19,000 sexual assaults occurred in the military.

## Young Victims of Violence

Multiple studies and research over the past twenty years continue to confirm that childhood sexual abuse puts children at significant risk for a wide range of medical, psychological, behavioral, and sexual disorders that can persist into and throughout adulthood. (6)

## **The 2009 National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence, found:**

- 6.1% of all children surveyed had been sexually victimized in the past year and nearly 1 in 10 (9.8%) over their lifetimes.
- Adolescents ages 14-17 were by far the most likely to be sexually victimized; nearly one in six (16.3%) was sexually victimized in the past year.
- More than one in four adolescents (27.3%) had been sexually victimized during their lifetimes most commonly by flashing/exposure by a peer, sexual harassment and sexual assault.

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