

Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc. (MCASA) is the statewide collective voice advocating for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and accountability for all offenders.

State of Maryland Violent Crime 2009 vs. 2010¹

Violent Offenses	Jan – Dec 2010	Jan – Dec 2009	% Change
Murder	430	440	-2.3%
Forcible Rape	1,227	1,156	+6.1%
Robbery	11,054	12,007	-7.9%
Aggravated Assault	18,909	20,022	-5.6%

- Maryland experienced a 6.1% increase in forcible rape, while all other violent crimes in the State decreased in 2010 compared to 2009.
- Forcible rape is defined as forced or attempted forced vaginal intercourse — many sexual assaults are not captured by this statistic.²
- In Maryland, 1 out of every 8 adult women, or about 260,000 adult women, has been the victim of forcible rape sometime in her lifetime.³
- More than 10,000 new and ongoing sexual assault victims were supported by statewide rape crisis and recovery centers in FY 2010 with state funding.⁴

¹ Uniform Crime Reports, Federal Bureau of Investigation

² Ruggiero, K. J. & Kilpatrick, D.G. (2003). *Rape in Maryland: A Report to the State*. Charleston, SC: National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, Medical University of South Carolina.

³ Ruggiero, K. J. & Kilpatrick, D.G. (2003)

⁴ Maryland Department of Human Resources, 2010.