

Sexual Assault in Maryland

Prior to January 2012, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (**UCR**) Program defined forcible rape as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Attempts or assaults to commit rape by force or threat of force were also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses were excluded. *FBI, 2009* The FBI changed the UCR definition in January 2012 to include the rape of men and crimes that involve oral or anal penetration or penetration with objects. *FBI, 2012* However, the data in this section reflects the definition prior to that change.

- One out of every eight adult women, or about 260,000 adult women out of 2.1 million women living in Maryland, has been the victim of forcible rape sometime in her lifetime. *Ruggiero & Kilpatrick, 2003, Rape in Maryland: A Report to the State. Charleston, SC: National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center, Medical University of South Carolina*
- In 2010 in Maryland, 1,228 forcible rapes were reported, a 6% increase over 2009, and rape accounted for 4% of violent crime and 1% of the crime index. *GOCCP, 2010*
- Five years ago in 2006, the three counties with the most rape reports were Prince George's, Montgomery, and Baltimore County. Last year in 2010, the three counties with the most rape reports were Baltimore City, Prince George's, and Baltimore County. *Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention in Maryland (GOCCP), 2010*
- In 2010 in Maryland, out of all forcible rapes, 87% were rape by force and 13% were attempts to rape. *GOCCP, 2010*
- A total of 374 persons were arrested for forcible rape in 2010 in Maryland, with 12% juvenile, 49% Black, and 51% White and less than 1% consisting of American Indian and Asian. *GOCCP, 2010*

The 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (**NISVS**) defined rape as any completed or attempted unwanted vaginal (for women), oral, or anal penetration through the use of physical force (such as being pinned or held down, or by the use of violence) or threats to physically harm and includes times when the victim was drunk, high, drugged, or passed out and unable to consent. The definition of "sexual violence other than rape" included being made to penetrate someone else, sexual coercion, unwanted sexual contact, and non-contact unwanted sexual experiences. *National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011* The data in this section reflects those definitions.

- Maryland women have the 3rd highest lifetime prevalence of sexual violence other than rape, totaling an estimated number of 1,248,000 women, about 54.9% of the female population in the state. *CDC, NISVS, 2011*
- Maryland women have the 6th highest lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in the country, totaling an estimated number of 957,000 women, about 42% of the female population in the state. *CDC, NISVS, 2011*
- An estimated number of 466,000 Maryland women have experienced rape in their lifetime, or 20.5% of the female population in the state. *CDC, NISVS, 2011*