



The graph above, based on data reported to the *Crime in Maryland: 2021 Uniform Crime Report*, illustrates reported rapes in Maryland counties and includes data from statewide agencies.<sup>1</sup> As indicated, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County had consistently exceeded other counties in reporting of rapes. Based on calculations, Maryland had a total of **2,318** reported rapes in 2021 and **1,891** in 2020. This represents a **22.6%** change, a significant increase from 2020. This is also the highest number of total reported rapes in a single year in Maryland from 2013 to 2021. Please note that although some jurisdictions saw a decrease in reports made in 2021, it does not necessarily mean that fewer sexual assaults occurred in 2021 in comparison to 2020. Sexual assaults and rapes are still some of the most underreported crimes. This may be due to several barriers, including fear of retaliation, perception of insufficient evidence, fear of the criminal justice system, or belief that the police could not, or would not, help. For more information on barriers to reporting and reporting in general, please view our fact sheet titled "Why Survivors Don't Report."

<sup>1</sup> Crime in Maryland: 2021 Uniform Crime Report. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.