



Sexual Assault Statistics | National:

- Nearly every minute, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.
- 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.
- 9 out of every 10 victims of rape are women.
- About 3% of American men—or 1 in 33—have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.
- The majority of sexual assault victims are under 30. Ages 12-34 are the highest risk years for rape and sexual assault. 14.9% of women are estimated to have been raped before the age of 18.
- Women ages 18-24 who are college students are 3 times more likely than women in general to experience sexual violence. Females of the same age who are not enrolled in college are even more at risk.
- Most sexual assaults occur at or near the victim's home.

Visit the [Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network \(RAINN\) website](#) for more national statistics.

Sexual Assault Statistics | South Carolina:

- 2,092 sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement in 2024.¹
 - 88.8% of victims were female with 47.4% under the age of 18.
 - 43.9% of victim-to-offender relationships were acquaintances, 21.5% family, 19% intimate partner (for female victim), and 7% strangers (for female victim).
 - 31.4% of assaults occurred at a residence/home.
 - Sexual Battery Counts & Rates by SC County: See page 49 of [SLED report](#).
- 3,536 new primary survivors of sexual assault sought services from a rape crisis center.²
 - 2,037 adults, 1,499 children under 18.
 - 427 (12% of total primary victims) said they reported the incident to law enforcement.
- Over 7,000 sexual assault related crisis calls received.
- 92% of survivors seeking services from a rape crisis center knew their offender: 15% were identified as a current/former spouse or boyfriend, 47% as a relative, parent, parent's partner, sibling, and 30% as a friend or acquaintance
- Each sexual assault is estimated to result in \$122k in lifetime costs.³

¹ [Crime in South Carolina Annual Report](#), S.C. State Law Enforcement Division (2024)

² Statistics reported by Member Rape Crisis Centers to SCCADVASA

³ Von Nessen, Joseph C. 2020. [The Economic Impact of Domestic Violence in South Carolina in 2020](#). Sponsored by the Jamie Kimble Foundation for Courage. Charlotte, NC: Jamie Kimble Foundation for Courage.