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SEXUAL ABUSE STATISTICS

Gathered from a variety of sources, including the U.S. Department of Justice, RAINN, CalCASA, Monterey County Rape Crisis Center and others. Although numbers and percentages will vary – being difficult to pin down – they reveal how extensive the problem of sexual abuse is in our society.

Every 1.3 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted.

- In 2006, there were **272,350 victims** of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault. (These figures do not include victims 12 years old or younger.)
- **Sexual assault is one of the most underreported crimes**, with 60% still being left unreported.
- **Males are the least likely to report a sexual assault**, though they make up about 10% of all victims.
- **One in six boys** are sexually assaulted by the age of 16.
- **60% of rapes/sexual assaults** are not reported to the police. Factoring in these unreported rapes, only about 6% of rapists ever serve a day in jail.

93% of juvenile sexual assault victims know their attacker.

- 34.2% of attackers were family members.
- 58.7% were acquaintances.
- Only 7% of the perpetrators were strangers to the victim.

Victims of sexual assault are

- **3 times** more likely to suffer from depression.
- **6 times** more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.
- **13 times** more likely to abuse alcohol.
- **26 times** more likely to abuse drugs.
- **4 times** more likely to contemplate suicide.

Sexual assault and young people

- **Between 33-66% of known sexual assault victims** are age 15 or younger.
- **Of the 22.3 million adolescents in the U.S. today, 1.8 million** have been victims of serious sexual assault.
- **Juvenile victims (77%) of sexual assault** were more likely than adults (55%) to be victimized in their residence. Older juveniles (12-17 years of age) were more likely to be victims in locations such as: roadways, field/woods, schools, hotels/motels.
- **Children who grow up in a family where there is domestic violence** are eight times more likely to be sexually molested within that family.

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"I swore I'd never tell."

Around the world

- At least **1 in 3 women** and **1 in 6 men** have been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in their lifetime. Most often the abuser is someone known to the victim.

Perpetrators

- **82% of the suspected perpetrators of child sexual abuse** in a study sample were at the time of the offense, or had been at some time, involved in a heterosexual relationship with a close relative of the child they victimized.
- **The typical child sex offender molests an average of 117 children**, most of whom do not report the offense.