

# Crime Stats

FACT SHEET

## State of Maryland Violent Crime 2023 vs. 2022<sup>1</sup>

Violent Crime	2023	2022	% Change
Murder	525	601	-12.6%
<b>Rape</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>+2.2%</b>
Robbery	8,116	7,118	+14.0%
Aggravated Assault	17,580	16,790	+4.7%

The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crime brought to their attention to assist in the FBI’s ongoing assessment of crime in the Nation.<sup>2</sup> Prior to 2013, the UCRs defined rape, as the “carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.”<sup>3</sup> This narrow definition significantly limited the offenses that reported for UCR purpose’s. In fact, the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that the old definition only captured **39%** of all the sexual assault reported to law enforcement.<sup>4</sup> Beginning in 2013, the definition of rape was changed to “penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part of object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”<sup>4</sup> This new definition, which removed the requirement of force and limitation to female victims, resulted in an increase in the total number of rapes reported by law enforcement agencies.

- Every **68 seconds**, an American is sexually assaulted.<sup>5</sup>
- **54%** of sexual assault victims are between the ages of 18 and 34 years old.<sup>6</sup>
- **1 in 6** American women has been the victim of an attempted to completed rape in their lifetime.<sup>7</sup>
- **1 in 33** American men has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime.<sup>8</sup>
- **1 out of every 10** rape victims is male.<sup>8</sup>
- **21%** of TGQN (transgender, genderqueer, nonconforming) college students have been sexually assaulted, compared to 18% non-TGQN females, and 4% of non-TGQN males.<sup>9</sup>
- In **8 out of 10** cases of rape, the victim knew the person who sexually assaulted them.<sup>10</sup>
- In 2023, the percentage of **rapes and sexual assaults reported to police increased significantly from 21% in 2022 to 46% in 2023.**<sup>11</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Crime in Maryland, 2023, Uniform Crime Report, Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.  
<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics (n.d.)  
<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime in the United States 2013, Violent Crime, Rape (n.d.)  
<sup>4</sup> Archambault, J. & Lonsway, K.A. (July 2007; updated March 2020). *Clearance Methods for Sexual Assault Cases*. OnLine Training Institute module developed by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI). Available at <http://olti.evawintl.org/>.  
<sup>5</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2019 (2020). **Note: RAINN applies a 5-year rolling average to adjust for changes in the year-to-year NCVS survey data.**  
<sup>6</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sex Offenses and Offenders (1997); ii. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Crimes Against the Elderly, 2003-2013 (2014).  
<sup>7</sup> National Institute of Justice & Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey (1998). Note: Statistics present information on the total number of male and female victims in the United States, using a study from 1998. Because the US population has increased substantially since then, it is probable that the number of victims has as well.  
<sup>8</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Female Victims of Sexual Violence, 1994-2010 (2013).  
<sup>9</sup> Cantor, D., Fisher, B., Chibnall, S., Townsend, R., et. Al. (2015). Association of American Universities (AAU), Report on the AAU Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct.  
<sup>10</sup> Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2010 – 2016 (2017).  
<sup>11</sup> Tapp, S., & Coen, E. (2024). *Criminal Victimization, 2023* (NCJ 309335). U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.