

Economic Impact of Sexual Violence

Videos

Tedx Talk -The (literal) Cost of Not Believing Survivors

<https://www.yoEutube.com/watch?v=S6Gy2WsBJk4>

How Rape and Sexual Assault Impact your Career

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_lycN_zxbl

Advocate Tips

- Connect survivors to economic resources
- Advocate for accommodations in school or workplace
- Beware of discrimination
- Work within the Justice System
(Reparations and Replevins)
- Criminal Injury Compensation Board
<http://www.dpscs.state.md.us/victimservs/cicb/index.shtml>

Underserved populations experience additional barriers to reporting sexual assault and additional finance impact.

Abusers can also inflict direct financial harm. Examples: destruction of property, fraud, workplace harassment, thief.

Justice System Costs

Primary Costs

- Legal fees
- Cost of Representation

Secondary Costs

- Unpaid Leave
- Transportation to Court
- Child Care Costs

Workplace and Educational Impact

- Unpaid Leave (8.1 days a year)
- Loss of Productivity
- Loss of Development Opportunities
- Drop out or forced out of school
- Transfer Schools

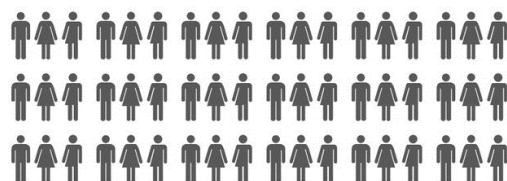
*does not excuse student load debt

Intangible Expenses

- Pain and suffering
- Psychological distress
- Decreased quality of life

What is the cost of sexual assault to our society?

25 MILLION AMERICANS



WILL LIKELY EXPERIENCE RAPE DURING THEIR LIFETIME.



\$122,461

IS THE ESTIMATED LIFETIME COST PER RAPE VICTIM,



WHICH WILL COST SOCIETY
\$3.1 TRILLION.

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Sources and Resources

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