

Sexual Assault in Maryland



Prior to January 2012, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting (**UCR**) Program defined forcible rape as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Attempts or assaults to commit rape by force or threat of force were also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses were excluded. *FBI, 2009* The FBI changed the UCR definition in January 2012 to include the rape of men and crimes that involve oral or anal penetration or penetration with objects. *FBI, 2012* However, some of the data in this section reflects the definition prior to that change.

- 18.2% of adult women residing in Maryland, or about 420,000 adult women, have experienced any form of completed or attempted rape in their lifetime. About 14%, or 330,000 adult women, have experienced completed or attempted forced penetration specifically. *National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, 2010-2012 State Report*
- In 2012 in Maryland, 1,236 forcible rapes were reported. While all the other part 1 offenses in Maryland decreased from 2011-2012, the number of rapes increased 3.3%. *GOCCP, 2012*
- In 2012, the three counties with the most rape reports were Baltimore City, Prince George's, and Baltimore County. *Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention in Maryland (GOCCP), 2012*
- Despite this, in 2012 Prince George's County had the lowest rate of rape ever reported in that county. Montgomery County also had the lowest rate in 2012 ever reported there. *GOCCP, 2012*
- In 2012 in Maryland, out of all forcible rapes, 88% were rape by force and 12% were attempts to rape. *GOCCP, 2012*
- A total of 402 persons were arrested for forcible rape in 2012 in Maryland, with 11% juvenile, 60% Black, and 39% White and 1% consisting of American Indian and Asian. *GOCCP, 2012*

The 2012 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (**NISVS**) defined rape as any completed or attempted unwanted vaginal (for women), oral, or anal penetration through the use of physical force (such as being pinned or held down, or by the use of violence) or threats to physically harm and includes times when the victim was drunk, high, drugged, or passed out and unable to consent. The survey used four types of sexual violence in addition to rape including being made to penetrate someone else, sexual coercion, unwanted sexual contact, and non-contact unwanted sexual experiences. *National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011* The data in this section reflects those definitions.

- Maryland women have a high lifetime prevalence of sexual violence other than rape, totaling an estimated number of 1,773,000 women. *CDC, NISVS, 2012*
- An estimated 441,000 Maryland men have experienced sexual violence other than rape in their lifetime. *CDC, NISVS, 2012*
- Approximately 391,000 Maryland women have experienced contact sexual violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. *CDC, NISVS, 2012*
- An estimated 420,000 Maryland women have experienced rape in their lifetime, or 18.2% of the female population in the state. However, an estimated 22.3% of non-Hispanic black women in Maryland have experienced rape in their lifetime, compared to 18% of white women. *CDC, NISVS, 2012*
- An estimated 329,000 Maryland men have experienced contact sexual violence in their lifetime, or 15.6% of the male population in the state. *CDC, NISVS, 2012*