

Sexual Assault in Maryland



19% of adult women residing in Maryland, or about 457,000 adult women, have experienced any form of completed or attempted rape in their lifetime. About 44%, or 1,058,000 of Maryland's women and more than 23% of Maryland's men, about 520,800, have experienced other forms of sexual violence. *Bureau of Justice Statistics, Crime Victimization Survey, 1992-2015*

Below are the most recent county and gender specific statistics provided by the Governor's Office of Crime and Control Prevention (**GOCCP**), who references information provided by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (**UCR**) Program. In 2013, the UCR began collecting rape data under a revised definition with the Summary Reporting System. Beginning in the 2013 data year, the term "forcible" was removed from the offense title. The revised definition is: penetration no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

- In 2015 in Maryland, 1,758 rapes were reported. While the combined total of other part 1 offenses in Maryland decreased from 2014-2015, the number of reported rapes increased significantly by 53.3%. *GOCCP, 2015*
- In 2015, the three counties with the most rape reports were Baltimore City, Prince George's, and Baltimore County. *GOCCP, 2015*
- In addition, in 2015 Prince George's County had the highest rate of reported rapes in that county, in recent years. While Montgomery County had the highest rate ever reported in 2015. *GOCCP, 2015*
- In 2014 in Maryland, out of all rapes, 93% were rape by force and 7% were attempts to rape. *GOCCP, 2015*
- A total of 1,030 persons were arrested for rape in 2015 in Maryland, with 22% juvenile, 55% Black, and 45% White and less than one percent consisting of American Indian, Asian and Pacific Islander. *GOCCP, 2015*

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*