The comparative figure above, based on data reported to the in Crime in Maryland: 2020 Uniform Crime Report illustrates reported rapes in Maryland Counties and includes data from statewide agencies. As indicated, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Montgomery County, and Prince George’s County had consistently exceeded other counties in reporting of rapes. Based on calculations, Maryland had a total of 1,891 reported rapes in 2020 and 1,979 in 2019. This represents a -4.4% change. Please note that the yearly difference in reports may not necessarily mean that less sexual assaults were occurring in 2020 compared to 2019. Sexual assaults and rapes are still some of the most underreported crimes, and yearly trends suggest a steady decrease in reporting. This may be due to several barriers, including fear of retaliation, perception of insufficient evidence, fear of the criminal justice system, or belief that the police could not, or would not, help. For more information on barriers to reporting and reporting in general, please view our fact sheet titled “Why Survivors Don’t Report.”

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