

Sexual Assault in Maryland

The general population in Maryland, as of July 1, 2024, was **6,263,220**.¹

- According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2023/2024 Data Brief:²
 - About **28.8%** of Maryland women (**703,000 women**) were sexually coerced in their lifetime.
 - **Rape includes** any completed or attempted unwanted vaginal, oral, or anal penetration, or threats to physically cause harm.
 - About **24%** of Maryland women (**586,000 women**) experienced completed or attempted rape in their lifetime.
 - About **57.2%** of Maryland women (**1,395,000 women**) experienced contact sexual violence in their lifetime.
 - About **52.4%** of Maryland women (**1,278,000 women**) experienced unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime.
- According to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2016/2017 State Report:³
 - **Being made to penetrate** means the victim was forced to penetrate someone or there was an attempt to make the victim penetrate someone without the victim's consent.
 - About **8%** of Maryland men (**174,000 men**) were made to penetrate someone else in their lifetime.
 - **Sexual Coercion** is any unwanted sexual penetration (vaginal, oral, or anal sex) that occurs after a person is pressured in a non-physical way.
 - About **5.2%** of Maryland men (**113,000 men**) were sexually coerced in their lifetime.
 - **Unwanted Sexual Contact** means unwanted sexual experiences that involve touching someone. This does not include sexual penetration.
 - Examples of unwanted sexual contact include kissing in a sexual way and fondling, groping, or grabbing someone's sexual body parts.
 - About **25.7%** of Maryland men (**562,000 men**) experienced unwanted sexual contact in their lifetime.
 - **Contact Sexual Violence** includes rape, sexual coercion, and/or unwanted sexual contact.
 - About **38.7%** of Non-Hispanic White Maryland men (**466,000 men**) experienced contact sexual violence in their lifetime.
 - About **49.2%** of Non-Hispanic Black Maryland women (**282,000 women**) experienced contact sexual violence in their lifetime.
 - About **66.8%** of Non-Hispanic White Maryland women (**859,000 women**) experienced contact sexual violence in their lifetime.
 - About **11.3%** of Maryland women (**272,000 women**) experienced a completed alcohol/drug-facilitated penetration in their lifetime.

FBI Uniform Crime Reporting

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) is a nationwide effort to collect data and generate reliable information on crimes in the United States.⁴ The UCR includes data reported by more than 18,000 city,

¹ U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). "Quick Facts: Maryland." Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/MD/PST04h5219>

² Leemis, R. W., Kudon, H. Z., Zhu, S., Smith, S. G., Chen, J., Friar, N. W., Basile, K. C. (2025). "The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2023/2024 Sexual Violence Data Brief." Retrieved December 16, 2025, from <https://www.cdc.gov/nisvs/media/pdfs/sexualviolence-brief.pdf>

³ Smith, S. G., Khatiwada, S., Richardson, L., Basile, K. C., Friar, N. W., Chen, J., Kudon, H. Z., & Leemis, R. W. (2023, December). "The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2016/2017 State Report." Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://www.cdc.gov/nisvs/documentation/NISVS-2016-2017-State-Report-508.pdf>

⁴ Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). (n.d.). "About the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program." Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2010/crime-in-the-u.s.-2010/aboutucrmain>

university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.⁵ These agencies voluntarily report data on crimes.⁶

UCR data is collected each year and includes data from the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), the Summary Reporting System (SRS), Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Program, and then Hate Crime Statistics Program.⁷ The UCR defines rape as “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.”

The Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy publishes statewide UCR data each year.⁸ The most recently published Maryland UCR Report found:⁹

- Rape accounted for **7.6%** of the violent crime reported in 2023.
- In 2023, there were a total of **2,100** cases of rape across the state.
 - This is **higher** than in 2022, when there were **2,055** reported cases of rape across the state.

Maryland State Policy Crime Reporting Statistics

According to the Maryland State Police’s Maryland National Incident Based Reporting Crime Dashboard:¹⁰

- In 2025, there was a total of **61,620** victims of crime in Maryland. This includes victims of homicide, assault, human trafficking, kidnapping or abduction, and sex offenses.
 - Of this total, there were **2,760** victims of sex offenses and **79** victims of human trafficking.
- In 2024, there was a total of **86,220** victims of crime in Maryland.
 - Of this total, there were a total of **4,329** victims of sex offenses and **85** victims of human trafficking.

⁵ FBI. (n.d.). “Crime/Law Enforcement Stats (Uniform Crime Reporting Program).” Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr>

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ FBI. (n.d.). “UCR Publications.” Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr/publications>

⁸ Maryland Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy. (n.d.). “Maryland Statistical Analysis Center.” Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://gocpp.maryland.gov/crime-statistics/>

⁹ Moore, E., Miller, A., Butler, R. L. Jr., Maryland Department of State Police, Williams, I. J. (2024). “2023 Uniform Crime Report.” Retrieved December 11, 2025 from <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Document%20Downloads/Crime%20in%20Maryland%202023%20Uniform%20Crime%20Report.pdf>

¹⁰ Maryland Department of State Police. (n.d.). “Maryland NIBRS Crime Dashboard: Crimes Against Person - 2024” Retrieved December 11, 2025, from <https://mdsp.maryland.gov/Pages/Dashboards/NIBRSCrimeDashboard.aspx>