REPORTING RAPE

- Rape is the most underreported crime in America. In the *Rape in America* study, only 16%, or 1 in 6 women, reported their assaults to law enforcement.

- Fewer than 5% of college women reported their rapes or attempted rapes to law enforcement.

- In an earlier nationwide study of college students, only 5% of women reported their assaults. Only 5% sought help from a rape crisis center. 42% told no one.

- According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, 93,433 forcible rapes were reported in 2003.

INCIDENCE\(^2\) AND PREVALENCE\(^3\) OF SEXUAL ASSAULT (MALE VICTIMS)

- 1 in 33 men (3%) will be the victim of a completed or attempted rape during his lifetime.

- In Colorado, 1 in 17 men (6%) will experience a completed or attempted sexual assault\(^4\) during his lifetime, according to a statewide survey.
  - *Sexual Assault in Colorado: Results of a Statewide Survey*, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment & Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault 2 (July, 1999).

INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT (FEMALE VICTIMS)

- 683,000 women were raped in America during a one-year period according to data collected by *The National Women’s Study*.

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1 Note: Definitions of rape and/or sexual assault vary throughout these studies. Please refer to the individual study for the definition used.
2 Rate of rapes over a defined period of time (usually one year).
3 Percentage of the population.
4 Defined as non-consensual penetration.
• This number does not include rapes of girls under the age of 18 or male victims.
  o *Rape in America*, National Victim Center & Crime Victims Research Center and Treatment Center 3 (1992).

• 1 in 8 women (13%) will be the victim of forcible rape in her lifetime. This is based on U.S. Census estimates of the number of women in America at the time the above study was done.

• 1 in 6 women (17.6%) will be the victim of a rape or an attempted rape during her lifetime.

• In Colorado, 1 in 4 women (24%) will experience a completed or attempted sexual assault\(^5\) during her lifetime, according to a statewide survey.
  o *Sexual Assault in Colorado: Results of a Statewide Survey*, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment & Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault 2 (July, 1999).

**COLLEGE STATISTICS**

• Between 20 and 25% of college age women will be victims of rape or attempted rape during their college career, based a national study of students attending a 2- or 4-year college or university during the fall of 1996.\(^6\)

• In an earlier nationwide study of college students, 1 in 4 college-age women were victims of rape or attempted rape.

**VICTIMS’ AGE**

• According to the *National Women’s Study*, “rape in America is a tragedy of youth, with the majority of rape cases occurring during childhood and adolescence.” Females were forcibly raped at the following ages:
  o 29.3% were under 11 years old;
  o 32.3% were between the ages of 11-17;
  o 22.2% were between the ages of 18-24;
  o 7.1% were between the ages of 25-29;
  o 6.1% were older than 29; and
  o 3.0% age not specified.
  o *Rape in America*, National Victim Center & Crime Victims Research Center and Treatment Center 3 (1992).

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\(^5\) Defined as non-consensual penetration.
\(^6\) Estimate extrapolated from actual rapes experienced during one academic year, projected over a 5-year college career.
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR

- According to the National Women's Study, only 22% of rape victims were raped by strangers. The nonstranger perpetrators were:\(^7\)
  - Husbands/ex-husbands 9%
  - Fathers/stepfathers 11%
  - Boyfriends/ex-boyfriends 10%
  - Other relatives 16%
  - Other non-relatives 29%

  - Rape in America, National Victim Center & Crime Victims Research Center and Treatment Center 4 (1992).

- In a recent nationwide study of college students, nearly 9 out of 10 female victims of rape or attempted rape knew their perpetrator.

- In an earlier nationwide study of college students, 84% of the female victims of rape or attempted rape knew their attacker.

\(^7\) 3% of the rape victims did not define the relationship.