



## Mentors in Violence Prevention Peer Education

### Some Statistics to Think About

**In the U.S., 1 of every 6 women and 1 of every 33 men** has been raped at sometime in her/his life. (National Institute of Justice, 2006)

**Every 2-1/2 minutes**, somewhere in the United States, someone is sexually assaulted. (<http://www.rainn.org/statistics/index.html>)

Women are more likely to be victims of sexual violence than men: **78%** of the victims of rape and sexual assault are women and 22% are men. (Tjaden and Thoennes 2000)

**Among college students** nationwide, **between 20% and 25%** of women reported experiencing completed or attempted rape. (Fisher, Cullen, and Turner 2000)

Almost **60%** of completed campus rapes took place in the victim's residence. **31%** took place in other campus living quarters and **10.3%** took place in a fraternity. (Bureau of Justice Statistics and National Institute of Justice, 2000)

**Alcohol and drugs play an important part in rape victimization.** About **two-thirds** of the women and men who were raped as adults (66.6 % and 58.5%, respectively) said their rapist was using drugs and/or alcohol at the time of the rape. (National Institute of Justice, 2006)

Contrary to the belief that rapists are hiding in the bushes or in the shadows, **almost 2/3** of all rapes were committed by someone who is known to the victim. (National Crime Victimization Survey 2004)

**Most perpetrators of sexual violence against women and men are men.** Among acts of sexual violence **committed against women** since the age of 18, 100% of rapes, 92% of physical assaults, and 97% of stalking acts were perpetrated by men. Among acts of sexual violence **committed against men**, 70% of rapes, 86% of physical assaults, and 65% of stalking acts were perpetrated by men. (Tjaden and Thoennes 2000)

**1 in 4** women will experience intimate partner violence during her lifetime. (National Institute of Justice and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, 2000)

The National Crime Victimization Survey found that **85%** of intimate partner violence victims were women. (Rennison 2003)

**Young women age 16-24** experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence. (U.S. Department of Justice, 2003)

**Nearly 2/3** of college students experience some type of sexual harassment. **Female students** are more likely to be the target of sexual jokes, comments, gestures, or looks. **Male students** are more likely to be called gay or homophobic names. **Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender students** are more likely than heterosexual students to experience sexual harassment. (American Association of University Women Educational Foundation 2005)

**1/4 of college students** have been touched, grabbed, or pinched in a sexual way. (AAUW 2005)

**1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men** will be stalked in their lifetime. **87% of stalkers** are men. ([www.ncvc.org/src](http://www.ncvc.org/src))

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Many of these statistics were taken from:

The National Institute of Justice Special Report, U.S. Department of Justice, "Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Rape Victimization: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey." (January 2006)

Tjaden, Patricia & Thoennes, Nancy. National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, "Extent, Nature, and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence." (2000)

For further interest go to <http://www.rainn.org/docs/statistics/ncvs2004.pdf>  
"Criminal Victimization, 2004" by Shannan M. Catalano, PhD. Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey.