



**VIOLENCE PREVENTION COALITION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES**  
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**FACT SHEET: SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

- ❖ Every two and a half minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.*
- ❖ About 44% of rape victims are under age 18, and 80% are under age 30. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.*
- ❖ One of every seven victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies were under age 6. *"Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement: Victim, Incident, and Offender Characteristics," Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000.*
- ❖ It is estimated that more than half of sexual assaults (58%) are not reported to police. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.*
- ❖ One in six American women are victims of sexual assault, and one in 33 men. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.*
- ❖ In 2004-2005, there were an average annual 200,780 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.*
- ❖ In 2005, there was one rape or sexual assault for every 1000 persons aged 12 or older. *"Criminal Victimization," Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.*
- ❖ Since 1993, rape/sexual assault has fallen by over 69%. *Rape, Assault, & Incest National Network, 2006.*
- ❖ In 2005, Black, white, and other races experienced about the same rates of rape/sexual assault. *"Victim Characteristics," Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.*
- ❖ The median age of the victims of imprisoned sexual assaulters was less than 13 years old; the median age of rape victims was about 22 years. *"Criminal Offender Statistics," Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.*
- ❖ There were 9345 forcible rape crimes in California during 2005. *"Crime in California," Criminal Justice Statistics Center, 2006.*
- ❖ In 2005, about seven in ten female rape or sexual assault victims stated the offender was an intimate, other relative, a friend or an acquaintance. *"Crime Characteristics," Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.*
- ❖ About one in five high school girls has been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner. *"Dating violence against adolescent girls and associated substance use, unhealthy weight control, sexual risk behavior, pregnancy, and suicidality," Journal of American Medical Association, 2001.*
- ❖ In 2005, almost two-thirds of the rapes/sexual assaults occurred at night from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. *"Crime Characteristics," Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2007.*
- ❖ Children with any kind of disability are more than twice as likely as children without disabilities to be physically abused and almost twice as likely to be sexually abused. *"Abuse of Disabled: a mostly ignored epidemic," Orlando Sentinel, 2003.*

***If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, call the following number for crisis counseling, information and referrals:***

***L.A. County 24 Hour Rape & Battering Hotlines:***

***800-656-HOPE  
626-793-3385  
310-392-8381  
213-626-3393***

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