



S.T.O.P. Teen Dating Violence Initiative

Teen Sexual Violence Facts

Four out of five students experience sexual harassment and/or violence that interfere with their school performance and with their personal lives.⁹

Teenagers 16 to 19 years old are three and a half times more likely to be victims of sexual assault.¹

In the United States, 54% of all rapes of women occur before the age of 18.²

Approximately one-fifth of all rapes against women are perpetrated by intimates.³

Two-thirds of victims 18 to 29 years old had prior relationships with their rapists.⁴

Approximately 17.6% of women in the United States have been victims of rape, whereas 3% of men have been victims.

Women who are sexually assaulted as children or adolescents are more likely to be sexually assaulted as adults.⁵

Only 19.1% of women who have been raped, reported the incident to the police.⁶

An estimated one-in-four imprisoned rape perpetrators have a prior conviction history of violent crimes.⁷

Women who experience sexual abuse are significantly more likely to contract a sexually transmitted disease.⁸

¹ *National Crime Victimization Survey*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, (1996).

² Patricia Tjaden, Nancy Thoennes, *Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of violence against women: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey*, National Institute of Justice, NCJ 183781 (2000).

³ Patricia Tjaden, Nancy Thoennes, *Extent, Nature and Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence: Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey*, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control Prevention (January, 2006).

⁴ Lawrence A. Greenfeld, *Sex Offenses and Offenders: An Analysis of Data on Rape and Sexual Assault*, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice (1997).

⁵ Jeremy Cold et al, *Relation Between Childhood Sexual and Physical Abuse and Risk of Revictimization in Women: A Cross-sectional Survey*, *The Lancet* 358, (August 11, 2001).

⁶ Tjaden, *supra* note 3.

⁷ Greenfeld, *supra* note 4.

⁸ G.M. Wingood, *Adverse Consequences of intimate partner abuse among women in non-urban domestic violence shelters*. 19 *Am. J. Preventive Med.* 270-75 (2000).

⁹ *Sexual Harassment in America's Schools*. Washington, DC: A.A.U.W. Educational Foundation).