

Forcible Rape

Forcible Rape – the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will

Trend: constant decrease in number of rapes over time, different from homicide, which has had periods of decrease and increase over time

1. Location

- 26% of rapes occur in the victim's home
- 19% occur in the home of a relative, friend, or neighbor

2. Time

- 2/3 of all rapes occur at night

3. Victim-Offender Relationship

- Based on official/ UCR statistics, 42-53% of rapes involve strangers

Rape victim NCVS stats for 2000:

- 34% stranger
- 17% intimate relationship
- 43% friend/acquaintances
- 4% unknown

4. Race

- Like violent crimes in general, rapes are intraracial events

5. Age

- Rapists are young in age (15-25 years old)

6. Premeditation

- Rapes are more likely to be planned than other incidents of violence

Most rapes aren't reported to the police:

- 63% of completed rapes are not reported and
- 65% of attempted rapes are not reported

Why?

- Victim believes the police cannot apprehend the subject
- Victim believes they might receive unsympathetic treatment from the police and go through uncomfortable procedures (e.g. medical evidence)
- Victim fears reprisal
- Victim fears re-victimization by the criminal justice system

Assault

Aggravated Assault: attack or attempted attack with a weapon, regardless of whether or not an injury occurred

- Attack without a weapon when serious injury resulted

Simple Assault: attack without a weapon resulting either in no injury or minor injury, or in undetermined injury requiring less than 2 days of hospitalization

*Also includes attempts

Trend: steadily declined over time

1. Gender

- Males are engaged in assaults much more than females

2. Age

- 18-24
- Same as age group for homicides

3. Race

- No distinct race associated with
- Intra-racial

Reasons for not reporting:

- Victim considers the offense a personal matter
- Victim believes he/she got what they deserved
- Victim fears revenge if charges are pursued