

# Sexual Violence FACTS

## Definition

Sexual violence refers to unwanted or coercive sexual behavior from sexual bullying to rape. The terms rape, sexual assault and sexual abuse are often used interchangeably and refer to coercive forced sexual contact. Remember: Sexual Violence is never the victim's fault. Any person, regardless of race, gender or sexuality, can be a victim of sexual violence.

## Statistics

- 1 in 3 women in the United States experience some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime. <sup>1</sup>
- 1 in 6 men in the United States experience sexual violence in their lifetime. <sup>2</sup>
- 23 million women in the United States have been the victims of completed or attempted rape at some point in their lifetime. <sup>3</sup>
- 31% of teen girls have been victims of sexual assault or violence. <sup>4</sup>
- 77% of rape victims were known to their attackers. <sup>5</sup>
- Lifetime cost per victim of sexual assault is \$122,461. <sup>6</sup>

## Help is Available

Rape crisis centers hotlines are available 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week, 365-days-a-year. All services are free and confidential. Visit [www.icasa.org](http://www.icasa.org) to locate the rape crisis center nearest you.

*Source: By the Numbers: Sexual Violence Statistics*

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## Sources

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*For more statistics on sexual violence in Illinois and the United States, please visit the stats and facts section of [www.icasa.org](http://www.icasa.org).*

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