

Facts and Stats: Economic Cost

National Overview

1. According to a 2016 report, the present-value, per victim estimated lifetime cost of rape was \$122,461, or \$3.1 trillion for all victims, based on 23 million U.S. women and 2 million men with lifetime experience of rape. ¹
2. The per victim cost was \$122,278 for women and \$124,631 for men. ²
3. The economic burden estimate included \$1.2 trillion (39% of total) in medical costs, \$1.6 trillion (52%) in lost work productivity among victims and perpetrators; \$234 billion (8%) in criminal justice activities; and \$36 billion (1%) in other costs, including victim property damage. ³

Report Specific to Iowa

4. In fiscal year 2009, the total estimate of cost associated with sexual violence was \$5.8 billion, equating to \$1,875 per resident. This includes \$5.5 billion in indirect costs (95% of the total violence costs in Iowa) and \$308 million in indirect costs. ⁴
5. In FY09, an estimate \$101 million in government money was spent as a result of sexual violence in Iowa. Just over \$900,000 of the government money were funded to prevent sexual violence and change societal norms. ⁵
6. Out of pocket cost resulting from subsequent sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, suicidal acts, and substance abuse that may follow a rape or sexual assault totaled \$624 million. ⁶

¹ American Journal of Preventive Medicine Research Article. Lifetime Economic Burden of Rape Among U.S. Adults.

² American Journal of Preventive Medicine Research Article. Lifetime Economic Burden of Rape Among U.S. Adults.

³ American Journal of Preventive Medicine Research Article. Lifetime Economic Burden of Rape Among U.S. Adults.

⁴ Cost of Sexual Violence in Iowa (2009)

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7. For children, sexual violence costs averaged \$194,238 per incident. For adults, rape costs were \$137,486 per incident and other sexual assaults cost \$405.⁷
8. Nearly two-thirds (\$3.54 billion) of estimated costs of sexual violence were spent on victims ages 18-44.⁸
9. In fiscal year 2009, Iowa spent at least \$55 million on people convicted of sexual felonies.⁹
10. Iowa spent an estimated \$44 million on medical bills for victims on Medicaid, sexual assault examination payments, and child protective services for victims of sexual violence.¹⁰
11. An estimated \$307,600,464 was spent on direct costs (medical care, mental healthcare, victim services and out-of-home placement, investigation and adjudication, sanctioning and treatment, primary prevention, and part of the costs of the STDs, pregnancy, suicidal acts, and substance abuse) of sexual violence in Iowa in 2009.¹¹
12. Indirect costs (lost work, property damage, suffering and lost quality of life, loss of earnings while confined, and part of the cost of the STDs, pregnancy, suicidal acts, and substance abuse) estimated a total of \$5,499,176,000 for sexual violence in Iowa in 2009.¹²

Report Specific to Minnesota

13. Sexual assault in Minnesota cost almost \$8 billion in 2005, or \$1,540 per resident.¹³
14. Medical care, mental health care, victim work loss, STDs, unplanned pregnancy, suicidal acts, substance abuse, and victim services cost \$1.3 billion.¹⁴
15. Criminal justice and perpetrator treatment cost \$130.5 million.¹⁵

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¹³ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

¹⁴ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

¹⁵ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

16. In fiscal year 2006, the state government spent \$90.5 million on those who were assaulted.¹⁶
17. Nearly \$823,000 of federal funds were spent changing societal norms to prevent sexual assault.¹⁷
18. Sexual violence costs 3.3 times as much as alcohol-impaired driving in Minnesota.¹⁸
19. Estimated cost per sexual assault in Minnesota, in 2005, for children (ages 0-17) averaged \$184,000 and for adults (ages 18 +), an average of \$139,000.¹⁹
20. In 2005, excluding tangibles and lost work, the out-of-pocket costs for sexual assault exceeded \$475 million.²⁰

¹⁶ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

¹⁷ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

¹⁸ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

¹⁹ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009

²⁰ Cost of Sexual Violence in Minnesota – Minnesota Department of Health. July 2009