

Module 3

Realities of Sexual Assault

OVC Can Help You Put the Pieces Together



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Learning Objectives

- ❖ **Correctly answer at least two questions about the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault in the United States.**
- ❖ **Identify at least one factor contributing to underreporting of rape.**
- ❖ **List at least two myths and two facts about rape.**

Sexual Assault

How much do you know about the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault in the United States?

Activity

Friendly Competition



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Q: Approximately how many victims age 12 or older experienced rape or sexual assault in 2010?

- A. 57,000**
- B. 102,000**
- C. 188,000**
- D. 212,000**

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Q: Approximately how many victims age 12 or older experienced rape or sexual assault in 2010?

A: 188,380 victims age 12 or older experienced rape or sexual assault in 2010.

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of rape or sexual assault victims were female?

- A. 55%**
- B. 67%**
- C. 81%**
- D. 92%**

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of rape or sexual assault victims were female?

A: In 2010, 91.9% of rape or sexual assault victims were female.

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of female rape or sexual assault victims were assaulted by a stranger?

- A. 12%**
- B. 25%**
- C. 36%**
- D. 55%**

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of female rape or sexual assault victims were assaulted by a stranger?

A: In 2010, 25% of all rapes or sexual assaults were committed by a stranger, 48% by a friend or acquaintance, and 17% by intimate partners.

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement?

- A. 20%**
- B. 30%**
- C. 50%**
- D. 70%**

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement?

A: In 2010, 49.6% of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement.

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Q: In 2010, forcible rapes accounted for approximately what percentage of violent crimes reported to law enforcement?

- A. 3%**
- B. 7%**
- C. 12%**
- D. 18%**

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Q: In 2010, forcible rapes accounted for approximately what percentage of violent crimes reported to law enforcement?

A: In 2010, forcible rapes accounted for 6.8% of violent crimes reported to law enforcement.

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A: The forcible rape arrest rate decreased 56% between 1991 and 2009, after peaking in the years from 1984 to 1991.

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of reported forcible rape cases were cleared by law enforcement?

- A. 20%**
- B. 30%**
- C. 40%**
- D. 50%**

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Q: In 2010, approximately what percentage of reported forcible rape cases were cleared by law enforcement?

A: In 2010, 40.3% of reported forcible rapes were cleared, usually by arrest, by law enforcement.

Activity

Myth or Fact?

Worksheet 3.2

- ❖ **Without looking at the worksheet, write a myth or fact about rape on each card.**
- ❖ **Tape cards to the Myth or Facts column of the tear sheet.**
- ❖ **Refer to the worksheet for the debrief.**

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Myth:

Rape is most often perpetrated by a stranger.

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Myth:

Rape is most often perpetrated by a stranger.

Fact:

Victims are more likely to be raped by someone they know.

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Myth:

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Fact:

Legal definitions of rape vary from state to state. For this training, rape constitutes penetration with a penis, fingers, and/or foreign objects, or unwanted touching of the sexual body parts without penetration.

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Myth:

People cannot be raped by their partners.

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Myth:

People cannot be raped by their partners.

Fact:

People are raped by their partners.

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Myth:

Prostitutes cannot be raped.

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Myth:

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Fact:

Prostitutes can be and often are raped by “johns” and by “pimps.”

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Myth:

Child molesters are all dirty old men.

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Myth:

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Fact:

In recent surveys of child molesters, 80% were found to have committed their first offense before the age of 30.

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Fact:

Studies show among children ages 6–17, 53% to 66% of offenders are acquaintances.

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Myth:

Rape only happens to young women.

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Fact:

Elderly individuals can be and are raped.

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Myth:

Rape can't happen in same-gender relationships.

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Fact:

Rape can occur in same-gender relationships as well as in heterosexual relationships.

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Myth:

Men cannot be raped.

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Myth:

Men cannot be raped.

Fact:

Although men are less likely to report, men can be and are raped by other men and by women.

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Myth:

If a woman drinks with a man, goes home with him, or wears skimpy clothing, it is her fault if she is raped.



Myth:

If a woman drinks with a man, goes home with him, or wears skimpy clothing, it is her fault if she is raped.

Fact:

It is never her fault. No one asks or deserves to be raped. Rape is a violent attack and a crime in which the perpetrator controls the victim.

Activity

Sexual Assault Quiz

Review of Learning Objectives

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Questions? Comments?

