

## **Module 3: Realities of Sexual Assault**

### **Purpose**

This module includes an examination of the realities of sexual assault, allowing a deeper understanding of the issues.

### **Lessons**

1. Incidence and Prevalence of Sexual Assault
2. Myths and Facts About Rape and Sexual Assault

### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this module, you will be able to

- 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 sexual assault.
- List at least two myths and two facts about rape and sexual assault.

### **Participant Worksheets**

- Worksheet 3.1, Incidence and Prevalence of Sexual Assault
- Worksheet 3.2, Myths and Facts About Rape and Sexual Assault

## **1. Incidence and Prevalence of Sexual Assault**

The activity will help familiarize you with the incidence and prevalence of sexual assault in the United States. The following statistics are from the 2014 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide.

The questions and answers from the activity appear at the end of the module.

## **2. Myths and Facts About Rape and Sexual Assault**

The activity explores myths and facts about rape and sexual assault.

## **Incidence and Prevalence of Sexual Assault in the United States**

Source: 2014 National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide

**Q:** Approximately how many victims age 12 or older experienced rape or sexual assault in 2011?

**A:** Victims age 12 or older experienced a total of 243,800 rapes or sexual assaults.

**Q:** In 2011, what percentage of rape or sexual assault victims were female?

**A:** In 2011, 85.7 percent of rape or sexual assault victims were female.

**Q:** In 2011, what percentage of female rape or sexual assault victims were assaulted by a stranger?

**A:** In 2011, 28 percent of all rapes or sexual assaults were committed by a stranger, 48 percent by a friend or acquaintance, and 19 percent by intimate partners.

**Q:** In 2011, what percentage of all rapes and sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement?

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**Q:** In 2011, forcible rapes accounted for what percentage of violent crimes reported to law enforcement?

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**Q:** The Department of Defense published a report on sexual assault in the military in 2012. In that year, how many sexual assaults were reported by military Service Members?

**A:** In 2011, military service members reported 3,374 sexual assaults, representing a 6 percent increase from 2011.

**Q:** In 2011, approximately what percentage of reported forcible rape cases were cleared by law enforcement?

**A:** In 2011, 41.2 percent of reported forcible rapes were cleared by law enforcement.

