

Sexual assault statistics

- 1 in 5 women and 1 in 20 men have experienced sexual violence since the age of 15 years (1)
- 1 in 3 (2) women and 1 in 6 men (3,4) are abused before the age of 18
- 93 percent of offenders are male (5)
- Intimate partner violence is the leading contributor to preventable death, disability and illness in Victorian women aged 15 - 44. It is responsible for more of the disease burden than high blood pressure, smoking or obesity (6)
- 1 in 6 reports to Police of rape and less than 1 in 7 reports of incest or sexual penetration of a child result in prosecution (7)
- Family violence affects 1 in 5 women in Victoria (8)
- Family Violence costs Australia about \$8 billion per year, a substantial proportion of which is borne by the victims themselves (6)
- An estimated 27 percent of children who were in homes where violence was being experienced by a current partner had witnessed the violence (1)
- 14% (1 in 7) of women sexually assaulted by a current partner and 16% (just over 1 in 6) by any other male reported to the Police (9)
- In 2005 in Australia an estimated 44,100 persons aged 18 years and over were victims of at least one sexual assault. This is a victimization prevalence rate of 0.3 %. Approximately 72,000 incidents of sexual assault were experienced by these victims (1)
- 76 percent of rape offenders sentenced in the past 6 years received a custodial sentence. The average was 4 years 6 months - 5 years 9 months. Median was 5 years. The sentences handed down to offenders ranged from as low as 12 months to 20 years at the highest. (10)

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