

Massachusetts Sexual Assault Statistics

Victims served in state annually: 12,000

- 17% of women in Massachusetts will experience a sexual assault in their lifetime.
- 6% of men will experience a sexual assault in their lifetime.

Uniform Crime Data

Number of victims recorded 2005: 1,732

Forcible rape is defined by the FBI as “the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults and attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded”. This definition of rape is extremely limited, excluding male victims of sexual assault, incidents where physical force was not used, victims raped by family members, and only counting victims of vaginal/penile penetration.

About Jane Doe, Inc.

What Jane Doe, Inc. does: Brings together organizations and people committed to ending domestic violence and sexual assault. They create social change by addressing the root causes of this violence, and promote justice, safety and healing for survivors. JDI advocates work for responsive public policy, promote collaboration, raise public awareness, and support our member organizations to provide comprehensive prevention and intervention services.

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Innovative Projects: Jane Doe Inc. was appointed to the governor’s Task Force along with representatives from advocacy groups and state government. The Task Force identifies gaps in services and efforts to hold offenders accountable and articulates critical changes to policy and practice within various sectors. Jane Doe teamed up with MassNARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) for a campaign to raise awareness and increase accessibility of Emergency Contraception. The Men’s Initiative for Jane Doe encourages men and boys to get involved in prevention and education work through community organizing and strong collaborations with direct service anti-violence programs.

Funding

Pass through? No

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