

Maine Sexual Assault Statistics

- A recent criminal victimization survey found that 18.2% of survey respondents had been a victim of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.
- 28.5% of the female respondents and 7.4% of the male respondents had been victims of rape or attempted rape in their lifetime.
- The Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that 8% of high school students surveyed were forced to have unwanted sexual intercourse.

Victim Information

1,500 Served in State Annually
90% female
10% male

Special state challenges: Decreasing federal funds with increasing restrictions. Maine is a rural, and thus expensive, state in which to do business, funded through population-based formulas which limit the funds available to provide those services.

Uniform Crime Data

Number of victims recorded 2005: 322

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.

Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

What MECASA does: For over 30 years, the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA) has represented and served Maine’s ten sexual assault support centers. MECASA works towards ending sexual violence by providing public policy advocacy, assistance to Maine’s sexual assault support centers, public awareness and prevention activities, and statewide trainings. We do this by: initiating and advocating for victim-centered public policy; providing support and assistance to the ten sexual assault support centers, and serving as a liaison between the centers and our statewide and national partners; reducing common myths and misperceptions about sexual violence through building and sustaining public awareness; and providing expert training, statistics, and resources about sexual violence to organizations, groups, and individuals throughout the state.

Number of rape crisis centers: 10
Staff: 3

Funding

Federal funding received annually:
176,942

State funding received annually: 95,188

State funding received by RCCs:
207,622

Pass through? No

Special populations: Aging population, influx of refugees, tribal populations, people with disabilities.

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