

North Carolina Sexual Assault Statistics

- In FY 2005-06 NC rape crisis centers assisted nearly 9,000 clients, 2,000 of whom are under the age of 18.
- 2,600 victims were related to their offender and 3,000 were assaulted by an acquaintance or boyfriend. (Therefore, 62% of offenses were committed by a friend, significant other, or relative.)
- As of November 2006, there were 10,000 registered sex offenders in NC.

Uniform Crime Data

Number of victims recorded 2005: 2,302

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 the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault

What NCCASA does: Provides information, referrals, and resources to individuals, rape crisis programs, and other organizations. Supports rape crisis programs and other individuals in their efforts to address sexual violence in their communities. Advocates for local rape crisis programs. Creates networking opportunities for those involved in the rape crisis movement. Trains rape crisis advocates and allied professionals. Promotes awareness through education and media campaigns. Educates North Carolina's legislators. Coordinates Sexual Assault Response Teams around the state. Develops sexual assault protocol for allied professionals. Assists colleges and universities in their efforts to address sexual assault through the NCCASA Campus Consortium.

Innovative Projects: The Campus Rape Prevention Project began in February 1998 with the vision to provide all North Carolina colleges, universities, and community colleges a central network to assist in design, implementation and coordination of new sexual violence education protocols, provide a forum to showcase the existing successful sexual violence education protocols and to serve as a liaison between campuses and their local rape crisis center.

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