

## New York Sexual Assault Statistics

**Victims served in state annually: 25-30,000**

**Special state challenges:** The state is so large and diverse geographically. New York City is a large urban area, but there are also many rural areas.

## Uniform Crime Data

**Number of victims recorded 2005: 3,636**

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 New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

**What NYSCASA does:** Provides technical support and assistance to the rape crisis programs. Works legislatively to improve public policy, as well as confronts societal denial of the impact of sexual violence through statewide outreach and education. NYSCASA has steered successful campaigns for increased state funding to Rape Crisis Centers, improved access to criminal courts for survivors of sexual violence and continues to enhance the overall health and criminal justice response to sexual assault.

**Number of rape crisis centers: 76**  
**Staff: 12, 5 interns**

**Innovative Projects:** NYSVAA – The New York State Victims’ Assistance Academy. Mental Health – The Sexual Assault/Mental Health Project. Outreach – Builds collaborations to improve services to survivors of sexual assault. "I Commit to End Sexual Violence" Pledge Campaign.

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