

## Pennsylvania Sexual Assault Statistics

- In 2002, police received 3,453 reports of forcible rape.
- Police arrested 1,432 people in 2002 for forcible rape.

**Special state challenges:** Reductions in funding or a lack of increase in current low funding levels. Loss of personnel and the inability to replace them. Advocates are working fervently to avoid placing clients on waiting lists; however, that comes at a cost – employee burnout, increase in staff turnover and supervisory time spent on direct service as opposed to time spent obtaining additional funding through fundraising and grant writing. Prevention education efforts are increasingly challenged by the decrease in staff to provide counseling, medical and legal accompaniment. In fact, one county reported a 28 percent reduction in their total number of clients from one fiscal year to the next – a direct result of shifting staff responsibility that has forced an 11 percent decrease in educational community programming.

**Victims served in state annually:**  
37,264

**Gender breakdown:**

Female: 31,049; Male: 6,215

**Age breakdown:**

0 – 5 : 1,512; 6 – 11: 2,968;  
12 – 17: 5,808;  
18 – 21: 2,811; 22 – 34: 7,175;  
35 – 54: 9,404; 55+ : 1,226;  
18 & up, age unknown: 5,700  
17& under, age unknown: 606

## Uniform Crime Data

**Number of victims recorded 2005:** 3,586

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 Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

**What PCAR does:** PCAR is the oldest anti-sexual violence coalition in the country and is widely respected at both the state and national levels for its leadership to prevent sexual violence. Over the past 30 years, PCAR has successfully worked as an agent of change – educating society about the severe and long-lasting impact of sexual violence, confronting victim-blaming attitudes, challenging injustice, advocating for legislation and providing sexual assault victims with the compassion and dignity they deserve.

**Innovative Projects:** Teen Sexual Violence Prevention Campaign and Men Against Sexual Violence. Public Awareness campaigns including: The HERO Project, a primary prevention effort that encourages parents, relatives, caregivers, acquaintances, and other non-mandated reporters to become quiet heroes by intervening, protecting our children, and reporting suspicions of child sexual abuse.

**Special populations:** Disabled, ethnic and racial minorities, rural poor, Amish, incarcerated people who have been victims of sexual violence, migrant workers and families, documented and undocumented immigrants, homeless people with transportation difficulties, lesbians, gays and bisexuals, and transgender people.

**Number of rape crisis centers:** 52

**Staff:** 25

**Funding**

**Federal funding received annually:** 125,1234

**State funding received annually:** 692,020

**Federal funding received by RCCs:**

4,046,165

**State funding received by RCCs:** 5,349,980

**Pass through?** Yes

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