

Tennessee Sexual Assault Statistics

Demographic Characteristics of Sexual Assault Victims

- 62.1% of victims of sexual violence in Tennessee were under age 18.
- 88.1% of victims were female.
- 70.3% of victims were white.

In 2005, there were:

- 2,237 cases of forcible fondling
- 2,204 cases of forcible rape
- 735 cases of statutory rape

Uniform Crime Data

Number of victims recorded 2005: 2,171

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 Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

What TCADSV does:

The Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence is a private nonprofit organization composed of diverse community leaders and program members who share a common vision of ending violence in the lives of Tennesseans through public policy, advocacy, education and activities that increase the capacity of programs and communities to address violence.

Innovative Projects:

Immigrant Legal Clinic, Cultural Competency Project, Law enforcement training project, statewide public awareness campaign, rural domestic violence project, legal defense fund, social norms research project, Tennessee women of color advisory committee.

Funding

Pass through? No

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