

Virginia Sexual Assault Statistics

Victims served in state annually: 2,849

Uniform Crime Data

Number of victims recorded 2005: 1,721

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 Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance

What VSDVAA does: Operates the statewide Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline, which links thousands of survivors and professionals to services in their communities. Makes sure communities have the resources needed to respond effectively to sexual and domestic violence. Educates individuals, professionals, communities, and legislators on how to stop sexual and domestic violence from happening and how to help those who have been hurt by violence.

Special populations: Women of color, GLBT communities, Latinas, older women, teens and children, people who are deaf, women with mental illnesses, women with disabilities, people of faith, women who are incarcerated or criminally charged.

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