

## West Virginia Sexual Assault Statistics

- 88.5% of victims were related to or otherwise known to the offender.
- 48.7% were acquaintances. 13.5% were children related to the offenders. Most (66.5%) sex offenses were reported to have occurred at a residence or home.
- The majority of the offenders were males (94%) and adult (84.2%).

**Victims served in state annually: 1,550**

## Uniform Crime Data

**Number of victims recorded 2005: 1,564**

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 West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services

**What FRIS does:** The West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services (FRIS) was established in 1982 as the network of regional rape crisis centers in West Virginia. As the state’s sexual assault coalition, FRIS has established standards of services throughout the state for victims of sexual violence, and in 2004 expanded those services to include victims of stalking. In addition to working to strengthen victim services in the state, FRIS is actively involved in developing awareness programs and prevention activities.

**Innovative Projects:** Intercollegiate Council: campus consortium to work collectively on the issue of sexual violence on the campuses of West Virginia’s residential colleges and universities.

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