

Crime Stats

FACT SHEET

State of Maryland Violent Crime 2017 vs. 2016

Violent Crime	2016 ¹	2017 ²	% Change
Murder	534	569	+ 6.5%
Rape	1,815	1,773	-2%
Aggravated Assault	15,830	17,049	-8%
Robbery	10,814	11,295	-4%

- The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crime brought to their attention to assist in the FBI’s ongoing assessment of crime in the Nation.³
- Prior to 2013, the UCRs defined rape, as the “carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.”⁴ This narrow definition significantly limited the offenses that reported for UCR purpose’s. In fact, the Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that the old definition only captured **39%** of all the sexual assault reported to law enforcement.⁵
- Beginning in 2013, the definition of rape was changed to “penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part of object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”⁶ This new definition, which removed the requirement of force and limitation to female victims, resulted in an increase in the total number of rapes reported by law enforcement agencies.
- Every **73 seconds**, an American is sexually assaulted.⁷
- **54%** of sexual assault victims are between that ages of 18 and 34 years’ old.⁸
- **1 in 5** women and **1 in 71** men will be raped in their lifetime.⁹
- In **8 out of 10** cases of rape, the victim knew the person who sexually assaulted them.¹⁰
- **63%** of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.¹¹
- In Maryland during Fiscal Year 2010, more than **10,000** new and ongoing sexual assault victims were supported by statewide rape crisis and recovery centers with state funding.¹²

¹ Uniform Crime Report, Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (2016)
² Uniform Crime Report, Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (2017)
³ U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics (n.d.)
⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime in the United States 2013, Violent Crime, Rape (n.d.)
⁵ Archambault, J. & Lonsway, K.A. (July 2007; updated March 2020). *Clearance Methods for Sexual Assault Cases*. OnLine Training Institute module developed by End Violence Against Women International (EVAWI). Available at <http://olti.evawintl.org/>.
⁶ *Supra* note 4.
⁷ Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, National Crime Victimization Survey, 2018 (2019). **Note: RAINN applies a 5-year rolling average to adjust for changes in the year-to-year NCVS survey data.**
⁸ Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sex Offenses and Offenders (1997); ii. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Crimes Against the Elderly, 2003-2013 (2014).
⁹ Black, M. C., Basile, K. C., Breiding, M. J., Smith, S. G., Walters, M. L., Merrick, M. T., ... Stevens, M. R. (2011). The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2010 summary report. Retrieved from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf
¹⁰ Krebs, C. P., Lindquist, C., Warner, T., Fisher, B., & Martin, S. (2007). The campus sexual assault (CSA) study: Final report. Retrieved from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/221153.pdf>
¹¹ Rennison, C. A. (2002). Rape and sexual assault: Reporting to police and medical attention, 1992-2000 [NCJ 194530]. Retrieved from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/rsarp00.pdf>
¹² Maryland Department of Human Resources (2010)