

Worldwide Sexual Assault Statistics

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Worldwide

- 1 out of 3 women worldwide has experienced rape or sexual assault. (2001)¹
- In some countries, up to one-third of adolescent girls report forced sexual initiation (2002)⁷
- One preliminary study in eight different countries found a 24.7 % rate of sexual violence in dating relationships (2001)⁵
- Studies show that 5-10 percent of men report a history of childhood sexual abuse. (2002)⁷
- Hundreds of thousands of women and girls throughout the world are forcibly trafficked and prostituted each year. (2002)⁷
- A report of seven different countries found that more than 60% of sexual assault victims know their attackers. (2000)⁵
- A large number of sexual assault victims are less than age 15. (1997)⁵

The following table represents the percent of women polled in a survey who replied they attempted to report they were forced into sex, broken down country. 4.

Country	Year	Sample Size	% forced into sex
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	2000	941	10.1
Canada (Toronto)	1991-2	420	15.3
Japan (Yokohama)	2000	1287	6.2
Mexico (Guadalajara)	1996	650	23.0
Nicaragua (Leon)	1993	360	21.7
Peru (Cuzco)	2000	1534	46.7
Thailand (Bangkok)	2000	1051	29.9
UK (North London)	1993	430	23.0
Zimbabwe (Midlands Province)	1996	699	25.0
North America	2003	198,850	40.0

United States

- It is estimated that 1 in 3 American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.
- 89% of sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.
- For every sexual assault reported to the police, 3 to 10 go unreported.
- 13% of males will be sexually assaulted during their lifetimes.
- In 2002, there were 247,730 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault.
 - about 87,000 were victims of completed rape
 - 70,000 were victims of attempted rape
 - Up to 4,315 pregnancies may have resulted from these attacks.

Africa

- In South Africa, a sex crime happens every twenty seconds. (2000)¹
- Reported incidents of rapes in 12 African provinces increased from 182 in 2001 to 270 in 2002. (2002)¹

Russia

14,000 of the 331,815 reported crimes committed against women in the Russian Federation were rapes. (1993)⁵

Canada

23.3 % of women had been victims of rape and attempted rape. (1997)⁵

South Pacific

Among 95 women interviewed in Papua New Guinea, about half of them said their husbands had forced them into sex. 1/3 of those forced said they had been beaten into sex, and 1/5 had been manipulated into it by drunken husbands. (1997)⁵

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South America

- In Peru, 90 % of 12 to 16 year old girls giving birth were pregnant from rape, and often incest. (2001)³
- In Costa Rica, Peru and Uruguay, a rapist can go free under the Penal Code if he proposes to marry the victim and she consents. (2002)³
- 49 % of the 1,000 women surveyed in Sacatepequez, Guatemala, have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused, 75 % by an intimate male partner. ²
- A statistical survey conducted in Netzahualcoyotl, Mexico found that one in three women had been victims of family violence; 20% report blows to the stomach during pregnancy. (1990)².
- Island-wide random surveys of women in Barbados revealed that nearly 1/3 of respondents had been sexually abused during childhood or adolescence. (1991)²

Europe

- In a randomly selected study of nearly 1,200 ninth grade students in Geneva, Switzerland, 20% of girls revealed they had experienced at least one incident of sexual abuse.(2002)³
- In Bosnia and Herzegovina, alone, estimates of the numbers of women raped range from 10,000 to 60,000. (2000)⁴
- A survey in the United Kingdom found that 19.4 % of women had been victims of sexual violence. (2001)⁵
- 6 % of women reported having been sexually assaulted in the past five years in Tirana, Albania. (1997)⁵
- 2 % of women reported having been sexually assaulted in the past five years in Budapest, Hungary. (1996)⁵
- 4.8 % of women reported having been sexually assaulted in the past five years in Dialectia, Kaunas, Klaipeda, Panevezys, and Vilnius in Lithuania. (1997)⁵
- 11.6 % of women in the Czech Republic reported experiencing forced sexual contact in their lifetime, and 3.4 % of those women reported they had experienced forced sexual contact on more than one occasion.(2000)⁵
- Over 20,000 Muslim women were known to be raped in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Balkan War. (1997)⁵
- 25% of women polled in a Norwegian study who had lived with an intimate partner had experienced physical and/or sexual abuse by their partner. (1991)²

Asia

- In South East Asia, 40% of girls are being sold into prostitution to feed their families. (2000)¹
- Of the cases reported in Cambodia, 65% of the rape victims were younger than eighteen, and 12 % of the perpetrators were closely related by blood or marriage. (2001)¹
- Of the 109 rapes and sexual assault cases investigated between January 1999 and March 2000 in Cambodia, only 51% were resolved and closed. (2001)¹
- An estimated 20,000-30,000 Vietnamese women are currently in Cambodia as sex workers. (2002)¹
- 22% of foreign tourists came to Cambodia for sex. (2000)¹
- In a Cambodian Demographic survey, 31% of respondents said women are not justified in refusing their husband sex for any of the reasons listed-recent childbirth, and knowledge that the husband has HIV/AIDS. (2000)¹
- 1 out of 3 women in Asia agreed with at least one reason to justify a husband beating his wife. (2001) ¹
- Under Islamic Law, ordinances require women reporting rape to provide a set number (4) of credible male witnesses to verify the crime. Victims unable to provide these witnesses are often charged instead with adultery. (2000)³
- 22% of adult women in Seoul had been the victims of rape and attempted rape. (1997)⁵
- In Jakarta, Indonesia, city police recorded 2,300 cases of sexual violence against women in 1992, 3,200 cases 1993, and 2,000 in the first half of 1994. (1997)⁵
- 3.15 % of women reported having been sexually assaulted in the past five years in Ulaanbaatar and Zuumod, Mongolia. (1996)⁵
- In Uttar Pradesh, India, about 2/3 of 98 respondents reported being forced into sex by their husbands-about 1/3 of them by beatings. (2000)⁵