

Sexual Violence in North Carolina



What is Sexual Violence?

According to the CDC, Sexual violence is defined as a sexual act committed against someone without that person's freely given consent¹.

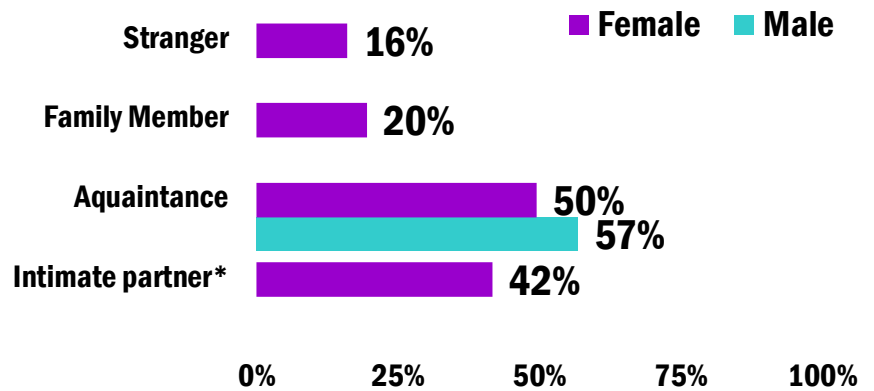
Reported Lifetime Sexual Violence for North Carolinians

48% of North Carolinians will become a victim of sexual violence in their lifetime².

1 out of 2 North Carolinians have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime².

Most sexual violence victims knew their perpetrator.²

Type of perpetrator in lifetime reports of sexual violence in NC by perpetrator relationship to victim.



*Intimate partner is a person with whom one has a close personal relationship which can be characterized by emotional connections, regular contact, ongoing physical contact and/or sexual behavior, identify as a couple or have knowledge and familiarity about each other's lives².

Nationally, 54% of women experience sexual violence compared to 46% of males³.

Effects and Costs of Sexual Violence

Physical bruising and soreness.

Mental depression, PTSD, suicidal thoughts or attempts.

Emotional shock, anger and blame, helplessness and fear.

Others: chronic fatigue, shortness of breath and sexual dysfunction.

Rape is the costliest crime in the United States, costing approximately

\$127 billion

to victims per year².

If you need any help or know of someone who is a victim of sexual violence call 1-800-656-4673.

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