

SEXUAL ASSAULT QUICK FACTS GEORGIA STATISTICS

- The South has one of the highest rates of sexual assault among women aged 12 and older. (Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Criminal Victimization in the U.S.*, 1994)
- One in six Georgia women between the ages of 15 and 44 have been forced to have sexual intercourse against their will at least once during their lifetime. (Georgia Women's Health Survey, 1995)
- Twenty-one sexual assault programs served 4,083 victims who had been sexually assaulted between October 1998 and September 1999. Of these victims served:
 - 70% also reported the crime to a law enforcement agency
 - 95% were female
 - 38% were between the ages of 12 and 24
 - 45% were African American
 - 34% were Caucasian
 - 61% were assaulted by someone they knew
 - 29% were assaulted in the home(Georgia Department of Human Resources, 2000)
- The cost of one rape (in lost wages and fees for medical and psychological treatment) averages \$60,000 (Miller & Cohen, 1993. Health Affairs 12(4) pp 186-197).
- Of the 2,209 forcible rapes reported in 1999 in Georgia, only 671 (30%) resulted in arrests. The number of prosecutions and convictions of sexual offenders was even lower (Georgia Department of Human Resources, 2000).