

## Sexual Violence in Arizona

- An estimated 19% of adult women in Arizona (363,000 in 2003) have been victims of one or more completed forcible rapes<sup>1</sup> during their lifetime (Ruggiero & Kilpatrick, 2003).
- During 2008, Arizona law enforcement agencies received 1,654 reports of forcible rape<sup>1</sup>. Arrests of 187 people were made in connection with the crimes (Arizona Department of Public Safety, 2009).
- In 2008, 498 arrest counts<sup>2</sup> of sexual assault<sup>3</sup> were filed in Arizona; there were 69 convictions of sexual assault statewide (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 2010).
- In 2009, among Arizona youth in 9th through 12th grades, 14% of girls and 7% of boys reported who had ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to (Arizona Department of Education, 2010).
- In 2009, among Arizona youth in 9th through 12th grades, 11% of girls and 12% boys replied reported ever being hit, slapped, or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months (Arizona Department of Education, 2010).

<sup>1</sup> **Forcible rape** is defined by the Uniform Crime Reports as vaginal penetration of a female forcibly and against her will. Other sex offenses are not included in this data.

<sup>2</sup> **Arrest counts** are defined as charges filed

<sup>3</sup> **Sexual assault** is defined by Arizona law as engaging in sexual intercourse or oral sexual contact with any person without consent.

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The Arizona Department of Health Services Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program, through community level cooperative interventions, provides sexual violence prevention education to students, professionals, and community members.

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