

Sexual Violence in Arizona

- In 2003, an estimated 19% of adult women in Arizona (363,000) have been victims of one or more completed forcible rapes¹ during their lifetime (Ruggiero & Kilpatrick, 2003).
- In 2009, Arizona law enforcement agencies received 1,639 reports of forcible rape.¹ Arrests of 226 people were made in connection with the crimes (Arizona Department of Public Safety, 2011).
- In 2009, 703 arrest counts² of sexual assault³ were filed in Arizona; there were 160 convictions of sexual assault statewide (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 2011b).
- In 2009, among Arizona youth in 9th through 12th grades, 14% of girls and 7% of boys reported ever been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to (Arizona Department of Education, 2010).
- In 2010, among Arizona youth in 8th, 10th, and 12th grades, 17% reported being hit, slapped, pushed, shoved, kicked, or physically assaulted by a boyfriend or girlfriend within the past 12 months (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 2011a).

¹ **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.

² **Arrest counts** are defined as charges filed

³ **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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