

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 rapes¹ during their lifetime (Ruggiero & Kilpatrick, 2003).
- During 2007, Arizona law enforcement agencies received 1,856 reports of forcible rape. Arrests of 215 people were made in connection with the crimes (Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2008).
- In 2007, 517 charges of sexual assault² were filed in Arizona; there were 87 convictions of sexual assault statewide (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 2008).
- In 2007, among Arizona youth in 9th through 12th grades, 13% of girls and 7% of boys reported ever experiencing sexual contact against their will (Arizona Department of Education, 2008).
- In 2007, among Arizona youth in 9th through 12th grades, 12% 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, 2008).

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 **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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