

1997-1998 Statistics from the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program

Reported in 1999

Year	Number of Offenses	Rate per 100,000 women
1997	96,153	35.9
1998	93,103	34.4
Percent Change	-3.2	-4.2

* The national estimate of 90,186 forcible rapes (female only) marks the first increase since 1992. It is unclear whether this is due to an increase in incidence or an increase in reporting.

1. This table reflects the number of forcible rapes reported to law enforcement across the country during 1999 and 2000 and has the following limitations:

A. The FBI defines forcible rape as "the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will". This definition does not include statutory rape (rape without force), other sex crimes, or the rape of men.

B. The UCR records incidence rates of REPORTED rapes. According to this method only persons raped within a specific period and who notify law enforcement are considered victims.

C. Research indicates that up to 80-90% of rapes are not reported and that stranger rapes are more likely to be reported than acquaintance rapes.

D. The use of incidence rates in isolation may obscure the overall frequency of rape and attempted rape.

For original data source please click on the link below. Note this link will take you to the complete FBI 1999 data on forcible rape.

http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius_00/00crime2_4.pdf