

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT Sexual Assault



There are a lot of popular false beliefs about sexual assault and rape. Take the quiz to test your knowledge and use the key to check your answers. You might learn something new!

- 1** Of every 1,000 sexual assaults reported to law enforcement, how many perpetrators will walk free?
 - a) Less than 350
 - b) About 500
 - c) Over 950
- 2** What's the false reporting rate for sexual assault?
 - a) Less than 10%
 - b) About 50%
 - c) Over 80%
- 3** What percentage of rapes go unreported?
 - a) Over 60%
 - b) About 50%
 - c) Less than 25%
- 4** Where do the majority of sexual assaults occur?
 - a) At or near a relative's home
 - b) At or near a victim's home
 - c) In a public area or on school property
- 5** Out of every 10 rapes, how many are committed by someone known to the victim?
 - a) Less than 2
 - b) About 5
 - c) Over 8
- 6** Women ages of 18-24 are at higher risk than women in general to experience sexual violence. True or false?
- 7** What's the most commonly used substance in drug-facilitated sexual assault?
 - a) Muscle relaxers
 - b) Alcohol
 - c) Tranquilizers
 - d) Sleep aids
- 8** What is a universal cause of 100% of sexual assaults or rapes?

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1 Of every 1,000 sexual assaults reported to law enforcement, how many perpetrators will walk free?

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Out of every 1,000 sexual assaults, 975 perpetrators will never go to jail or prison. Some studies place the number that will walk free at an even higher 995 in every 1,000.

For perspective, robbery and assault/battery crimes are reported to police about twice as often as sexual assault. About 40% of assault/battery reports and 27% of robberies lead to an arrest. Only 16% of sexual assault reports will lead to an arrest.

2 What's the false reporting rate for sexual assault?

- a) Less than 10%**
- b) About 50%
- c) Over 80%

False reporting rates for sexual assault range 2-8%.

The false reporting rate for other major crimes is estimated to be between 2-10%

3 What percentage of rapes go unreported?

- a) Over 60%**
- b) About 50%
- c) Less than 25%

Only 310 out of every 1,000 sexual assaults are reported to police.

More than 2 out of 3 go unreported.

4 Where do the majority of sexual assaults occur?

- a) At or near a relative's home
- b) At or near a victim's home**
- c) In a public area or on school property

55% of sexual assaults occur at or near a victim's home.

For comparison, the breakdown of sexual assaults that occur elsewhere is:

- Open public space: 15%
- At or near a relative's home: 12%
- In an enclosed but public area like a parking lot or garage: 10%
- On school property: 8%

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5 Out of every 10 rapes, how many are committed by someone known to the victim?

- a) Less than 2
- b) About 5
- c) Over 8**

Over 80% of rapes are committed by somebody the victim knows.

1 in 3 are committed by a current or former intimate partner.

For comparison, less than 20% of rapes are committed by a stranger.

6 Women ages of 18-24 are at higher risk than women in general to experience sexual violence. True or false?

True.

Women ages 18-24 who are college students are an estimated 3 times more likely to experience sexual violence. Women of the same age who are not enrolled in college are 4 times more likely.

7 What's the most commonly used substance in drug-facilitated sexual assault?

- a) Sleep aids
- b) Alcohol**
- c) Tranquilizers
- d) Muscle relaxers

Alcohol is often used alone or in combination with other drugs to facilitate sexual assault because it is both accessible and incredibly effective at incapacitating potential victims.

Anybody who is drunk or passed out cannot give consent for sexual activity.

Any sexual activity without consent is illegal.

8 What is a universal cause of 100% of sexual assaults or rapes?

Perpetrators

Victims are often blamed for sexual assault. Rape and sexual assault are violent crimes. No one asks to be raped.

Underlying inequalities, who has control over a space, and individual abuse of power all contribute to sexual violence. But one cause is universal in every sexual assault: perpetrators.