

Idaho Sexual Assault Fact Sheet

What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual assault is any type of unwanted sexual contact; it is any sexual activity that which occurs without knowing, voluntary, and ongoing affirmative consent. Sexual assault does not necessarily involve force. Sexual assault includes:

- Completed or attempted unwanted sexual intercourse (rape).
- Continuing with sexual activity beyond the bounds of consent. For example, not using a condom when consent was based on condom use.
- Nonconsensual fondling.

People are most likely to be assaulted by someone they know including a friend, acquaintance, colleague, classmate, intimate partner, or family member. Sexual assault is underreported for many reasons, including shame, not wanting to get the other person in trouble, lack of resources, and not trusting authorities. There has been a slight decrease in rape and sexual assault reporting to police between 2020 and 2021. Twenty-three percent (23%) of rape and sexual assaults were reported to the police in 2020, but twenty-one percent (21%) were reported to the police in 2021.¹

Reports of Sexual Assault in Idaho

According to the 2021 Crimes in Idaho, Crimes Against Persons Report:²

- 2,233 non-consensual sexual offenses were reported, which is a 7% increase since 2020.³
- 728 of these reported offenses were rape, which is a 12% increase since 2020.
 - Ninety-one percent (91%) of victims were White, two percent (2%) were African American, one percent (1%) were American Indian, zero-point-five (0.5%) were Asian, and five percent (5%) were of an unknown race.
- 187 reports were of sexual assault with an object

The 2021 Idaho Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Report found that in 2021, 459 sexual assault kits were collected by medical facilities, and it took policing agencies an average of twenty-four (24) days to submit the kits to a lab.⁴

- In 2021, the lab completed a total of 573 sexual assault kits.

Sexual assault is widespread and it's important for survivors to know that they are not alone. Survivors of sexual assault have options. To find out more contact your local domestic and sexual violence program, the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence at www.engagingvoices.org, or call the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1(800) 656-4673

Idaho Resources on Sexual Assault

Healing from Sexual Assault booklets for adult survivors are available in English, Spanish, Arabic and Swahili. Booklets also available for youth in English and Spanish. Copies available at no cost on the Idaho Coalition website www.engagingvoices.org.



National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1 (800) 799-7233 / 1(800) 787-3224 (TTY)
Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence www.engagingvoices.org



¹ Thompson, A. & Tapp S. N. (2022). Criminal Victimization, 2021. Bureau of Justice Statistics Special Report, p. 5.(US Department of Justice, Washington, DC.).

² This report is generated annually by Idaho State Police from data gathered from law enforcement departments statewide. This report only includes assaults that are reported, so it is likely only documenting a small percentage of sexual assaults that occur.

³ This number does not include reports of incest and statutory rape.

⁴ This report is conducted annually by the Idaho State Police Forensic Services regarding sexual assault kits in Idaho.