

# 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.

## Reports of Sexual Assault in Idaho

Most survivors of sexual assault do not report to the criminal legal system, so reports likely reflect only a small percentage of the sexual assaults that occur. According to the *2021 Crimes in Idaho, Crimes Against Persons Report*:<sup>1</sup>

- 2,233 non-consensual sexual offenses were reported, which is a 7% increase since 2020.<sup>2</sup>
- 728 of these reported offenses were rape, which is a 12% increase since 2020. Of these, 187 reports were of sexual assault with an object.

Of significant concern, the *Idaho Youth Risk Behavior Survey* found 17.9% of female Idaho high school students reported that they had been “physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to” as compared to the U.S. overall percentage of 11.4%. In the same survey, 25% of Idaho female high school students report being “forced to do sexual things they did not want to do by someone they were dating or going out with during the past 12 months compared to the U.S. overall percentage of 16.6%.<sup>3</sup>

## National and Idaho Resources on Sexual Assault

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 or the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence at [www.engagingvoices.org](http://www.engagingvoices.org). Civil legal assistance for youth and young adult sexual assault survivors is also available at no cost through the Idaho Coalition.

*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](http://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](http://www.engagingvoices.org)



<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> This number does not include reports of incest and statutory rape.

<sup>3</sup> [https://odp.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2021\\_Youth-Risk-Behavior-Survey-Results.pdf](https://odp.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2021_Youth-Risk-Behavior-Survey-Results.pdf).