

# Get all the Facts



## Self-reported Sexual Assault in Canada, 2014

- A higher risk of sexual assault was noted among those who were:
  - Women
  - Young
  - Aboriginal
  - Single
  - Homosexual or bisexual
- And among those who had
  - Poorer mental health
  - Experienced childhood abuse
  - Experienced homelessness
  - Spent more evening activities outside the home
- The vast majority (87%) of all sexual assault incidents were committed against women.
- Nearly half (47%) of all sexual assault incidents were committed against women aged 15 to 24.
- The rate of sexual assault among Aboriginal people was approximately three times higher than among non-Aboriginal people (58 versus 20 per 1,000 population).
- Canadians who identified as homosexual or bisexual had a rate of sexual assault that was six times higher than those who identified as heterosexual (1021 versus 17 per 1,000 population).
- The rate of sexual assault among those with a disability was approximately two times higher than those with no disability (37 versus 16 per 1,000 population).
- Individuals with mental disabilities had a rate of sexual assault that was about five times higher than those with no such disability (83 versus 16 per 1,000 population), whereas the difference between individuals with physical disabilities and those with no such disability was not statistically significant (251 versus 20 per 1,000 population).
- Sexual assault offenders were often known to their victims. A friend, acquaintance or neighbour was the offender for 52% of sexual assault incidents, while a stranger was the offender for 44% of incidents.
- The large majority (94%) of sexual assault incidents were perpetrated by a man. However, a considerable difference was noted depending on the sex of the victim. For instance, women almost exclusively reported that they were sexually assaulted by a man (99%), while similar proportions of men reported that they were sexually assaulted by a man (52%) or a woman (48%).
- Physical assault incidents were most often perpetrated by a man (82%) and by one offender acting alone (75%).
- Most sexual assault incidents did not involve the presence of a weapon (86%) and did not cause physical injury to the victim (93%).
- One in twenty (5%) incidents of sexual assault was reported to the police. 17% of sexual assault victims reported that they consulted a support service.

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