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Key statistics about sexual violence:

In the year to the end of March 2017, the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) estimated:

- 20% of women and 4% of men have experienced some type of sexual assault since the age of 16, equivalent to 3.4 million female and 631,000 male victims
- 3.1% of women (510,000) and 0.8% of men (138,000) aged 16 to 59 had experienced a sexual assault in the last year.

In January 2013, *An Overview of Sexual Offending in England and Wales*, the first ever joint official statistics bulletin on sexual violence released by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Home Office, revealed:

- Approximately 85,000 women and 12,000 men (aged 16 - 59) experience rape, attempted rape or sexual assault by penetration in England and Wales alone every year; that's roughly 11 of the most serious sexual offences (of adults alone) every hour.
- Only around 15% of those who experience sexual violence report to the police
- Approximately 90% of those who are raped know the perpetrator prior to the offence

Download the [full report, a summary and/or the data tables](#) for more information.

More key stats:

- 31% of young women aged 18-24 report having experienced sexual abuse in childhood (NSPCC, 2011)
- Most women in the UK do not have access to a Rape Crisis Centre (Map of Gaps, 2007)
- A third of people believe women who flirt are partially responsible for being raped (Amnesty, 2005)
- Conviction rates for rape are far lower than other crimes, with only 5.7% of reported rape cases ending in a conviction for the perpetrator. (Kelly, Lovett and Regan, *A gap or a chasm? Attrition in reported rape cases*, 2005)

Other useful sources of statistical data relating to sexual violence and violence against women and girls include:

[Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit \(CWASU\)](#), London Metropolitan University

[Crime Survey for England and Wales](#) (formerly the British Crime Survey)

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