Wisconsin Sexual Assaults 2009

The information in this fact sheet is from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance 2010 report “Sexual Assaults in Wisconsin, 2009.” This information was collected between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009, representing only one year of reported sexual assaults. This report is only one measurement of incidences of sexual assault, as sexual assaults frequently go unreported. This fact sheet and the OJA’s report does not include reports made to hospitals or other health care providers and other service providers; it only reflects those reported to law enforcement. The actual number of sexual assaults across Wisconsin and all states is unknown.

Summary 2009

- A total of 4,633 sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement agencies in 2009, down from 4,650 in 2008.
- Forcible Fondling was the most reported sexual assault, accounting for 43% of total sexual assaults. The second highest reported type of sexual assault was forcible rape (24%), followed by statutory rape (18%) and forcible sodomy/oral sex (11%).
- The victim residence and the offender residence combined (62%) were the most common sites for sexual assault, comprising nearly two-thirds of reported assault locations.
- Weapons (including hands/fists, drugs, blunt objects, etc) were used in less than 5% of all reported sexual assaults; the vast majority of victims sustained no physical injury

Victims

- Between 2005 and 2009, Juveniles were consistently three times more likely than adults to be victims of sexual assault; juveniles 15 and under represent over two thirds of all victims in 2009.
- 11-15 year olds were the highest victimized age groups (40%) for all reported sexual assaults in 2009.
- Over 84% of all victims were female.
- In the majority of sexual assaults, the victim and offender were of the same race; over 80% of victims identified as White. The next most victimized race group was Black victims (16%).

Offenders

- The most often reported perpetrator of sexual assaults was an acquaintance of the victim; over 90% of sexual assaults were committed by someone known to the victim.
- More than 92% of reported offenders were male.
- 71% of reported sexual assaults were committed by White offenders; 22% of were committed by Black offenders.
- Two-thirds of reported sexual assault offenders were between the ages of 11 and 30, with 26% of offenders between the ages of 16 and 20.