

**Facts About Sexual Assault In North Dakota  
January – December 2009**

- ❖ **830 primary victims** and **375 secondary victims** were served by 18 sexual assault crisis centers throughout North Dakota.
- ❖ At least **386 (46%)** of primary victims were under the age of 18 years old at the time of the assault/s.
- ❖ At least **745 (90%)** of the **victims** were **female**.
- ❖ At least **777 (94%)** of the **assailants** were **male**.
- ❖ At least **13 (2%)** of the **assailants** were **female**.
- ❖ **69% of the crimes were reported to law enforcement.**
- ❖ At least **22% of adult victims contacted** a sexual assault center about the crime **within 2 days** of the assault. **12% of adult victims contacted** a sexual assault center within **3-30 days** after the assault.
- ❖ At least **85% (703)** of the cases were **male assailant/female victim**.
- ❖ At least **9% (74)** of the cases were **male assailant/male victim**.
- ❖ At least **67%** of the adult assaults were **rape, 7% attempted rape, and 26%** were **sexual contact** other than rape or attempted rape.
- ❖ In adult cases **12%** of the **assailants were strangers**. In child cases **3%** of the **assailants were strangers**.
- ❖ In at least **43%** of all cases the **assailant was a friend/acquaintance/date** of the victim.
- ❖ At least **27%** of all cases were **incest or indicated a history of incest**. In at least **15%** of adult sexual assault cases reported, the victim also experienced **sexual abuse/incest as a child**.
- ❖ At least **10,555** services to **primary victims** were provided by crisis center advocates from January to December 2009.
- ❖ At least **46%** of the **assaults occurred in the victim's or assailant's home**.
- ❖ At least **42%** of the victims were **referred** to sexual assault service providers by **themselves, friends, or family members**.

18 out of 21 programs reporting

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