

North Dakota Sexual Assault Statistics 2023

1,288 primary victims

1,288 primary victims* and 221 secondary victims were served by 19 sexual assault advocacy centers across North Dakota.

- At least **1,042** victims were female.
- At least **795** assailants were male.
- **55%** of cases were male assailant, female victim.
- **6%** of cases were male assailant, male victim.
- **16%** of cases were female assailant, female victim.
- **1%** of cases were female assailant, male victim.

Victim or assailant's gender was not identified in some cases.



A closer look



At least 34% of the assaults occurred in the victim or assailant's home.



At least 242 of primary victims were under the age of 18 years old at the time of the assault(s).



In adult cases, 6% of the assailants were strangers. In child cases, 4% of the assailants were strangers.



In at least 24% of all cases, the assailant was a friend/acquaintance/date of the victim.



31% of new victims were people with disabilities. Of those, 17% were people with developmental disabilities, 29% had physical disabilities, and 54% were people with mental health disabilities.



Advocacy



45% of the crimes were reported to law enforcement.



At least 20,274 services were provided to primary victims by advocacy center advocates from January to December 2023.



At least 29% of the victims were referred to sexual assault service providers by themselves, friends, or family members.



27% of adult victims contacted the sexual assault advocacy center about the crime within 2 days of the assault. 14% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault advocacy center within 3-30 days after the assault.

**Statistics represent new victims served in 2023. New = unduplicated for calendar year. Primary victims refers to the victim/survivor whom the sexual assault and/or child sexual abuse was directed at. Secondary victims refers to those who are indirectly affected by the sexual assault—i.e., children, siblings, spouses or intimate partners, grandparents, other affected relatives, friends, neighbors, etc.*

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