

The Offenders

The Rapist isn't a Masked Stranger



Almost 2/3 of rapes were committed by someone known to the victim.¹

73% of sexual assaults were perpetrated by a non-stranger.¹

38% of rapists are a friend or acquaintance.¹

28% are an intimate.¹

7% are a relative.¹

He's not Hiding in the Bushes

More than **50% of all rape/sexual assault incidents** were reported by victims to have occurred within 1 mile of their home or at their home.²

- 4 in 10 take place at the victim's home.
- 2 in 10 take place at the home of a friend, neighbor, or relative.
- 1 in 12 take place in a parking garage.

43% of rapes occur between 6:00pm and midnight.²

- 24% occur between midnight and 6:00am.
- The other 33% take place between 6:00am and 6:00pm.

The Criminal

- The average age of a rapist is 31 years old.²
- 52% are white.²
- 22% of imprisoned rapists report that they are married.²
- Juveniles accounted for 16% of forcible rape arrestees in 1995 and 17% of those arrested for other sex offenses.²

- In 1 in 3 sexual assaults, the perpetrator was intoxicated — 30% with alcohol, 4% with drugs.³
- In 2001, 11% of rapes involved the use of a weapon — 3% used a gun, 6% used a knife, and 2 % used another form of weapon.²
- 84% of victims reported the use of physical force only.²

Rapists are more likely to be a serial criminal than a serial rapist.

46% of rapists who were released from prison were re-arrested within 3 years of their release for another crime.⁴

- 18.6% for a violent offense.
- 14.8% for a property offense.
- 11.2% for a drug offense.
- 20.5% for a public-order offense.

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