



# Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine

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## Sexual Assault Information Page

Rape, as reported to Maine law enforcement officials, increased 20.3% in 2002 – *it is the ONLY violent crime category in Maine to increase each year since 1999.*

Between 2001-2002, reports of rape nearly doubled in York County & increased 15% in Cumberland County.

(2002 Uniform Crime Report, Maine Department of Public Safety)

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Maine's 10 Sexual Assault Centers had a total of 12,353 contacts related to sexual assault in 2002 – *Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine handled 2,087 of those contacts.* In 2003, SARSSM handled 2,592 contacts resulting in over 1,700 hours of service to sexual assault survivors & concerned others.

(2002 Statistical Analysis, Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault & 2002/2003 Statistical Analysis, Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine)

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In the 2002-2003 School Year SARSSM provided educational programs to **6,146 Southern Maine students & 747 of our colleagues.**

(2003 Statistical Analysis, Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine)

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Every two minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted – *in 2002, there were 247,730 victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault.* While this number has decreased over the past few years, the number of reported rapes to law enforcement increased nearly 5% in the U.S. between 2001-2002.

(2002 National Crime Victimization Survey, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics & 2002 Uniform Crime Report, Federal Bureau Of Investigation)

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**75% of female rape victims require medical care after the attack**

(U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1994)

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**44% of rape victims are under age 18 – 15% are under the age of 12**

(1997 Sex Offenders and Offenses, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics)

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In 2002, 69% of all sexual assault victims knew their attacker; *however*, juvenile sexual assault victims knew their attacker in 93% of the cases

(2002 NCVS and 2000 Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics)

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**Less than 40% of rapes & sexual assaults are reported to law enforcement**

(2002 NCVS, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics)

***Help, Hope, and Healing***