

**MINNESOTA PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**FISCAL YEAR 1988 STATISTICS  
(July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988)**

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In fiscal year 1988, the Minnesota Program for Victims of Sexual Assault received a total of \$645,600 in state and federal funds for grants to local programs. Funding was awarded to 34 community-based sexual assault centers throughout Minnesota. The grants provided for direct victim services, professional training, coordination of services and community education. The following is a summary of the data received from the grantees.

Local sexual assault programs provided services to 5,766 victims of sexual assault, a slight increase in the total number of cases served over FY87 (5,608). The total number served includes both new cases (5,076) and cases continuing from the previous year (690). A new case is defined as person(s) who sought services from a sexual assault program concerning one or more assaults for the first time during FY88. The sexual assault(s) may or may not have occurred during this time period.

Of the victims for whom additional information was available, 90% were female. The proportion of male victims receiving services remained about the same from the previous year, a little over 10%. Eighteen percent of the victims served were people of color. This represents a continuing increase in services to these populations. People of color served included American Indians, Blacks, Hispanic/Latinos, and Southeast Asians. Seven percent of the victims had one or more known disabilities.

Where age of the victim at the time of assault was known, 63% were assaulted before the age of 18; 14% were under the age of 6; 19% of victims were between the age of 18-25; and 3% were over the age of 40. In nearly 62% of the cases, the victim had been assaulted more than once, either by the same or different assailant/s.

Family sexual abuse accounted for 41% of the cases in which the assailant's relationship to the victim was known. In 7% a spouse or another adult living with the victim committed the assault. Another 42% were assaulted by someone they knew, either as friends, coworkers, employers or other acquaintances. Only 10% of the victims were assaulted by strangers.

A total of 34,130 direct services and 6,626 referrals were provided to primary and secondary victims. These services reflect the varying needs of sexual assault victims and include crisis intervention; individual, group and family support counseling; advocacy; medical and legal information; and referral to other programs for additional assistance.

The centers conducted 659 training programs reaching 13,658 professionals throughout the state such as medical, legal, law enforcement and human services personnel, educators and members of the clergy

The centers also conducted 2,823 public education programs reaching 87,096 people. About half of the centers' community education activities were provided to elementary and secondary school children. The remaining programs were presented to a variety of audiences, including church and civic groups, college students and fraternal organizations.