

## North Dakota Sexual Assault Statistics

- At least 38% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault center about the crime within 2 days of the assault. 28% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault center within 3-30 days after the assault.
- At least 63% of the adult assaults were rape, 10% attempted rape, and 26% were sexual contact other than rape or attempted rape.
- In adult cases 14% of the assailants were strangers; in child cases 5% of the assailants were strangers.
- In at least 39% of all cases the assailant was a friend/acquaintance/date of the victim.
- At least 30% of all cases were incest or indicated a history of incest.
- At least 63% of the assaults occurred in the victim's or assailant's home.

**Special state challenges:** Sexual assault of native women, and the need for more nurses and standardized standards of care in rural areas.

### Victim Information

Served in State Annually: 843  
90% Female

## Uniform Crime Data

**Number of victims recorded 2005:** 153

Forcible rape is defined by the FBI as “the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults and attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) and other sex offenses are excluded”. This definition of rape is extremely limited, excluding male victims of sexual assault, incidents where physical force was not used, victims raped by family members, and only counting victims of vaginal/penile penetration.

## About the North Dakota Council on Abused Women Services/ Coalition Against Sexual Assault in North Dakota

**What NDCAWS/CASAND does:** Provides leadership by facilitating local, state, and regional collaboration in the identification and prevention of domestic and sexual violence. Strengthens the coalition, strengthens support for local programs and agencies that provide direct services, and energizes program leaders through systematic professional development. Raises state-wide and region-wide awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault by promoting the statement of values to the community and region. Advocates, sponsors and creates appropriate legislation. Identifies and addresses gaps in service. Improves the stability of member programs. NDCAWS/CASAND will be a source of information and training, across the state and region, on issues of domestic violence and sexual assault.

**Innovative Projects:** Projects that focus the work toward specific populations or age groups, such as the Campus Violence Project, the Rural Outreach Project, and the Native American Forum. Projects that ensure quality services to victims of violence, especially through the Court Advocate Certification Project, the Supervised Visitation Project, and the Batterers' Treatment Forum. Projects focused on offering opportunities for financial independence with the Scholarship Project and the TANF Project.

**Staff:** 13

### Funding

**Federal funding received annually:**  
83,000

**State funding received annually:**  
\$140,000 for DV and SA combined

**Pass through?** Yes

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