

# NORTH DAKOTA

# SEXUAL ASSAULT FACTS 2021

1,139

Primary  
Victims

+292

Secondary  
Victims

were served by

18 SEXUAL ASSAULT  
CRISIS CENTERS

throughout North Dakota.

OF  
THOSE  
CASES:



- at least **933 victims** were **female**
- 59% of cases were **male assailant, female victim**
- **174 assailants** were female



- **752 assailants** were **male**
- 4% of cases were **male assailant, male victim**

## A CLOSER LOOK

At least **298** of primary victims were under the age of 18 years old at the time of the assault(s).

In adult cases, **9%** of the assailants were strangers. In child cases, **3%** of the assailants were strangers.

In at least **29%** of all cases, the assailant was a friend/acquaintance/date of the victim.

At least **32%** of the assaults occurred in the victim's or assailant's home.

**28%** of new victims were people with disabilities. Of those, **18%** were people with developmental disabilities. **23%** had physical disabilities and **59%** were people with mental health disabilities.

*\*new = unduplicated for calendar year*



48% of the crimes were reported to law enforcement.



27% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault center about the crime within 2 days of the assault. 13% of adult victims contacted a sexual assault center within 3-30 days after the assault.



## ADVOCACY

- At least 14,976 services were provided to primary victims by crisis center advocates from January to December 2021.
- At least 22% of the victims were referred to sexual assault service providers by themselves, friends, or family members.



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