

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Crimes that disproportionately affect women include sexual violence—rape—and domestic violence. According to the 2016 National Crime Victimization Survey, roughly one in four rapes and sexual assaults (23.2%) were reported to the police. In 2017, 50 Kenosha County and 54 Racine County women were documented as victims of rape. Whereas the most common age group of rape victims in Kenosha County were young adults (18-22 years old), the most common age group of rape victims in Racine County were in their late teens (15-17 years old). Most reported rapes in 2017 occurred at a residence/home (Kenosha County [80.4%], Racine County [79.6%]) and frequently involved no weapons (Kenosha County [96.1%], Racine County [37.0%]). Racially, most rape victims and offenders were White; however, Blacks were disproportionately represented as victims and offenders of rape from 2013 to 2017 comparative to the Black populations of Kenosha County and Racine County. The perpetrators of rape in 2017 were exclusively male in Kenosha County and Racine County (one reported rape involved a female), with most offenders in their mid-thirties (30-39 years old), who knew (not family-related; e.g., acquaintance, employee/employer, neighbor) their victim. Rape arrest rates in 2017 for Kenosha County (14.3%) and Racine County (31.7%) are lower than for the state of Wisconsin (43.7%). Peterson and her colleagues (2017) computed that the prevention of one female rape equates to an estimated lifetime social cost savings of 122,278 (\$124,631 for males) after accounting for the criminal justice activities, lost work productivity, medical costs, and among other costs.

Rape	Wisconsin				Kenosha County				Racine County			
	UCR		NIBRS		UCR		NIBRS		UCR		NIBRS	
Year	Rape Offenses ^a	Arrests for Rape	Sex Offenses ^c	Female Rape Victims	Rape Offenses ^a	Arrests for Rape	Sex Offenses ^c	Female Rape Victims	Rape Offenses ^a	Arrests for Rape	Sex Offenses ^c	Female Rape Victims
2013	1165	630	1184	1166	43	9	74	43	29	0	72	29
2014	1166	608	1872	1166	46	3	91	46	28	1	49	28
2015	1275	578	2042	1275	52	3	87	52	36	10	66	36
2016	1408	678	2137	1412	46	1	63	46	29	2	64	29
2017	2168 ^b	947	2183	1434	98 ^b	14	97	50	79 ^b	25	80	54

Note. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

^aOnly the most severe offense in an incident is reported. Thus, if an incident involves rape and murder, only the murder is reportable.

^b2017 counts should not be compared to prior counts in the same column because rape was broadened to be gender inclusive, whereas previously, counts represented only females who reported a rape.

^cIncludes sodomy/oral sex and sexual assault w/object, and excludes fondling, incest, and statutory rape so that comparisons can be made to the UCR offenses while acknowledging that the hierarchy rule. For instance, there are 15 sex offenses accounted for by NIBRS in 2017 that are not accounted in the UCR rape offenses, suggesting 15 instances of a person being a victim of a combination of rape/sodomy/oral sex/sexual with an object, which the UCR counts as one person.

Domestic Abuse	Wisconsin				Kenosha County				Racine County			
	Incidents	Arrests	Female Victims	Proportion of Male Non-Incarceration ^a	Incidents	Arrests	Female Victims	Proportion of Male Non-Incarceration ^a	Incidents	Arrests	Female Victims	Proportion of Male Non-Incarceration ^a
2013	29518	20944	22877	30.6%	1030	878	791	38.1%	1229	859	895	29.2%
2014	29223	20876	22797	31.9%	1058	917	824	41.8%	1196	828	873	35.2%
2015	29762	21152	23077	31.6%	1053	856	833	41.4%	1171	801	842	39.8%
2016	28868	20257	22460	32.7%	1258	1049	914	46.4%	929	639	716	37.9%
2017	29809	20927	23310	32.0%	1159	945	840	44.4%	805	574	652	38.2%

Note. Data on race and ethnicity is not consistently collected; thus, it cannot be reported reliably. County-to-county comparisons should be made with caution as local practices via law enforcement activity, attorney practices, and case processing contributes to variation, with year-to-year trends within a county being the safer alternative to draw reliable conclusions. However, it must be acknowledged that due to on-going cases, numbers associated with the last two reported years are likely to change/increase.

^aThis number represents the proportion of all male defendants who have a closed case and is associated with a sentence. For instance, of all the male defendants who have closed case and received a sentence in Kenosha County in 2013, roughly one-third of those male defendants received a non-incarceration sentence, with the remaining receiving other impositions such as jail/prison sentences or probation.

Males and males between the ages of 17 to 25 were the common offending groups arrested for domestic abuse—harm to his/her (former) spouse, person formerly resided/resides, or person with a common child—in 2016, which are findings that held consistently in years prior for Wisconsin and Kenosha County and Racine County; with the exception of 2017 as males aged between 25 to 30 were the most common offending age group arrested for domestic abuse in Racine County. In 2017, common victims of domestic abuse in Wisconsin and Kenosha County and Racine County were White, female, and aged 18 to 25; however, Blacks were disproportionately represented as victims and offenders comparative to the Black populations of Wisconsin and Kenosha County and Racine County. Of the cases that have closed and resulted in a sentence for male defendants (the accused) in 2017, the most common sentence was a non-incarceration sentence (e.g., court costs, fines) (Kenosha County [44.4%], Racine County [38.2%]), and a gradual increase of that sentence is being imposed across Wisconsin and Kenosha County and Racine County comparative to alternatives like a jail/prison sentence or probation. Whereas the economic burden is comparable among both genders regarding rape, after accounting for criminal justice activities, lost work productivity, medical costs, and among other costs, the lifetime financial cost of one female victim of intimate partner violence—a modern term for domestic abuse/violence—is estimated to be \$103,767 (\$23,414 for males).

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