

# "It Wasn't That Serious"

## Sexual Assault on College Campuses

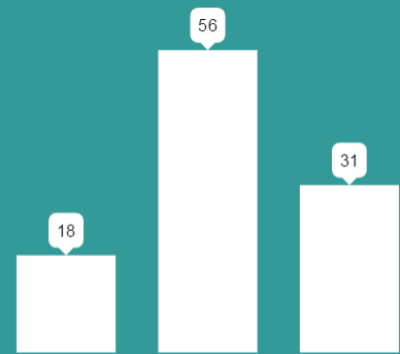
### Seriously Underreported



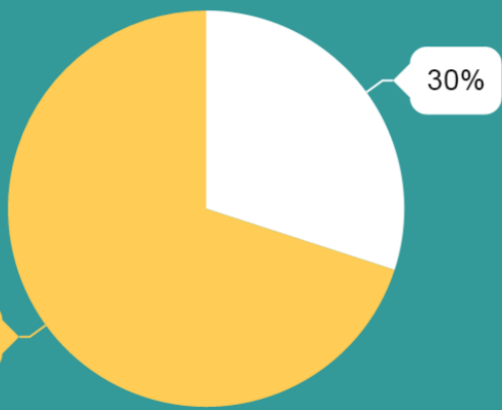
In a survey of 27 colleges conducted by the Association of American Universities, only 41.4% of rape survivors reported their assaults. 58.6% said their experience wasn't "serious enough" to report.

### Serious Medical Costs

Following a sexual assault, the survivor will face increased medical costs associated with the assault. The average survivor will see a doctor 18% more the year of the assault, 56% more the year after the assault, and 31% more 2 years after the assault.



Source: Archives of Internal Medicine



RRPTSD (30%) No incident of RRPTSD (70%)

### Serious Psychological Effects

Nearly 1/3 of survivors of sexual assault will suffer from Rape Related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Symptoms of RRPTSD include: re-living the experience, withdrawing from social life, avoiding situations that remind the survivor of the rape, difficulty concentrating, memory impairment, and sleep disorders.

Source: New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault

## A Serious Problem



1 in 5 college women will be sexually assaulted while they are a student.

Source: Department of Justice

- College students are more likely to be assaulted
- However, students are less likely to report an assault
- Only 16% of victims received services from a victim services agency
- In 80% of assaults the assailant was known to the victim

## Serious Resources

It doesn't have to be this way. The College of Charleston is committed to ensuring all our students are safe. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of a sexual assault, we are here to help. Some of the resources available to C of C students include:



### The Office of Equal Opportunity Programs

Receives and investigates complaints of sexual misconduct. EOP can also coordinate counseling, public safety escorts, and academic accommodations.



### Cougar Counseling

Provides confidential counseling and mental health services for survivors of sexual assault.



### Office of Victim Services

Provides comprehensive victim advocacy services through the criminal and/or administrative investigation process.



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