

## Child Sexual Assault Victimization in Virginia

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## The Survey

- VDH contracted with VCU to perform the survey
- Saba Masho was the Principal Investigator
- A telephone survey was conducted between November 2002 and February 2003
- 1,769 women and 705 men over 18 were interviewed
- All interviewees were experienced and received training from the YWCA.
- All participants were given the statewide hotline number.

## 1 in 4 women

were sexually victimized  
as children



This equals 689,365 women.

## 1 in 5 men

were sexually victimized as  
children



This equals 206,623 men.

## Definitions

**Rape:**

- made you have sex, oral sex or anal sex by using force or threatening to harm you or someone close to you
- put fingers or objects in your anus/vagina against your will by using force or threat of harm

**Inappropriate Touch:**

- touched your (breasts) buttocks or genital area by using force or by threatening to hurt you or someone close to you

**Unable to Consent:**

- made you have any kind of sexual intercourse when you had too much alcohol to drink or had taken drugs and could not agree to have sex or say no to having sex

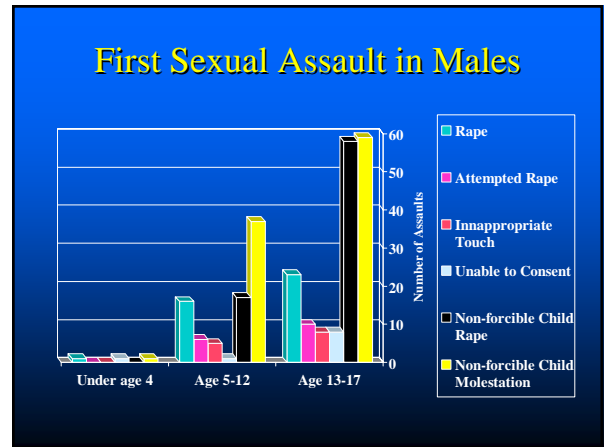
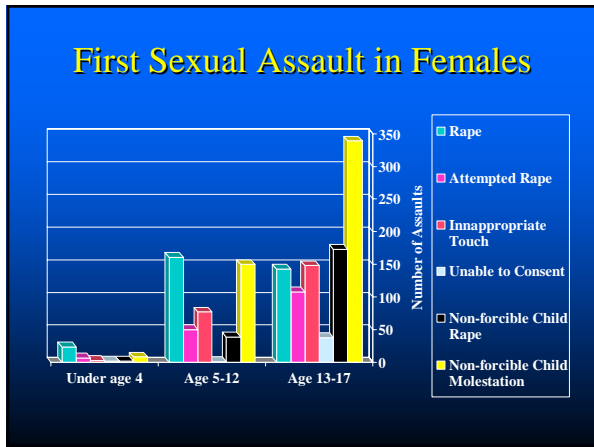
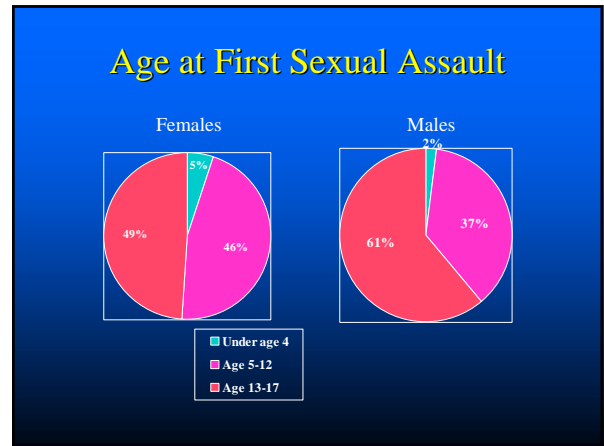
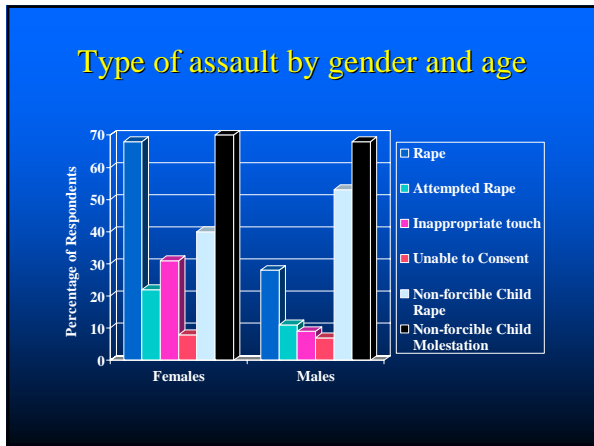
## Child Definitions

**Non-forcible Child Rape:**

- if the victim was under 18 and the perpetrator was older than the victim by **THREE** years or more
- have any kind of sexual intercourse with you **WITHOUT** using force or threatening to harm you or someone else

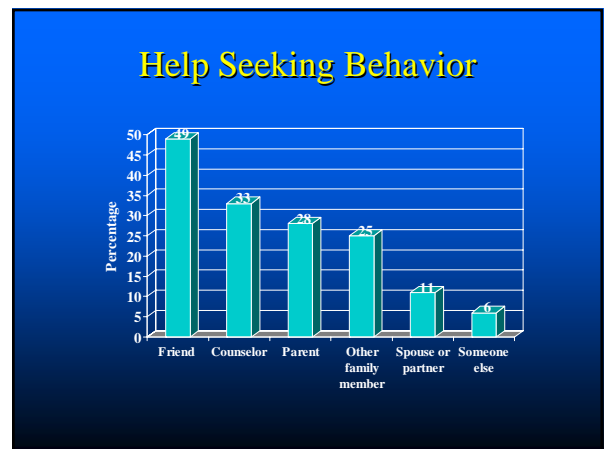
**Non-forcible Child Molestation:**

- if the victim was under 18 and the perpetrator was older than the victim by **THREE** years or more
- ever touch your (breasts) buttocks or genital area **WITHOUT** using force or threatening to harm you or someone close to you



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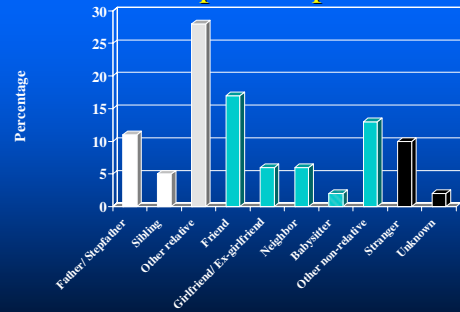
Type of Assault	Female Victims			Male Victims		
	Age 0 - 4	Age 5-12	Age 13 - 17	Age 0 - 4	Age 5-12	Age 13 - 17
Rape	24	161	143	1	16	23
Attempted rape	7	50	48	0	6	10
Inappropriate touch	3	77	68	0	5	8
Unable to consent	2	1	35	1	1	8
Non-forcible child rape (3+ age difference)	2	39	132	0	17	58
Non-forcible child molestation (3+ age difference)	8	150	181	1	37	59



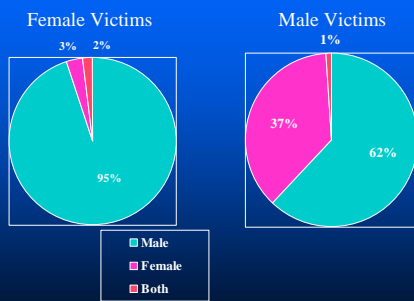
### Reports to police

- Only 10% of assaults were reported to the police
- When asked why they did not report:
  - 31% said they were too young to understand
  - 13% said the incident was too shameful
  - 10% said they feared the perpetrator
  - 10% said it was not a crime or not serious
  - 4% said they wouldn't be believed

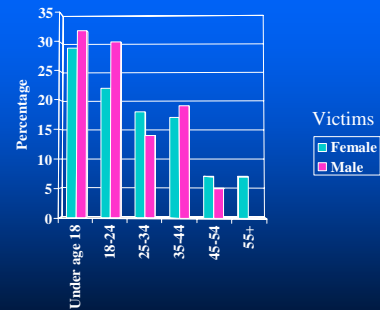
### Relationship to Perpetrator



### Gender of Perpetrators



### Age of Perpetrators



### Other Virginia Data Sources

- 1,110 founded cases of CSA through DSS (FFY 04)
- 1,043 children received services from crisis centers in VA (CY 03)
- 3,356 child victims of forcible sex offenses according to police data (CY 04)