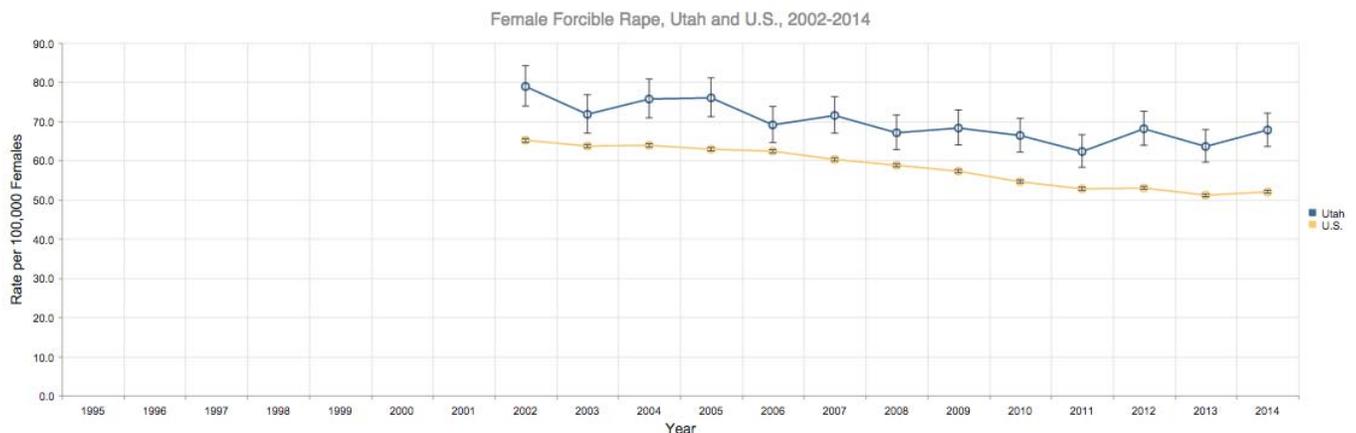


## Profile of Sexual Violence In Utah

### SECTION 1: CONFIDENTIAL SURVEY DATA FROM UTAH ADULTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Sexual violence in Utah is a serious public health problem affecting thousands of residents each year. Studies in Utah indicate that one in eight women and one in 50 men will experience rape in their lifetimes and nearly one in three women will experience some form of sexual violence during their lives.<sup>1</sup>
- Rape is the only violent crime in Utah that is higher than the national average. In a state where other violent crimes, such as homicide, robbery, or aggravated assault, is historically half to three times lower than the national average, this is of concern.<sup>2</sup>
- Rape affects the quality of life and may have lasting consequences for victims. The 2010 Utah Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System showed that rape victims had a significantly higher prevalence in reporting that they were not satisfied with life (14.7% vs. 4.8%), didn't receive the social and emotional support they need (33.8% vs. 13.2%), had fair or poor health (25.9% vs. 10.7%), and were limited in activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems (39.2% vs. 19.7%). In the 2013 survey, 11.0% of respondents indicated that they experienced a form of sexual abuse as a child. This was significantly higher for females (15.2%) compared to males (6.6%).<sup>3</sup>
- In 2013, 8.9% of Utah female high school students reported they had been physically forced to have sexual intercourse when they did not want to, compared to 5.9% of male high school students.<sup>4</sup>
- The majority of rapes in Utah (88.2%) are not reported to law enforcement.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Utah Health Status Update, Sexual Violence, April 2008. [http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/hsu/08Apr\\_SexualViolence.pdf](http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/hsu/08Apr_SexualViolence.pdf)

<sup>2</sup>Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, *2007 Rape in Utah Survey*. <http://nomoresecrets.utah.gov/Documents/RapeinUtah2007.pdf>

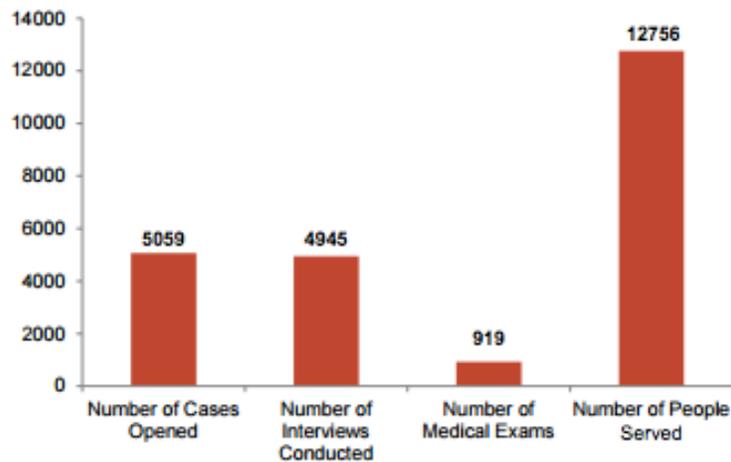
<sup>3</sup>Utah Health Status Update, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Health, July 2015. [http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/hsu/1507\\_ACE.pdf](http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/hsu/1507_ACE.pdf)

<sup>4</sup>Utah Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance, 2009. [http://ibis.health.utah.gov/indicator/complete\\_profile/Rape.html](http://ibis.health.utah.gov/indicator/complete_profile/Rape.html)

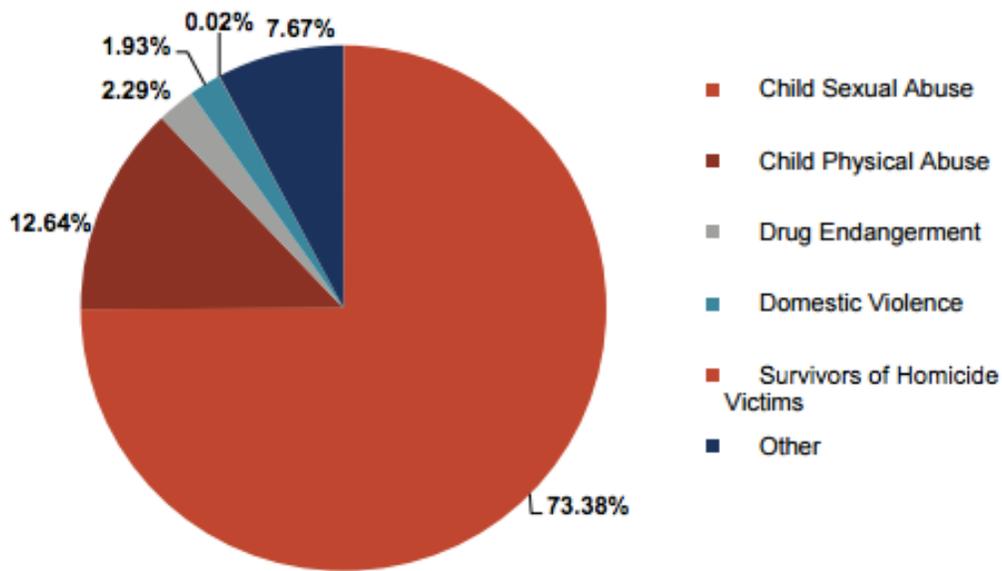
## SECTION 2: INDICATORS OF VICTIMS RECEIVING SERVICES ANNUALLY

There are currently 17 Children’s Justice Centers (CJCs) and 3 CJC satellites in Utah. The centers are administered by the Utah Children’s Justice Center Program, which is housed in the Utah Attorney General’s Office. CJCs provide a child-friendly atmosphere designed to help children feel safe and comfortable while they are being interviewed. Professionals from several different agencies collaborate on each child’s case. This multidisciplinary team approach increases coordination among child protection and criminal justice agencies, allowing them to track a child’s progress through the investigation, judicial process, and treatment.

### Cases, Interviews, Exams, and People Served by Utah’s Children’s Justice Centers, FY 2013



### Type of Victimization Reported by Primary Victim, FY 2013

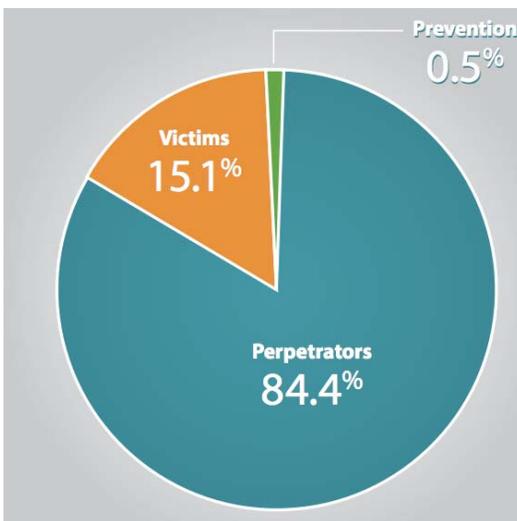


### SECTION 3: INDICATORS OF UTAH DOLLARS SPENT ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE ANNUALLY

Government spending related to sexual violence in one year totaled more than \$109 million. Government funds from public sources are predominantly used to support criminal justice system expenses, medical costs of examinations following sexual violence, and services to the victims. These sources are generated from both tax revenues and from criminal fines and penalties; the costs presented in this report are from these two sources combined.

Estimated government spending on sexually violent offenders in Utah was higher than on victims who were assaulted or raped in a one year period. Furthermore, Utah spent at least \$92 million (84.4% of total cost) on perpetrators of sexual violence. By far, the largest expenses were for probationary supervision and confinement in prisons and jails. The perpetrators represented in these costs are a small percentage of the total number of perpetrators committing sexual violence, as many perpetrators will never face consequences, let alone serve jail time. The Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network (RAINN) estimates that about 2% of rapists will serve time, which is important to consider when looking at the confinement costs listed below. At the same time, Utah spent an estimated \$16.5 million (15.1% of total cost) on victims of sexual violence. The majority of that funding paid medical bills for victims on Medicaid, sexual assault examination payments, and child protective services. Half of one percent (0.5%) of expenditures by the state government was put toward prevention programming.

**Utah Government Spending on Sexual Violence, 2011**



Perpetrators	Cost	Percent
Investigation/Adjudication	\$9,726,284	8.9%
Confinement/Treatment	\$82,057,390	75.1%
Sex Offender Registry	\$429,237	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$92,212,910</b>	<b>84.4%</b>

Victims	Cost	Percent
Medical Care	\$13,718,950	12.6%
Victim Services / Out of Home Placement	\$2,769,522	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,488,472</b>	<b>15.1%</b>

<b>Prevention</b>	<b>\$569,000</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>\$109,270,382</b>	<b>--</b>

The impact of sexual violence on the community is even more costly. The Cost of Sexual Violence in Utah Report published in 2015 revealed the startling finding that the costs resulting from sexual violence in the year 2011 totaled nearly \$5 billion, almost \$1,700 per Utah resident. The greatest cost was due to the pain, suffering, and diminished quality of life that victims experienced.

Source: Utah Violence and Injury Prevention Program. *Costs of Sexual Violence in Utah 2015*. Salt Lake City, UT: Utah Department of Health, 2015, <http://www.health.utah.gov/vipp/pdf/RapeSexualAssault/costs-sexual-violence-report.pdf>

**SECTION 4: FEDERALLY FUNDED SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EDUCATION IN UTAH**

