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Introduction

Rape In Arkansas is an annual publication. Data in this report comes from the state Uniform Crime Reporting program and a special supplement that allows collection of additional information on each rape and attempted rape. It should be understood that only those incidents that are reported to law enforcement are contained in this publication.

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Acknowledgement

We thank all the law enforcement agencies in the state who participated in the Arkansas Uniform Crime Reporting Program during 1991. Without their support and cooperation, this publication and the resulting overview of crime would not be possible.

Dedication

We are aware that numerous rapes occur that are not reported to law enforcement. This report is dedicated to rape victims who had the courage to report these offenses, and to all law enforcement officers endeavoring to uphold the laws and serve the people of Arkansas.

Definitions of Rape

The definition of rape in Arkansas, according to Arkansas Code 5-14-103 as amended is:

A person commits rape if he engages in sexual intercourse or deviate sexual activity with another person:

- (a) by forcible compulsion; or*
- (b) who is incapable of consent because he is physically helpless; or*
- (c) who is less than fourteen (14) years of age. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this Section that the actor was not more than two (2) years older than the victim. Rape is a class Y felony.*

The definition of forcible rape in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is:

Forcible rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults to commit forcible rape are also included; however, statutory rape (without force) is not counted in this category.

There is a wide disparity between these two definitions. **This report utilizes the Uniform Crime Reporting definition of rape.** The report includes all data collected, with the cooperation of law enforcement agencies from their offense reports, as reported to the Arkansas Crime Information Center in the UCR Program.

Throughout this report, except where noted, rape and attempted rape are combined for statistical purposes.

Rape in Arkansas 1991

There were 1,052 rapes and attempted rapes in Arkansas reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Of these, 903 were rapes and 149 were attempted rapes reported by law enforcement agencies. This is an increase of 4% over 1990, and is 54% higher than five years ago.

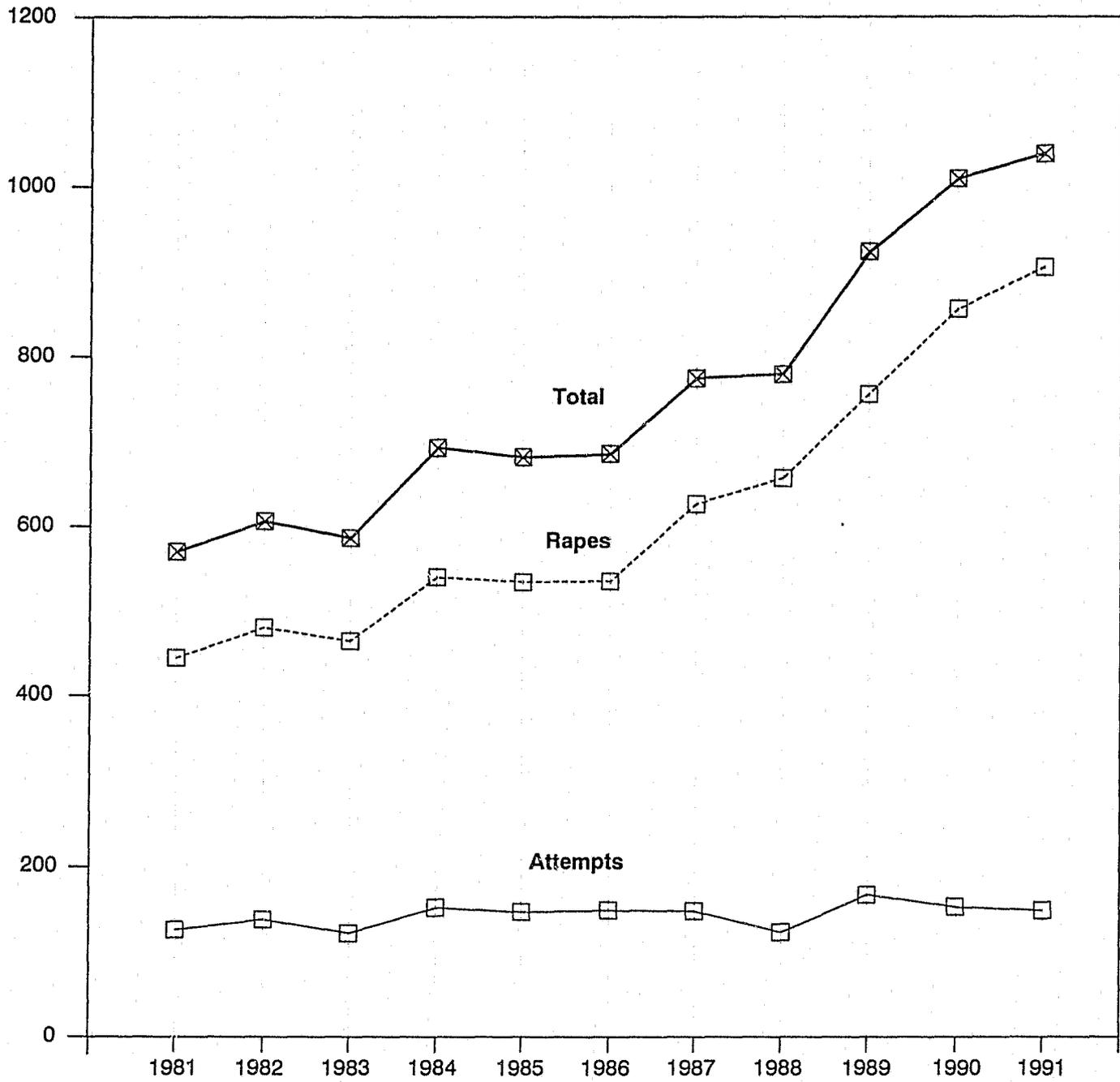
Rape and Attempted Rape

Rape/Attempted Rape	Number	Percent Distribution
Rape	903	85.8
Attempted Rape	149	14.2
Total	1,052	100

Trend

Year	Number of Offenses	Percent Change (Over Previous Year)	Rate Per 100,000	Percent Cleared
1986	684	+ 0.4	29.2	70.8
1987	774	+13.2	32.8	69.3
1988	779	+ 0.6	32.4	62.9
1989	922	+18.4	38.5	61.2
1990	1,009	+ 9.4	43.1	57.2
1991	1,052	+ 4.3	44.8	56.5

Comparison of Rapes and Attempted Rapes 1981 through 1991



Rape by Time of Day

When time of day was known, almost half of all rapes (49%) occurred during the 8 hour period, between 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. The most common two hour period was from midnight to 2:00 a.m.

Time of Day	Number	Percent Distribution
A.M. 12:01 - 2	165	15.8
2:01 - 4	127	12.0
4:01 - 6	60	5.7
6:01 - 8	24	2.3
8:01 - 10	22	2.1
10:01 - Noon	24	2.3
P.M. 12:01 - 2	54	5.2
2:01 - 4	53	5.1
4:01 - 6	53	5.1
6:01 - 8	75	7.2
8:01 - 10	107	10.2
10:01 -Midnight	115	11.0
Unknown	168	16.0

Rape by Day of Week

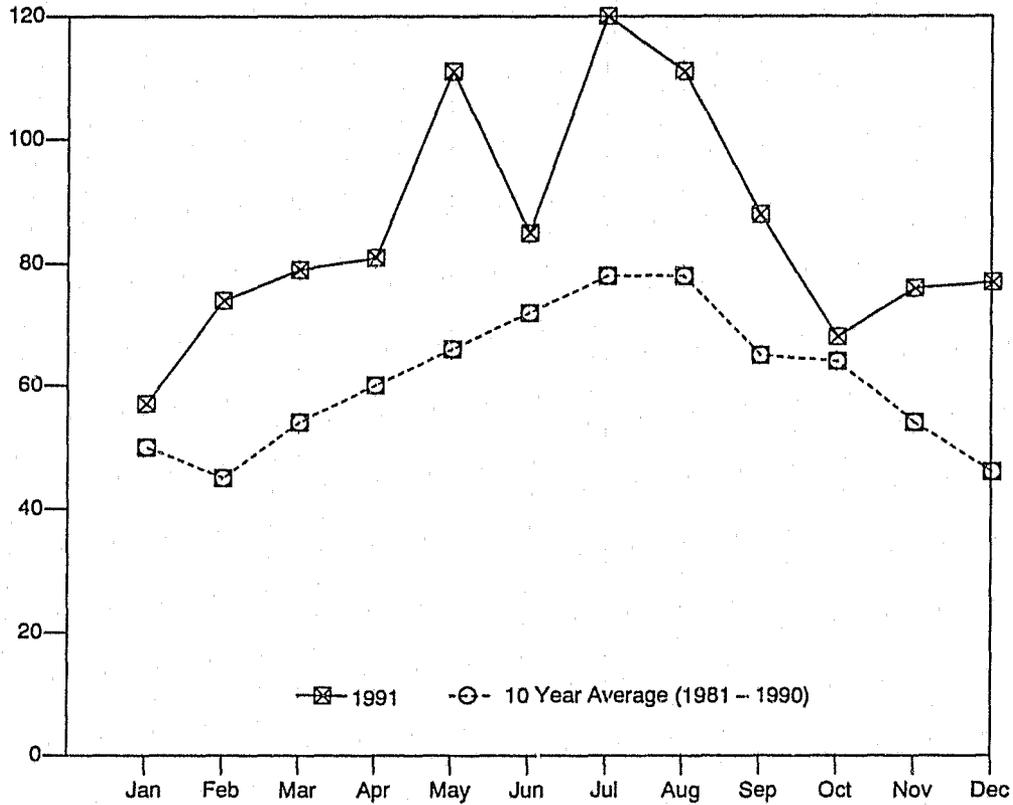
Over one-third of the rapes were committed on Friday or Saturday.

Day of Rape	Number	Percent Distribution
Sunday	147	14.0
Monday	100	9.5
Tuesday	122	11.6
Wednesday	104	9.9
Thursday	130	12.4
Friday	175	16.6
Saturday	198	18.8
Unknown	75	7.2

Rapes by Month

(1991 compared to a ten year average – 1981 to 1990)

In 1991, more rapes occurred in July than any other month. From 1981 through 1990, the ten year average was highest for June and July.



Month	Number	Percent Distribution
January	57	5.4
February	74	7.0
March	79	7.5
April	81	7.7
May	111	10.6
June	85	8.1
July	120	11.4
August	111	10.6
September	88	8.4
October	68	6.5
November	76	7.2
December	77	7.3
Unknown	25	2.4
Total	1,052	100

Victims of Rape

There were more white victims of rape than black victims in 1991, while there were almost the same number of black and white victims in 1990.

The age distribution for victims has remained very constant over the past five years. Thirty-nine percent were younger than eighteen years old and two of every three victims were younger than 25. The youngest victim was less than a year old and the oldest 92.

Victim Characteristics	Number	Percent Distribution
Race		
White	593	56.4
Black	446	42.4
Other	13	1.2
Unknown	0	0
Age		
5 & Under	42	3.8
6 - 9	51	4.8
10 - 13	119	11.3
14 - 17	196	18.7
18 - 20	147	14.0
21 - 24	152	14.4
25 - 29	141	13.5
30 - 34	79	7.5
35 - 39	53	5.1
40 - 49	38	3.6
50 - 59	11	1.0
60 & Over	20	2.0
Unknown	3	0.3
Total	1,052	100

Weapons Used to Exert Force Upon Victim

Weapon Used	Number	Percent Distribution
Firearm	61	5.8
Knife/Sharp Instrument	87	8.3
Club/Blunt Instrument	19	1.8
Verbal threats, fists, etc.	884	84.0
Unknown	1	0.1

Victim-Offender Race Relationship

The first race listed is the race of the *victim*, and the second race is that of the *offender(s)*. For example: *white/black* means that the victim was white and the offender was black (1 or more). For offenses in which race is known, 85% of the rapes were between members of the same race.

Victim/Offender(s) Race	Number	Percent Distribution
White/White	448	42.6
Black/Black	425	40.4
Total Intra-racial Rapes (same race)	873	83.0
White/Black	127	12.1
Black/White	8	0.8
Black/Other	1	0.1
Other/White	7	0.7
Other/Black	5	0.5
White/White & Black*	3	0.3
Black/White & Black*	1	0.1
Total Interracial Rapes (different races)	152	14.4
White/Unknown	15	1.5
Black/Unknown	11	1.0
Other/Unknown	1	0.1
Total Unknown Rapes	27	2.6
Total Rapes	1,052	100

**Rapes involving victims and offenders of different races are counted as interracial.*

Relationship of Offender to Victim

Seventy percent of all rapes were committed by persons known to the victim.

Relationship	Number	Percent Distribution
Known to victim	587	55.8
Unknown to victim	317	30.1
Family member	145	13.8
Unknown (data not available)	3	.3

Rapes Involving Family Members

Where the offender was known to the victim 20% of the rapes involved family members. Where the offender was a family member, 42 victims (39%) were age 10 or younger, and 82 victims (56%) were less than 15 years of age.

Relationship	Number	Percent Distribution
Husband	14	9.6
Ex-Husband	12	8.2
Father	29	19.8
Stepfather	25	17.0
Grandfather	4	2.7
Stepgrandfather	1	0.7
Brother	9	6.2
Half Brother	1	0.7
Stepbrother	7	4.8
Uncle	23	15.8
Cousin	16	11.0
Brother-in-law	3	2.1
Other family member	2	1.4
Total	146	100

Location of Actual Rapes and Attempted Rapes

In 1991, 42% of all rapes occurred in the victim's residence.

Location of Rape	Number	Percent Distribution
Victim's residence	446	42.4
Suspect's residence	128	12.2
Other residences	136	12.9
Automobiles	55	5.2
Public outdoor areas (streets, parks, etc.)	146	13.9
Fields, vacant lots, wooded areas, etc.	53	5.0
Motels/Hotels	30	2.9
Place of Employment	2	0.2
School/playground	1	0.1
Vacant house/building	16	1.5
All other locations	16	1.5
Unknown	23	2.2

Rape Reporting Time Lapse

Where time lapse was known 41% of the rapes were reported to law enforcement agencies within four hours of the commission of the offense. In 1990, 56% were reported within four hours.

In 9% of the offenses, the time lapse was unknown or could not be used because more than one rape occurred over a time period of a month or more.

Hours Reporting Time	Number	Percent Distribution
Less than 1	254	24.2
1 - 4	178	16.9
4 + - 8	121	11.5
8 + - 12	64	6.1
12 + - 24	145	13.8
More than 24	193	18.3
Unknown	97	9.2

Number of Offenders Per Rape

There were two or more offenders in 14% of the rapes or attempted rapes.

Offender(s) Per Offense	Number	Percent Distribution
One	906	86.1
Two	90	8.6
Three	22	2.1
Four	15	1.4
More than four	11	1.0
Unknown	8	0.8

Rape Offenders (Suspects)

Where the age of the offender was known, one third (33.8%) were age 25 or younger. Only 6% of the offenders were over age 40.

Age of Offender	White	Black	Unknown	Total
15 and Under	21 (1.6%)	38 (3.0%)		59 (4.6%)
16 – 20	96 (7.5%)	214 (16.7%)		310 (24.2%)
21 – 25	107 (8.3%)	128 (10.0%)	1 (0.1%)	236 (18.4%)
26 – 30	94 (7.3%)	111 (8.7%)		205 (16.0%)
31 – 35	54 (4.2%)	65 (5.1%)		119 (9.3%)
36 – 40	36 (2.8%)	32 (2.5%)	1 (0.1%)	69 (5.4%)
41 – 45	21 (1.6%)	15 (1.2%)		36 (2.8%)
46 – 50	16 (1.2%)	6 (0.5%)		22 (1.7%)
51 – 60	18 (1.4%)	5 (0.4%)		23 (1.8%)
61 and over	8 (0.6%)	3 (0.2%)		11 (0.8%)
Unknown	40 (3.1%)	124 (9.7%)	28 (2.2%)	192 (15.0%)
Total	511 (39.6%)	741 (58.0%)	30 (2.4%)	1,282 (100%)

Medical Attention for Victims

Of the 903 victims of actual rape, 629 (70%) received medical attention.

Type of Rape	Medical Attention			Total
	Received Medical Attention	No Medical Attention	Unknown	
Actual	629 (59.8%)	141 (13.4%)	133 (12.6%)	903 (85.8%)
Attempt	22 (2.1%)	95 (9.0%)	32 (3.1%)	149 (14.2%)
Total	651 (61.9%)	236 (22.4%)	165 (15.7%)	1,052 (100%)

Number of Rapes and Attempted Rapes
 *(By Reporting Agency)

AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED	AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED
ARKANSAS COUNTY	3	1	CROSS COUNTY	3	1
Sheriff	1	1	Sheriff	1	0
Stuttgart	2	0	Wynne	2	1
ASHLEY COUNTY	5	2	DALLAS COUNTY	1	1
Sheriff	3	1	Sheriff	1	1
Crossett	2	1			
BAXTER COUNTY	4	0	DESHA COUNTY	2	0
Sheriff	3	0	Dumas	2	0
Mountain Home	1	0			
BENTON COUNTY	22	0	DREW COUNTY	4	0
Sheriff	2	0	Sheriff	2	0
Rogers	17	0	Monticello	2	0
Siloam Springs	3	0			
BOONE COUNTY	3	1	FAULKNER COUNTY	20	3
Sheriff	2	1	Sheriff	4	1
Harrison	1	0	Conway	14	2
			Greenbrier	2	0
CHICOT COUNTY	3	1	FRANKLIN COUNTY	0	1
Sheriff	2	0	Ozark	0	1
Lake Village	1	1			
CLARK COUNTY	4	0	GARLAND COUNTY	34	2
Sheriff	2	0	Sheriff	3	0
Arkadelphia	1	0	Hot Springs	31	2
Gurdon	1	0			
CLEVELAND COUNTY	0	1	GRANT COUNTY	2	0
Sheriff	0	1	Sheriff	2	0
COLUMBIA COUNTY	8	1	GREENE COUNTY	9	0
Sheriff	3	1	Sheriff	3	0
Magnolia	5	0	Paragould	6	0
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY	25	5	HEMPSTEAD COUNTY	12	3
Sheriff	2	0	Sheriff	5	0
Jonesboro	23	5	Hope	7	3
CRAWFORD COUNTY	11	0	HOT SPRING COUNTY	3	0
Sheriff	5	0	Malvern	3	0
Van Buren	6	0			
			HOWARD COUNTY	1	0
CRITTENDEN COUNTY	27	2	Sheriff	1	0
Sheriff	2	2			
West Memphis	25	0	INDEPENDENCE COUNTY	18	0
			Sheriff	18	0
			IZARD COUNTY	0	1
			Sheriff	0	1

*Agencies reporting no rapes are not listed.

Number of Rapes and Attempted Rapes

AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED	AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED
JACKSON COUNTY	3	0	PHILLIPS COUNTY	11	2
Newport	3	0	Sheriff	4	0
JEFFERSON COUNTY	49	15	Helena	5	2
Sheriff	10	0	West Helena	2	0
Pine Bluff	39	15	POINSETT COUNTY	4	1
JOHNSON COUNTY	3	0	Sheriff	1	0
Sheriff	1	0	Marked Tree	1	0
Clarksville	2	0	Trumann	2	1
LEE COUNTY	0	1	POLK COUNTY	4	0
Marianna	0	1	Sheriff	3	0
LITTLE RIVER COUNTY	2	0	Mena	1	0
Sheriff	1	0	POPE COUNTY	9	1
Ashdown	1	0	Sheriff	2	0
LONOKE COUNTY	7	0	Russellville	7	1
Sheriff	4	0	PULASKI COUNTY	339	66
Cabot	1	0	Sheriff	33	5
Lonoke	2	0	Jacksonville	16	2
MARION COUNTY	2	0	Little Rock	222	45
Sheriff	2	0	Maumelle	0	1
MILLER COUNTY	29	6	North Little Rock	67	13
Sheriff	5	1	Sherwood	1	0
Texarkana	24	5	ST. FRANCIS COUNTY	9	1
MISSISSIPPI COUNTY	26	6	Sheriff	3	0
Sheriff	11	2	Forrest City	6	1
Blytheville	13	4	SALINE COUNTY	23	4
Osceola	2	0	Sheriff	16	1
MONROE COUNTY	1	0	Benton	7	3
Brinkley	1	0	SCOTT COUNTY	1	0
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1	0	Sheriff	1	0
Sheriff	1	0	SEARCY COUNTY	0	2
OUACHITA COUNTY	17	2	Sheriff	0	2
Sheriff	7	1	SEBASTIAN COUNTY	53	5
Camden	10	1	Barling	1	0
PERRY COUNTY	10	0	Fort Smith	52	5
Sheriff	10	0	SEVIER COUNTY	3	1
			Sheriff	3	0
			DeQueen	0	1

Number of Rapes and Attempted Rapes

AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED
SHARP COUNTY	7	0
Sheriff	7	0
STONE COUNTY	4	0
Sheriff	4	0
UNION COUNTY	14	6
Sheriff	1	0
El Dorado	13	6
VAN BUREN COUNTY	3	0
Sheriff	3	0
WASHINGTON COUNTY	38	3
Sheriff	6	1
Fayetteville	20	0
Johnson	1	0
Lincoln	0	1
Springdale	7	1
U of A Fayetteville	3	0
West Fork	1	0
WHITE COUNTY	6	0
Sheriff	5	0
Searcy	1	0
YELL COUNTY	1	1
Sheriff	0	1
Dardanelle	1	0
STATE TOTAL	903	149

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