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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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A Special Services Report

**RAPE IN ARKANSAS
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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 1994. 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 and as amended by Act 935 is:

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

- A. (1). *by forcible compulsion; or*
- (2). *who is incapable of consent because he is physically helpless; or*
- (3). *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; or*
- (4). *who is not his spouse, less than sixteen (16) years of age and incapable of consent because of mental defect or mental incapacity.*
- B. *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 1994

There were 1,026 rapes and attempted rapes in Arkansas reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Of these, 897 were rapes and 129 were attempted rapes reported by law enforcement agencies. This represents no change from 1993, but is still 11% higher than five years ago and 48% higher than in 1982.

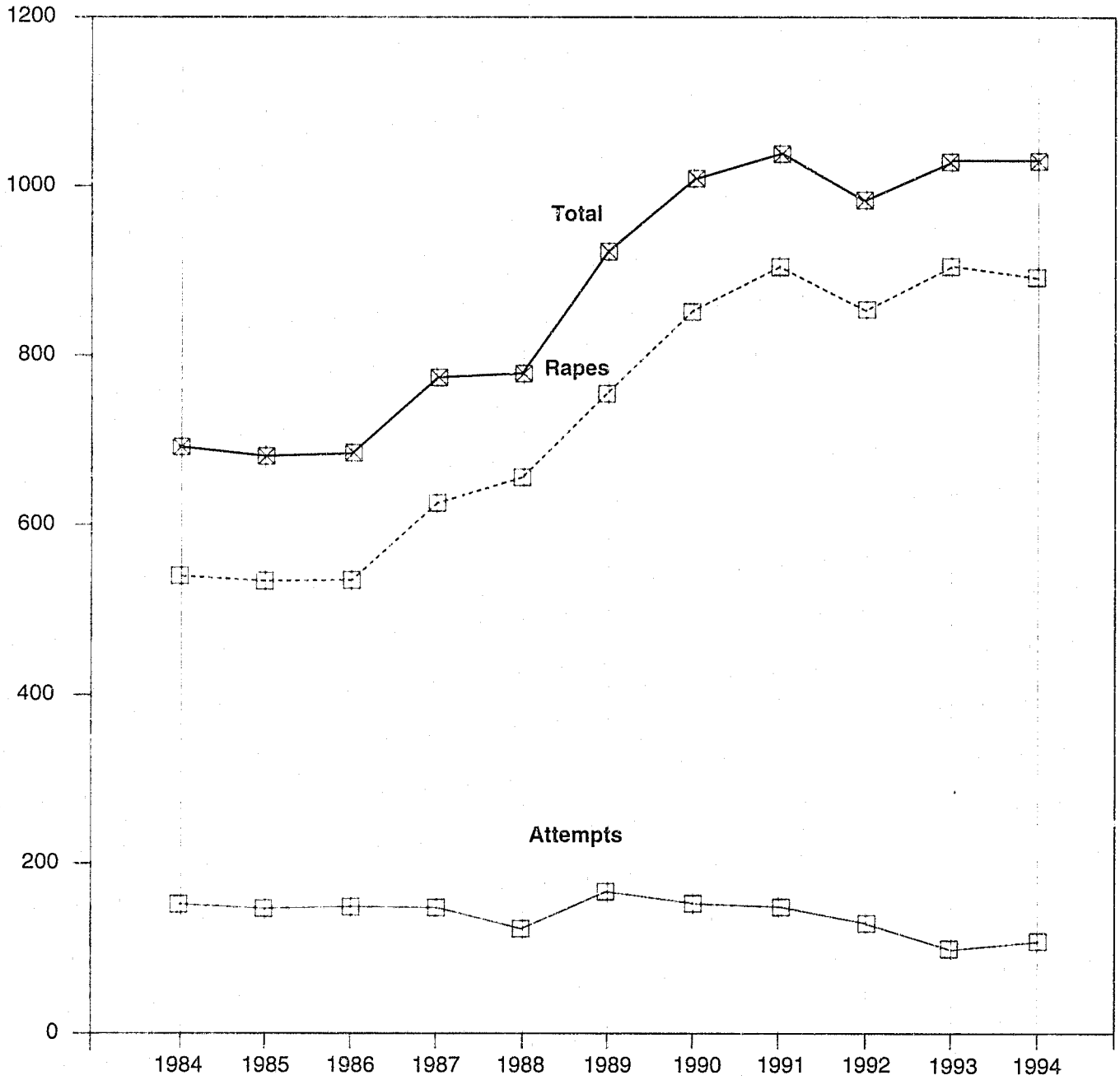
Rape and Attempted Rape

Rape/Attempted Rape	Number	Percent Distribution
Rape	897	87.4
Attempted Rape	129	12.6
Total	1,026	100

Trend

Year	Number of Offenses	Percent Change (Over Previous Year)	Rate Per 100,000	Percent Cleared
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
1992	988	- 6.0	41.9	58.9
1993	1,026	+ 3.8	42.8	61.0
1994	1,026	0.0	42.3	51.8

Comparison of Rapes and Attempted Rapes 1984 through 1994



Rape by Time of Day

When time of day was known, almost half of all rapes (44%) occurred during the 6 hour period, between 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. The most common two hour period was from midnight to 2:00 a.m.

Only 16% of the rapes occurred during the 8 hour period between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The least likely period was from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Time of Day	Number	Percent Distribution
A.M. 12:01 - 2	140	13.7
2:01 - 4	108	10.5
4:01 - 6	68	6.6
6:01 - 8	36	3.5
8:01 - 10	27	2.6
10:01 - Noon	27	2.6
P.M. 12:01 - 2	41	4.0
2:01 - 4	47	4.6
4:01 - 6	62	6.1
6:01 - 8	69	6.7
8:01 - 10	89	8.7
10:01 -Midnight	115	11.2
Unknown	197	19.2

Rape by Day of Week

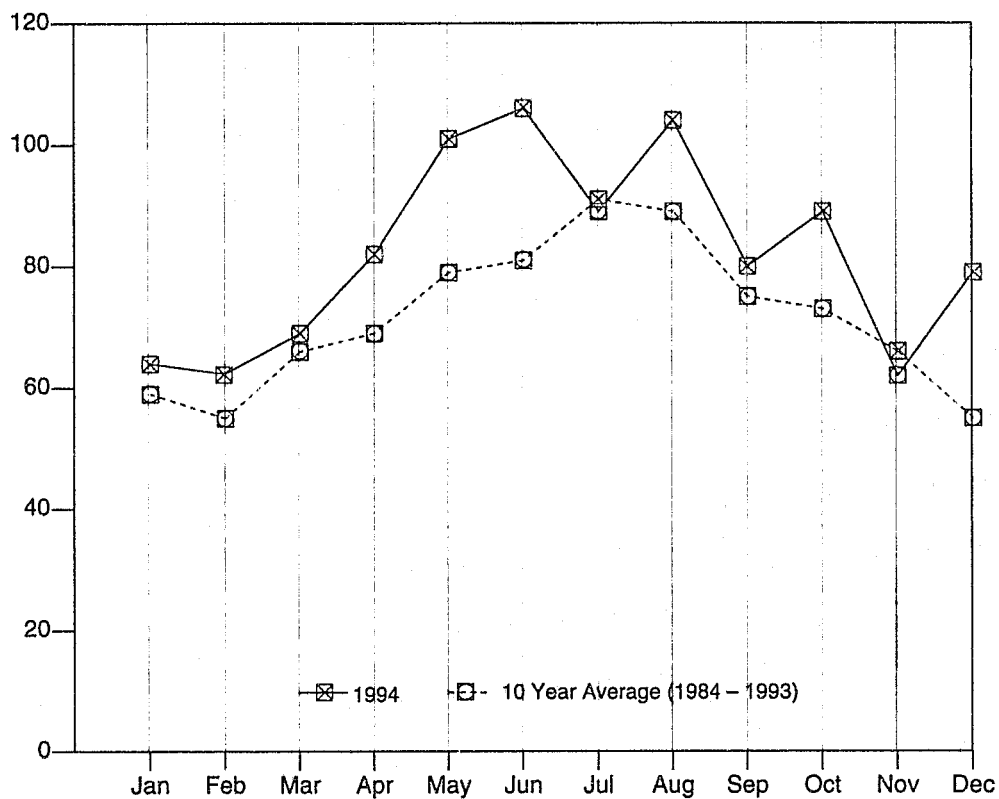
Where day of the week was known, 53% of the rapes were committed on weekend days (Friday, Saturday or Sunday) and 20% were committed on Saturday alone.

Day of Rape	Number	Percent Distribution
Sunday	148	14.4
Monday	114	11.1
Tuesday	109	10.6
Wednesday	104	10.2
Thursday	111	10.8
Friday	162	15.8
Saturday	186	18.1
Unknown	92	9.0

Rapes by Month

(1994 compared to a ten year average – 1984 through 1993)

In 1994, more rapes occurred in June than any other month. From 1984 through 1993, the ten year average was highest for July and August.



Month	Number	Percent Distribution
January	64	6.2
February	62	6.1
March	69	6.7
April	82	8.0
May	101	9.9
June	107	10.4
July	89	8.7
August	104	10.1
September	80	7.8
October	89	8.7
November	62	6.1
December	79	7.7
Unknown	38	3.6
Total	1,026	100

Victims of Rape

Approximately three of every five victims were white. White victims have increased 27% over a five year period, black victims have decreased 6%.

The age distribution for victims has remained relatively constant over the past five years. Forty-five percent were younger than eighteen years old and two of every three victims were younger than 25. Two victims were less than a year old and the oldest victim was 94.

More rapes occurred in victims of age fourteen through seventeen than in any other age range. Almost 10% of the victims were 12 or 13 years of age.

Victim Characteristics

Age of Offender	White	Black	Total
5 & Under	22	13	35
6 - 9	44	18	62
10 - 13	100	43	143
14 - 17	140	87	227
18 - 20	61	47	108
21 - 24	68	52	120
25 - 29	53	48	101
30 - 34	49	37	86
35 - 39	35	27	62
40 - 49	29	16	45
50 - 59	6	3	9
60 & Over	14	12	26
Unknown	1	1	2
Total	622	404	1,026

Weapons Used to Exert Force Upon Victim

An external weapon (other than hands, fists, verbal threats) was used in only 12% of the rapes compared to 15% in 1993 and 20% in 1992.

Weapon Used	Number	Percent Distribution
Firearm	58	5.7
Knife/Sharp Instrument	45	4.4
Club/Blunt Instrument	18	1.7
Verbal threats, fists, etc.	903	88.0
Unknown	2	0.2

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, 82% of the rapes were between members of the same race.

Victim/Offender(s) Race	Number	Percent Distribution
White/White	447	43.6
Black/Black	378	36.8
Total Intra-racial Rapes (same race)	825	80.4
White/Black	158	15.3
Black/White	13	1.3
White/Other	2	0.2
White/White & Black*	3	0.3
Black/White & Black*	3	0.3
Total Interracial Rapes (different races)	179	17.4
White/Unknown	12	1.2
Black/Unknown	10	1.0
Total Unknown Rapes	22	2.2
Total Rapes	1,026	100

*Rapes involving offenders of more than one race are counted as interracial.

Relationship of Offender to Victim

Almost three-fourths of all rapes were committed by persons known to the victim.

Relationship	Number	Percent Distribution
Known to victim	574	56.0
Unknown to victim	266	25.9
Family member	185	18.0
Unknown	1	0.1

Rapes Involving Family Members

Where the offender was known to the victim 24% of the rapes involved family members. Where the offender was a family member, 65 victims (35%) were age 10 or younger, and 111 victims (60%) were 14 years of age or younger.

Relationship	Number	Percent Distribution
Husband	29	15.7
Ex-Husband	8	4.3
Father	40	21.7
Stepfather	30	16.2
Grandfather	5	2.7
Stepgrandfather	3	1.6
Brother	6	3.3
Half Brother	3	1.6
Stepbrother	3	1.6
Uncle	30	16.2
Great Uncle	1	0.5
Cousin	17	9.2
Brother-in-law	6	3.3
Son	2	1.1
Son-in-law	1	0.5
Nephew	1	0.5
Total	185	100

Location of Actual Rapes and Attempted Rapes

In 1994, 40% of all rapes occurred in the victim's residence and more than two-thirds of all rapes occurred in either the victim's, suspect's or another residence.

Location of Rape	Number	Percent Distribution
Victim's residence	407	39.7
Suspect's residence	195	19.0
Other residences	106	10.3
Automobiles	55	5.4
Public outdoor areas (streets, parks, etc.)	104	10.1
Fields, vacant lots, wooded areas, etc.	62	6.0
Motels/Hotels	42	4.1
Bar/Lounge	3	0.3
Place of Employment	8	0.8
School/playground	12	1.2
All other locations	19	1.8
Unknown	13	1.3

Rape Reporting Time Lapse

Where time lapse was known 40% of the rapes were reported to law enforcement agencies within four hours of the commission of the offense. This has remained approximately the same since 1991. Before 1991, 50% to 60% of the reports were made to law enforcement within four hours.

In 11% 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	208	20.3
1 - 4	158	15.4
4+ - 8	116	11.3
8+ - 12	60	5.8
12+ - 24	133	13.0
More than 24	239	23.3
Unknown	112	10.9

Number of Offenders Per Rape

There were two or more offenders in only 11% of the rapes or attempted rapes.

Offender(s) Per Offense	Number	Percent Distribution
One	917	89.4
Two	67	6.5
Three	19	1.8
Four	9	0.9
More than four	6	0.6
Unknown	8	0.8

Rape Offenders (Suspects)

The number of white offenders decreased 5% compared to 1993; while the number of black offenders decreased (3%). The white offenders in the 21-25 age group decreased 19%; black offenders of this age decreased 7%.

Age of Offender	White	Black	Total
10 - 15	21	48	69
16 - 20	102	158	260
21 - 25	67	109	176
26 - 30	72	80	152
31 - 35	76	65	141
36 - 40	53	50	103
41 - 45	39	20	59
46 - 50	20	8	28
51 - 60	12	8	20
61 and over	11	2	13
Unknown	36	105	165
Total	509 (43.1%)	653 (54.9%)	1,186 (100%)

There were 24 rape incidents where age and race of the offender were unknown. They are included only in the total, and are only 2% of the total offenders.

Medical Attention for Victims

Of the 897 victims of actual rape, 612 (60%) received medical attention. Where medical information is known on actual rape victims, 80% received medical attention.

Type of Rape	Medical Attention			Total
	Received Medical Attention	No Medical Attention	Unknown	
Actual	612 (59.6%)	149 (14.6%)	136 (13.3%)	897 (87.5%)
Attempt	25 (2.4%)	76 (7.4%)	28 (2.7%)	129 (12.5%)
Total	637 (62.0%)	225 (22.0%)	164 (16.0%)	1,026 (100%)

1994
Number of Rapes and Attempted Rapes
 *(By Reporting Agency)

AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED	AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED
ASHLEY COUNTY	3	0	CONWAY COUNTY	4	0
Sheriff	3	0	Sheriff	1	0
			Morrliton	3	0
BAXTER COUNTY	1	0	CRAIGHEAD COUNTY	33	4
Mountain Home	1	0	Sheriff	3	0
			ASU	1	1
BENTON COUNTY	29	3	Jonesboro	29	3
Sheriff	14	0	CRAWFORD COUNTY	6	1
Rogers	11	2	Sheriff	3	1
Siloam Springs	4	1	Alma	1	0
			Van Buren	2	0
BOONE COUNTY	9	0	CRITTENDEN COUNTY	36	3
Sheriff	8	0	Sheriff	1	1
Harrison	1	0	Marion	1	0
			West Memphis	34	2
BRADLEY COUNTY	1	0	CROSS COUNTY	4	0
Sheriff	1	0	Sheriff	3	0
			Wynne	1	0
CALHOUN COUNTY	1	0	DALLAS COUNTY	6	1
Sheriff	1	0	Sheriff	1	0
			Fordyce	5	1
CARROLL COUNTY	7	2	DESHA COUNTY	3	2
Sheriff	4	1	Sheriff	0	1
Eureka Springs	1	0	Dumas	3	1
Green Forest	2	1			
			DREW COUNTY	4	0
CHICOT COUNTY	2	1	Sheriff	2	0
Sheriff	1	1	Monticello	2	0
Dermott	1	0			
			FAULKNER COUNTY	16	0
CLARK COUNTY	1	0	Sheriff	3	0
HSU	1	0	Conway	12	0
			Greenbrier	1	0
CLAY COUNTY	0	1	FRANKLIN COUNTY	3	0
Sheriff	0	1	Sheriff	1	0
			Ozark	2	0
CLEBURNE COUNTY	0	2	FULTON COUNTY	1	0
Sheriff	0	2	Sheriff	1	0
CLEVELAND COUNTY	1	0	GARLAND COUNTY	33	3
Sheriff	1	0	Sheriff	7	0
			Hot Springs	26	3
COLUMBIA COUNTY	11	0			
Sheriff	3	0			
Magnolia	5	0			
SAU	3	0			

*Counties not listed in the table above have reported no rape or attempt for the year of 1994.

1994
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AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED	AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED
GRANT COUNTY	6	1	MISSISSIPPI COUNTY	31	5
Sheriff	3	1	Sheriff	12	2
Sheridan	3	0	Blytheville	10	0
GREENE COUNTY	14	1	Osceola	9	3
Sheriff	7	1	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1	0
Paragould	7	0	Sheriff	1	0
HEMPSTEAD COUNTY	13	0	OUACHITA COUNTY	13	2
Sheriff	3	0	Sheriff	4	0
Hope	10	0	Camden	9	2
HOT SPRING COUNTY	12	1	PERRY COUNTY	1	0
Sheriff	5	0	Sheriff	1	0
Malvern	7	1	PHILLIPS COUNTY	13	2
HOWARD COUNTY	1	0	Sheriff	4	0
Sheriff	1	0	Elaine	1	0
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY	5	0	Helena	5	2
Sheriff	5	0	West Helena	3	0
JACKSON COUNTY	2	0	PIKE COUNTY	2	0
Newport	2	0	Sheriff	2	0
JEFFERSON COUNTY	63	10	POINSETT COUNTY	1	0
Sheriff	11	1	Marked Tree	1	0
Pine Bluff	52	9	POLK COUNTY	1	0
JOHNSON COUNTY	1	0	Sheriff	1	0
Clarksville	1	0	POPE COUNTY	14	2
LAFAYETTE COUNTY	3	0	Sheriff	4	0
Sheriff	3	0	Russellville	10	2
LEE COUNTY	3	0	PRAIRIE COUNTY	2	0
Sheriff	1	0	Sheriff	1	0
Marianna	2	0	Des Arc	1	0
LONOKE COUNTY	2	0	PULASKI COUNTY	272	52
Lonoke	2	0	Sheriff	29	2
MADISON COUNTY	4	0	Jacksonville	12	3
Sheriff	4	0	Little Rock	153	38
MARION COUNTY	1	0	Maumelle	4	0
Bull Shoals	1	0	North Little Rock	70	8
MILLER COUNTY	26	6	Sherwood	3	1
Sheriff	2	1	UALR	1	0
Texarkana	24	5	ST. FRANCIS COUNTY	11	2
			Sheriff	5	0
			Forrest City	6	2

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AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED	AGENCY	RAPES	ATTEMPTED
SALINE COUNTY	29	5	VAN BUREN COUNTY	6	0
Sheriff	19	3	Sheriff	6	0
Benton	10	2			
SEBASTIAN COUNTY	58	7	WASHINGTON COUNTY	41	4
Sheriff	3	0	Sheriff	4	0
Fort Smith	55	6	Fayetteville	25	2
Greenwood	0	1	Lincoln	1	0
			Springdale	10	1
SEVIER COUNTY	4	1	U of A Fayetteville	1	1
Sheriff	3	1			
DeQueen	1	0	WHITE COUNTY	5	0
			Sheriff	2	0
SHARP COUNTY	3	0	Searcy	3	0
Sheriff	3	0			
UNION COUNTY	15	4	YELL COUNTY	3	1
Sheriff	5	1	Dardanelle	3	1
El Dorado	10	3			
			STATE TOTAL	897	129

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