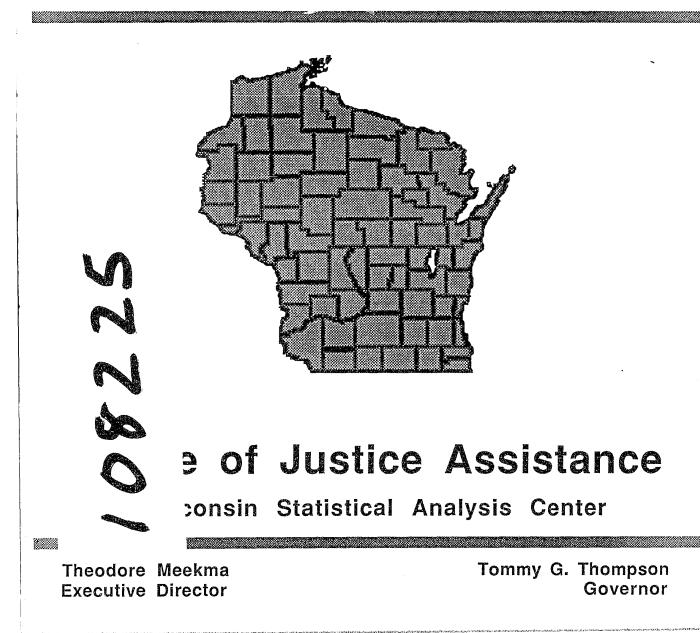


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Executive Summary

Nature of Sexual Assaults - 1986

- Most sexual assaults were either first or second degree; 57 percent were first degree and 31 percent were second degree.
- Overall, 18 percent of sexual assaults were rapes. Victims of rapes tended to be older than other sexual assault victims; 38 percent of assaults on victims over age 15 were rapes.

Victim Characteristics

- The average age of sexual assault victims was 15, the median, or middle, age was 14. Seventy-five percent of victims were juveniles.
- Eighty-seven percent of victims were females.
- Seventy-seven percent of victims were White; 22 percent were Black.
- Victim age varied considerably by the degree of the assault: 71 percent of first degree assaults were on victims 12 or younger; 61 percent of second degree assaults were on victims age 13 to 15.

Offender Characteristics

- Ninety-four percent of all sexual assaults involved single offenders.
- The average offender age in single-offender assaults was 26, 11 years older than the average victim age; the average offender age in multiple-offender assaults was 17, much closer to the average age of the victim.
- Ninety-six percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were male.

Characteristics of Assaults

- Fifty-four percent of all single-offender assaults occurred in either the victim's or the offender's home, as did 48 percent of all assaults that were rapes.
- Single-offender assaults tended to occur during the afternoon and night-time hours, from noon to 4:00 AM. Rapes occurred most often during the night; 57 percent occurred between 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM.

- Single-offender assaults, in general, varied little with the time of year. Rapes were most frequent between May and September.
- Six percent of single-offender assaults involved the use of a dangerous weapon; 23 percent of rapes involved the use of a dangerous weapon.
- Thirteen percent of victims of single-offender assaults reported some physical injury; 44 percent of rape victims reported physical injuries.

Relationship Of Offender To Victim

- The majority of all types of sexual assaults were perpetrated by someone known to the victim. Of single-offender assaults, 50 percent of offenders were friends or acquaintances of the victim; 22 percent were family members. Of assaults that were rapes, 47 percent of offenders were friends or acquaintances of the victim; 12 percent were family members.
- Intra-familial assault victims tended to be young children or adolescents, while stranger assault victims were older, usually adults.
- Over one-half, 51 percent, of all assaults were committed by an offender known to the victim, in either the victim's or offender's home.

Arrests and Law Enforcement Dispositions

- Fifty percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were arrested.
- Of those arrested, 59 percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were referred to court, either criminal or juvenile court; for assaults that were rapes, 65 percent of the offenders were referred to court.

Comparison of Sexual Assaults in 1985 and 1986

- The number of sexual assaults reported in 1986 was 10 percent higher than in 1985.
- Characteristics of sexual assaults were very similar in 1985 and 1986.

Introduction

This report presents data on sexual assaults reported to law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin during 1986. The data were collected by the Wisconsin Statistical Analysis Center (SAC), a program of the Office of Justice Assistance (OJA), as part of the State Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

Data on sexual assaults have been collected by SAC as part of the UCR program since January 1, 1984. Unlike other UCR data, which are collected as aggregate statistics (monthly totals), sexual assault data are collected on a case-by-case basis. These data are collected to provide information about sexual assaults as defined by Wisconsin Statutes.

For many years, the UCR program has collected data on "forcible rape," defined by the UCR program as, "the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will." Sexual assault in Wisconsin is defined in section 940.225 of the State Statutes. The statute defines four degrees of assaultive "sexual contact or sexual intercourse" between persons of either sex. This definition is considerably broader than the UCR definition of forcible rape. A copy of the sexual assault statute is found in **Appendix A** of this report.

All rapes are, of course, covered by the Wisconsin sexual assault statute, even though rape, per se, is not a meaningful legal term or description under Wisconsin Law. Rapes may be any degree of sexual assault, depending on the circumstances, such as the use of weapons and the extent of injuries (a fourth degree sexual assault recorded as a rape is an attempted rape). Since rapes continue to be reported through the UCR program, sexual assaults that are rapes can be identified. In some parts of this report, rapes are examined as a subset of all sexual assaults. For more data on forcible rapes, however, see the annual UCR report, **Crime and Arrests in Wisconsin - 1986**.

Data Collection and Interpretation

The assaults described and analyzed in this report are those reported to law enforcement agencies during 1986. The data were submitted to SAC as part of the monthly UCR report of law enforcement agencies. Data are collected on the Wisconsin Sexual Assault Form, which is reproduced in **Appendix B**. Assaults not reported to law enforcement agencies cannot be addressed in this report, even though they may be reported to other agencies, such as social service or medical agencies.

The unit of analysis in this report is the assault or offense, not the victim. Generally though, an assault is defined as involving one victim; that is, for any given incident, one assault is counted for each victim. There is one instance in which several assault incidents are counted as one assault, however. That is the case of serial assaults. In accordance with UCR data collection procedures, a series of assaults on one person which constitute one "clear and distinct criminal operation" is counted as one offense. One unique example of a serial sexual assault is an intra-familial assault situation in which incidents take place over a long period of time. This is counted as one (serial) assault.

Most of the data in this report focus on all reported cases, regardless of the eventual disposition of these cases by the law enforcement agency or, when relevant, the court. Although this analysis does omit cases which law enforcement agencies report to be unfounded, the factual accuracy of these reported assaults and the circumstances surrounding them has, in a legal sense, not been substantiated.

One final source of imprecision must be noted. Although UCR data are collected from almost all the law enforcement agencies in the State, there is always a small amount of UCR data missing. For other UCR reports and purposes, the missing data are estimated so that State and county totals can be projected. This is not done with the sexual assault data. Although 1986 data were obtained from almost all agencies, it is impossible to tell whether all sexual assaults reported to law enforcement agencies were reported to SAC. Certain steps are taken to increase the accuracy of reported sexual assault data, however: checks are conducted to see that sexual assault data are present whenever forcible rape data are recorded on another UCR form (Form A), and the degree of assault is verified for all multiple-offender assaults.

Nature of Sexual Assaults - 1986

- Most sexual assaults were either first or second degree; 57 percent were first degree and 31 percent were second degree.
- Overall, 18 percent of sexual assaults were rapes. Victims of rapes tended to be older than other sexual assault victims; 38 percent of assaults on victims over age 15 were rapes.

In 1986, 5,342 sexual assaults were reported to law enforcement agencies (excluding those later reported as unfounded). The assaults cover a wide range of seriousness, from violent rapes to less injurious sexual contacts. The seriousness of an assault is, of course, related to a number of factors, such as the extent of the victim's trauma, injuries, and so forth; but these are not always easily measured. Fortunately, the seriousness of the assaults are also indicated, to some extent, by four more measureable variables:

- The degree of the sexual assault: Sexual assaults are categorized into four degrees by State Statutes. A copy of the statute is in Appendix A.
- Whether or not the assault involves a rape: Forcible rape is an Index Crime defined in the UCR system. Rape data are, therefore, collected as part of the UCR program. Sexual assaults which are rapes can be identified.
- The age of the victim: In many instances the degree of the sexual assault is determined by the age of the victim. Any sexual contact involving a victim age 12 or under is defined as first degree sexual assault; any sexual contact involving a victim age 13 through 15 is defined, at a minimum, as second degree sexual assault. (For further information, see the statutory language in **Appendix A**.)
- Whether the sexual assault involves a single offender or multiple offenders: In virtually all assaults involving multiple offenders, the offenders are alleged to have aided and abetted each other. Thus, by definition, the offense is a first degree sexual assault.

Table 1 shows the degree of the assault for all assaults, for assaults involving single offenders, for single-offender assaults on victims over age 15, and for assaults involving multiple offenders. Table 2 shows similar information for assaults that are rapes. (Assaults classified as rape are those assaults, both single and multiple offender, which would be rapes according the UCR definition of rape: the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.) Assaults that are rapes are, of course, a subset of all assaults (involving both single and multiple offenders). The column totals in the two tables indicate that six percent of all assaults involved multiple offender assaults, 34 percent involved victims over age 15. Of single-offender rapes, 75 percent involved victims over age 15.

TABLE 1DEGREE OF ASSAULT FOR ALL ASSAULTS, SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS,SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS ON VICTIMS OVER 15,AND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| Degree of <u>All Assaults</u> | | Single-Offender <u>Assaults</u> | | Single-Offender, Victim Over 15 | | Multiple-Offender <u>Assaults</u> | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % |
| 1st Degree 2nd Degree 3rd Degree 4th Degree Missing | 3,046 1,659 88 536 13 | 57.1 31.1 1.7 10.1 | 2,751 1,659 88 536 13 | 54.6 33.0 1.7 10.6 | 443 643 88 530 10 | 26.0 37.7 5.2 31.1 | 295 0 0 0 0 | 100.0 - - - |
| Total | 5,342 | 100.0 | 5,047 | 99.9 | 1,714 | 100.0 | 295 | 100.0 |

TABLE 2

DEGREE OF ASSAULT FOR ALL ASSAULTS THAT ARE RAPES, SINGLE-OFFENDER RAPES, SINGLE-OFFENDER RAPES ON VICTIMS OVER 15, AND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER RAPES

| Degree of <u>Assault</u> | All Assaults That are Rapes | | Single-Offender Assaults That <u>are Rapes</u> | | Rap | Single-Offender Rapes, <u>Victim Over 15</u> | | Multiple-Offender Rapes | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | <u>%</u> | |
| 1st Degree 2nd Degree 3rd Degree 4th Degree* Missing | 536 378 13 14 1 | 57.0 40.2 1.4 1.5 | 468 378 13 14 1 | 53.6 43.3 1.5 1.6 | 319 310 13 14 1 | 48.6 47.3 2.0 2.1 | 68 0 0 0 0 | 100.0 - - - - | |
| Total | 942 | 100.1 | 874 | 100.0 | 657 | 100.0 | 68 | 100.0 | |

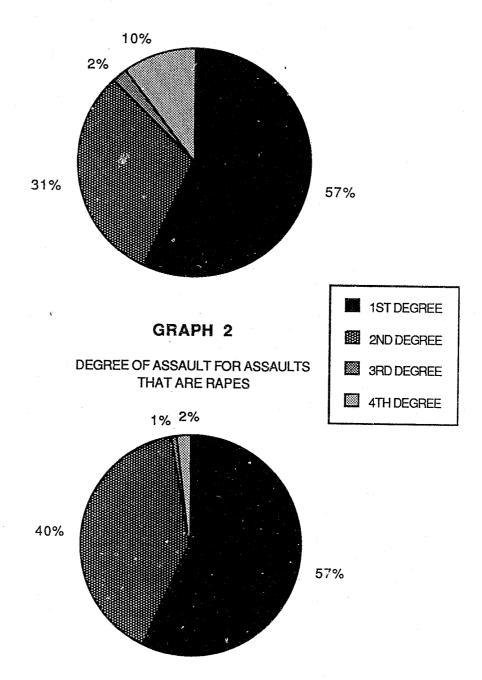
* Fourth degree assaults that are rapes are attempted rapes.

The tables show that in most categories the majority of assaults were first degree assaults. Only for victims of single-offender assaults over age 15 were lesser degree assaults predominant. For assaults that were rapes, there was a greater proportion of second degree assaults than for assaults in general. By definition, assaults involving multiple offenders were all first degree assaults. Comparison of the two columns presenting data on victims over age 15 reveal that the proportion of assaults that were rapes was much higher for victims over 15: 38 percent, compared with 18 percent overall.

Graph 1 illustrates the distribution of all assaults by degree (from Table 1). Graph 2 shows the distribution of assaults that are rapes by degree (from Table 2).

GRAPH 1

DEGREE OF ASSAULT FOR ALL ASSAULTS



Victim Characteristics

- The average age of sexual assault victims was 15, the median, or middle, age was 14. Seventy-five percent of victims were juveniles.
- Eighty-seven percent of victims were females.
- Seventy-seven percent of victims were White; 22 percent were Black.
- Victim age varied considerably by the degree of the assault: 71 percent of first degree assaults were on victims 12 or younger; 61 percent of second degree assaults were on victims age 13 to 15.

Victim Age

Victim age for all assaults is presented in Table 3. As the table shows, the average victim age is 15 years. The median victim age is 14 years, meaning that one-half of all victims are 14 years old or younger. The table shows the cumulative percentage in each age group showing, for example, that 75 percent of all victims were juveniles, that is, 16-17 years old or younger. The reader should note that the age categories in this table are not consistent. They are basically five-year categories, except between the ages of ten and 20. Between those ages the categories are constructed to reflect the age distinctions in the State's sexual assault statute. If the victim is 12 years old or younger, the assault is first degree. If the victim is between 13 and 15 years old, the assault is, at a minimum, second degree. Victims 16 or 17 years old are still juveniles but have reached the age of consent and cannot be victims of "statutory" assault (that is, an assault automatically classified as first or second degree because of the victim's age).

| <u>Age</u> | N | <u>C%*</u> |
|--|---|--|
| 0-5 6-10 11-12 13-15 16-17 18-20 21-25 26-30 Over 30 | 584 954 610 1,368 474 375 401 234 315 | 11.0 28.9 40.4 66.1 75.0 82.1 89.6 94.0 99.9 |
| Total | 5,315 | 99.9 |

TABLE 3VICTIM AGE FOR ALL ASSAULTS

Average Victim Age = 15 years

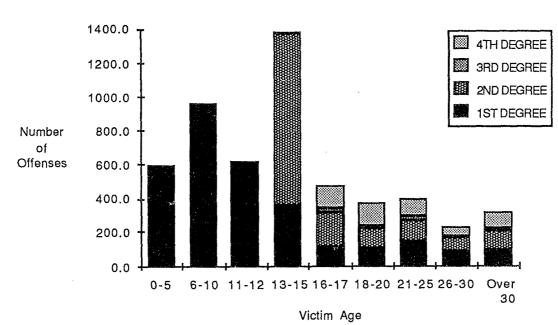
Cumulative Percent

The distribution of victim age for each degree of assault is shown in Table 4 and Graph 3. As the table shows, 71 percent of all first degree assaults were on victims age 12 or younger. Many of these were, no doubt, so classified because of the victim's age. Thirty-two percent of all victims of first degree assault were between the ages of six and ten. Sixty-one percent of all second degree assault victims were between the ages of 13 and 15. Again, many of these were probably so classified because of the victim age for assaults that were rapes was 22, quite a bit higher than for other sexual assaults.

TABLE 4 VICTIM AGE BY DEGREE OF ASSAULT FOR ALL ASSAULTS

| Victim Age | <u>First D</u> N | egree % | <u>Second</u> N | Degree % | Third N | Degree % | Fourth N | Degree % | <u></u> | otal % |
|---------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 0-5 | 584 | 19.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 584 | 11.0 |
| 6-10 | 954 | 31.5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 954 | 18.0 |
| 11-12 | 610 | 20.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 610 | 11.5 |
| 13-15 | 355 | 11.7 | 1,013 | 61.2 | 0 | 0 | C | 0 | 1,368 | 25.8 |
| 16-17 | 109 | 3.6 | 208 | 12.6 | 21 | 23.9 | 133 | 25.1 | 471 | 8.9 |
| 18-20 | 99 | 3.3 | 119 | 7.2 | 22 | 25.0 | 134 | 25.3 | 374 | 7.0 |
| 21-25 | 140 | 4.6 | 131 | 7.9 | 21 | 23.9 | 107 | 20.0 | 399 | 7.5 |
| 26-30 | 82 | 2.7 | 82 | 5.0 | 6 | 6.8 | 64 | 12.1 | 234 | 4.4 |
| Over 30 | 98 | 3.2 | 103 | 6.2 | 18 | 20.5 | 92 | 17.4 | 311 | 5.9 |
| Total | 3,031 | 100.0 | 1,656 | 100.1 | 88 | 100.1 | 530 | 99.9 | 5,305 | 100.0 |

GRAPH 3



DEGREE OF ASSAULT BY VICTIM AGE

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Victim Sex

Victim sex for all assaults is presented in Graph 4. Eighty-seven percent of all victims in single-offender assaults were females and 13 percent were males.

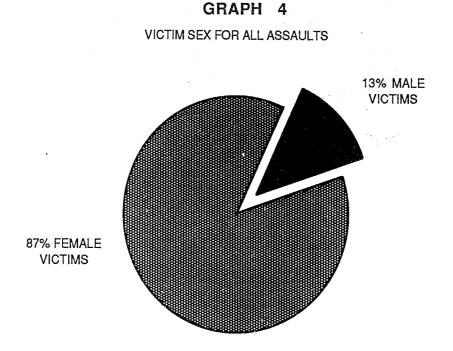


Table 5 shows victim age for males and females. Male victims tended to be younger, with 53 percent being age 10 and under. Twenty-five percent of female victims were age 10 and under.

TABLE 5VICTIM AGE BY SEX

| <u>Age</u> | M | ale | <u>Fe</u> | male |
|------------|-----|------|-----------|-------|
| | N | % | N | % |
| 0-5 | 174 | 25.5 | 410 | 8.9 |
| 6-10 | 189 | 27.7 | 765 | 16.5 |
| 11-12 | 82 | 12.0 | 528 | 11.4 |
| 13-15 | 134 | 19.6 | 1,233 | 26.6 |
| 16-17 | 45 | 6.6 | 429 | 9.3 |
| 18-20 | 15 | 2.2 | 360 | 7.8 |
| 21-25 | 22 | 3.2 | 379 | 8.2 |
| 26-30 | 6 | 0.9 | 227 | 4.9 |
| Over 30 | 15 | 2.2 | 300 | 6.5 |
| Total | 682 | 99.9 | 4,631 | 100.1 |

Victim Race

Victim race for all assaults is presented in Table 6. Seventy-seven percent of all victims were White. Almost all the remainder were Black.

TABLE 6VICTIM RACE FOR ALL ASSAULTS

| <u>Race</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| White | 4,085 | 77.3 |
| Black | 1,149 | 21.7 |
| Native American | 38 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 11 | 0.2 |
| | 5,283 | 99.9 |

Offender Characteristics

- Ninety-four percent of all sexual assaults involved single offenders.
- The average offender age in single-offender assaults was 26, 11 years older than the average victim age; the average offender age in multiple-offender assaults was 17, much closer to the average age of the victim.
- Ninety-six percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were male.

Number of Offenders

As explained in **Data Collection and Interpretation**, an assault is defined as involving one victim. When multiple victims are involved, one assault is recorded for each victim. A single assault may involve multiple offenders, however. The number of sexual assaults with single and multiple offenders is shown in Table 7 below. The table shows that 94 percent of assaults involved single offenders and five percent involved multiple offenders.

| | | IABLE / | • | |
|--------|------|---------|-------|---------|
| NUMBER | OF C | FFENDER | S PER | ASSAULT |
| | | | | |

| Number of Offenders | Number of Assaults | Percent |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1 | 5,047 | 94.5 |
| 2 | 242 | 4.5 |
| 3 | 22 | 0.4 |
| 4 | 24 | 0.4 |
| 5 or more | 7 | 0.1 |
| Total | 5,342 | 99.9 |

Of the total number of offenders, 10 percent (559) were involved in multiple-offender assaults (this number is derived by multiplying the number of assaults involving multiple offenders by the number of offenders and summing over all multiple-offender assaults). Offenders in multiple-offender assaults and, in some respects, multipleoffender assaults, tend to have different characteristics than single-offenders and single-offender assaults. In most of the remainder of this report, data are reported on single-offender assaults only, since these are the most common types of assaults. In instances in which multiple-offender data may be useful or the differences are notable, data are presented on both single- and multiple-offender assaults.

Offender Age

Offender age for single- and multiple-offender assaults is shown in Table 8. For single-offender assaults, the average offender age was 26. Thirty percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were over 30. Offenders in multiple-offender

assaults tended to be much younger than offenders in single-offender assaults and, therefore, much closer in age to their victims. The average offender age for multipleoffender assaults was 17. Thirty-two percent of offenders in multiple-offender assaults were between 13 and 15 years old and 32 percent were 12 or younger.

As shown in Table 3, the average victim age for all assaults was 15. In fact, this was the average victim age for both single- and multiple-offender assaults. In general, there were few differences in victim characteristics between single- and multiple-offender assaults, even though there were differences in offender characteristics (hence, data on victim characteristics were presented for all assaults combined).

| TABLE 8 | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| OFFENDER | AGE FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER AND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER | | | | | | | | |
| | ASSAULTS | | | | | | | | |

| | Single-Offer | nder Assaults | Multiple-Off | ender Assaults |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Age | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | <u>%</u> |
| 0-5 | 6 | 0.1 | 3 | 0.6 |
| 6-10 | 181 | 4.4 | 62 | 11.5 |
| 11-12 | 216 | 5.2 | 109 | 20.1 |
| 13-15 | 648 | 15.7 | 173 | 32.0 |
| 16-17 | 377 | 9.2 | 52 | 9.6 |
| 18-20 | 463 | 11.2 | 30 | 5.5 |
| 21-25 | 509 | 12.4 | 53 | 9.8 |
| 26-30 | 479 | 11.6 | 21 | 3. 9 |
| 0ver 30 | 1,239 | 30.1 | 38 | 7.0 |
| Total | 4,118 | 99.9 | 541 | 100.0 |
| Average Offender Age | 26 | | 17 | |

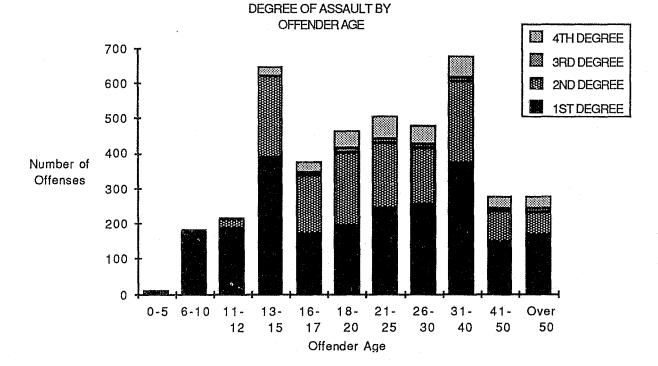
Table 9 and Graph 5 show degree of assault by offender age for single-offender assaults. In general, there was less offender age variation by degree of assault than victim age variation. Sixty-seven percent of all first degree assaults were committed by offenders over the age of 15. For assaults of other degrees, the age of offenders tended to be still higher; 81 percent of offenders in second degree assaults, 99 percent of offenders in third degree assaults, and 92 percent of offenders in fourth degree assaults were over the age of 15. The average offender age for assaults that were rapes was 27, equal to the overall average offender age of 27.

TABLE 9

OFFENDER AGE BY DEGREE OF ASSAULT FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| Offender <u>Age</u> | <u>First D</u> N |)egree % | <u>Second</u> N | Degree % | <u>Third [</u> N | <u>)egree</u> % | Fourth N | Degree % | Tc N | otal % |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-----------|
| 0-5 | 6 | 0.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.1 |
| 6-10 | 179 | 7.8 | 1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.3 | 181 | 4.4 |
| 11-12 | 187 | 8.1 | 25 | 1.8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.8 | 215 | 5.2 |
| 13-15 | 385 | 16.8 | 236 | 17.2 | 1 | 1.4 | 26 | 7.1 | 648 | 15.8 |
| 16-17 | 171 | 7.4 | 168 | 12.2 | 5 | 6.9 | 31 | 8.5 | 375 | 9.1 |
| 18-20 | 192 | 8.4 | 212 | 15.4 | 9 | 12.5 | 49 | 13.5 | 462 | 11.2 |
| 21-25 | 243 | 10.6 | 185 | 13.5 | 12 | 16.7 | 67 | 18.4 | 507 | 12.3 |
| 26-30 | 251 | 10.9 | 163 | 11.9 | 11 | 15.3 | 54 | 14.8 | 479 | 11.7 |
| Over 30 | 683 | 29.7 | 384 | 27.9 | 34 | 47.2 | 133 | 36.5 | 1,234 | 30.0 |
| Total | 2,297 | 100.0 | 1374 | 100.0 | 72 | 99.9 | 364 | 99.9 | 4,107 | 99.8 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

Thirty percent of all assaults were committed by offenders over 30 years old. Because such a large proportion of offenders were over 30 years old, Graph 5 reflects the additional age categories of 30-40, 40-50, and over 50. Sixteen percent of single-offender first degree assaults were committed by offenders between the ages of 30 and 40. Seventeen percent of second degree assaults were committed by offenders in this age group, as were 19 percent of fourth degree assaults.

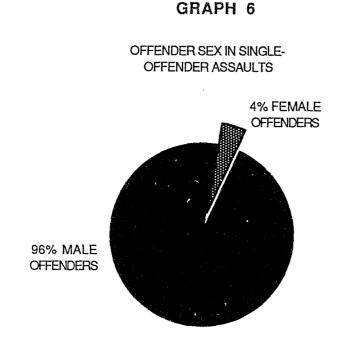


GRAPH 5

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Offender Sex

Ninety-six percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were male and four percent were female. Eighty-eight percent of offenders in multiple-offender assaults were male and eleven percent were female. The victims of female offenders tended to be young males, under 10 years old. Offender sex for single-offender assaults is shown in Graph 6 below.



Offender Race

Table 10 shows offender race for single- and multiple-offender assaults. Sixty-nine percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were White; 44 percent of the offenders in multiple-offender assaults were White. Most of the remainder were Black.

 TABLE 10

 OFFENDER RACE FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER AND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER

 ASSAULTS

| Offender Race | Ass | Dffender <u>saults</u> <u>%</u> | Multiple-Offender <u>Assaults</u> <u>N_%</u> | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|--|
| White Black Native American Asian | 3,406 1,423 58 19 | 69.4 29.0 1.2 0.4 | 295 363 8 0 | 44.3 54.5 1.2 | | |
| Total | 4,906 | 100.0 | 666 | 100.0 | | |

Characteristics of Assaults

- Fifty-four percent of all single-offender assaults occurred in either the victim's or the offender's home, as did 48 percent of all assaults that were rapes.
- Single-offender assaults tended to occur during the afternoon and night-time hours, from noon to 4:00 AM. Rapes occurred most often during the night; 57 percent occurred between 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM.
- Single-offender assaults, in general, varied little with the time of year. Rapes were most frequent between May and September.
- Six percent of single-offender assaults involved the use of a dangerous weapon; 23 percent of rapes involved the use of a dangerous weapon.
- Thirteen percent of victims of single-offender assaults reported some physical injury; 44 percent of rape victims reported physical injuries.

Location

Besides such characteristics of sexual assaults as the degree of the assault and whether or not the assault is a rape, other characteristics help describe the circumstances of the assaults. Tables 11 and 12 show the general location of singleand multiple-offender assaults and those assaults that are rapes. Fairly high proportions of all types of assaults occurred in either the victim's or the offender's home, including 54 percent of all single-offender assaults and 48 percent of all assaults that were rapes. A lower percentage, 29 percent, of multiple-offender assaults occurred in the victim's or offender's home; more multiple-offender assaults occurred in other indoor locations.

TABLE 11LOCATION OF ASSAULT FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER AND
MULTIPLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

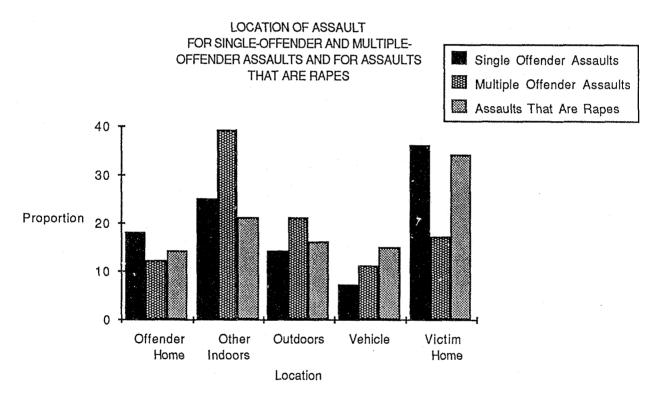
| | Single-Offe | nder Assaults | Multiple-Offender Assaults | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------|--|
| Location | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % | |
| Offender Home | 880 | 18.1 | 33 | 11.6 | |
| Victim Home | 1,735 | 35.7 | 49 | 17.3 | |
| Other Indoors | 1,214 | 25.0 | 112 | 39.4 | |
| Vehicle | 367 | 7.5 | 31 | 10.9 | |
| Outdoors | 669 | 13.8 | 59 | 20.8 | |
| Total | 4,865 | 100.1 | 284 | 100.0 | |

TABLE 12

LOCATION OF ASSAULT FOR ASSAULTS CLASSIFIED AS RAPE

| Location | <u>N</u> | % |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Offender Home Victim Home Other Indoors Vehicle Outdoors | 131 319 193 135 150 | 14.1 34.4 20.8 14.5 16.0 |
| Total | 928 | 99.8 |

GRAPH 7



Time of Day

The time of day that single- and multiple-offender assaults occurred is shown in Table 13. The time that assaults which were rapes occurred is shown in Table 14. Both tables divide the assaults into six four-hour time blocks, beginning at Midnight. The peak time for single-offender assaults was from 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM, with almost one-half of the assaults occurring during this period. Multiple-offender assaults were equally common in the afternoon and evening hours. Rapes most frequently occurred

during the night, with 57 percent occurring between 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM, and 73 percent occurring in the twelve hour period from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM.

TABLE 13 TIME OF ASSAULT FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER AND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| | Single- | Offender Assaults | Multiple-Offender Assault | | |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|------|--|
| Time | N | 26 | N | % | |
| 12M TO 3:59AM | 885 | 25.0 | 36 | 17.6 | |
| 4AM TO 7:59AM | 276 | 7.8 | 17 | 8.3 | |
| 8AM TO 11:59AM | 365 | 10.3 | 26 | 12.7 | |
| 12N TO 3:59PM | 720 | 20.3 | 48 | 23.5 | |
| 4PM TO 7:59PM | 567 | 16.0 | 29 | 14.2 | |
| 8PM TO 11:59PM | 729 | 20.6 | 48 | 23.5 | |
| Total | 3,542 | 100.0 | 204 | 99.8 | |

TABLE 14

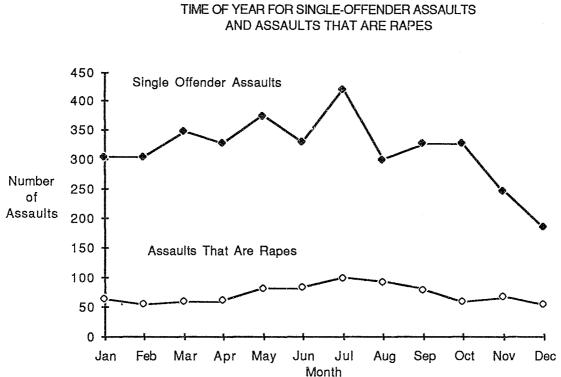
TIME OF ASSAULT FOR ASSAULTS CLASSIFIED AS RAPE

| Time | N | % |
|----------------|-----|-------|
| 12M TO 3:59AM | 267 | 32.3 |
| 4AM TO 7:59AM | 133 | 16.1 |
| 8AM TO 11:59AM | 47 | 5.7 |
| 12N TO 3:59PM | 75 | 9.1 |
| 4PM TO 7:59PM | 100 | 12.1 |
| 8PM TO 11:59PM | 204 | 24.7 |
| Total | 826 | 100.0 |

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Time of Year

Sexual assaults by single offenders, in general, showed little seasonality; that is, the number of assaults varied only slightly with to the time of year. There was a slight peak in July, however, and a slight decline in November and December. Assaults that were rapes showed somewhat more pronounced seasonality, with the peak months being the warm weather months of May through October. Graph 8 shows the variation by time of year for single-offender assaults and assaults that were rapes that occurred during 1986 (not all assaults reported in 1986 occurred during 1986).



GRAPH 8 OF YEAR FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER AS

Use of Weapon

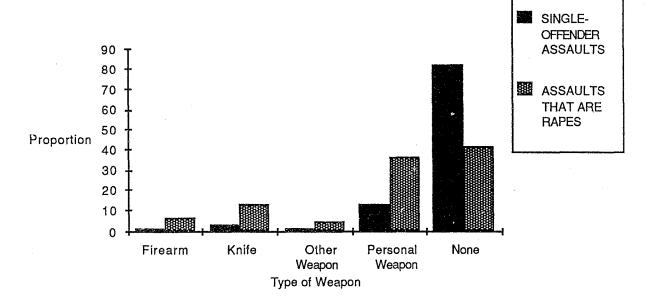
Table 15 and Graph 9 show the frequency of weapon use and the types of weapons used by assailants in sexual assaults. For single-offender assaults in general, the use of a weapon is unusual. In 82 percent of these assaults, no weapon was used. In 13 percent of the assaults, use of a personal weapon (hands, feet, etc.) was cited. The frequency of weapon use was greater for assaults that were rapes. Again, a personal weapon was used most often, in 36 percent of the assaults. No weapon was used in 41 percent of assaults that were rapes. Since the single-offender assault category includes all rapes by single offenders, it is clear that most of the assaults involving dangerous weapons were, in fact, rapes.

TABLE 15ASSAILANT USE OF WEAPON FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTSAND ASSAULTS CLASSIFIED AS RAPES

| | Single-Off | ender Assaults | Assaults Classified as Rape | | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------|--|
| Type of Weapon | <u>N</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>N</u> | % | |
| Firearm | 63 | 1.3 | 53 | 5.7 | |
| Knife/Cutting Instrument | 153 | 3.1 | 118 | 12.6 | |
| Other Dangerous Weapon | 69 | 1.4 | 42 | 4.5 | |
| Personal Weapon | 633 | 12.7 | 341 | 36.4 | |
| None | 4,069 | 81.6 | 383 | 40.9 | |
| Total | 4,987 | 100.1 | 937 | 100.1 | |

GRAPH 9

ASSAILANT USE OF WEAPON FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS AND FOR ASSAULTS THAT ARE RAPES



Victim Injury

Table 16 shows the frequency of victim injuries in single-offender sexual assaults and assaults classified as rapes. The majority of single-offender assault victims, 87 percent, were not physically injured. Forty-four percent of rape victims were injured, however.

TABLE 16

VICTIM INJURIES FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS AND FOR ASSAULTS CLASSIFIED AS RAPE

| | Single-Offe | ender Assaults | Assaults Classified as Rapes | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <u>Injury</u> Cuts/Bruises Hospital Admission Medical Attention None | <u>N</u> 144 9 478 4,349 | 2.9 0.2 9.6 87.3 | <u>N</u> 83 4 325 523 | 8.9 0.4 34.8 55.9 | |
| | • | | | | |
| Total | 4,980 | 100.0 | 935 | 100.0 | |

Relationship Of Offender To Victim

- The majority of all types of sexual assaults were perpetrated by someone known to the victim. Of single-offender assaults, 50 percent of offenders were friends or acquaintances of the victim; 22 percent were family members. Of assaults that were rapes, 47 percent of offenders were friends or acquaintances of the victim; 12 percent were family members.
- Intra-familial assault victims tended to be young children or adolescents, while stranger assault victims were older, usually adults.
- Over one-half, 51 percent, of all assaults were committed by an offender known to the victim, in either the victim's or offender's home.

The relationship of offender to victim for single- and multiple-offender assaults is shown in Table 17. Table 18 shows the relationship of offender to victim for assaults classified as rapes. For single- and multiple-offender assaults, over 72 percent of all offenders were either family members or friends/acquaintances. Twenty-two percent of single-offender assaults were committed by family members, while eight percent of multiple-offender assaults and 12 percent of assaults classified as rape were committed by family members. Fifty percent of single-offender assaults and 47 percent of assaults classified as rape were committed by friends or acquaintances, while 64 percent of multiple-offender assaults were committed by friends or acquaintances. A fairly high percentage of rapes, 35 percent, were committed by strangers, while just 15 percent of all single-offender assaults were committed by strangers.

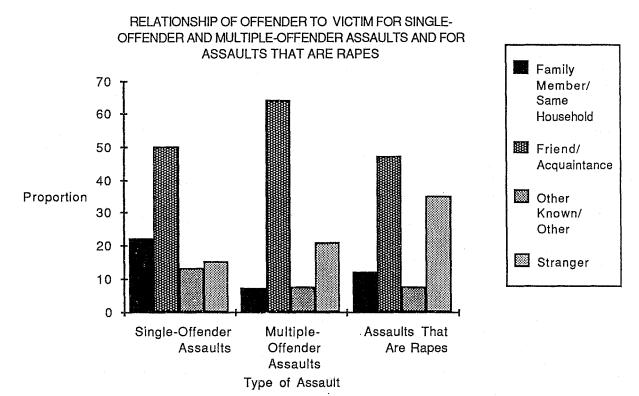
TABLE 17RELATIONSHIP OF OFFENDER TO VICTIM FOR SINGLE-OFFENDERAND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| | Sinale-Offence | ler Assaults | Multiple-Offer | nder Assaults |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Relationship | N | % | <u>N</u> | % |
| Family/Same Household | 1,090 | 22.0 | 22 | 7.5 |
| Friend/ Acquaintance | 2,483 | 50.2 | 188 | 64.4 |
| Other | 620 | 12.5 | 22 | 7.5 |
| Stranger | 757 | 15.3 | 60 | 20.5 |
| Total | 4,950 | 100.0 | 292 | 99.9 |

TABLE 18 RELATIONSHIP OF OFFENDER TO VICTIM FOR ASSAULTS CLASSIFIED AS RAPE

| Relationship | <u>N</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Family/Same Household | 108 | 11.7 |
| Friend/Acquaintance | 432 | 46.7 |
| Other | 63 | 6.8 |
| Stranger | 323 | 34.9 |
| Total | 926 | 100.1 |

Graph 10 visually presents the information in Tables 17 and 18. The predominance of assaults by friends and acquaintances for all types of assaults is clear, as is the frequency of stranger assaults for assaults that are rapes.



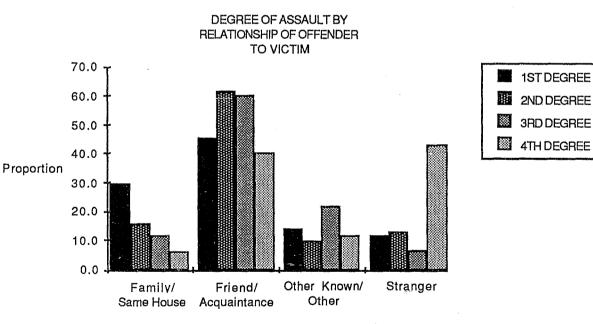
GRAPH 10

Table 19 and Graph 11 show the relationship of offender to victim by degree of assault for single-offender assaults. The row percents show that 54 percent of all singleoffender assaults were first degree assaults. Of those, 30 percent were committed by family members and 45 percent by friends or acquaintances. Thirty-three percent of all single-offender assaults were second degree assaults. Sixteen percent of second degree assaults were committed by family members, while 62 percent were committed by friends or acquaintances. Eleven percent of all single-offender assaults were fourth degree assaults. Forty-three percent of fourth degree assaults were committed by strangers, while 11 percent of first degree and 13 percent of second degree assaults were committed by strangers. Forty percent of all fourth degree assaults were committed by friends or acquaintances.

TABLE 19RELATIONSHIP OF OFFENDER TO VICTIM BY DEGREE OF ASSAULTFOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

DEGREE OF ASSAULT

| | DEGREE OF ASSAULT | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|------------------|------|
| | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 4 | | Tota | I |
| <u>Relationship</u> | <u>N</u> | % | <u>N</u> | % | N | % | <u>N</u> | % | N | % |
| Family/Same Household | 792 | 29.5 | 257 | 15.7 | 10 | 11.5 | 30 | 5.7 | 1,089 | 22.0 |
| Friend/ Acquaintance | 1,211 | 45.1 | 1,008 | 61.5 | 52 | 59.8 | 209 | 39.9 | 2,480 | 50.2 |
| Other | 380 | 14.1 | 159 | 9.7 | 19 | 21.8 | 60 | 11.5 | 618 | 12.5 |
| Stranger | 205 | 11.3 | 216 | 13.2 | 6 | 6.9 | 225 | 42.9 | 752 | 15.2 |
| Total RowPercent | 2,588 (54.4) | 100.0 | 1,640 (33.2) | 100.1 | 87 (1.8) | 100.0 | 524 (10.6) | 100.0 | 4,939 (100.0) | 99.9 |



GRAPH 11

Relationship

The relationship of the offender to victim for different victim age categories for singleoffender assaults is shown in Table 20. Some of this information is presented visually in Graph 12. The graph shows the distribution of victim age categories for two types of offender/victim relationships. The graph illustrates that intra-familial assault victims tend to be young children or adolescents (85 percent were age 15 or younger), while stranger assault victims tend to be older (68 percent were adults).

TABLE 20RELATIONSHIP OF OFFENDER TO VICTIM BY VICTIM AGE FOR
SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| Relationship | <u>0-5</u> | <u>6-10</u> | <u>11-12</u> | <u>13-15</u> | <u>16-17</u> | <u>18-20</u> | <u>21-25</u> | <u>26-30</u> | Over <u>30</u> | Total |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|
| Family/Same Household | 224 | 304 | 146 | 257 | 85 | 24 | 11 | 12 | 25 | 1,088 |
| Friend/ Acquaintance | 205 | 401 | 318 | 765 | 240 | 167 | 170 | 98 | 114 | 2,478 |
| Other | 116 | 149 | 58 | 135 | 58 | 28 | 31 | 14 | 27 | 616 |
| Stranger | 9 | 46 | 24 | 93 | 65 | 134 | 155 | 95 | 131 | 752 |
| Total | 554 | 900 | 546 | 1,250 | 448 | 353 | 367 | 219 | 297 | 4934 |

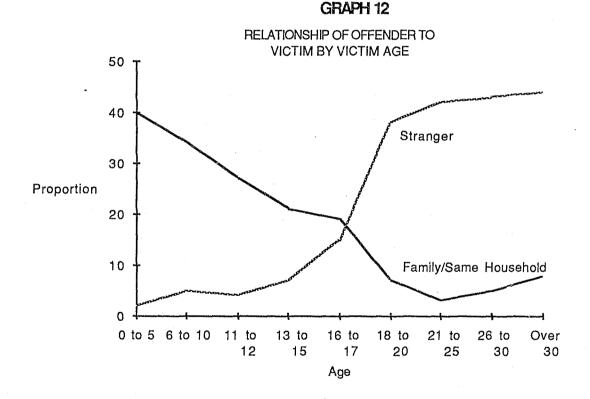


Table 21 shows the relationship of offender to victim by the location of the assault for single-offender assaults. As might be expected from information presented earlier, a high number of assaults, 51 percent, were perpetrated by an offender known to the victim, in either the victim's or the offender's home. In each location category except "outdoors," at least 70 percent of assaults were committed by an offender known to the victim.

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TABLE 21RELATIONSHIP OF OFFENDER TO VICTIM BY LOCATION OF ASSAULTFOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| | Location | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------|----------|-------|--|
| Relationship | Victim <u>Home</u> | Offender <u>Home</u> | Other Indoors | Vehicle | Outdoors | Total | |
| Family/Same Household | 758 | 207 | 54 | 14 | 22 | 1,055 | |
| Friend/ Acquaintance | 602 | 513 | 819 | 209 | 282 | 2,425 | |
| Stranger | 126 | 12 | 179 | 107 | 326 | 750 | |
| Other | 239 | 143 | 151 | 25 | 31 | 589 | |
| Total | 1,725 | 875 | 1,203 | 355 | 661 | 4,819 | |

Arrests and Law Enforcement Dispositions

- Fifty percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were arrested.
- Of those arrested, 59 percent of offenders in single-offender assaults were referred to court, either criminal or juvenile court; for assaults that were rapes, 65 percent of the offenders were referred to court.

Fifty percent of the offenders in single-offender sexual assaults were arrested. Table 22 shows the number of offenders arrested for single-offender assaults by degree of assault. The highest percentage of offenders arrested, 53 percent, was for second degree assault. The lowest arrest rate, 40 percent, was for fourth degree assault. Some action other than arrest may have been taken in many fourth degree assault cases.

TABLE 22

ARRESTS FOR SINGLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS BY DEGREE

| <u>Degree</u> | Number of Assaults | Number of Arrests | Percent Arrested |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1st Degree | 2,751 | 1,385 | 50.3 |
| 2nd Degree | 1,659 | 882 | 53.2 |
| 3rd Degree | 88 | 36 | 40.9 |
| 4th Degree | 536 | 215 | 40.1 |
| Total | 5,034 | 2,518 | 50.0 |

The law enforcement dispositions of arrested offenders are shown in Tables 23 and 24 and Graph 13. The tables show that 59 percent of arrested offenders in single-offender assaults were referred to court, either criminal or juvenile court. A slightly higher proportion of offenders arrested for rapes, 65 percent, were referred to court. Sixty-eight percent of offenders involved in multiple assaults were referred to court.

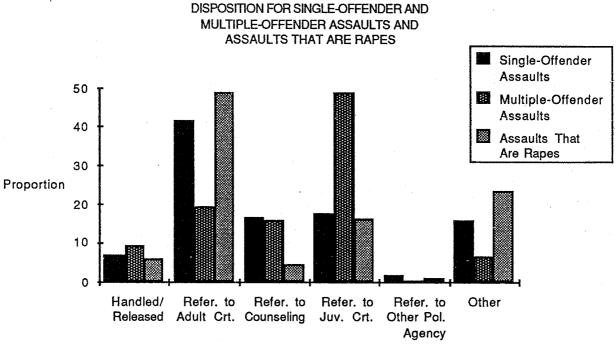
TABLE 23OFFENDER DISPOSITION FOR SINGLE-OFFENDERAND MULTIPLE-OFFENDER ASSAULTS

| | Single-Offe | ender Assaults | Multiple-Offender Assaults | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------|--|
| Disposition | N | <u>%</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>%</u> | |
| Handled/Released | 153 | 6.8 | 23 | 9.3 | |
| Referred to Adult Court | 931 | 41.5 | 48 | 19.5 | |
| Referred to Counseling | 371 | 16.5 | 39 | 15.8 | |
| Referred to Juvenile Court | 395 | 17.6 | 120 | 48.7 | |
| Referred to Other Police Agency | 42 | 1.9 | 0 | 0.0 | |
| Other | 351 | 15.6 | 16 | 6.5 | |
| Total | 2,243 | 99.9 | - 246 | 99.8 | |

TABLE 24 OFFENDER DISPOSITION FOR ASSAULTS CLASSIFIED AS RAPE

| Offender Disposition | N | % |
|---------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Handled/Released | 15 | 5.8 |
| Referred to Adult Court | 127 | 48.8 |
| Referred to Counseling | 12 | 4.6 |
| Referred to Juvenile Court | 42 | 16.2 |
| Referred to Other Police Agency | 3 | 1.2 |
| Other | 61 | 23.5 |
| Total | 260 | 100.1 |

GRAPH 13



Disposition

Sexual Assaults by County

Table 25 presents the number of sexual assaults for each county in the State for 1985 and 1986 and the percent change between the two years. Reported assaults for 1986 are broken down by degree of assault. Although this table is intended to show the general distribution of reported sexual assaults, it must recalled, as decribed in **Data Collection And Interpretation**, that these data may be incomplete for some counties, or may have been incomplete in 1985. Data on some assaults reported to law enforcement agencies may not have been reported to SAC. Although missing data should be minimal, it is not possible to detect all missing data, so it is not possible to estimate accurate State and County totals.

| | | | 1 | 1986 | 6 | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| | 1985 TOTAL | FIRST | SECOND DEGREE | THIRD | FOURTH | UNSPECIFI | ED 1986 TOTAL | PERCENT CHANGE |
| ADAMS | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | -29 |
| ASHLAND | 8 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | -38 |
| BARRON BAYFIELD | 4 9 | 0 6 | 1 5 | 0 1 | 1 0 | 0 | 2 12 | ~50 +33 |
| BROWN | 111 | 65 | 22 | 2 | 17 | 0 | 106 | -05 |
| BUFFALO | 23 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 : | õ | 11 | -52 |
| BURNETT | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | -95 |
| CALUMET CHIPPEWA | 11 70 | 6 52 | 1 15 | 0 2 | 0 2 | 0 0 | 7 71 | -36 +01 |
| CLARK | 45 | 28 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 38 | -16 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| COLUMBIA | 27 | 16 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 29 | +07 |
| CRAWFORD DANE | 24 457 | 3 244 | 3 194 | 0 11 | 5 81 | 0 2 | 11 532 | -54 +16 |
| DODGE | 42 | 28 | 9 | 1 | 6 | ō | 44 | +05 |
| DOOR | 43 | 15 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 23 | -47 |
| DOUGLAS DUNN | 24 21 | 27 13 | 3 7 | 0 | 0 2 | 0 | 30 22 | +25 +05 |
| EAU CLAIRE | 152 | 52 | 57 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 124 | -18 |
| FLORENCE | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | +200 |
| FOND DU LAC | 51 | 39 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 54 | +06 |
| FOREST | 9 | 15 | 1 : | 0.4 | 0 | 0 | 16 | +78 |
| GRANT | 20 | 9 | 11 | Õ | 9 | Õ | 29 | +45 |
| GREEN | 41 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 21 | -49 |
| GREEN LAKE IOWA | 3 17 | 1 6 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 0 0 | 1 6 | -67 -65 |
| IRON | 0 | 1 | õ | ŏ | õ | ŏ | 1 | - |
| JACKSON | 48 | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 26 | -46 |
| JEFFERSON JUNEAU | 29 31 | 22 24 | 14 16 | 3 0 | 0 1 | 0 0 | 39 41 | +34 +32 |
| KENOSHA | 97 | 147 | 35 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 192 | +98 |
| KEWAUNEE | 3 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | +167 |
| LA CROSSE | 83 | 71 | 34 | 2 | 19 | 1 | 127 | +52 |
| LAFAYETTE | 0 | 4 | . 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | - 4E |
| LANGLADE LINCOLN | 22 10 | 7 3 | 4 6 | 0 1 | 1 0 | 0 0 | 12 10 | -45 0 |
| LINCOLN | 10 | 0 | 0 | | U | U | | 0 |

TABLE 25

SEXUAL ASSAULTS BY COUNTY BY DEGREE OF ASSAULT

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| Table 25 Continu | ed | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| MANITOWOC MARATHON MARINETTE MARQUETTE MENOMINEE* | 1985 TOTAL 58 110 24 5 | FIRST DEGREE 41 92 13 5 | SECOND DEGREE 7 48 2 0 - | THIRD DEGREE 3 3 1 0 | FOURTH DEGREE 4 10 0 0 | UNSPECIFIED 0 0 0 0 - | 1986 TOTAL 55 153 16 5 | PERCENT CHANGE -05 +39 -33 0 - |
| MILWAUKEE MONROE OCONTO ONEIDA OUTAGAMIE OZAUKEE PEPIN PIERCE POLK PORTAGE | 1,705 19 2 41 156 31 0 . 13 47 45 | 942 20 4 30 90 22 0 19 23 28 | 670 7 13 26 12 2 5 4 17 | 23 1 0 3 0 0 0 2 | 203 1 0 1 9 2 0 1 2 2 | 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 1,839 29 5 44 128 36 2 25 29 49 | +08 +53 +150 +07 -18 +16 +92 -38 +08 |
| PRICE RACINE RICHLAND ROCK RUSK ST. CROIX SAUK SAWYER SHAWANO SHEBOYGAN | 2 229 212 11 8 20 8 8 125 | 6 156 22 163 18 3 9 0 1 99* | 0 80 2 44 1 6 4 0 2 37 | 2 5 1 3 1 0 1 0 2 | 1 21 26 2 0 0 0 11 | 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 9 262 238 22 9 14 0 9 | +350 +14 +1200 +12 +100 +13 -30 -100 +13 +19 |
| TAYLOR TREMPEALEAU VERNON VILAS WALWORTH WASHBURN WASHINGTON WAUKESHA WAUPACA WAUSHARA | 13 0 8 13 20 1 32 147 28 15 | 4 0 10 13 15 1 17 81 11 81 | 2 0 3 34 0 2 75 11 6 | 0 0 1 1 0 4 0 | 1 0 1 2 0 5 13 1 2 | 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 0 0 | 7 0 13 17 52 25 25 176 23 16 | -46 0 +63 +31 +160 +100 -22 +20 -18 +07 |
| WINNEBAGO WOOD | 123 <u>28</u> | 99 33 | 21 15 | 1 | 16 6 | 3 0 | 140 55 | +14 +89 |
| TOTAL | 4,875 | 3,046 | 1,659 | 88 | 536 | 13 | 5,342 | +10 |
| | | | | | | | | |

*Menominee County did not report during 1985 and 1986.

Comparison of Sexual Assaults in 1985 and 1986

- The number of sexual assaults reported in 1986 was 10 percent higher than in 1985.
- Characteristics of sexual assaults were very similar in 1985 and 1986.

In 1985, 4,875 sexual assaults were reported to SAC by law enforcement agencies. In 1986, as described in this report, 5,342 sexual assaults were reported, an increase of 10 percent over 1985. As pointed out in **Data Collection and Interpretation**, it is not possible to determine whether all sexual assaults reported to law enforcement agencies have been reported to SAC. For 1985 and 1986, however, it seems likely that missing data are minimal. The 10 percent increase in reports between these years is similar to the 9.5 percent increase in reported forcible rapes, an offense category for which data have been collected for many years. (There is, of course, no way to determine whether the observed increase is due to an increase in actual incidents or in reporting by victims.)

Not too surprisingly, the characteristics of sexual assaults in 1986 were very similar to those in 1985 (and 1984). Table 26 compares some characteristics of reported sexual assaults in 1985 and 1986. The table shows that the characteristics of reported sexual assaults have remained fairly constant. There was an increase in the proportion of first degree assaults, which may be due, in part, to more accurate offense classification by reporting agencies and may be due, in part, to the small increase in the proportion of juvenile victims (from 74 to 75 percent).

| | 1985 | <u>1986</u> | |
|---|------|-------------|--|
| Nature of Assaults | | | |
| Percent First Degree | 52% | 57% | |
| Percent Rapes | 18% | 18% | |
| Victim/Offender Characteristics | | | |
| Percent Juvenile Victims | 74% | 75% | |
| Percent Female Victims | 87% | 87% | |
| Average Victim Age | 15 | 15 | |
| Median Victim Age | 14 | 14 | |
| Average Offender Age: | | | |
| Single-offender Assaults | 27 | 26 | |
| Multiple-offender Assaults | 17 | 17 | |
| Circumstances of Assault (Single Offender) | | | |
| Percent taking place in victim or offender home | 56% | 54% | |
| Percent Involving Dangerous Weapon | 6% | 6% | |
| Percent Involving Physical Injury | 13% | 13% | |
| Offender/Victim Relationship (Single Offender) | | | |
| Percent Family, Friends, Acquaintances | 72% | 72% | |
| Percent Stranger | 17% | 15% | |
| Law Enforcement Dispositions (Single Offender) | | | |
| Percent Offenders Arrested | 50% | 50% | |
| Percent Referred to Court | 59% | 59% | |
| | | | |

TABLE 26

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF 1985 AND 1986 SEXUAL ASSAULTS

Appendix A Wisconsin Sexual Assault Statutes

940.225 SEXUAL ASSAULT. (1) *First Degree Sexual Assault.* Whoever does any of the following is guilty of a Class B felony:

(a) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without consent of that person and causes pregnancy or great bodily harm to that person.

(b) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without consent of that person by use or threat of use of a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim reasonably to believe it to be a dangerous weapon.

(c) Is aided or abetted by one or more other persons and has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without consent of that person by use or threat of force or violence.

(d) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person 12 years of age or younger.

(2) Second Degree Sexual Assault. Whoever does any of the following is guilty of a Class C felony:

(a) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without consent of that person by use or threat of force or violence.

(b) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with another person without consent of that person and causes injury, illness, disease or impairment of a sexual or reproductive organ, or mental anguish requiring psychiatric care for the victim.

(c) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who suffers from a mental illness or deficiency which renders that person temporarily or permanently incapable of appraising the person's conduct, and the defendant knows of such condition.

(d) Has sexual contact or sexual inercourse with a person who the defendant knows is unconscious.

(e) Has sexual contact or sexual intercourse with a person who is over the age of 12 years and under the age of 16 years.

(3) *Third Degree Sexual Assault.* Whoever has sexual intercourse with a person without the consent of that person is guilty of a Class D felony.

(3m) *Fourth Degree Sexual Assault.* Whoever has sexual contact with a person without the consent of that person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(4) *Consent.* "Consent," as used in this section, means words or overt actions by a person who is competent to give informed consent indicating a freely given agreement to have sexual intercourse or sexual contact. Consent is not an issue in alleged violations of sub. (1)(d) and (2)(c), (d), and (e). The following persons are presumed incapable of consent but the presumption may be rebutted by competent evidence, subject to the provisions of s. 972.11(2).

(b) A person suffering from a mental illness or defect which impairs capacity to appraise personal conduct.

(c) A person who is unconscious or for any other reason is physically unable to communicate unwillingness to an act.

(5) *Definitions*. In this section:

(a) "Sexual contact" means any intentional touching by the complainant or defendant, either directly or through clothing by the use of any body part or object, of the complainant's or defendant's intimate parts if that intentional touching is either for the purpose of sexually degrading; or for the purpose of sexually humiliating the complainant or sexually arousing or gratifying the defendant or if the touching contains the elements of actual or attempted battery under s. 940.19(1).

(b) "Sexual intercourse" includes the meaning assigned under s. 939.22(36) as well as cunnilingus, fellatio or anal intercourse between persons or any other intrusion, however slight, of any part of a person's body or of any object into the genital or anal opening either by the defendant or upon the defendant's instruction. The emission of semen is not required.

(6) *Marriage Not a Bar to Prosecution.* A defendant shall not be presumed to be incapable of violating this section because of marriage to the complainant.

Appendix B Sexual Assault Data Collection Form

U.C.R. Sexual Assault Form ss. 16.969(2)(b)1 and 16.969(2)(c)

STATE OF WISCONSIN UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS - SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORT

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(See Instructions on Reverse)

| | | | Assault | Vi | .ctim | 1 | þffe | nder | | | | | Lt Lt | It | 4 | | | Victim. | | of ictin | | |
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| Agency Case # | Offense # | Unfounded | Degree of Ass | Age | Sex | Race | Age | Sex | Race | Arrest Made | Disposition | Return A Line # | Time of Assault | Date of Assault | Date of Report | | Weapon | Extent of Vic Injuries | Location of Assault | Relationship of Ôffender to Victir | COMMENTS | |
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Month and Year

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Title

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Agency

Agency Identifier (NCIC)

Chief, Sheriff (Signature)

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1. Agency Case Number: Your case number for this offense.

2. Offense: Report each offense in the month in which it becomes known to law enforcement. Number each offense on the first line used for that offense. Count one offense per victim. If the same victim is assaulted repeatedly in one continuing and distinct criminal operation, score one offense only. An offense with multiple offenders requires a separate line for each offender.

3. Unfounded: Check here if the offense was reported and later unfounded. If the offense was reported in a previous month, provide case number, time and date of assault.

4. Degree of Assault: 1 - 4 (Wis. Statutes 940.225)

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5. Age: 01-99. If 100 or older, use 99. Newborn up to one week, use NB. If over one week but less than one year, use BB. Unknown, use U. List on separate line for each offender.

6. Sex: M or F. Unknown, use U. List on separate line for each offender.

| Race: | W - White | A - Asian or Pacific Islander | | | | |
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| | B - Black | U – Unknown | | | | |
| |) - American Indian or Alaskan | | | | | |
| | Native | | | | | |

List on separate line for each offender.

8. <u>Arrest Made</u>: Yes, no, or E for exceptional clearance. If arrest is for offense reported in a previous month, only offender information plus case number, offense number, time and date of original assault need be reported. Record arrest for any assault occurring in your jurisdiction regardless of where arrest takes place or who makes it. Do not record arrests you make for assaults in other jurisdictions.

| 9. | Disposition: | 1 - Handled within Department | 3 - Referred to juvenile court |
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| | | and released | 4 - Referred to adult court |
| | | 2 - Referred to counseling or | 5 - Referred to other police agency |
| | | other social service agency | 6 - 0ther |
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10. How Assault is Classified on Return A: Indicate line number of Return A where this sexual assault was reported for UCR purposes (Often 2a-2b or 4a-4e). If not appropriate for Return A, indicate NA.

11, Time of Assault: Use 24-hour clock (e.g. 1530). Approximate if necessary.

12. Date of Assault: Use six digits (e.g. 03-15-84). If assault is part of an unreported series (e.g. an intra-family situation that has been going on for some time), give date of first assault.

13. Date of Report: Use six digits. Give date assault was reported to law enforcement.

| 14, | Weapon: | <pre>A - Firearm B - Knife or cutting instrument C - Other dangerous weapon</pre> | D - PerSonal weapon (hands, feet, etc.) E - None |
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| 15. | Victim Injuri | es: 1 - None 2 - Cuts or bruises 3 - Medical attention required (hospital treatment on out- patient basis only) | 4 — Hospital admission required 5 — Victim died |
| 16. | Location of A | ssault: 1 - Victim Home 2 - Offender Home 3 - Other Residence 4 - Other Indoors | 5 - Vehicle 6 - Outdoors 7 - Unknown |
| t7. | <u>Relationship o</u> | f Offender to Victim: 1 - Spouse 2 - Family or resident of same household 3 - Boy/Girlfriend 4 - Ex-spouse or Ex-Boy/girlfriend 5 - Frieid/Acquaintance | 6 - Indirect (Friend of friend, mother's boyfriend, if not resident of same household; friend of relative, etc.) 7 - Business/commercial/professional 8 - Stranger, not known 9 - Other 10 - Information not available |

PLEASE FORWARD THIS FORM WITH YOUR OTHER MONTHLY UCR RETURNS TO:

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