

The Vagina Monologues

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V-Day Related Facts

- The size of the entire clitoris, including internal parts, is the same size as a penis. (Angier 1999 from *Woman: An Intimate Geography*)
- People have sex an average of 127 times a year. (<http://marriage.about.com/cs/sexualstatistics/a/sexstatistics.htm>)
- While 75 percent of men always reach orgasm during sex, only 29 percent of women report the same. (<http://www.livescience.com/health/090409-top10-sex-statistics-1.html>)
- Among high school students surveyed nationwide, about 8% reported having been forced to have sex. Females (11%) were more likely to report having been forced to have sex than males (4%). (from cdc.gov/injury 2007 Report: "Understanding Sexual Violence")
- An estimated 20% to 25% of college women in the United States experience attempted or complete rape during their college career. (from cdc.gov/injury 2007 Report: "Understanding Sexual Violence")
- In the United States, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men reported experiencing an attempted or completed rape at some time in their lives. (from cdc.gov/injury 2007 Report: "Understanding Sexual Violence")
- Rape results in about 32,000 pregnancies each year. (from cdc.gov/injury 2007 Report: "Understanding Sexual Violence")
- A recent survey by the Kenyan Women Rights Awareness Program revealed that 70% of those interviewed said they knew neighbors who beat their wives. Nearly 60% said women were to blame for the beatings. Just 51% said the men should be punished. (*The New York Times* 10/31/97)
- More than 90 million African women and girls are victims of female circumcision or other forms of genital mutilation. (*Heise: 1994*)
- In Ghana, one in 7 (15%) females had been circumcised. (<http://www.vday.org/take-action/violence-against-women/fgm>)
- Some anthropologists speculate that a woman's use of lipstick stems from her desire to have a visible upper lips resemble the inner hidden lips below – a signal to the opposite sex that she is sexually ready. (*She Comes First*, Ian Kerner)
- In 1 in 3 sexual assaults, the perpetrator was intoxicated — 30% with alcohol, 4% with drugs. (www.rainn.org)
- 46% of rapists who were released from prison were re-arrested within 3 years of their release for another crime. (www.rainn.org)
- If rape is reported, there is a 50.8% chance of an arrest.
If an arrest is made, there is an 80% chance of prosecution.
If there is a prosecution, there is a 58% chance of conviction.
If there is a felony conviction, there is a 69% chance the convict will spend time in jail.

So even in the 39% of attacks reported to the police, only 16.3% chance the rapist will end up in prison. Factoring in the 60% of rapes that are not reported, this means that about 6% of rapists will ever spend a day in jail for their crime.

15 in 16 walk free. (www.rainn.org)

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- Most recorded orgasms in an hour: 134 for a woman and 16 for a man. (<http://www.examiner.com/x-1961-Sexual-Health-Examiner~y2009m5d24-Orgasm-my-orgasm-The-top-ten-most-fascinating-climax-facts>)
- A pig's orgasm can last up to 30 minutes (<http://www.examiner.com/x-1961-Sexual-Health-Examiner~y2009m5d24-Orgasm-my-orgasm-The-top-ten-most-fascinating-climax-facts>)
- Besides its obvious perks, masturbating is good for your health. Studies show that orgasm can reduce sensitivity to pain, relieve menstrual cramps, and alleviate stress—possibly due to a surge in oxytocin and dopamine. (*The Science of Orgasm*, Johns Hopkins University Press)
- From ancient Greece to Freud's time, doctors stimulated orgasms in women via "medical massage" to treat the catchall female ailment known as hysteria. In the late 1800s, the vibrator was designed for the same purpose. (*The Science of Orgasm*, Johns Hopkins University Press)
- One report states that 48% of women have faked an orgasm at least once in their life. Interestingly, an identical 48% of men also report faking an orgasm at least once. (http://facts.randomhistory.com/2009/01/10_sex.html)
- 77% of rapes are committed by non-strangers. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics*, 1997)
- Every year, an estimated one in eight women in college is raped and in 85% of those assaults the women knew their attacker. (Texas Woman's University, 2007)
- Every nine seconds a woman is beaten in the United States. (American Institute on Domestic Violence 2001)
- One out of every six American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime. (Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network)
- In Pakistan 42% of women accept violence as part of their fate; 33% feel too helpless to stand up to it; 19% protested and 4% took action against it (*Amnesty International* - Making Violence against Women Count: Facts and Figures - a Summary; Press release, 05/03/2004)
- Between **60 million and 107 million** women and girls are missing around the world due to a disproportionate number of deaths from female infanticide and unequal access to healthcare and food. (Kristof, Nicholas. "The Women's Crusade." *The New York Times*. August 17, 2009. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/23/magazine/23Women-t.html?pagewanted=1&r=3>)
- In India, a "bride burning" takes place approximately once every two hours, to punish a woman for an inadequate dowry or to eliminate her so a man can remarry. (Kristof, Nicholas. "The Women's Crusade." *The New York Times*. August 17, 2009. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/23/magazine/23Women-t.html?pagewanted=1&r=3>)
- 17.6 % of women in the United States have survived a completed or attempted rape. (http://dzglobalmarketingllc.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=4)
- 64% of women who reported being raped, physically assaulted, and/or stalked since age 18 were victimized by a current or former husband, cohabiting partner, boyfriend, or date. (<http://>)

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- The FBI estimates that only 37% of all rapes are reported to the police. U.S. Justice Department statistics are even lower, with only 26% of all rapes or attempted rapes being reported to law enforcement officials.
(http://dzjglobalmarketingllc.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=4)
- Every two minutes, somewhere in America, someone is sexually assaulted. (*Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) calculation based on 2000 National Crime Victimization Survey, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice*)
- Factoring in unreported rapes, about 5% - one out of twenty - of rapists will ever spend a day in jail. 19 out of 20 will walk free. (*Probability statistics based on US Department of Justice Statistics*)
- More than half of all rapes of women occur before age 18; 22% occur before age 12. (*Full Report of the Prevalance, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women, Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey, November, 2000*)
- Females ages 12 to 24 are at the greatest risk for experiencing a rape or sexual assault (*DOJ 2001*).
- An estimated 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States annually for sexual exploitation or forced labor. (*U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, 2000*)
- Somewhere in America a woman is battered, usually by her intimate partner, every 15 seconds. (*UN Study On The Status of Women, Year 2000*)
- A University of Pennsylvania research study found that domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to low-income, inner-city Philadelphia women between the ages of 15 to 44 - more common than automobile accidents, mugging and rapes combined. In this study domestic violence included injuries caused by street crime. (http://dzjglobalmarketingllc.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=4)
- In the 2005 World Health Organization Multi-Country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence, the local rates in ten countries of ever-partnered women who had experienced violence from an intimate partner was:
 - 69 % Peru (province), 51% Peru (city)
 - 71% Ethiopia (province)
 - 62% Bangladesh (province), 53% Bangladesh (city)
 - 56% Tanzania (province), 41% Tanzania (city)
 - 47% Thailand (province), 41% Thailand (city)
 - 46% Samoa
 - 37% Brazil (province), 29% Brazil (city)
 - 36% Namibia (city)
 - 24% Serbia and Montenegro (city)
 - 15% Japan (city)

(from <http://www.vday.org/take-action/violence-against-women/battery-abuse>)

- Women of all ages are at risk for domestic and sexual violence, and those age 20 to 24 are at the greatest risk of experiencing nonfatal intimate partner violence. (Family Violence Prevention Fund 2009)
- Young women age 20 to 24 also experience the highest rates of rape and sexual assault, followed by those 16 to 19. (Family Violence Prevention Fund 2009)
- People age 18 and 19 experience the highest rates of stalking. (Family Violence Prevention Fund 2009)