

INVESTING IN A CALIFORNIA FREE FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE

An Insight on the Costs of Sexual Violence in California

OUR VISION IS BIG

—a sexually respectful and healthy world free from sexual violence. *The Costs and Consequence of Sexual Violence in California* is a critical piece in fulfilling this vision. In order to accomplish this task, everyone must recognize their part in shaping a vision for the future: a vision that disallows molestation as a first sexual experience, a vision where laborers support their families without fear of a sexually hostile work environment, and a vision where we have the courage to remove those elements that normalize sexual assault in society. It is essential that everyone buy into the big picture, because as this report evidences, not doing so is far more costly. By investing in California's sexual violence intervention and prevention efforts, we invest in a healthy future for California.

-Sandra Henriquez, CEO
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault



In 2012, an estimated

948,000
CALIFORNIA
RESIDENTS

were sexually assaulted.

WHAT IS SEXUAL VIOLENCE?

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

The attempt or completion of a sexual act undertaken without the victim's freely given consent, which includes rape and other sexual assault.

CONSEQUENCES

Consequences of sexual violence can include physical injury and other medical problems, poor mental health outcomes, lost work productivity, decreased quality of life, and sometimes death.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VICTIMS

RAPE

223,854

OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT

413,785

CHILD RAPE AND OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT

310,435

TOTAL

948,074

INCIDENTS

Some victims were assaulted repeatedly during the year, with the total incidents of rape or other sexual assault exceeding **1.1 MILLION** total incidents of rape or other sexual assault in California.

HOW MUCH DOES SEXUAL VIOLENCE COST CALIFORNIA?

TANGIBLE COSTS

\$9,124,336,000



Medical Health Care



Mental Health Care



Property Damage



Victim Services



Adjudication

INTANGIBLE COSTS

\$130,821,480,000



Lost Work Productivity



Earning Loss While Confined



Lost Quality of Life

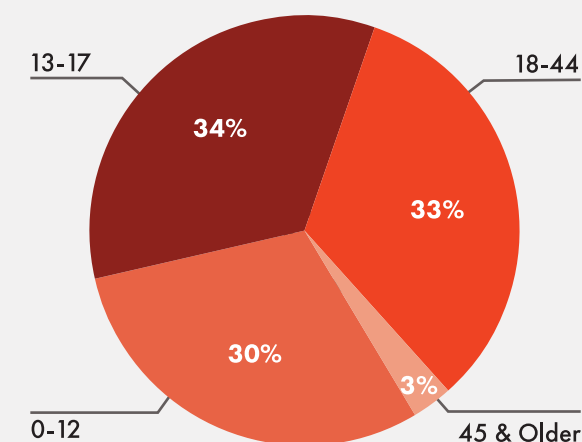
TOTAL COSTS

\$139,945,816,000

The Cost and Consequences of Sexual Violence in California was commissioned by CALCASA in an effort to create greater comprehension of the physical, emotional, social, and economic impact of rape and sexual assault upon California taxpayers. Families, friends, partners, neighbors, and co-workers know firsthand the time and resources necessary to recover from sexual violence. But never before has there been a comprehensive, quantitative analysis of how much this utterly preventable crime costs the state. At a minimum, this report reveals how ALL Californians have an investment in eliminating sexual violence.

Almost two-thirds of the costs, **\$89.7 BILLION**, resulted from rapes and other sexual assaults of children.

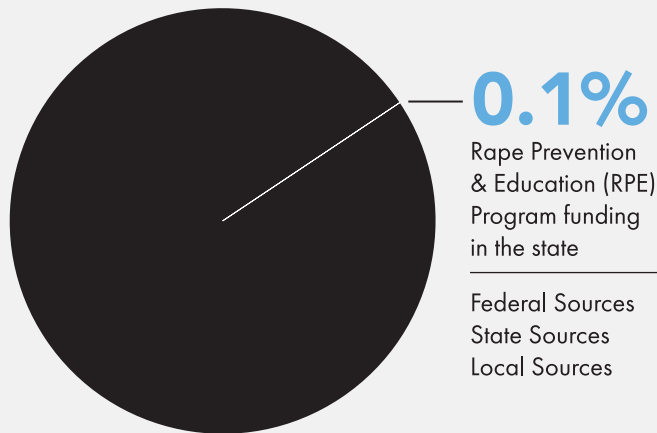
PERCENTAGE OF COSTS OF RAPE AND
OTHER SEXUAL ASSAULT, BY AGE GROUP



CURRENT PREVENTION FUNDING IN CALIFORNIA

California's RPE funding was
reduced by over 20% in 2014

TOTAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING



RAPE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION (RPE)

Federally-funded prevention program administered by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). RPE funding in the state constitutes 0.1 percent of the total government spending—including state, federal, and local sources—related to the consequences of sexual violence.

Given this limited and unstable funding, it is challenging for service providers to sustain comprehensive prevention efforts which would decrease both the public health burden, and subsequent financial burden, of sexual violence.

To end sexual violence, we must change our culture.
To change our culture, we must invest in prevention.

INVESTING IN PREVENTION

For five decades, advocates, caregivers, and law enforcement have been responding to the crisis of sexual violence with intervention and services. But it's through our prevention work—hours of education and training, public awareness campaigns, collaborative organizing and community mobilizing, policy change, and media advocacy—that we have seen our culture shift. Survivors who once suffered in silence for decades have found courage to publicly speak out, and have been greeted by a society that no longer tolerates rape and abuse. We can confidently state that years of prevention work have shifted our culture from one of silence and shame to one intolerant of sexual violence, and one that demands accountability.

Prevention programs lead to substantial cost savings: every prevented rape of an adult could save up to \$163,800, and every prevented rape or sexual assault of a child could save up to \$227,700. Preventing future incidents of sexual violence, while maintaining and improving services, would reduce costs to victims, governments, and society.

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