The Attrition Pyramid

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- 1,046 Convicted 25% of those initially charged are convicted of sexual assault
- 2,824 Prosecuted <50% of suspects were prosecuted
- 5,544 Charges laid 50% of recorded sexual assault crimes result in the suspect being charged
- 13,200 Recorded as crime 85% of police reported sexual assaults are recorded as a crime
- 15,200 Reported to police <10% of sexual assaults reported on Victim Surveys were reported to the police
- 460,000 Reported to survey interviewers 460,000 estimated sexual assaults in one year based on 2004 General
 Social Survey
- Actual incidence of sexual assault: Likely will never be known
 - See more at: http://www.vawlearningnetwork.ca/issue-1-network-comes-life#sthash.pAb1Lrd0.dpuf