

Who Sexually Assaults?

Sexual assault can be perpetrated by ANYBODY. Sexual assault perpetrators work in all fields, they may or may not be married, they are from all classes, can be any race or age and be of any sexual orientation or gender.

However a MAJORITY of sexual assaults in Canada are most likely to be committed by men who are known to the victim.¹

In 2007 Police reported that: **in 82% of sexual assault the victim knows the perpetrator.** In 18% of incidents, the accused was a stranger to the victim.¹

31% of accused are family members
28% are casual acquaintances
8% were identified as friends
6% were identified as authorities' figures
5% were current or former boyfriends/girlfriends
4% were business acquaintances
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- **97% of persons accused of sexual offences are men.**²
- **Rates of sexual offenders are highest among persons aged 12 to 17 followed by 18 to 34 year olds.**³
- **37% of sexual offenders are married or living common-law.**⁴

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⁴ Integration and Analysis Program. 1999. "[Sex offenders](#)." *Juristat*. Vol. 19, no. 3. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 85-002-XIE. Ottawa.