

Sexual Violence, Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking in Delaware

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Responding to Campus Victimization: A Multi-Disciplinary
Approach

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Out of 1000 rapists, 200 were reported, 30 faced trial and 10 were jailed.



In 2010, in Delaware, there were:

- **28,413 Domestic Violence calls to which police responded (an average of 78 per day), including 12,786 cases of Intimate Partner Violence (average of 35 per day)**



3,254 petitions for Protection from Abuse orders (an average of 9 per day)



**3,678 calls to the Domestic Violence
Hotline (an average of 9 per day)**

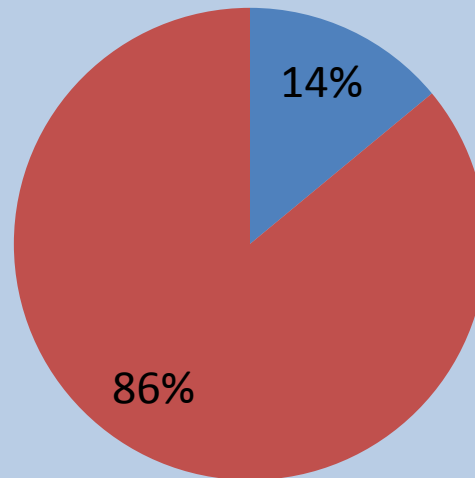


549 women in Domestic Violence shelters

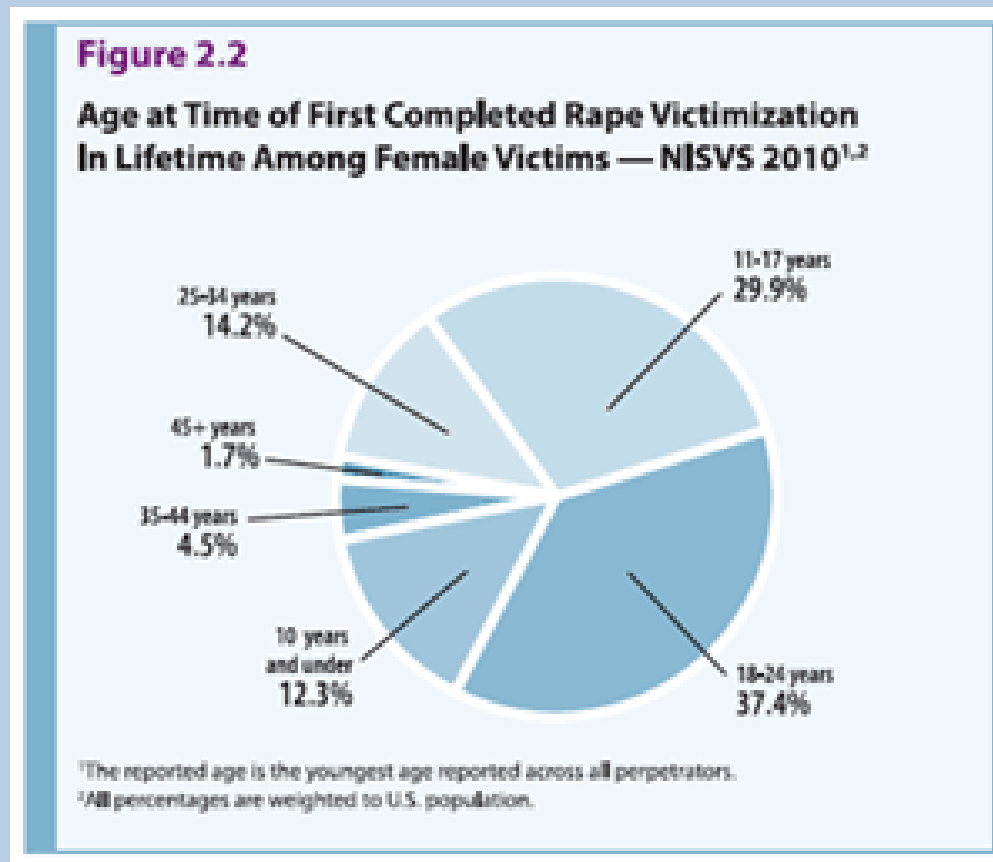


In Delaware:

14% of women
experience rape
(about one in six)

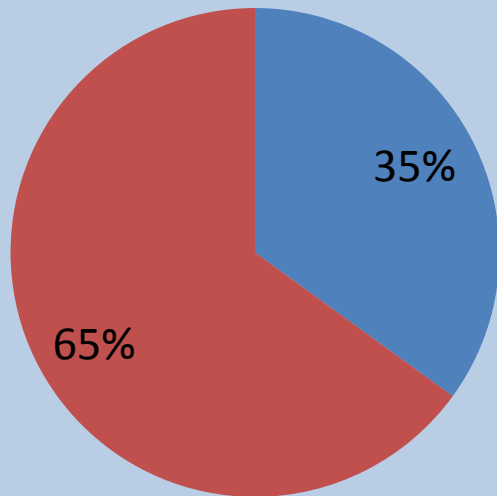


Nationally, the majority (2 out of 3) of rape victims are under age 25 when they are first raped.

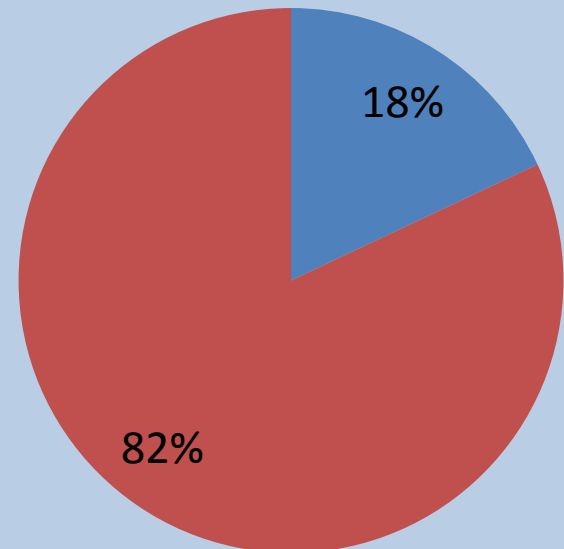


In Delaware:

35% of women experience sexual violence other than rape (about one in three)

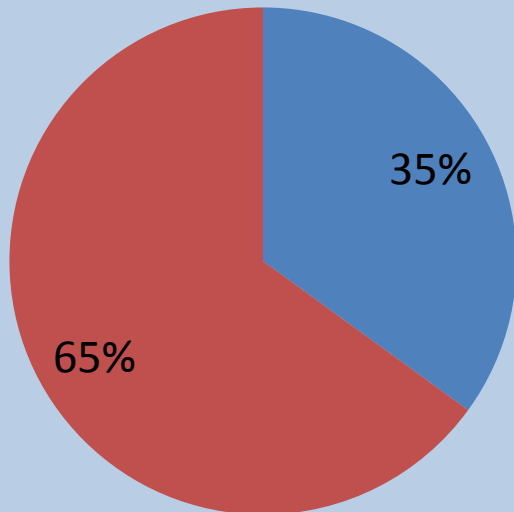


18% of men experience sexual violence other than rape (about one in five)

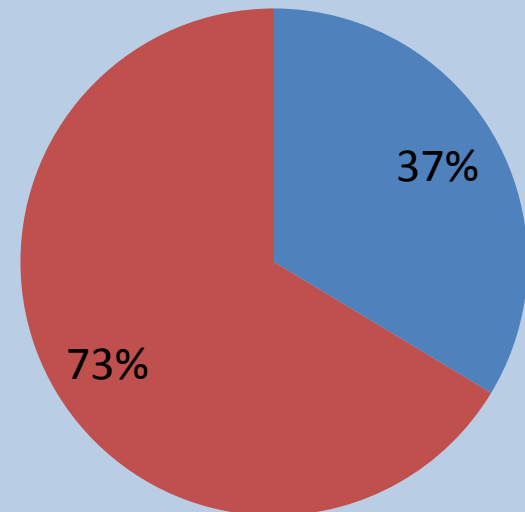


In Delaware:

35% of women experience Rape, Physical Violence and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner (about one in three)



37% of men experience Rape, Physical Violence and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner (about one in three)



In Delaware, we have data on sexual violence among 18-24 year olds through data on arrests, crisis center and medical contacts, and through data kept on college students. The largest institutions of higher education are the University of Delaware in New Castle County and Delaware State University in Kent County.

In Kent County, there were reported by 18-24 year old victims:

2010

- 11 Sexual Assaults
- 26 Intimate Partner Violence
- 1 Stalking

2011

- 25 Sexual Assaults
- 36 Intimate Partner Violence
- 0 Stalking

In New Castle County, there were reported by 18-24 year old victims:

2010

- 79 Sexual Assaults
- 112 Intimate Partner Violence
- 0 Stalking

2011

- 48 Sexual Assaults
- 84 Intimate Partner Violence
- 0 Stalking

In Newark, Delaware, where the University of Delaware is located, there were reported by 18-24 year old victims:

2010

- 15 Sexual Assaults
- 4 Stalking
- 130 Domestic Violence

2011

- 8 Sexual Assaults
- 1 Stalking
- 41 Domestic Violence

71 Domestic Violence victims, 1 Sexual Assault victim and 1 Stalking victim were males

Far fewer incidents are reported to the campus Office of Student Conduct:

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- Sexual Assault—1 in 2010 and 5 in 2011
- Domestic Violence—2 in 2010 and 7 in 2011

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- Sexual Assault—2 in 2010 and 3 in 2011
- Domestic Violence—2 in 2010 and 2 in 2011

Even fewer are reported to University Police:

2010

- 1 Sexual Assaults
- 0 Stalking
- 3 Intimate Partner Violence

2011

- 0 Sexual Assaults
- 0 Stalking
- 2 Domestic Violence

Some victims show up at medical facilities such as Christiana Care and Bayhealth, but data is only available for sexual assault victims:

Christiana Care

- 2010—70 patients
- 2011—37 patients

Bayhealth

- 2010—55 patients
- 2011—36 patients

At Bayhealth:

- 13% of victims were male in 2010 and 5% in 2011
- 81% of victims were alcohol involved in 2010 and 64% in 2011
- 8% were drug involved in 2010 and 5% in 2011

Some victims turn to shelters, such as Martha's Carriage House (16 in 2010 and 27 in 2011) and Sarah's House (3 in 2010 and 5 in 2011)

Others seek advocacy through the Domestic Violence Advocacy Program located at Family Court in each county:

- New Castle County—85 women and 6 men in 2010; 92 women and 7 men in 2011
- Kent County—92 women and 6 men in 2010; 77 women and 2 men in 2011
- Sussex County—69 women and 1 man in 2010; 53 women and 0 men in 2011

Some turn to crisis intervention sources. The Sexual Assault Network of Delaware served 46 18-24 year olds in 2010 and 59 in 2011.

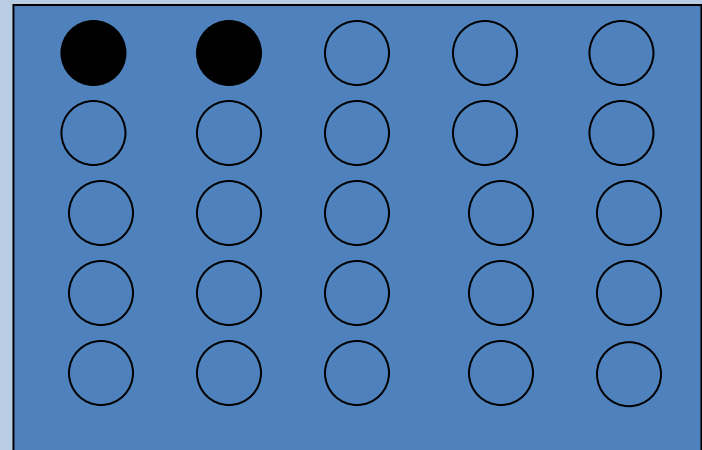
On campus, students at the University of Delaware contact Sexual Offense Support (S.O.S.):

- 18 Sexual Assault victims (12 or 67% involved alcohol)
- 6 Intimate Partner Violence victims
- 1 Stalking victim
- 18 Sexual Assault victims (11 or 61% involved alcohol)
- 2 Intimate Partner Violence victims
- 0 Stalking victim

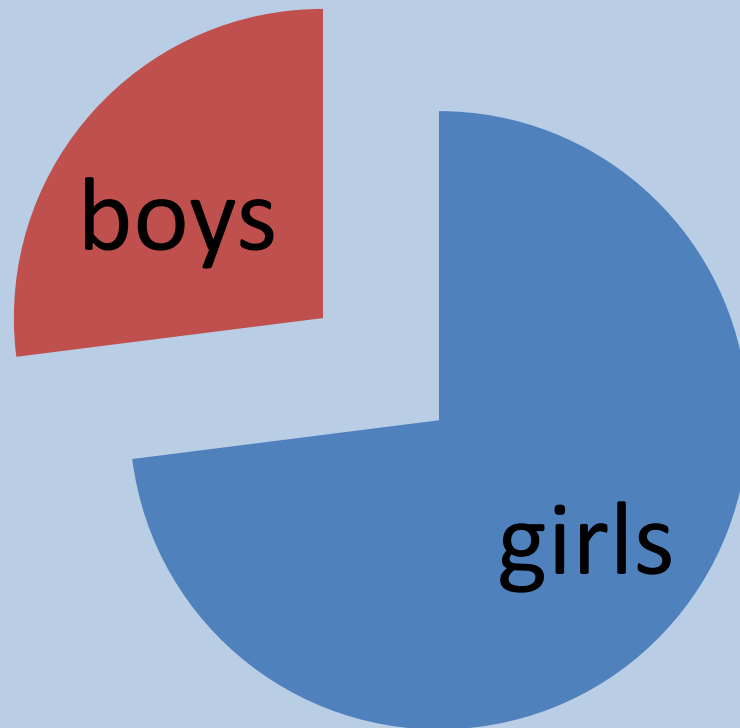
We know that many instances of sexual assault occur before the age of 18, while still in middle school or high school.

8% of Delaware high school students
(1 in 12 or two in an average
classroom of 25) report having been
forced to have sexual intercourse
when they did not want to

- 5% of boys
- 12% of girls



73% of those who have been forced to have sexual intercourse are girls, 27% boys.



Those reporting they have been forced to have sex include:

- 6% of heterosexuals (91% of high school students)
- 40% of homosexuals (2% of high school students)
- 27% of bisexuals (5% of high school students)
- 23% of those not sure (3% of high school students)

Those reporting they have been forced to have sex include:

- 17% of students reporting some physical disability or long-term health problem
- 27% of students with learning disabilities or a long-term emotional problem
- 14% of students reporting being diagnosed with ADHD

They include:

- 14% of those who have drunk alcohol in the past month
- 17% of those who binged (5 or more drinks)
- 17% of those who smoked marijuana in the past month
- 20% of those who abused prescription drugs in their lifetime

Student victims of sexual abuse report much higher rates of risk behaviors including use of alcohol and drugs, signs of depression and attempted suicide.

Among those who were forced to have sexual intercourse when they didn't want to:

- 69% drank in the past month
- 47% binged when they drank



Source: 2011 Delaware Youth Risk Behavior Survey, University of Delaware Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies

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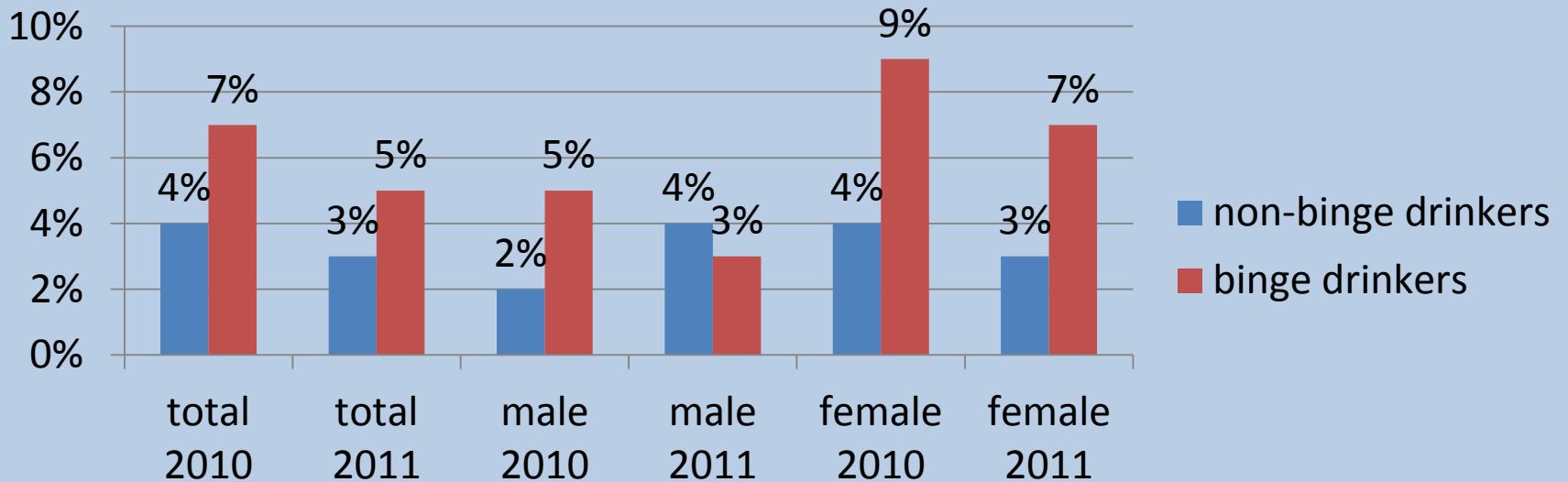
- 56% smoked marijuana in the past month
- 45% used illicit prescription drugs.



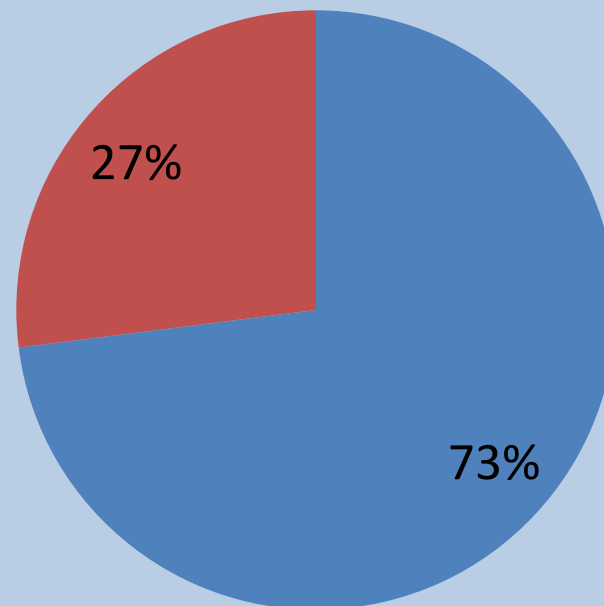
The association with alcohol and other drugs works both ways—those who have been victimized are more likely to abuse substances and those who abuse substances are more likely to be victimized.

These relationships intensify as students leave high school and enter college.

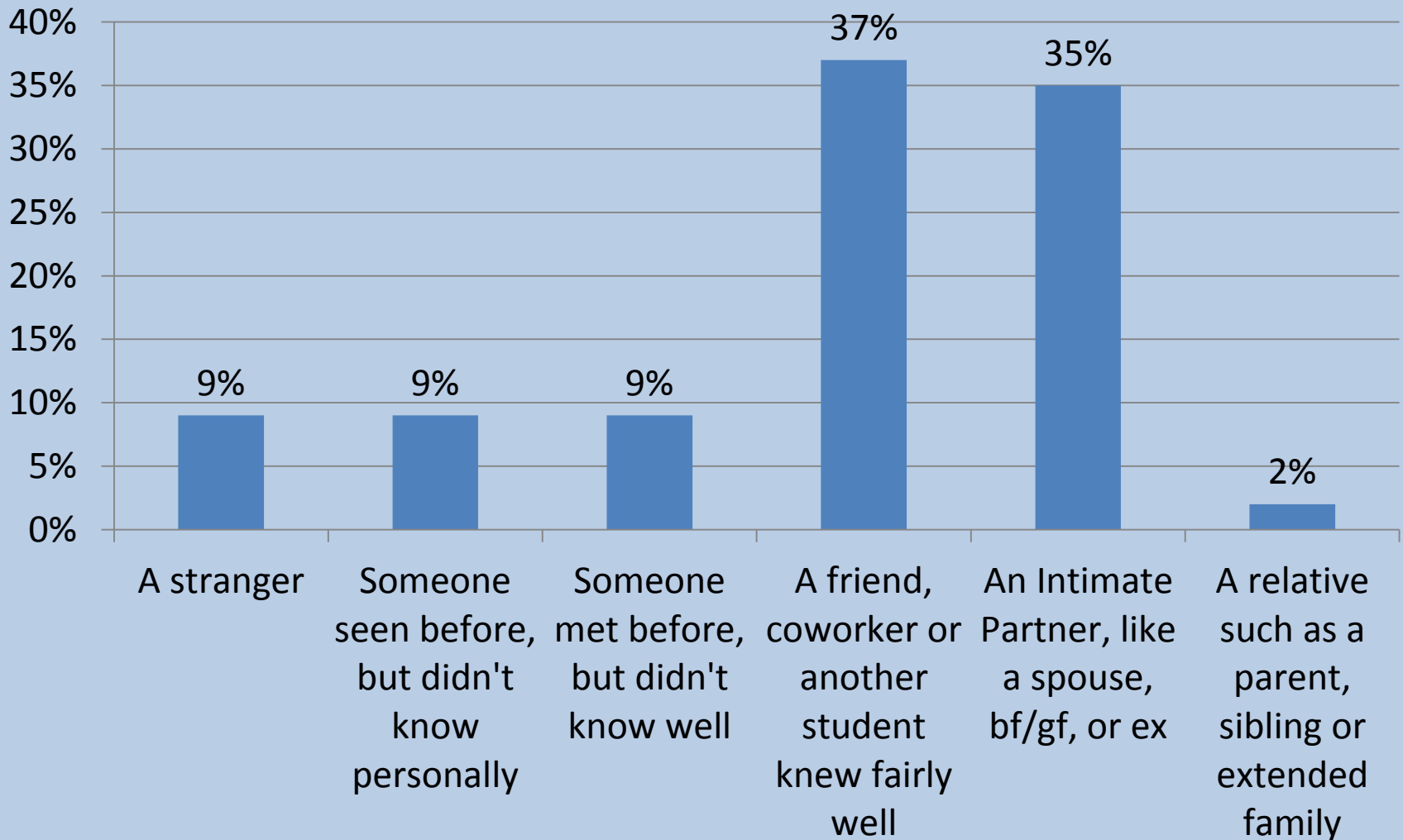
Students who binge drink are much more likely to report being victims of sexual assault at the University of Delaware.



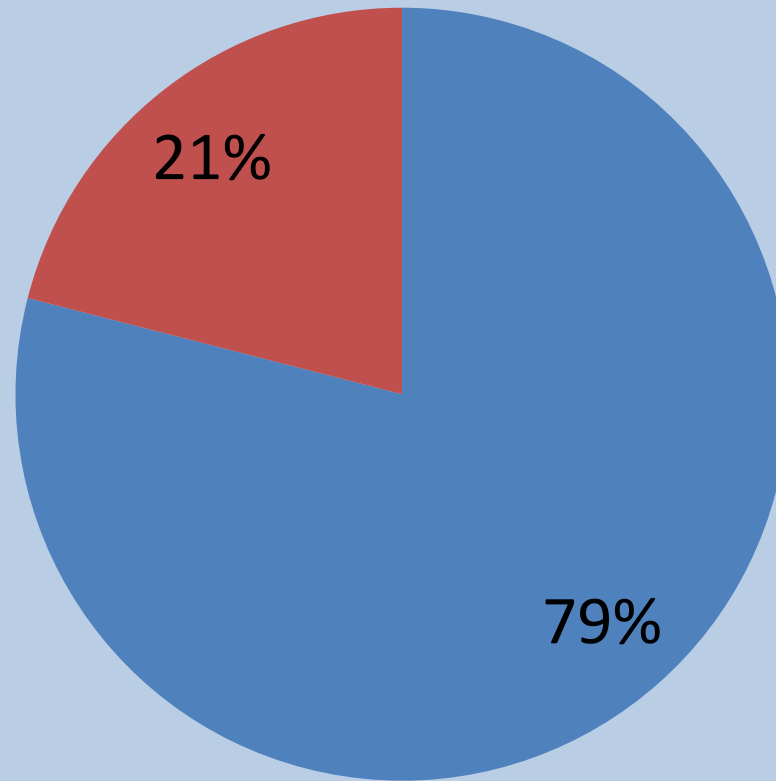
73% of students reporting being rape victims say they were raped in a private house, apartment or dorm room.



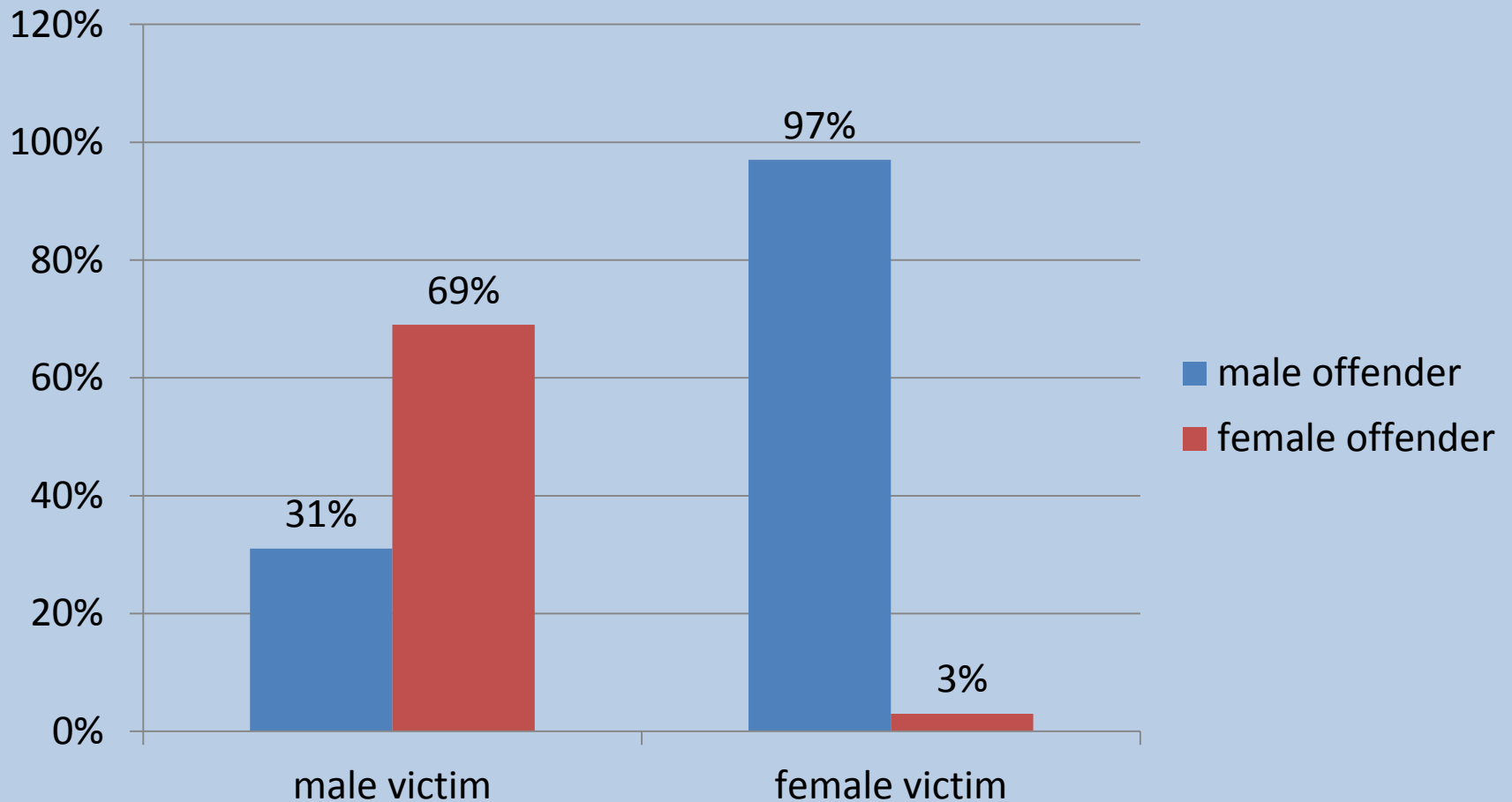
They were raped by:



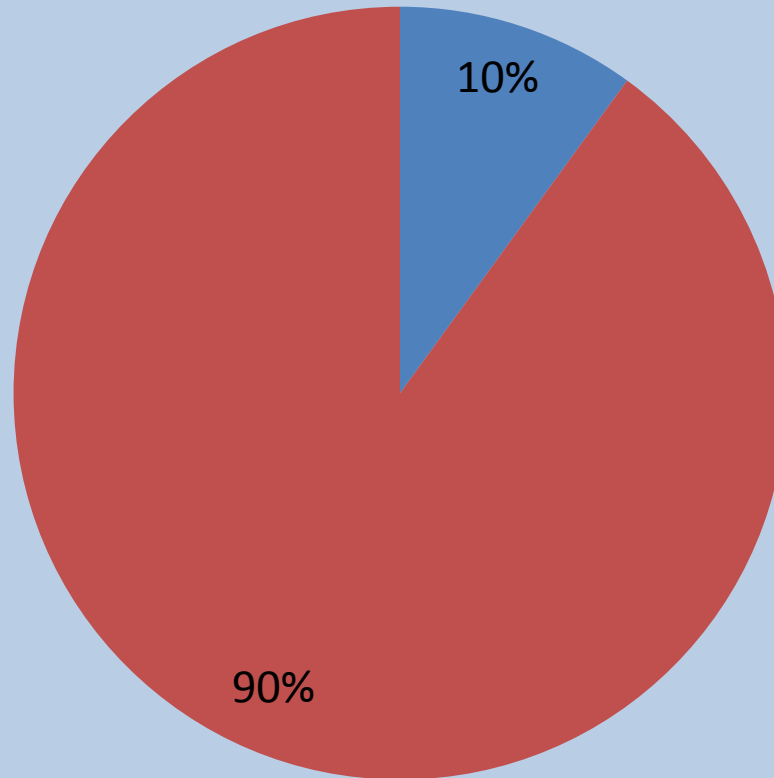
In most cases the offender was male.



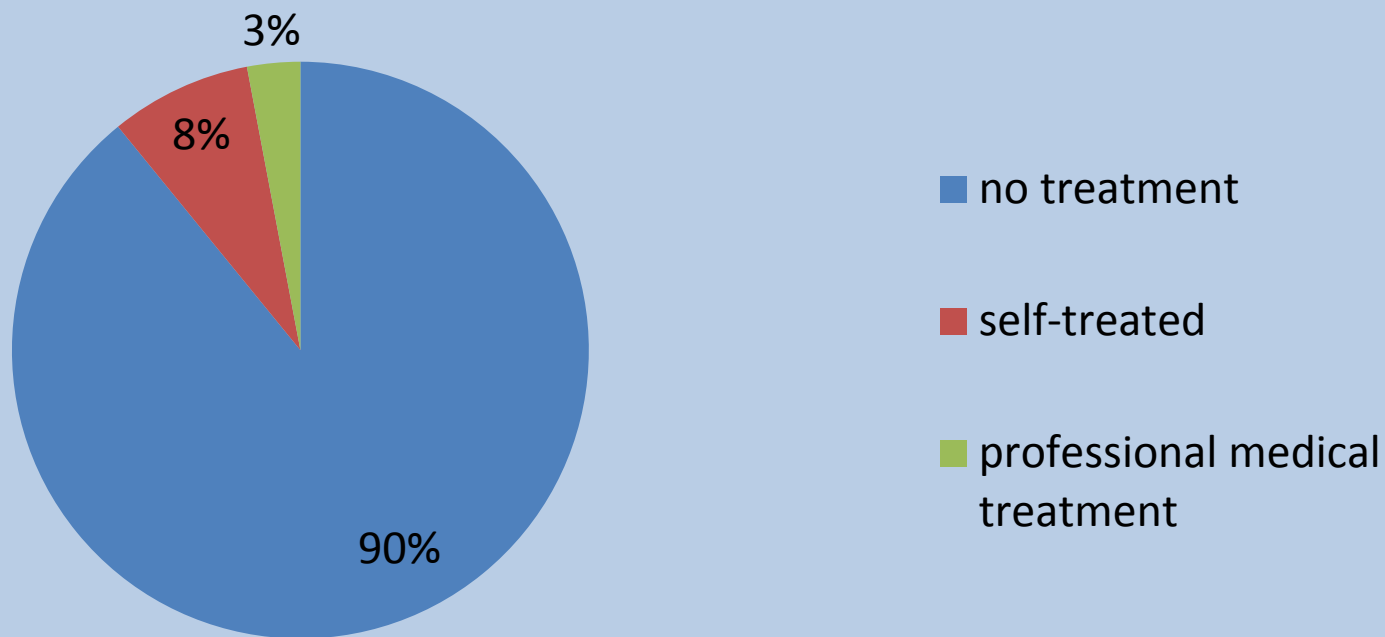
Victims and offenders are usually of opposite genders, but not always.



In 1 in 10 cases, the victim was injured.



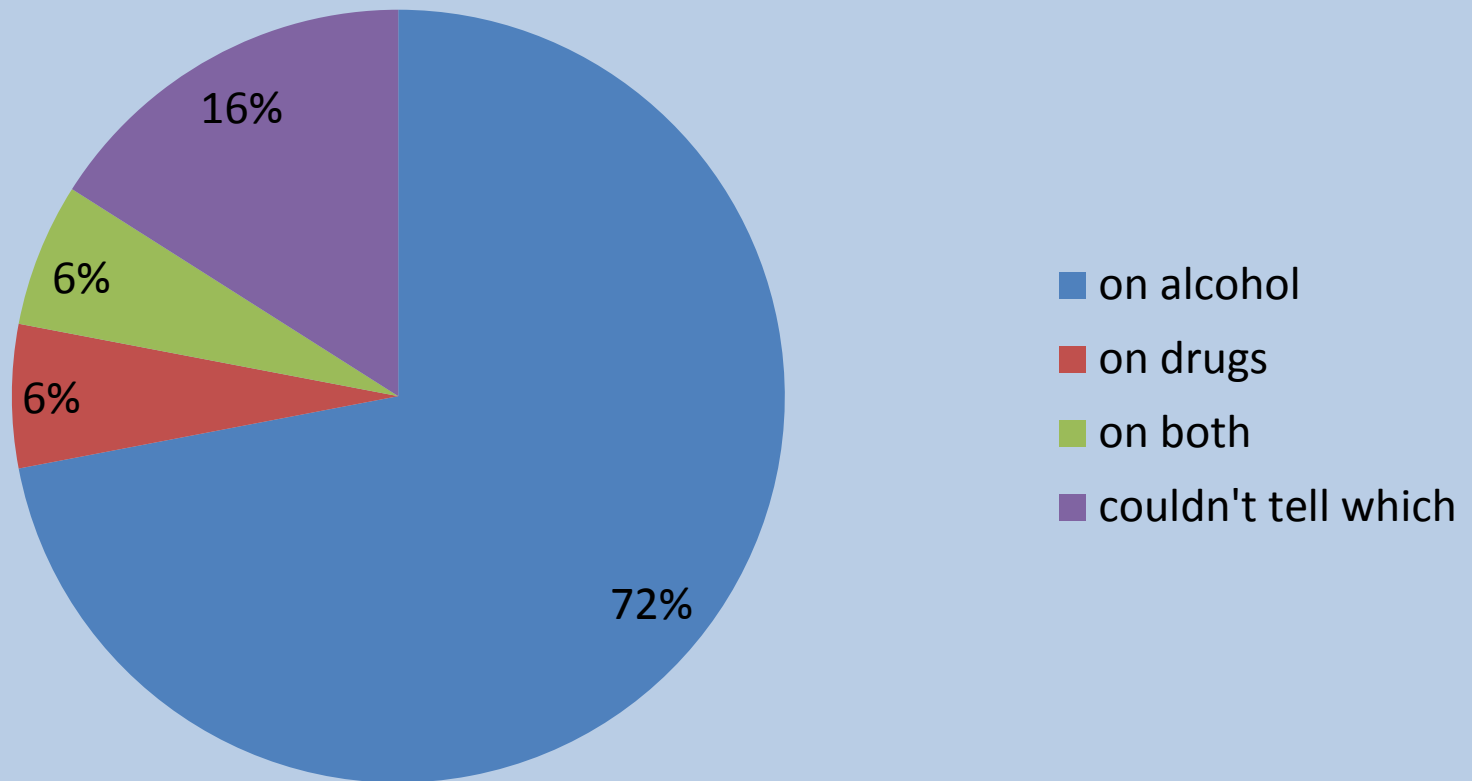
One in ten sought treatment or self-treated.



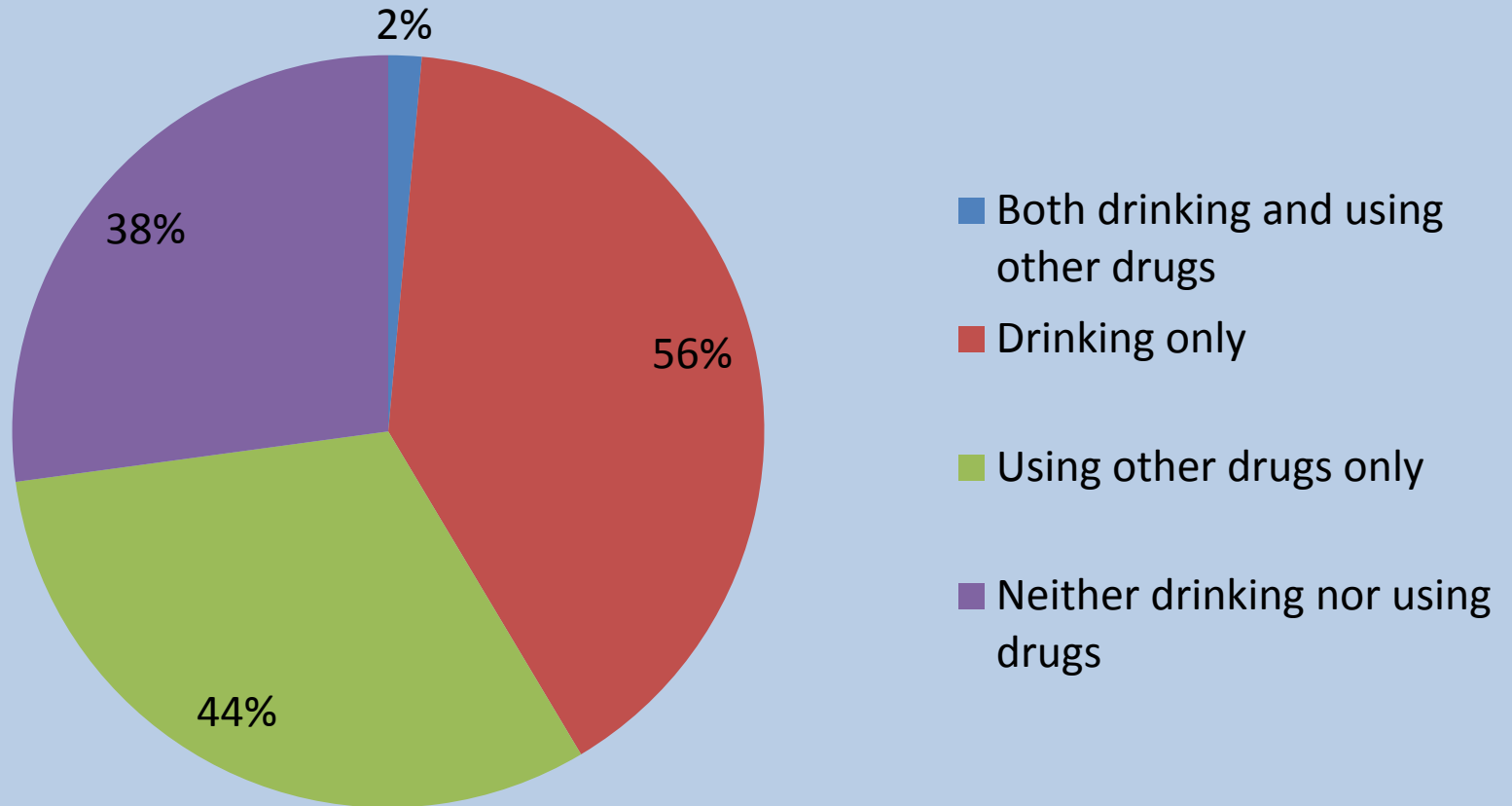
Only 4% reported the sexual assault to the police.

2% sought help from another organization.

53% of victims reported the offender was on alcohol or drugs. Of those:



The victim was:



Sexual assault victims who were injured were 10 times more likely to report the incident to the police

Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence are common events for 18-24 year olds, but they are more inclined to deal with these incidents themselves rather than seeking help.