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Sexual Topics

The information presented in this section was collected using the Offense History Data (Appendix A), Social History Information (Appendix B), and the Psychological Information (Appendix C) forms. Topics covered in this section include sexual behaviors and sexual assault. The majority of the questions dealing with sexual behavior are self-reported by the juvenile; therefore, the data may be limited in its accuracy because there is no other way to collect such information. (See the Family & Parenting section for data on sexual abuse by a family member.)

Comparison to National Statistics

Juveniles committed to DJJ have participated in certain sexual behaviors at a higher rate than juveniles in the general population. According to the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (Kann et al., 2013), in 2013, 47% of high school students reported ever having sexual intercourse, and 15% reported having sex with four or more partners during their lifetime. Of those youth who ever had sexual intercourse, 59% nationwide reported having sex without a condom. Additionally, the CDC's survey stated that 6% of high school students had sexual intercourse before age 13. In comparison, 87% of all admissions to DJJ in FY 2013 reported ever having sexual intercourse, and 57% reported having sex with four or more partners in the past three years. Of DJJ's admissions in FY 2013 who ever had sexual intercourse, 77% reported having sex without a condom. In FY 2013, 25% of DJJ's admissions had sexual intercourse before age 13.

Sexual Assault

According to the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, about 80,000 cases of child sexual abuse are reported every year. However, there are likely many more that go unreported because the child feels embarrassed or ashamed of the incident (American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, 2014). A 2003 report from the National Institute of Justice stated that three out of every four adolescents who were sexually assaulted were victimized by someone they knew (Kilpatrick, Saunders, & Smith, 2003).

Victims of sexual assault often develop low self-esteem, distorted views of sex, mistrust of adults, and mental health problems such as depression and suicidal thoughts (The National Center for Victims of Crime, 2012). Specifically, a study of girls involved with or at risk of involvement with the juvenile justice system in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania found higher incidences of mental health, school, substance use, risky sexual behavior, and delinquency problems among girls with a history of sexual abuse (Goodkind, Ng, & Sarri, 2006). A history of sexual abuse has also been linked to sexual offending (Seto & Lalumière, 2010).

Sex Offenders

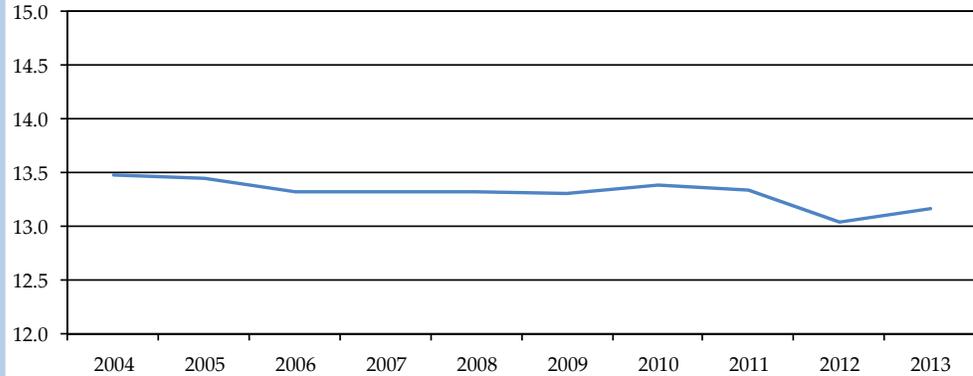
In FY 2013, 8% of all admissions to DJJ had a most serious committing offense of sexual abuse. DJJ provides sex offender treatment to any juvenile who is in need of services. Despite the seriousness of this offense category, juveniles who commit sex offenses typically have lower recidivism rates than juveniles who commit other types of offenses (Caldwell, 2007). DJJ's population reflects this trend; based on data tracked through FY 2013, juveniles with mandatory or recommended sex offender treatment needs had lower 12-month rearrest rates than all other juveniles released in FYs 2010, 2011, and 2012 (Virginia DJJ, 2014).



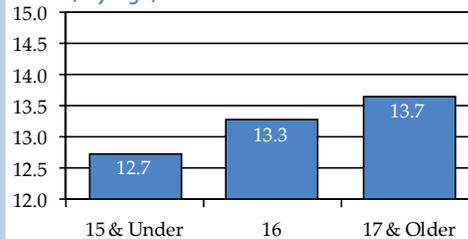
Age at First Sexual Intercourse

- » The average age at first sexual intercourse, excluding abuse, remained between 13 and 14 years of age since FY 2004.
- » Older juveniles had a higher average age at first sexual intercourse compared to younger juveniles.
- » White juveniles had a higher average age at first sexual intercourse compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » Females had a higher average age at first sexual intercourse compared to males.

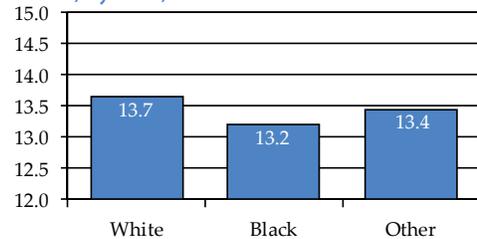
Average Age at First Sexual Intercourse (Not Abuse), FY 2004-2013



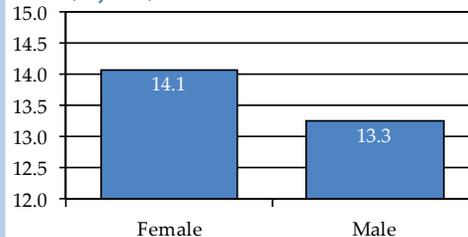
Average Age at First Sexual Intercourse (Not Abuse) by Age, FY 2004-2013



Average Age at First Sexual Intercourse (Not Abuse) by Race, FY 2004-2013



Average Age at First Sexual Intercourse (Not Abuse) by Sex, FY 2004-2013

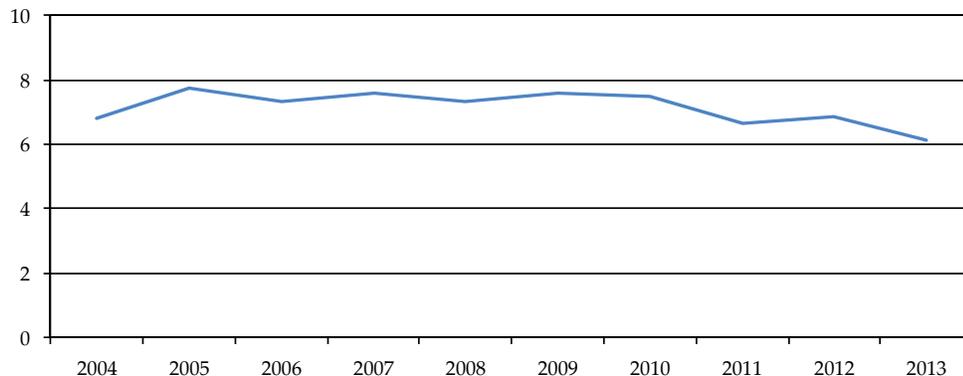


According to the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance in 2013, 5.6% of high school students nationwide reported having intercourse before the age of 13.



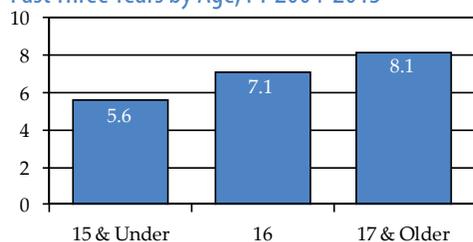
Number of Sexual Partners

Average Number of Sexual Partners During the Past Three Years, FY 2004-2013

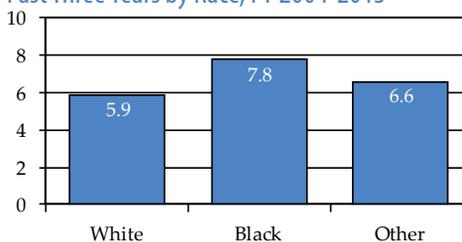


- » The average number of sexual partners in the past three years remained between six and eight since FY 2004.
- » Older juveniles had a higher average number of sexual partners compared to younger juveniles.
- » Black juveniles had a higher average number of sexual partners compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » Males had a higher average number of sexual partners compared to females.

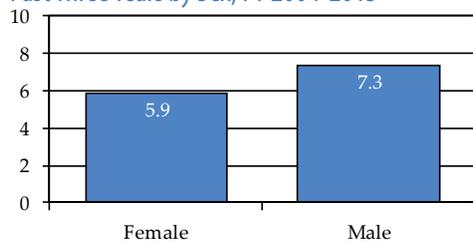
Average Number of Sexual Partners During the Past Three Years by Age, FY 2004-2013



Average Number of Sexual Partners During the Past Three Years by Race, FY 2004-2013



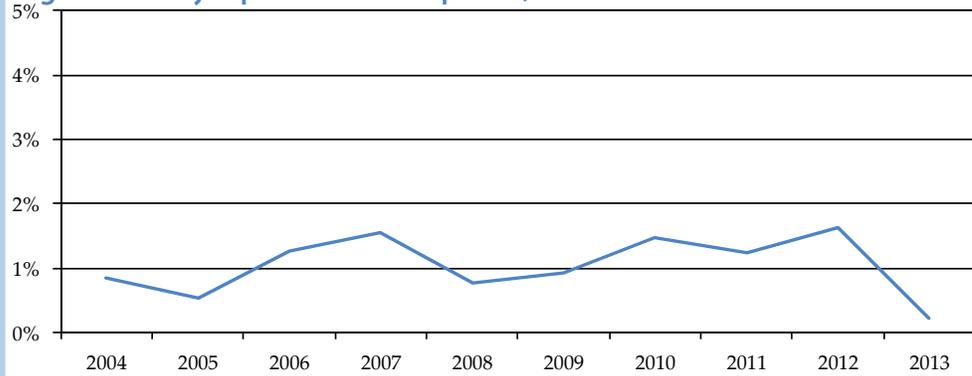
Average Number of Sexual Partners During the Past Three Years by Sex, FY 2004-2013



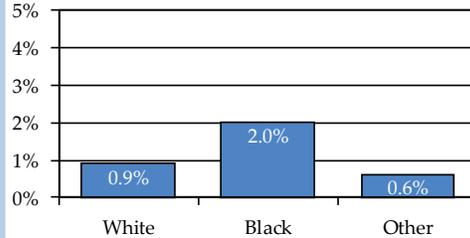
Paraphilia

- » The percentage of juveniles who showed significant symptoms of paraphilia remained below 2% since FY 2004.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles showed significant symptoms of paraphilia than white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of males showed significant symptoms of paraphilia; no females showed significant symptoms of paraphilia.

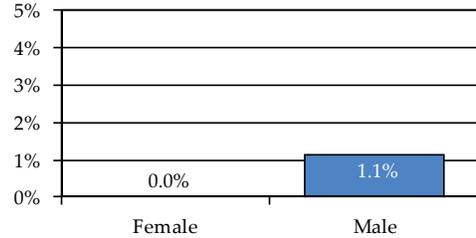
Significant Symptoms of Paraphilia, FY 2004-2013



Significant Symptoms of Paraphilia by Race, FY 2004-2013



Significant Symptoms of Paraphilia by Sex, FY 2004-2013

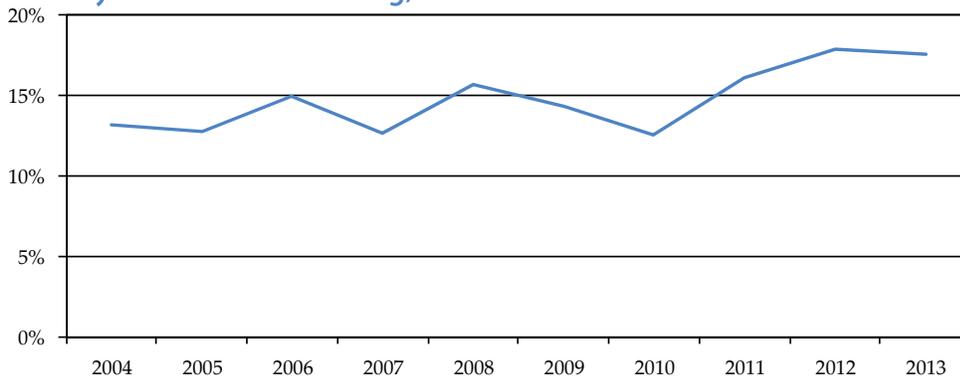


Paraphilia is a condition in which a person's sexual arousal or gratification is associated with atypical objects, situations, or individuals.



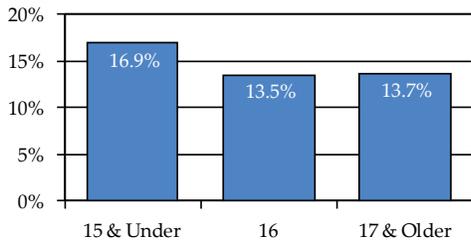
Sexual Offending

History of Sexual Offending, FY 2004-2013

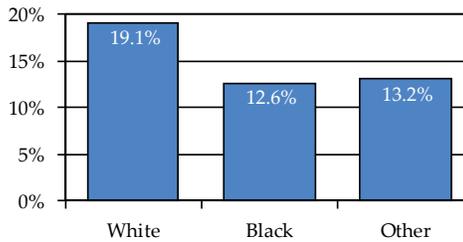


- » The percentage of juveniles with a history of sexual offending increased from 13% in FY 2004 to 18% in FY 2013.
- » A higher percentage of younger juveniles had a history of sexual offending than older juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles had a history of sexual offending compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of males had a history of sexual offending compared to females.

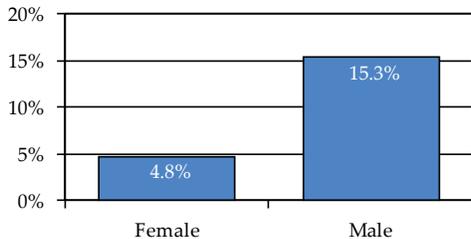
History of Sexual Offending by Age, FY 2004-2013



History of Sexual Offending by Race, FY 2004-2013



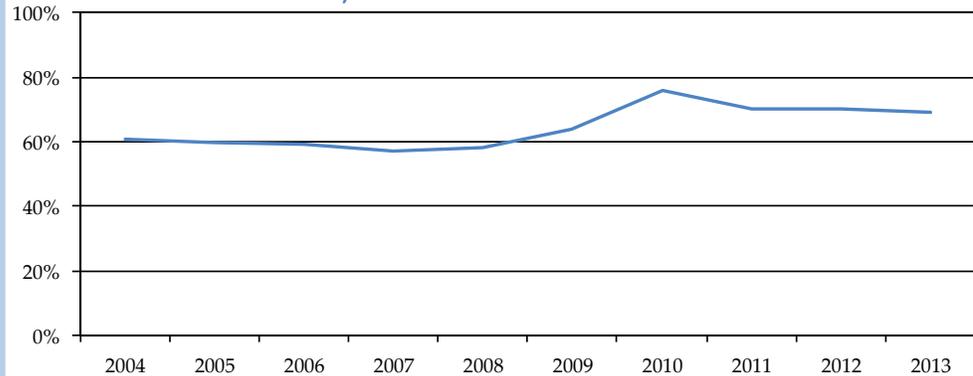
History of Sexual Offending by Sex, FY 2004-2013



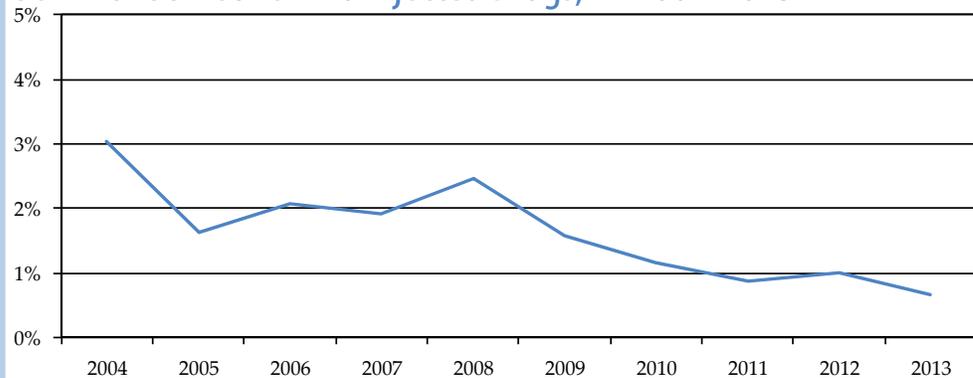
High-Risk Sexual Behavior

- » An average of 65% of juveniles reported ever having sex without a condom since FY 2004.
- » An average of 2% of juveniles reported ever having sex with someone who injected drugs since FY 2004.
- » An average of 1% of juveniles reported ever trading sex for drugs or money since FY 2004.

Sex without a Condom, FY 2004-2013

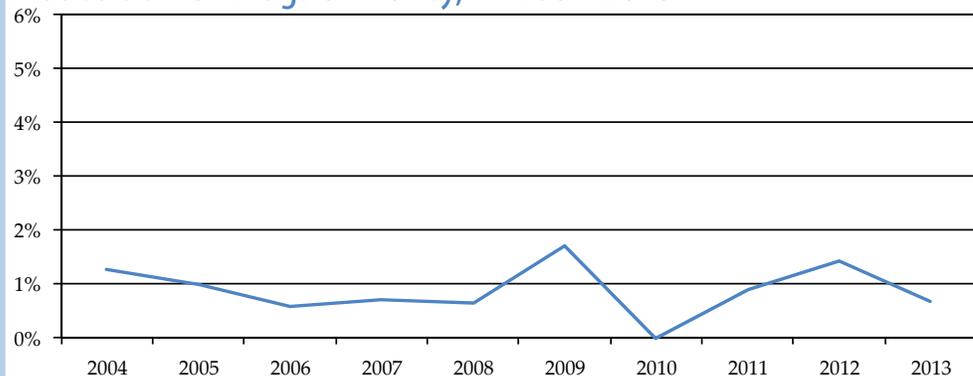


Sex with Someone who Injected Drugs, FY 2004-2013



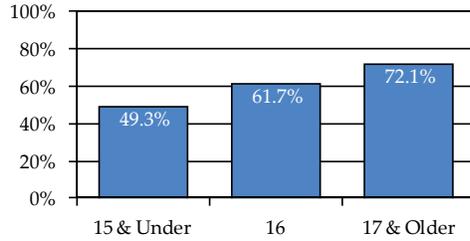
According to the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance in 2013, 13.7% of high school students nationwide reported having sex without birth control.

Traded Sex for Drugs or Money, FY 2004-2013

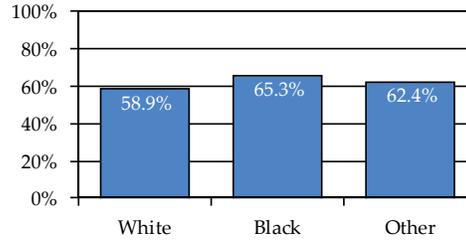


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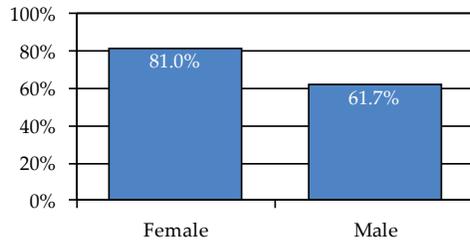
Sex without a Condom by Age, FY 2004-2013



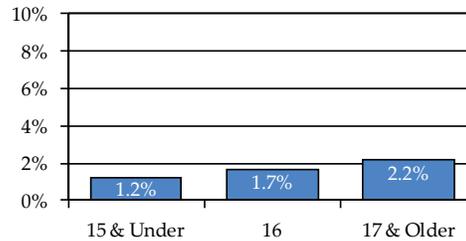
Sex without a Condom by Race, FY 2004-2013



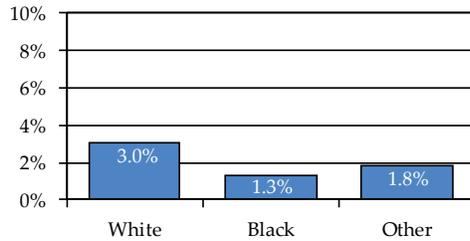
Sex without a Condom by Sex, FY 2004-2013



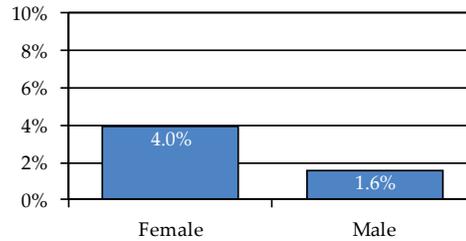
Sex with Someone who Injected Drugs by Age, FY 2004-2013



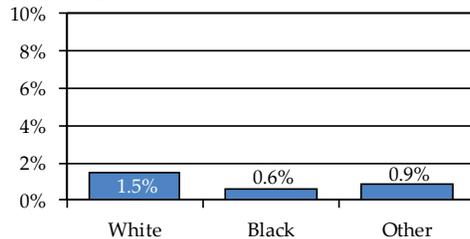
Sex with Someone who Injected Drugs by Race, FY 2004-2013



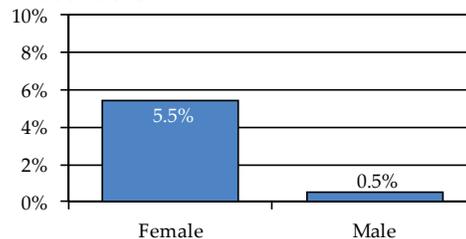
Sex with Someone who Injected Drugs by Sex, FY 2004-2013



Traded Sex for Drugs or Money by Race, FY 2004-2013



Traded Sex for Drugs or Money by Sex, FY 2004-2013



- » A higher percentage of older juveniles reported having sex without a condom compared to younger juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles reported having sex without a condom compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of females reported having sex without a condom compared to males.
- » A higher percentage of older juveniles reported having sex with someone who injected drugs compared to younger juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles reported having sex with someone who injected drugs compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of females reported having sex with someone who injected drugs compared to males.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles reported trading sex for drugs or money compared to black juveniles or juveniles of other races.
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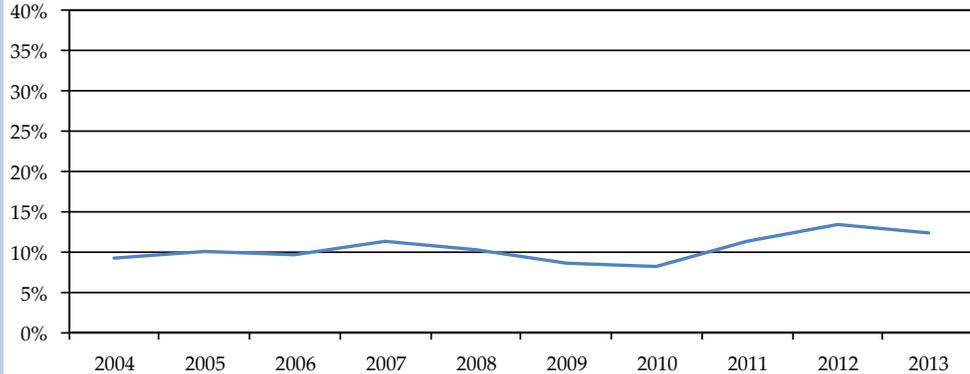


Sexual Assault

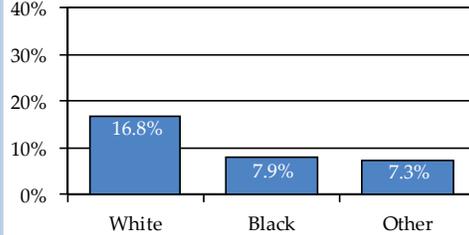
- » An average of 11% of juveniles were victims of sexual assault since FY 2004.
- » Sexual assault by family member is presented in the Family & Parenting section.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles were victims of sexual assault compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of females were victims of sexual assault compared to males.
- » An average of 14% of juveniles were perpetrators of sexual assault since FY 2011.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles were perpetrators of sexual assault compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of males were perpetrators of sexual assault compared to females.

HHS published a report in 2011 estimating that 9.2 out of every 1,000 children under the age of 18 (1%) were victims of maltreatment in 2010. Out of that 1%, 9% were victims of sexual abuse.

Victim of Sexual Assault, FY 2004-2013



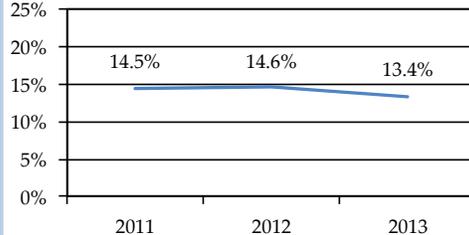
Victim of Sexual Assault by Race, FY 2004-2013



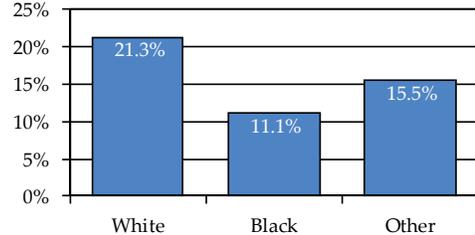
Victim of Sexual Assault by Sex, FY 2004-2013



Perpetrator of Sexual Assault, FY 2011-2013



Perpetrator of Sexual Assault by Race, FY 2011-2013



Perpetrator of Sexual Assault by Sex, FY 2011-2013

