



LEAPS OF THOUGHT

Three Boys Missing Facts and Statistics on Pedophilia

- 67% of all victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement agencies were juveniles (under the age of 18)
34% of all victims were under age 12.
- 1 of every 7 victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement were under age 6.
- 8 out of 10 prisoners convicted of sexual assault had committed their crime against a victim under age 18.
- Convicted rape and sexual assault offenders serving time in State prisons report that two-thirds of their victims were under the age of 18, and 58% of those--or nearly 4 in 10 imprisoned violent sex offenders--said their victims were aged 12 or younger.
- 4 data sets (the FBI's UCR arrests, State felony court convictions, prison admissions, and the National Crime Victimization Survey) all point to a sex offender who is older than other violent offenders, generally in his early 30's, and more likely to be white than other violent offenders.
- An estimated 24% of those serving time for rape and 19% of those serving time for sexual assault had been on probation or parole at the time of the offense for which they were in State prison in 1991. (U.S. Department of Justice)
- Sex offenders were about 4 times more likely than non-sex offenders to be arrested for another sex crime after their discharge from prison--5.3% of sex offenders vs. 1.3% of non-sex offenders.
- A 1994 National Institute of Health survey of 453 pedophiles, conducted by Dr. Gene Abel, showed these criminals were collectively responsible for the molestation of over 67,000 children. That's an average of 148 children per individual pedophile.
- "The median age of the victims of imprisoned sexual offenders was less than 13 years old." (Bureau of Justice Standards.)
- 80% of inmates serving time in State Prison for intimate violence had injured or killed their victim." (Criminal Offenders Statistics)
- "96% of female rape victims in 1991, younger than 12 years old, knew their attackers. 20% were victimized by their fathers or step-fathers." (US Department of Justice)
- Children younger than 18 were the victims in almost 20% of the violent crimes committed by State Prisoners. 50% were 12 years old or younger. (U.S. Department of Justice.)
- 7 in 10 offenders with child victims reported that they were imprisoned for a rape or sexual assault.



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- 2/3 of all prisoners convicted of rape or sexual assault had committed their crime against a child.
- 97% of offenders who committed violent crimes against children were male.
- Offenders who had victimized a child were on average 5 years older than the violent offenders who had committed their crimes against adults.
- Nearly 25% of child victimizers were age 40 or older, but about 10% of the inmates with adult victims fell in that age range.
- Inmates who victimized children were less likely than other inmates to have a prior criminal record--nearly 1/3 of child-victimizers had never been arrested prior to the current offense, compared to less than 20% of those who victimized adults.
- Violent child-victimizers were substantially more likely than those with adult victims to have been physically or sexually abused when they were children, though the majority of violent offenders, regardless of victim age, did not have a history of such abuse.
- About 14% of child victimizers carried a weapon during the violent crime, compared to nearly half of those who victimized adults.
- About 10% of violent offenders with child victims received life or death sentences and the average prison term was 11 years.
- 3 in 10 child victimizers reported that they had committed their crimes against multiple victims; they were more likely than those who victimized adults to have had multiple victims.
- 3 in 4 child victims of violence were female.
- 1/3 had committed their crime against their own child, about half had a relationship with the victim as a friend, acquaintance, or relative other than offspring. About 1 in 7 reported the victim to have been a stranger to them.
- 3/4 of the violent victimizations of children took place in either the victim's home or the offender's home.
- 4 in 10 child victims of violence suffered either a forcible rape or injury.
- "More than 2 million cases of child abuse and neglect are reported each year in the United States. An estimated 150,000 to 200,000 new cases of sexual abuse occur each year."
- "...approximately 1 in 7 males will have been sexually molested before the age of 18."