The Victims

According to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division:

In 2010:

There were **1,439** cases of **forcible rape** reported to law enforcement, in addition to:

- **327** cases of **forcible sodomy**
- **217** cases of **sexual assault with an object**
- **1,468** cases of **forcible fondling**

In 2009:

There were **1,649** cases of **forcible rape** reported to law enforcement

Age of the Victims:

- **8.1%** were **under 10** years of age
- **35.9%** were **10-17** years of age
- **38.1%** were **18-34** years of age
- **16.1%** were **35-54** years of age
- **1.8%** were **55** years of age **or older**

From **1975 to 2009, the **rape rate** in South Carolina has **increased 37.6%**

**** South Carolina's rape rate has exceeded the national rate since 1982 (29 years)

According to the 16 Direct Service Rape Crisis Centers across SC:

In 2010:

5,104 primary victims of sexual assault received services from these programs

Gender of Victims Served:
- 4,188 Female
- 768 Male
- 148 Unidentified

Age of Victims Served:
- 1,455 11 years of age and younger
- 1,102 12-17 years of age
- 2,362 18-64 years of age
- 44 were 65 years of age and older
- 141 Age of Victim was unknown

Race of Victims Served:
- 1,549 African American
- 29 Asian
- 2,756 Caucasian
- 182 Hispanic
- 31 Native American
- 102 Other
- 455 Unknown

In 474 cases, substances were used (including marijuana, alcohol, narcotics, Rohypnol or other benzo diazipanes, etc.) **by the victim and/or perpetrator.**

2,460 secondary victims of sexual assault were served by these programs (including individuals other than the primary victims directly affected by the crime such as: significant others, children, friends, etc.)

7,207 emergency hotline calls were answered by these programs