

# Oklahoma Women and Sexual Violence, Results from A Random Telephone Survey, 2006

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## Sexual Violence in the U.S.

- 17% of women and 3% of men 18 years of age and older were victims of completed or attempted rape in their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>
- 0.3% of women and 0.1% of men reported completed or attempted rape in the past year.<sup>1</sup>
- More than half of women reporting completed or attempted rape were younger than 18 years of age when the rape occurred.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Tjaden P, Thoennes N. 2000.



# Reported Sexual Violence Among Women in Oklahoma

- During 2005, 1481 completed and attempted rapes of women were reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) by Oklahoma law enforcement agencies.<sup>3</sup>
  - Oklahoma rate per 100,000 women was 35% higher than the U.S. rate, 84.5<sup>4</sup> and 62.5, respectively.

<sup>3</sup>Crime in Oklahoma, Uniform Crime Report, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, 2005.

<sup>4</sup>Crime in the U.S., Uniform Crime Report Statistics, 2005.



# Sexual Violence Among Women in Oklahoma

- Oklahoma Women's Health Survey – women 18-44 years of age –2002-2003
  - 12.% of women had forced sex in their lifetime, 1.7% had forced sex in past year
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Sexual Violence Module - 2005
  - 11.6% of women had unwanted sex in their lifetime, 0.6% had unwanted sex in past year
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey – 2005
  - 9.1% of high school girls forced to have sexual intercourse



## Study Purpose

- To collect data on women's attitudes, beliefs, and opinions regarding sexual assault, use of services, sexual assault prevention, and victimizations.



## Methods

- Random statewide telephone survey of Oklahoma women 18-34 years of age
- Conducted May – July 2006
- Survey instrument included questions regarding:
  - beliefs/attitudes about rape and sexual assault,
  - likelihood of reporting sexual assault to law enforcement,
  - awareness about services available,
  - sexual assault victimizations

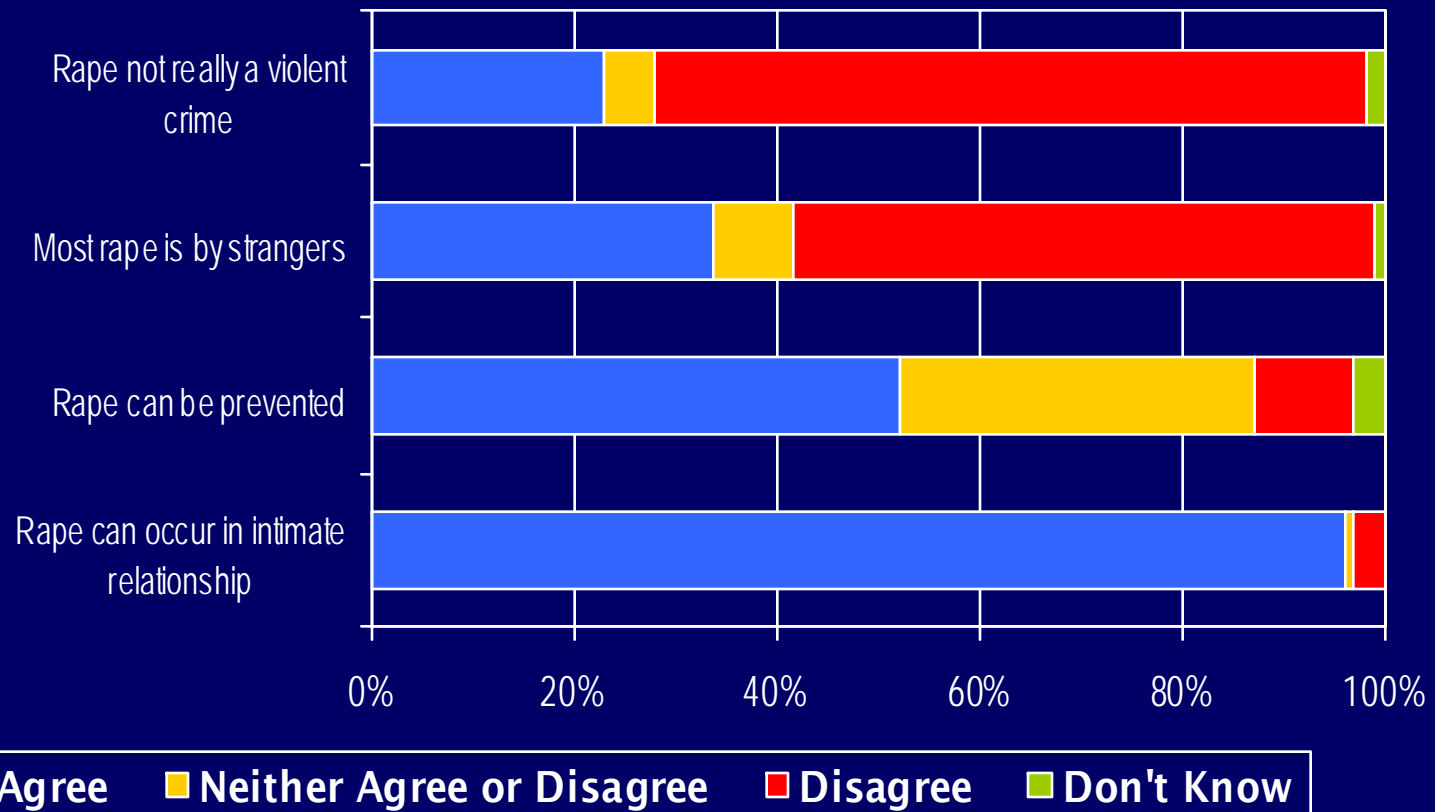


## Survey Respondents

- 602 respondents
- 35.4% response rate
- Nearly one-third of women were 18-25 years of age and 67% were 26-35 years of age.
- 74.4% white, 9.5% black, 9.0% Native American, 4.3% Hispanic, 0.7% Asian, and 1.9% mixed/other race
- 47% had annual income higher than state median household income



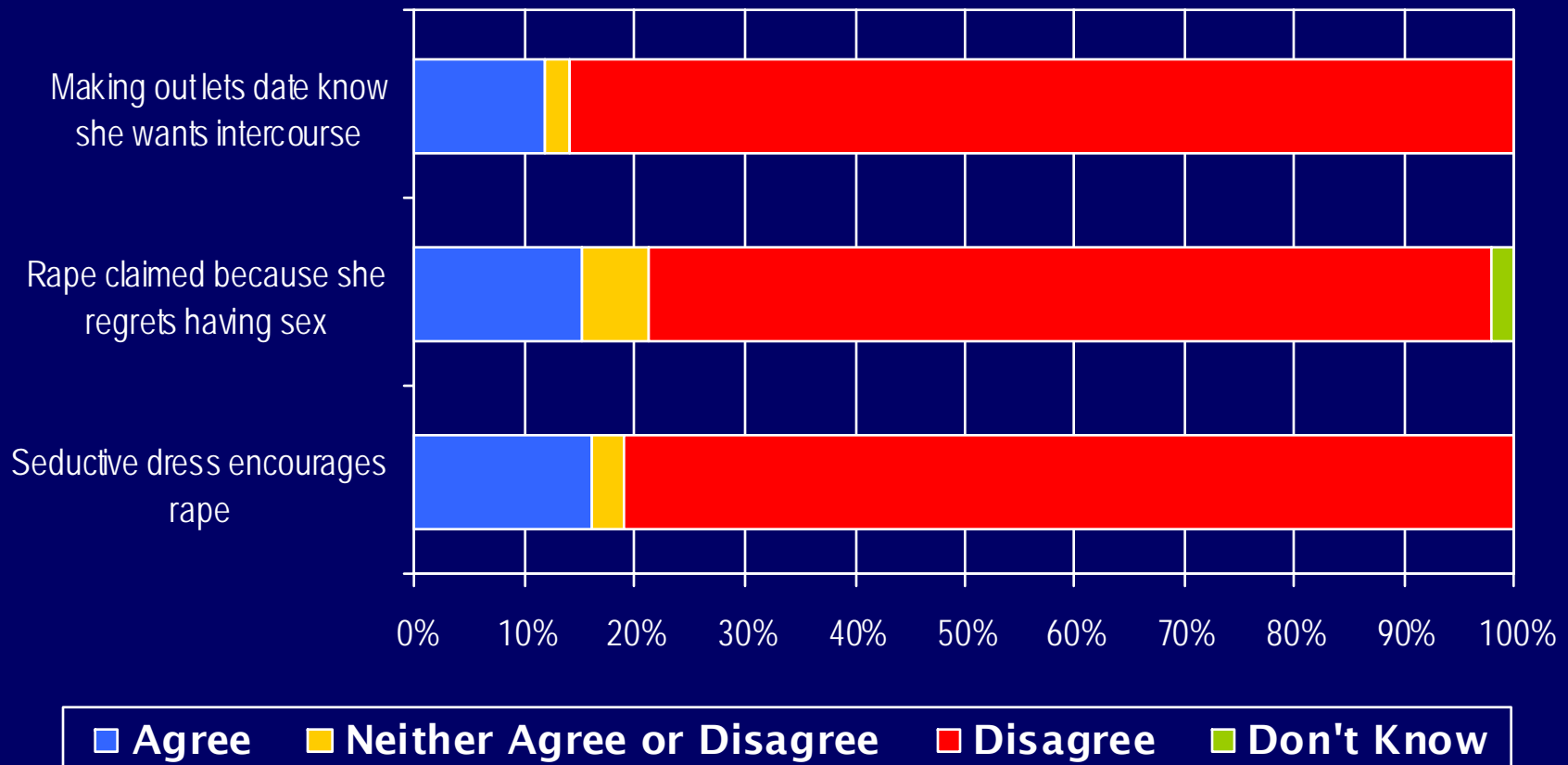
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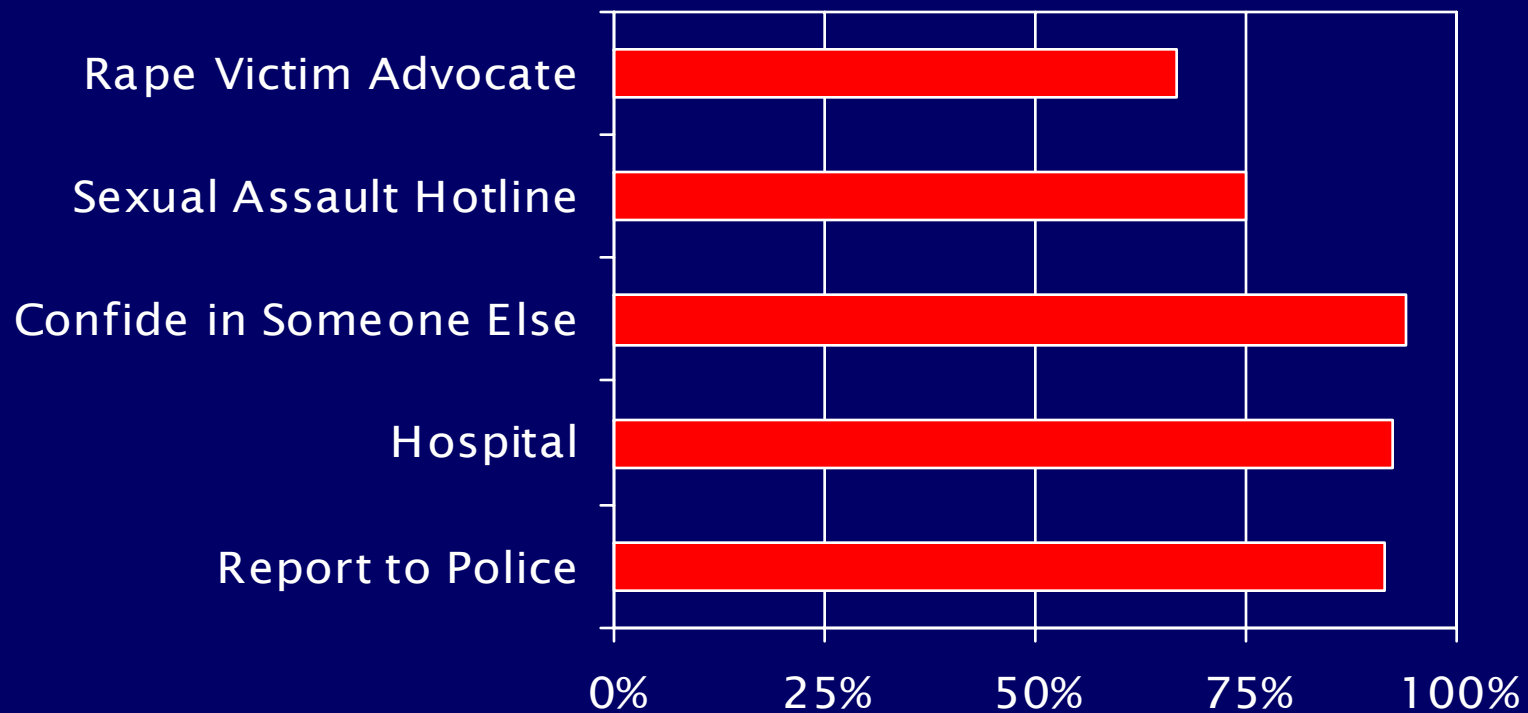


# Women's Beliefs Regarding Rape, Oklahoma, 2006



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# Women's Likely Use of Services if Sexually Assaulted, Oklahoma, 2006



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## Women's Opinions about Sexual Assault Prevention, Oklahoma, 2006

- 53% teaching women what they need to do to prevent being raped
- 20% using strategies targeting both sexes
- 6% changing attitudes and beliefs of men regarding rape
- 13% mentioned other strategies
- 8% didn't know



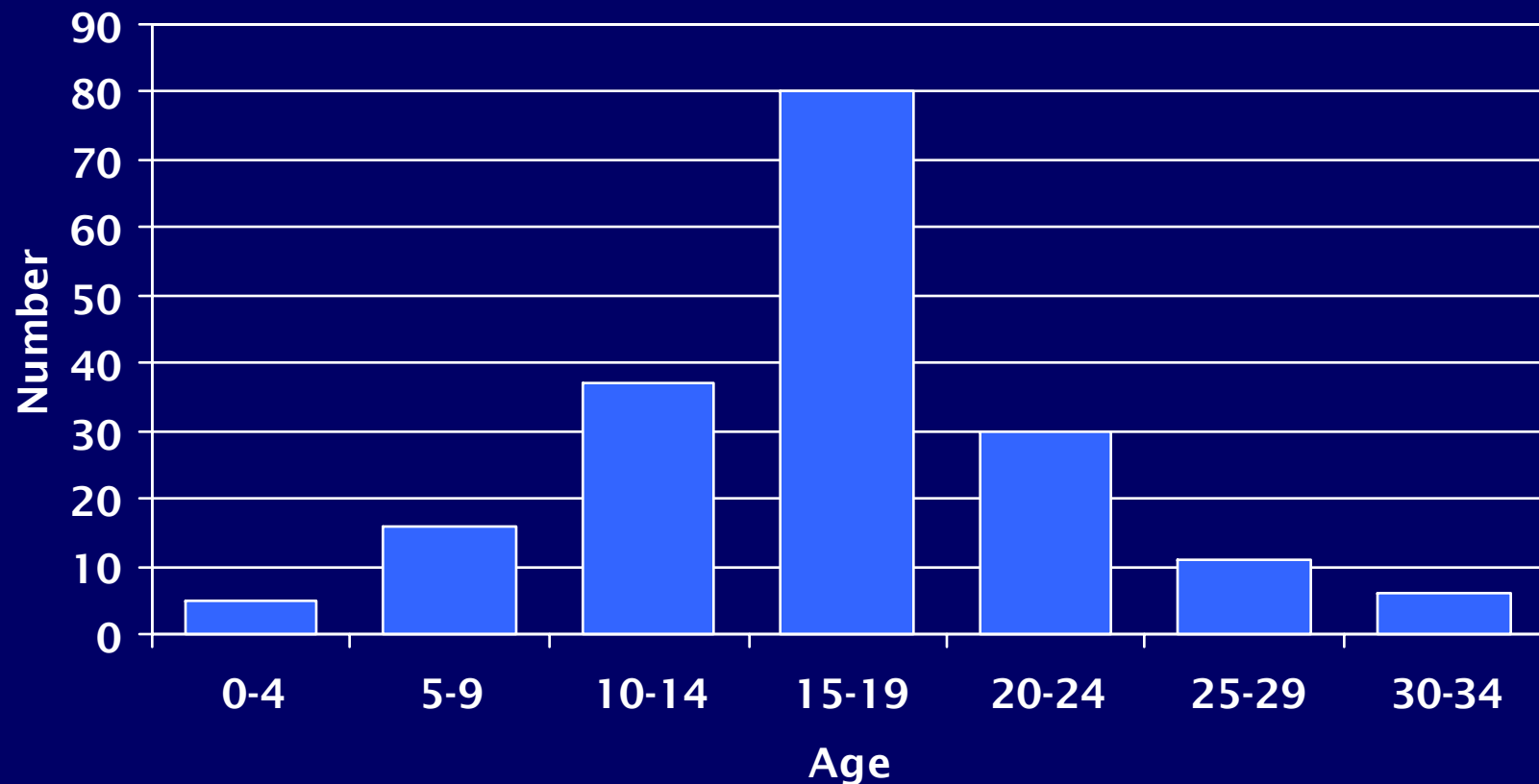
# Sexual Assault Victimization Among Survey Respondents\*, Oklahoma, 2006

- 31.2% (1 88) of women surveyed had been sexually assaulted in their lifetime; 1.2% had been sexually assaulted in the past 12 months.
  - 74% had first sexual assault before age 18
  - 32% had experienced more than one sexual assault
  - In 43.1% of incidents alcohol was involved
  - 75% occurred in someone's home

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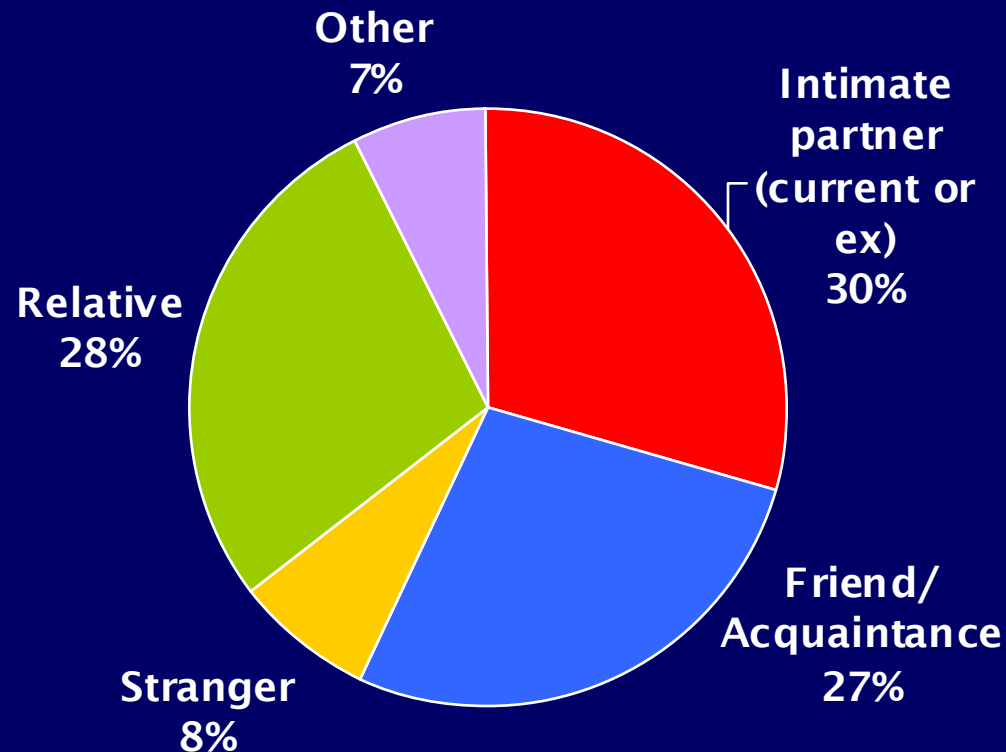
# Age of Victim at the Time of Most Recent Sexual Assault\*, Oklahoma, 2006



\*Includes 188 female respondents 18-35 years of age in a random telephone survey who reported that they had been sexually assaulted.

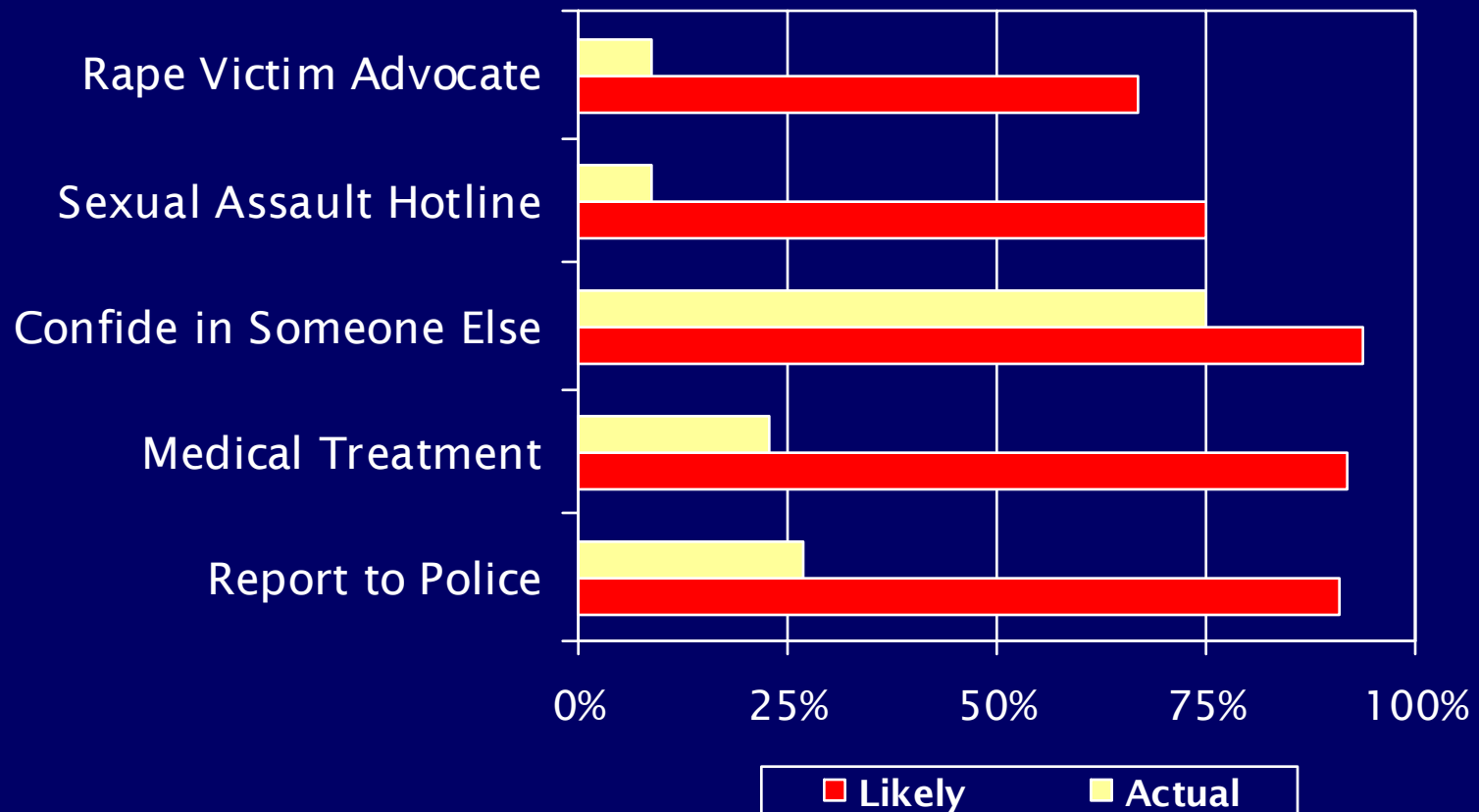


# Assailant of the Most Recent Sexual Assault\*, Oklahoma, 2006



\*Includes 183 female respondents 18-35 years of age in a random telephone survey who were sexually assaulted and provided information on the assailant.

# Sexual Assault Victims' Use of Services, Oklahoma, 2006



\* Includes 602 female respondents 18-35 years of age in a random telephone survey conducted in Oklahoma during 2006. Categories and series are not mutually exclusive.

## Limitations of the Data

- Self-report survey
- Hispanic and Native American women underrepresented in the sample
- Females less than 18 years of age not included in sample





## Recommendations for Prevention

- Conduct sexual violence prevention programs among youth
- Educate on prevention v. risk reduction
- Increase knowledge and promote availability and use of services for sexual assault at the community level
- *Spectrum of Prevention* - programs to shape healthy social norms



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