

# Sexual harassment statistics: Do the numbers reveal the true extent of the problem?

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Sexual Harassment Statistics: Is the Truth in the Numbers? Credit: copyright Patrick Rhodes

A new article addresses the statistics of sexual harassment and questions

how prevalent it is. The [Statistics Views](#) article notes that surveys indicate that if you're a woman, you have about a 3 in 5 chance of experiencing sexual harassment, while if you're a man, your chances are around or slightly less than 1 in 5. These figures are for reported cases of sexual harassment, however, and studies indicate that the vast majority of cases are never reported.

Because power dynamics will never completely go away, [statistics](#) alone will probably never reveal just how much of a problem sexual harassment really is; however, the more aware people become of what [sexual harassment](#) is, and the safer people feel about coming forward with their [allegations](#), the more accurate the data will be.

"Statistics can only reveal a small part of the picture, but hopefully we're moving toward a world where women—and men—feel safe about coming forward," said author Allison L. Goldstein. "Because if we don't have official reports, we'll never know if we're moving the needle."

**More information:** [www.statisticsviews.com/detail...-in-the-Numbers.html](http://www.statisticsviews.com/detail...-in-the-Numbers.html)

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