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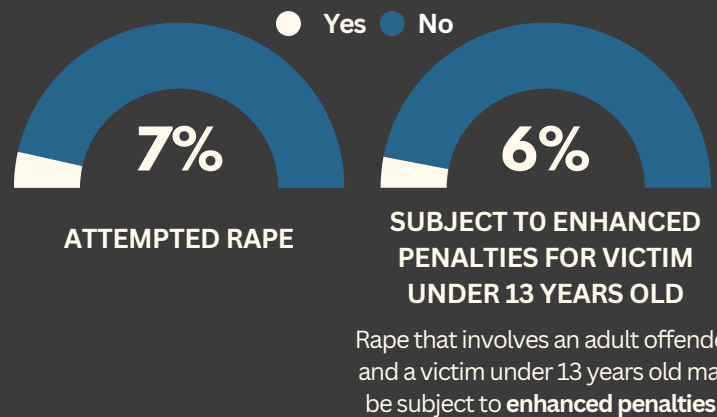
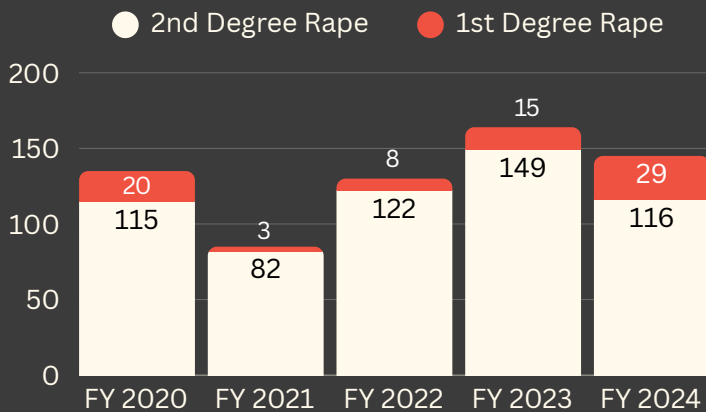
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RAPE OFFENSES SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS

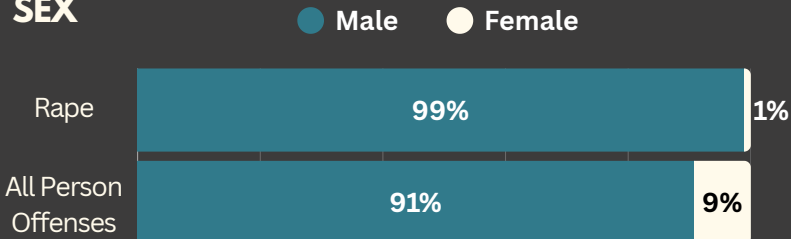
This Sentencing Snapshot examines rape sentences in Maryland circuit courts in fiscal years (FY) 2020 through 2024. Additional information, including methodology, may be found on the [MSCCSP website](#).

FISCAL YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2024

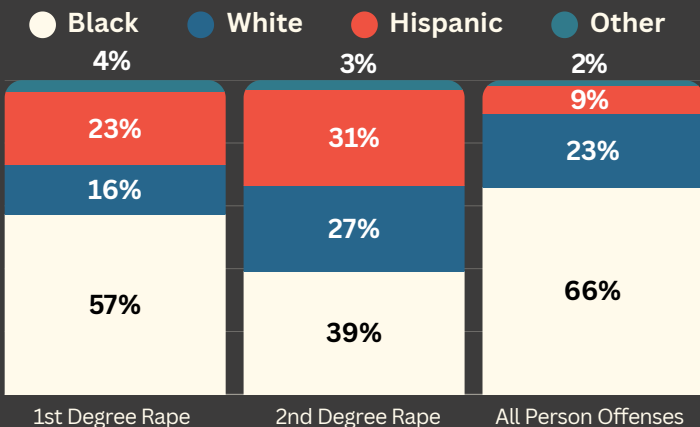


DEMOGRAPHICS

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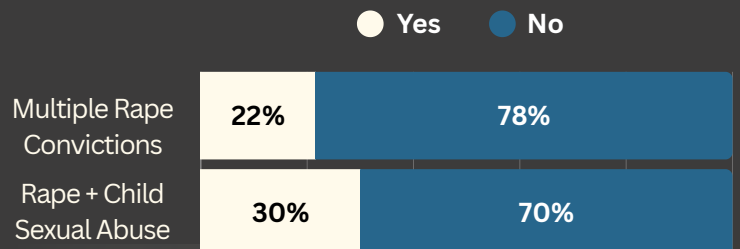
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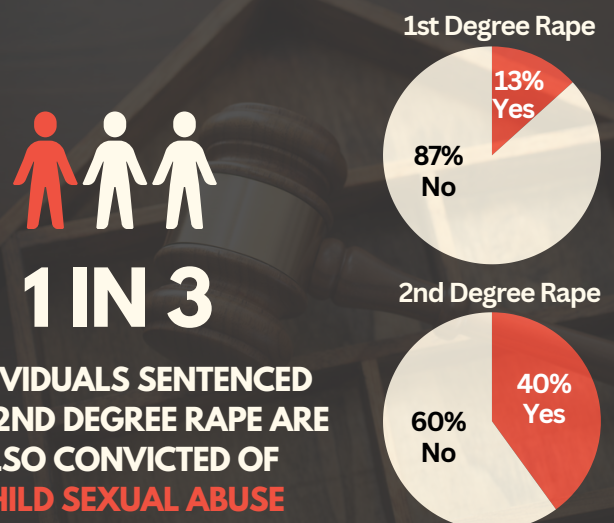
Individuals sentenced for rape are more likely than individuals sentenced for other person offenses to be **male** and **Hispanic**.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

52% of individuals convicted of rape are sentenced at the same time for another offense, most often child sexual abuse.

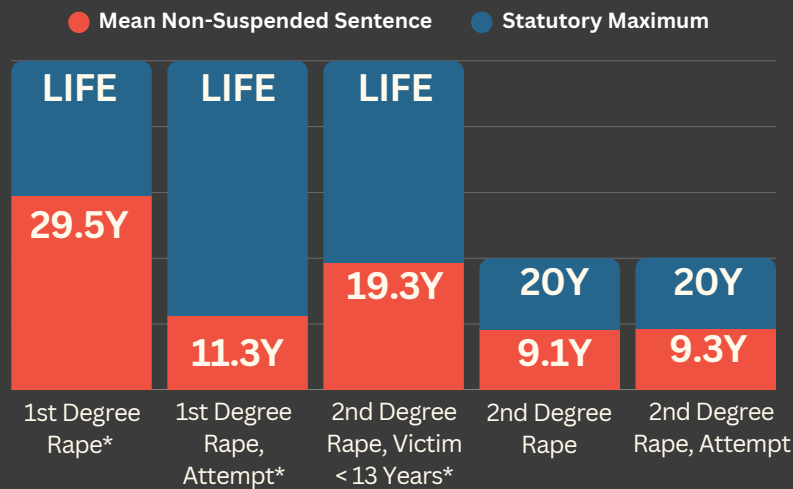


SPECIAL VICTIM VULNERABILITY





MEAN SENTENCES IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS FOR RAPE

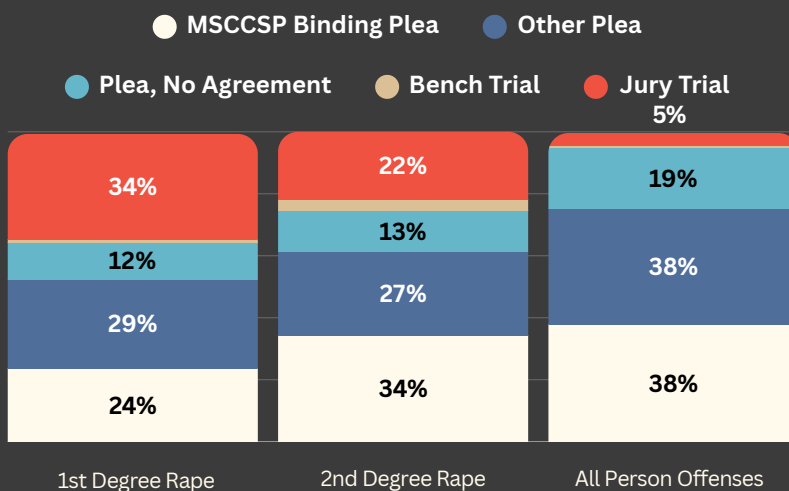


* Mean non-suspended sentence excludes active life sentences.

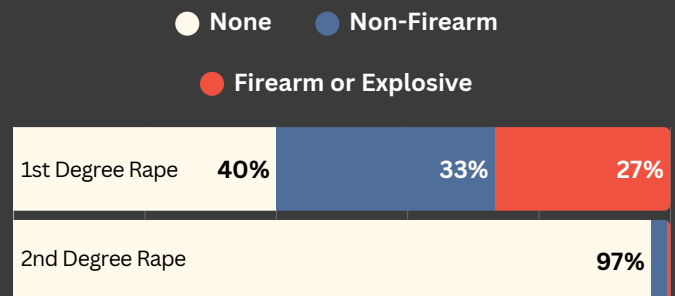
27%
OF
RAPE CONVICTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR A
LIFE SENTENCE ARE IMPOSED AN
ACTIVE LIFE SENTENCE*

*An active life sentence is one in which no time is suspended.

DISPOSITION TYPE

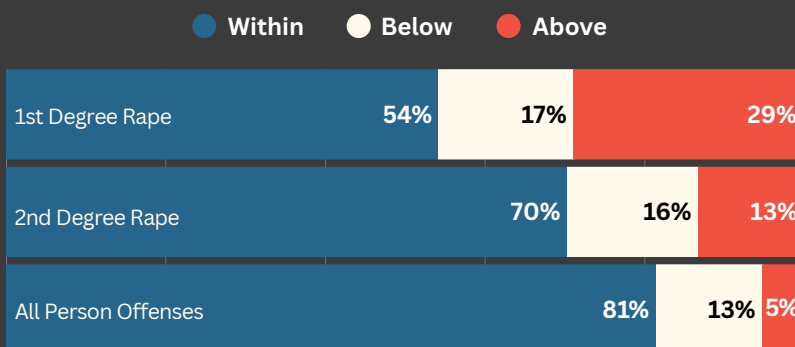


WEAPON PRESENCE



60% of 1st Degree Rapes involve a **weapon**

COMPLIANCE



Rape convictions are more likely than other person offenses to involve **jury trials** and **departures above the guidelines**.

VICTIM INJURY

