



Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence
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A Report from Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Agencies

2000-2004

Includes:

- 5 year aggregate and trend analysis:
January 2000-December 2004
- 2004 Annual Report:
January 1, 2004-December 31, 2004
- 2005 Annual Report:
January 1, 2005-December 31, 2005

Description of VAdata

VAdata is an electronic web-based data collection system for Virginia's Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers. The project was implemented for statewide use on October 1, 1999. Data are only from victims who use the services of Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence Service Providers during the reporting period. These victims represent only a fraction of the total victims of sexual and domestic violence in Virginia.

Despite the fact that VAdata is a statewide data collection system, all data in VAdata belongs to the local Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers providing the information. VAdata does not collect personally identifying information to reduce the risk of violating personal privacy rights and to maintain the confidentiality of victims seeking services through Sexual and Domestic Violence Service Providers.

Consistently over the five year reporting period, a majority of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Service Providers actively participated in VAdata. During the 2004 and 2005 reporting periods, all state-funded Domestic Violence programs participated, and 85% of Sexual Assault Crisis Centers participated in VAdata. Of those agencies who participated, some chose not to report on all services provided. Given that very few fields are required by users, 100% response rate can not be assumed for all data included in this report.

For more information about VAdata or to provide feedback about this report, please contact the VAdata Project Manager at the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA):

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For more information about sexual and/or domestic violence programs in Virginia, contact VSDVAA (see above).

The Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-838-8238 (v/tty) offers confidential, 24-hour support, information, and referrals to victims of sexual and domestic violence, as well as their family, friends, and professionals who support them.

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VAdata Partners

VAdata is an innovative and comprehensive data collection system made possible through the vision, hard work, and resources of:

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- The members of Congress who passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), expanding services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and emphasizing the importance of collaboration and data collection.
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