

FY21 Estimated Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment in the Military

Sexual assault is measured through a metric of Unwanted Sexual Contact (USC). The USC metric addresses the following behaviors: nonconsensual sexual touching, attempted nonconsensual sexual intercourse, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, attempted nonconsensual sodomy, and nonconsensual sodomy.

DoD USC Prevalence

1.5% indicated an experience of USC



8.4% indicated an experience of USC



Service Members Are Coming Forward to Make a Report

About 1 in 5 Service members reported their sexual assault to a DoD authority

About 1 out of 14



2006

About 1 out of 5



2021

Individual Service USC Prevalence



Army



Navy



Marine Corps



Air Force

Note: Data for members of the Space Force are included with Air Force estimates.

2021

| Women: | Women: | Women: | Women: |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 8.4% | 10.1% | 13.4% | 5.5% |
| Men: | Men: | Men: | Men: |
| 1.5% | 2.1% | 1.5% | 1.0% |



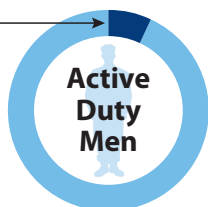
Of female Service members who indicated an experience of USC and reported it:

- An estimated 30% experienced a behavior that met legal criteria for retaliation

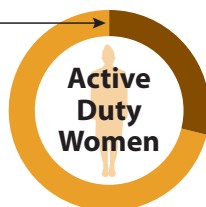
Note: The estimate for men was not reportable.

Sexual Harassment Rates in the Military

7% indicated an experience of sexual harassment



29% indicated an experience of sexual harassment



Sexual Harassment is a Leading Risk Factor for USC

- About 2 in 5 women and 1 in 3 men experienced sexual harassment by the same alleged offender before the USC incident.
- The odds of experiencing USC increased to 1 in 4 for women who experienced sexual harassment, compared to the average odds of 1 in 12 for women overall.
- The odds of experiencing USC increased to 1 in 6 for men who experienced sexual harassment, compared to the average odds of 1 in 67 for men overall.

Service Members' Satisfaction with Response Resources

61%

Satisfied with support from Victim Advocate

Satisfied with support from Special Victims Counsel/Victims Legal Counsel

52%

61%

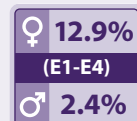
Satisfied with support from Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Note: Data represent respondents who interacted with response resources after filing a report for sexual assault that occurred in the past year.

Junior enlisted Service members and those under the age of 25 are at the highest risk for USC



Junior enlisted members face heightened risk for USC compared to other segments of the military population.



An estimated 12.9% of junior enlisted women (E1-E4) and 2.4% of junior enlisted men (E1-E4) indicated experiencing USC.