

MAD Data Findings: Sexual Assault Cases of Police, Prosecutors, Forensic Examiners, and Victim Advocates

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MAD Project: Data Collection

Data collected on sexual assault cases over a period 18-24 months*

- Law enforcement
- Forensic examiners
- Community-based victim advocates
- System-based victim advocates
- Prosecutors

*The data collection period varied by agency.

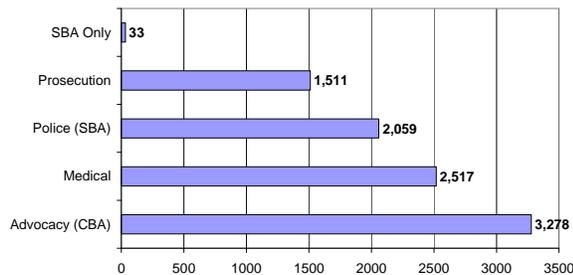
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- Agency staff filled out a form for all felony-level, sexual assault cases seen during time period
- Include cases with:
 - force or threat of force
 - victim who is unable to consent to sexual activity (e.g., because of incapacitation, unconsciousness, severe disability, minor age, institutionalization)
 - attempted and completed offenses
- Based on how case came in, not final disposition

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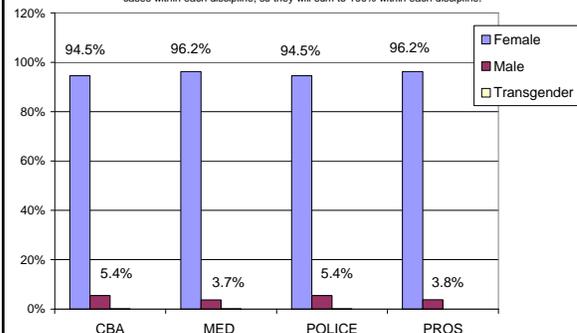
- Sexual assault cases were excluded if they were based on the victim's inability to consent to sex due to:
 - Victim's age (e.g., child molest cases)
 - Professional relationship (e.g., doctor)
 - Victim's institutionalization (e.g., prison)
- In other words, the consent defense must have been available to suspects

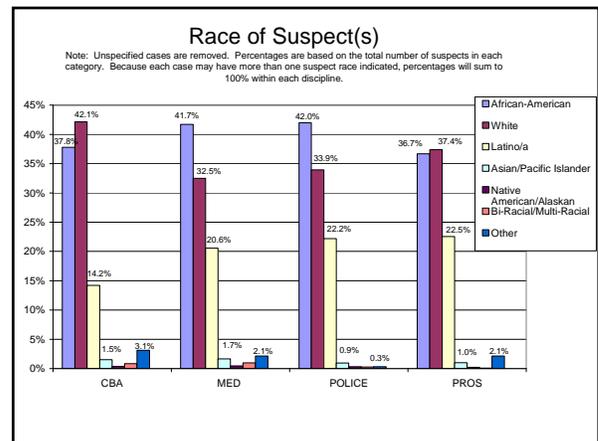
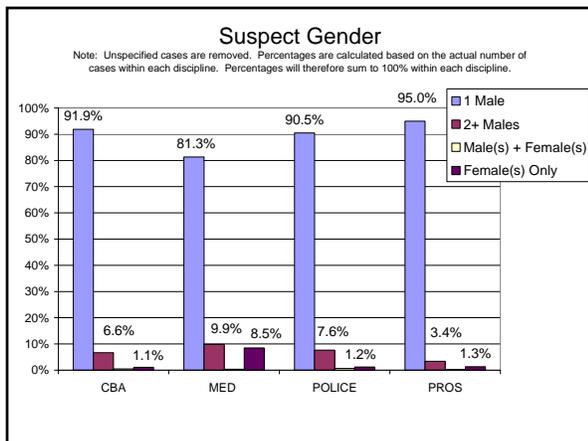
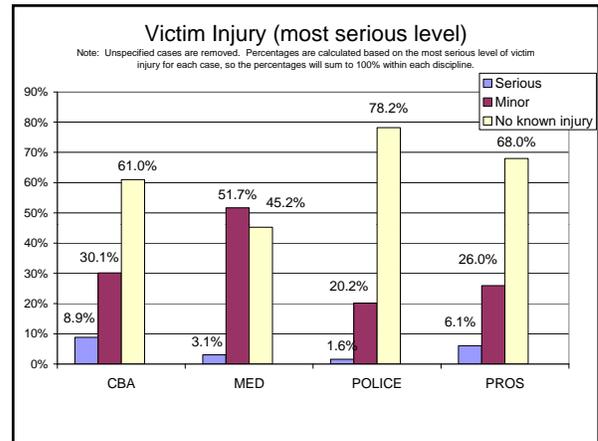
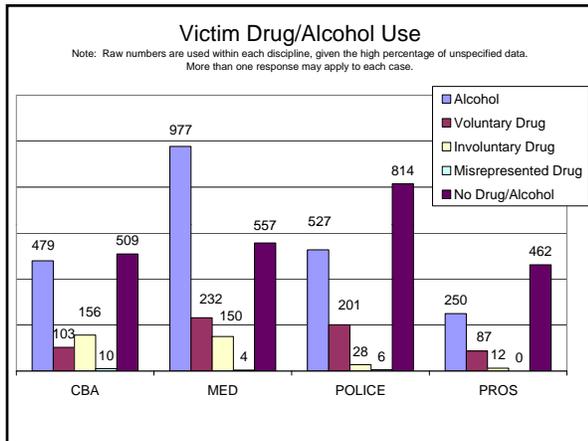
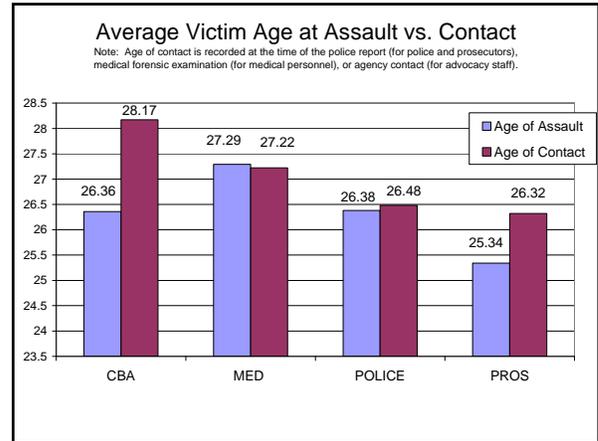
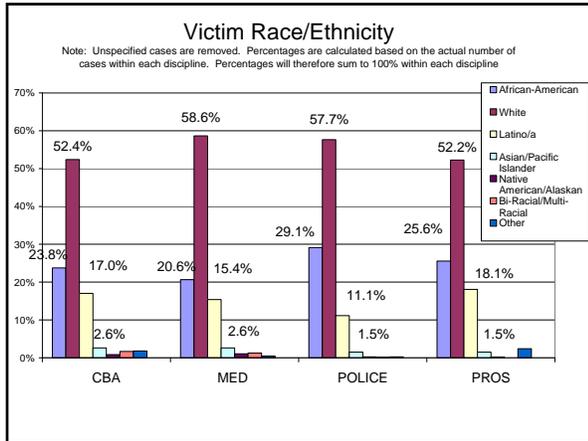
Data Submitted by Each Discipline (Total = 9,398)
(Number of cases within each discipline)
Note: MED includes CBA/MED and POLICE includes POLICE/SBA

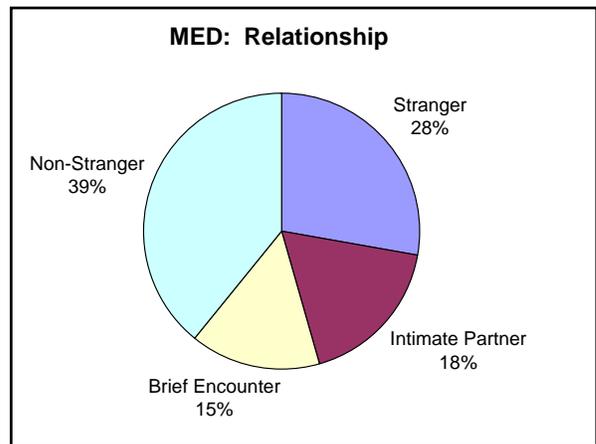
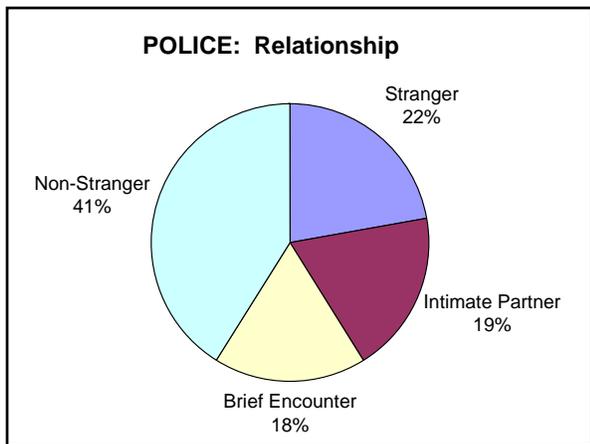
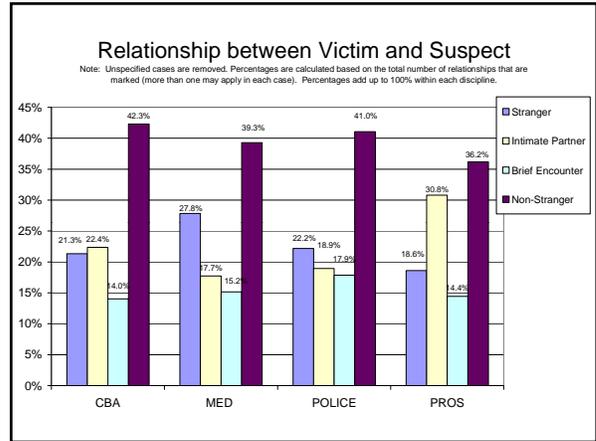
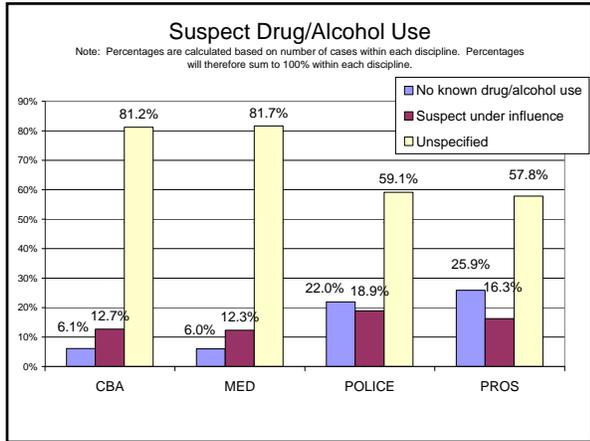
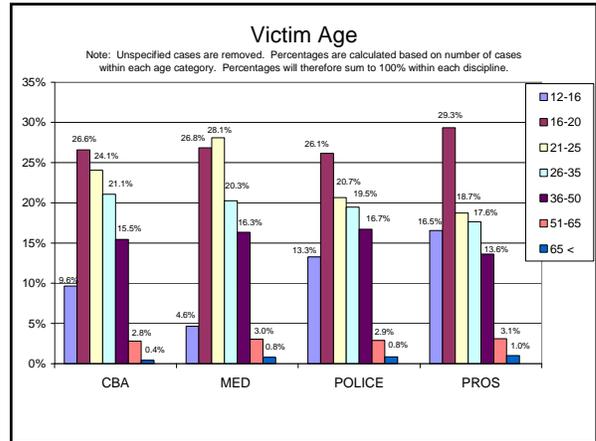
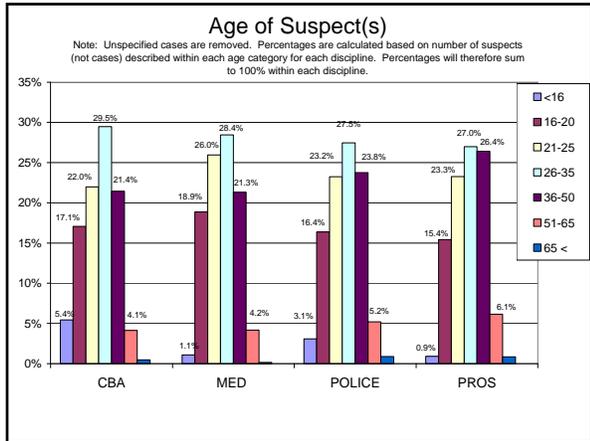


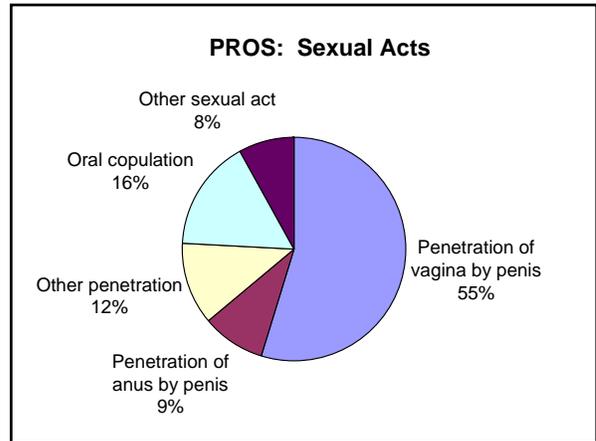
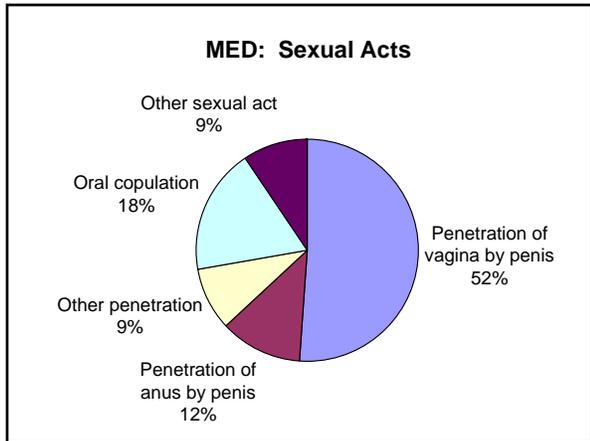
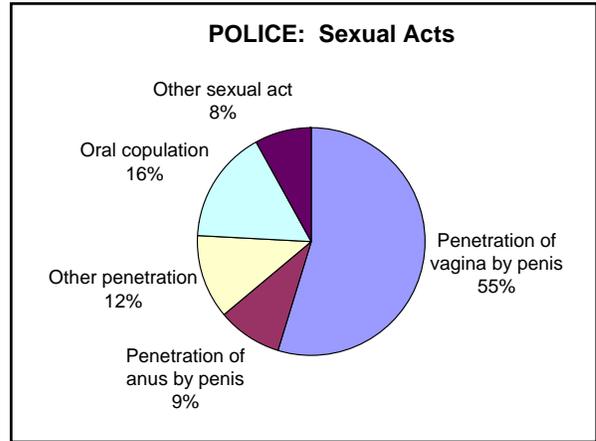
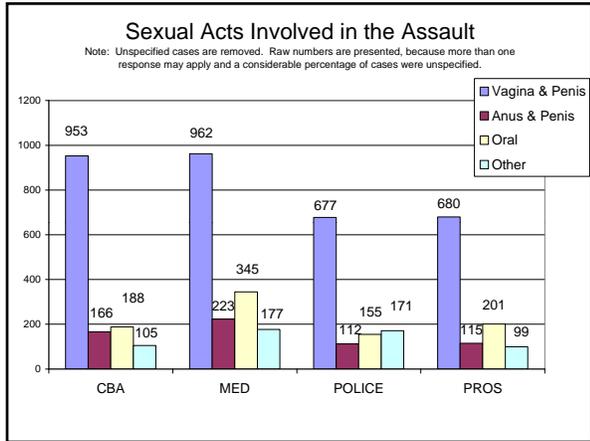
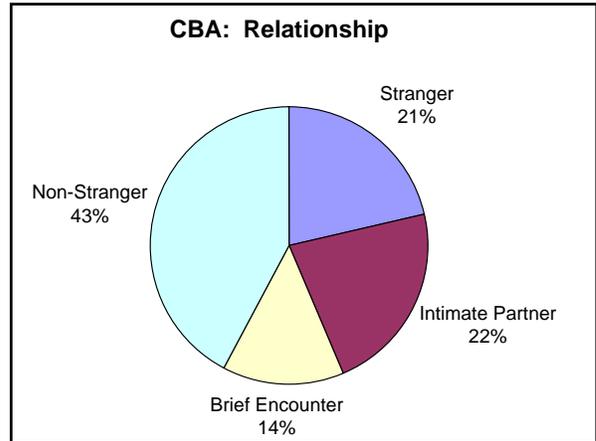
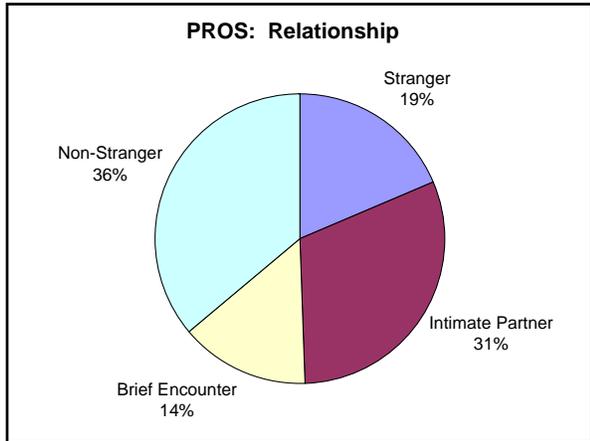
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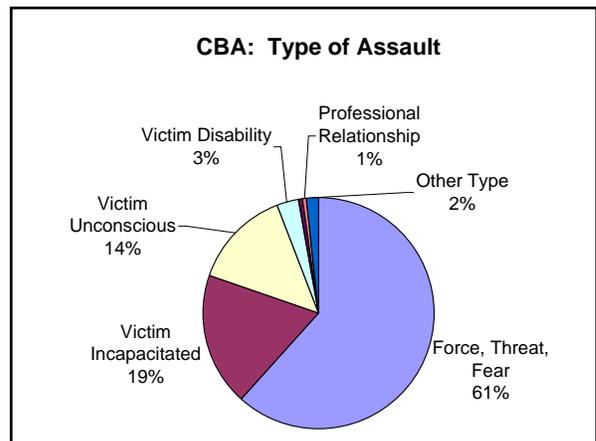
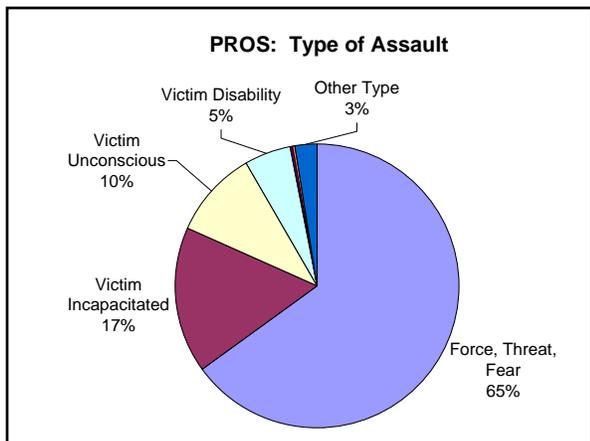
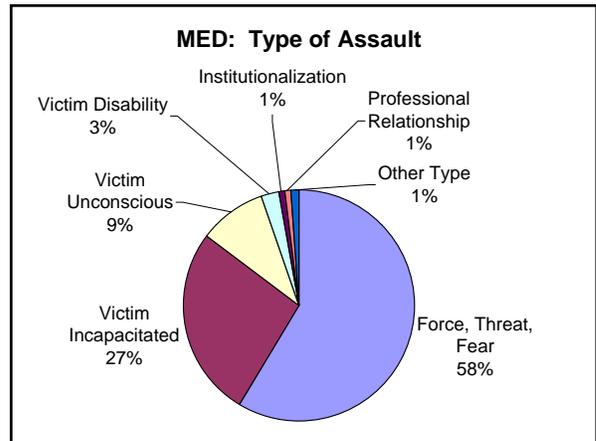
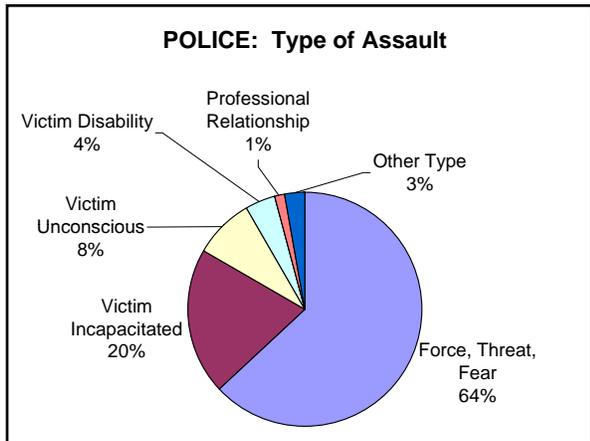
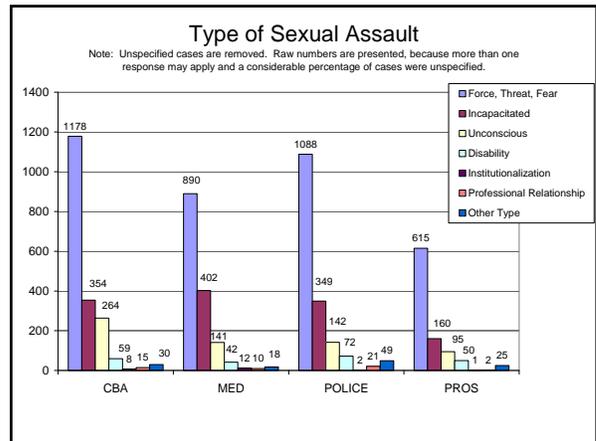
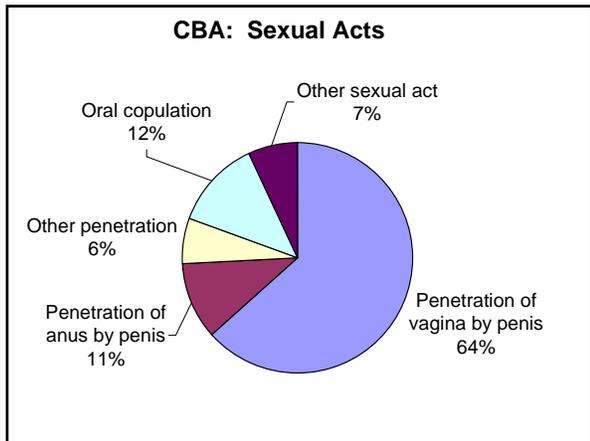
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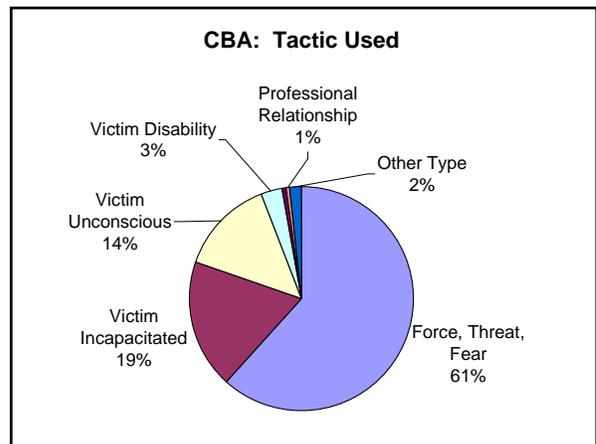
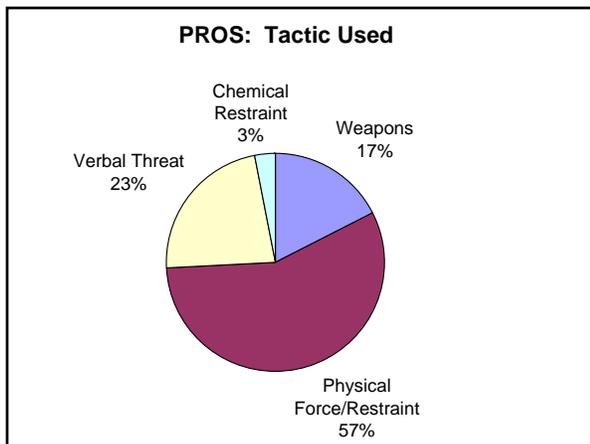
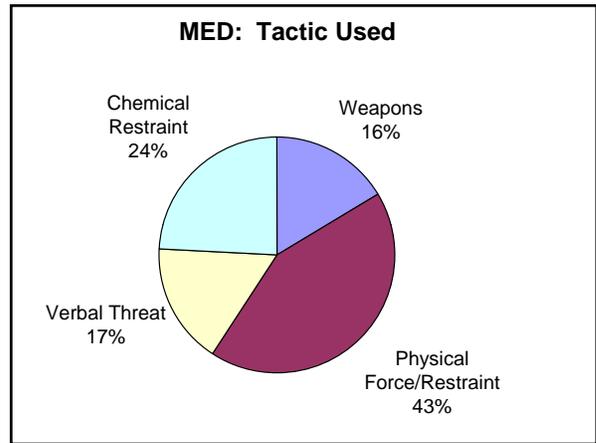
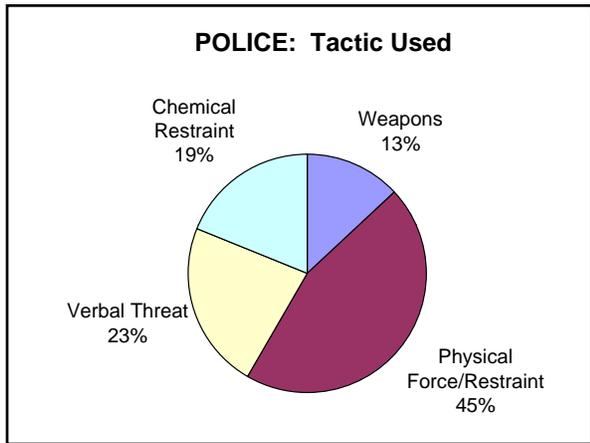
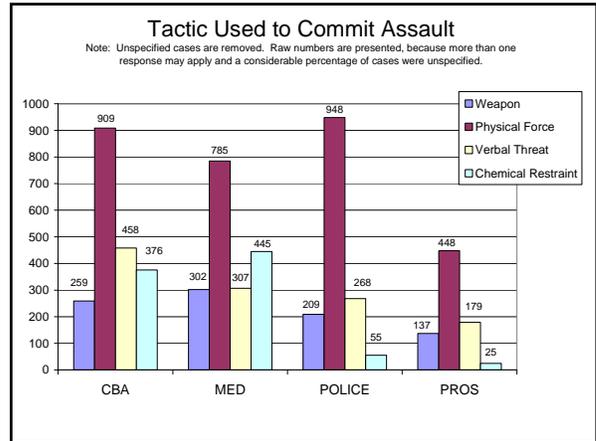
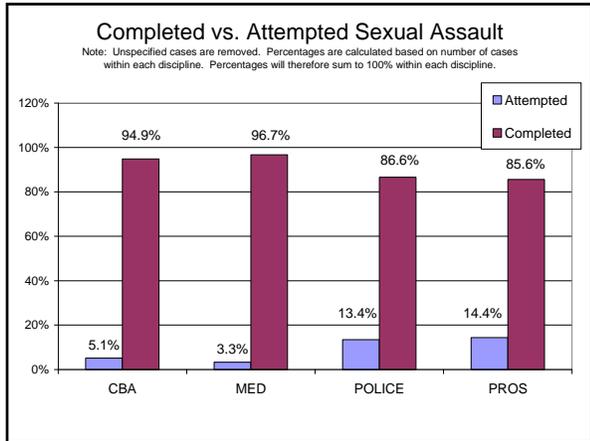








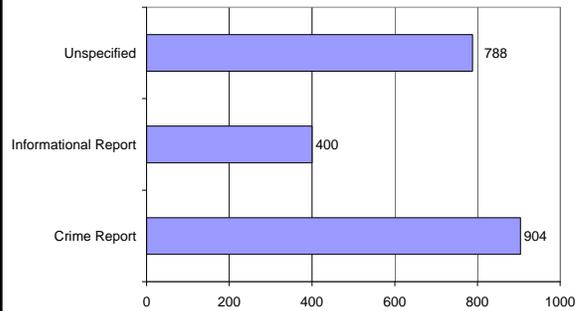




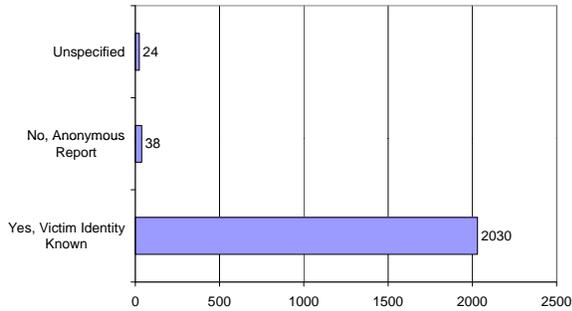
Law Enforcement Variables

Total of 2,059 cases

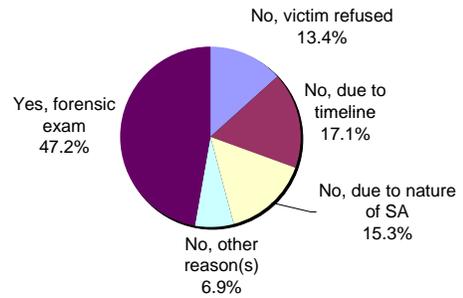
POLICE: Type of Police Report
(Number of cases out of 2,059)



POLICE: Identifying Information for Victim?
(Number of cases out of 2,059)

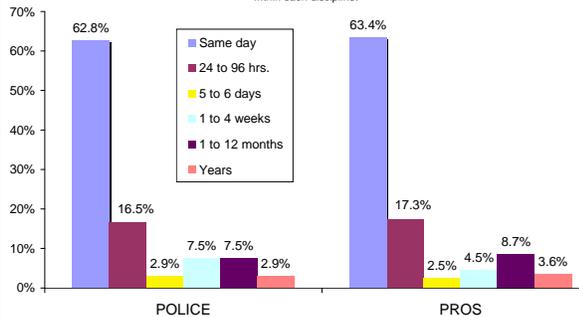


POLICE: Did victim have a forensic exam?
Unspecified cases removed (n = 1,886 cases)



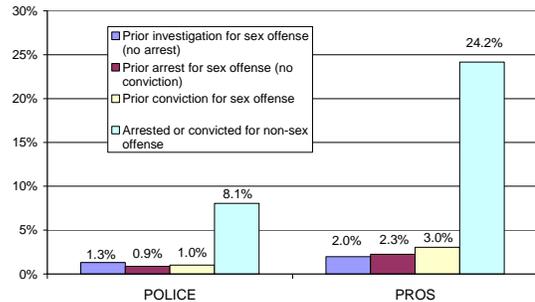
POLICE AND PROSECUTION: Time Between Assault and Report

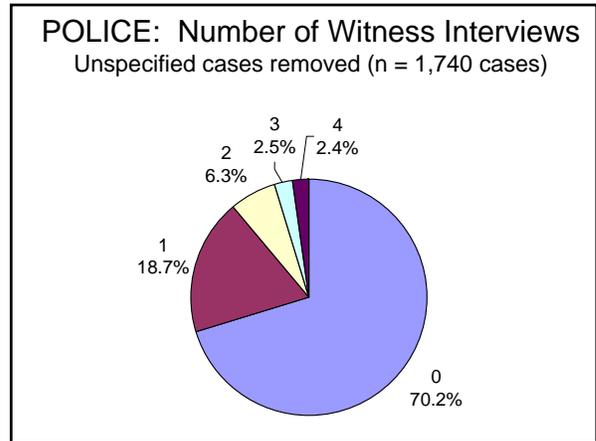
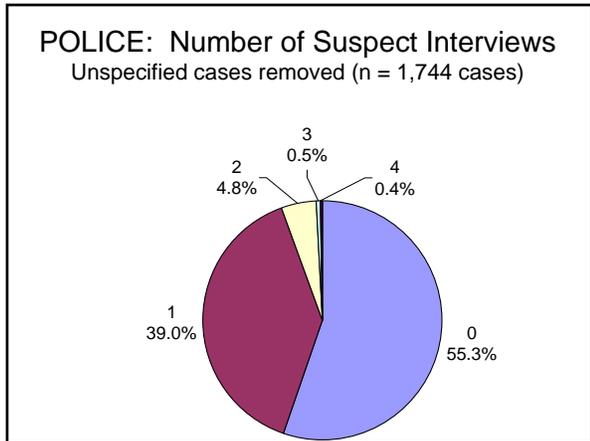
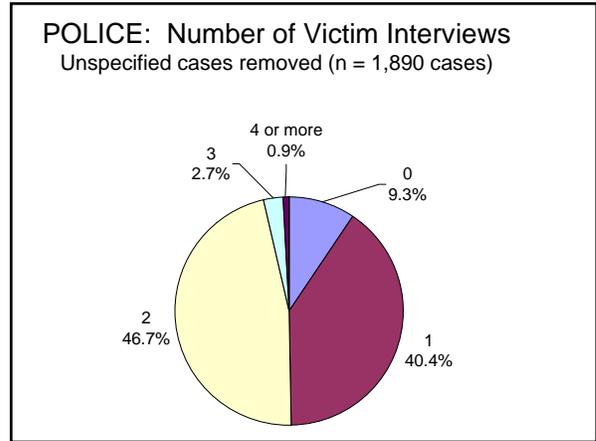
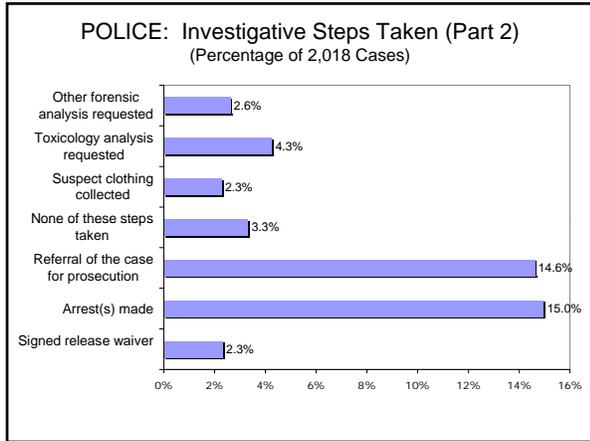
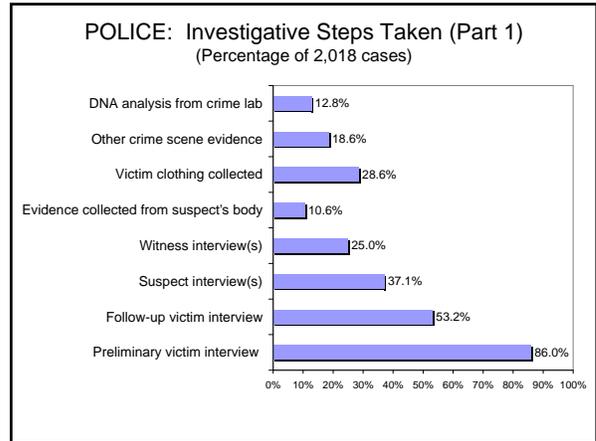
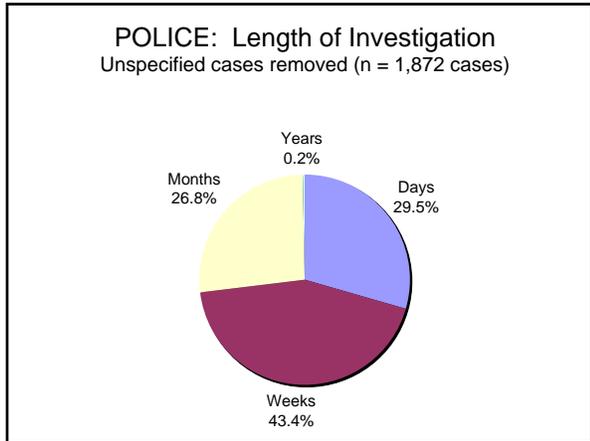
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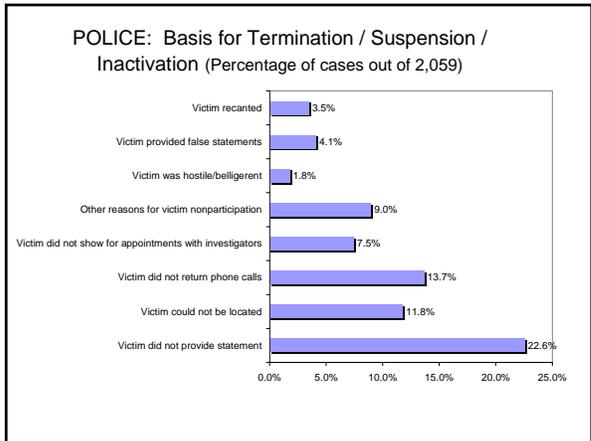
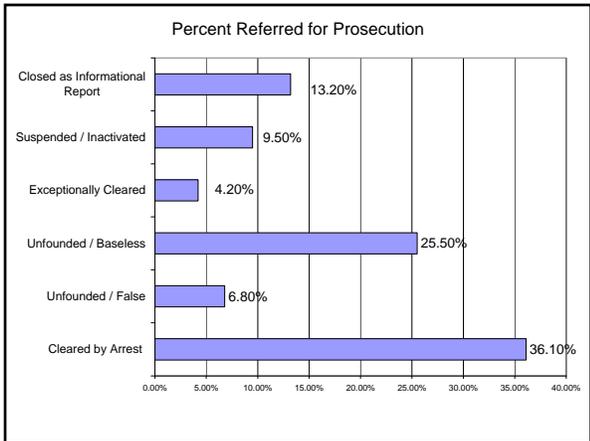
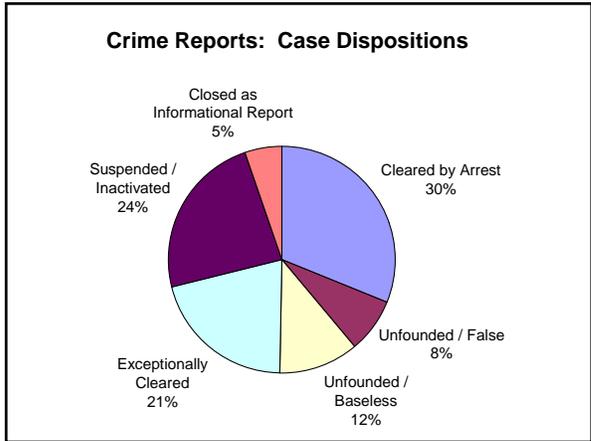
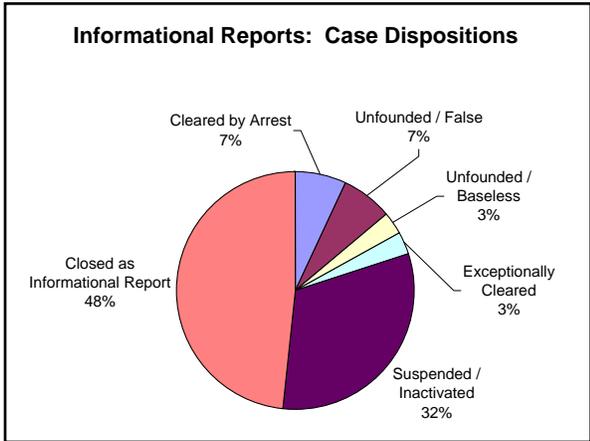
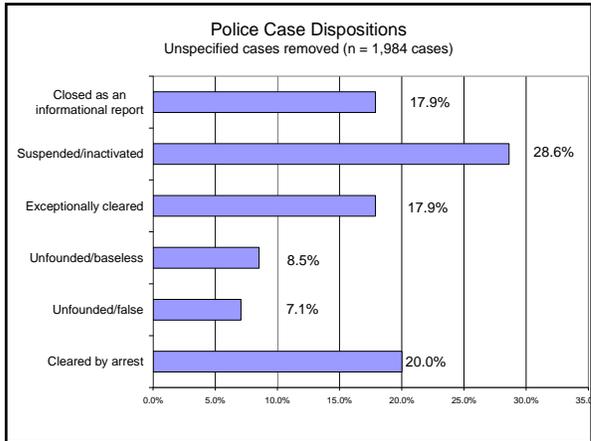
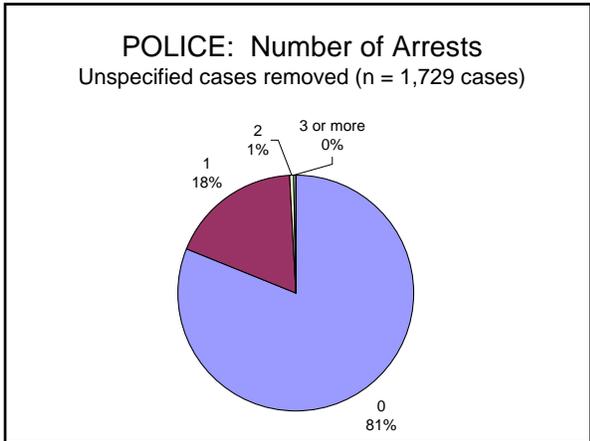


POLICE AND PROSECUTION: Suspect Criminal Record

Note: Percentages are calculated based on number of cases within each discipline.



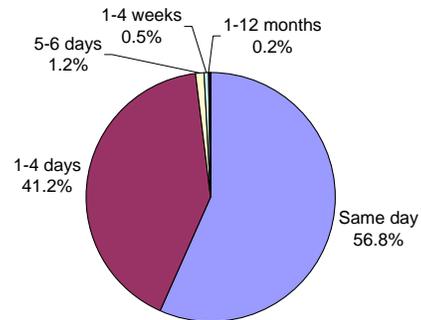




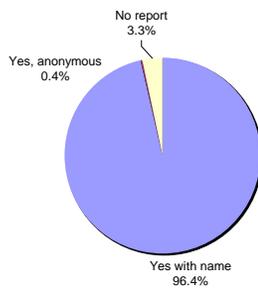
Medical Variables

Total of 2,517 cases

MEDICAL: Time between sexual assault and forensic medical examination (Unspecified cases removed; n = 2,396)



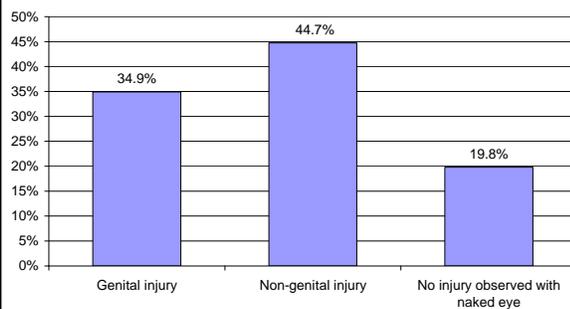
MEDICAL: Reported to Law Enforcement?
Unspecified cases removed (n = 2,181 cases)



Injuries observed with naked eye

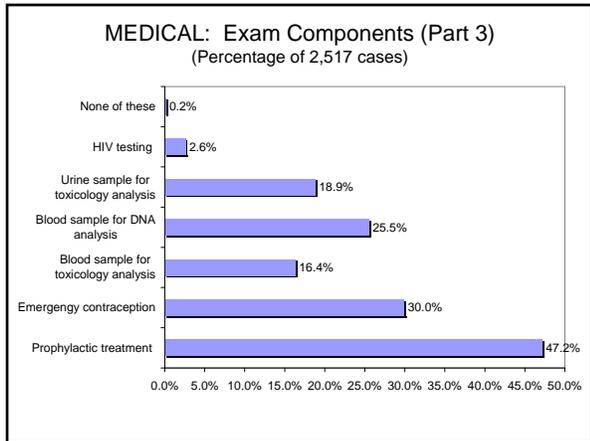
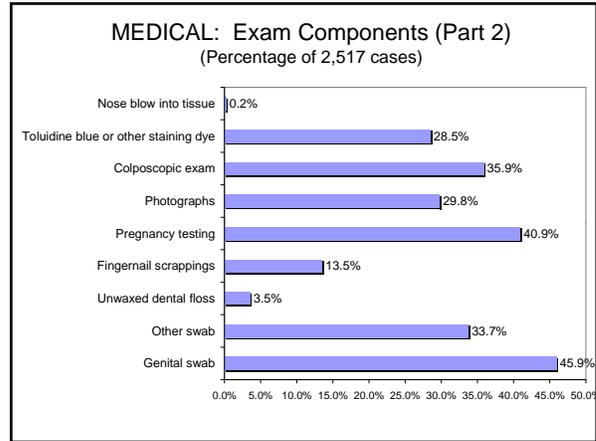
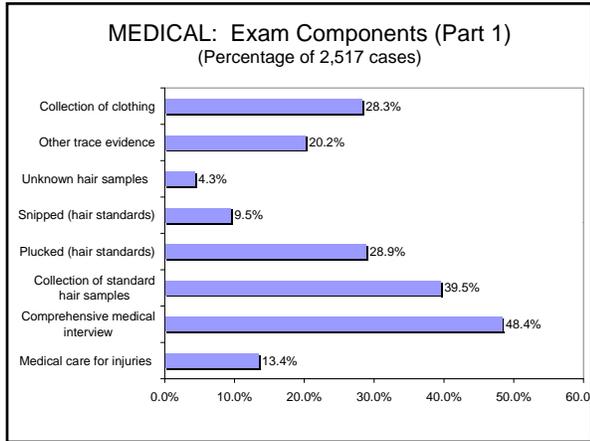
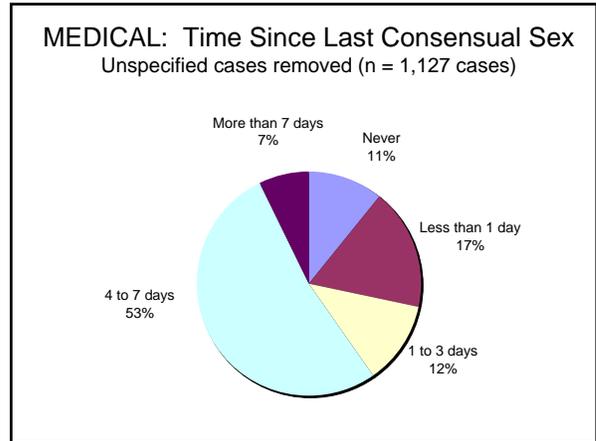
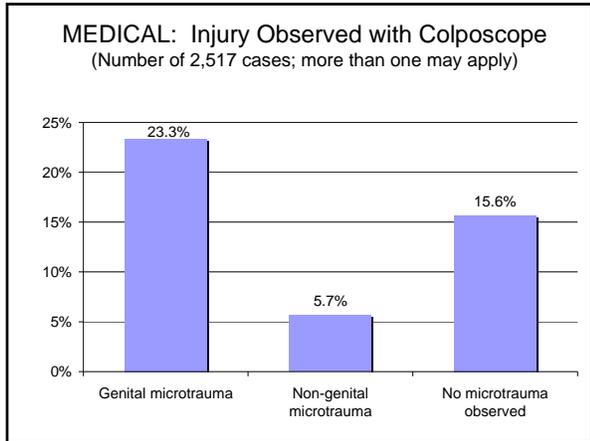
Did the forensic examiner observe any of the following types of injury using only the naked eye? That is, without the aid of a colposcope or staining dye of some kind? (please mark all that apply)

MEDICAL: Injury Observed with Naked Eye
(Number of 2,517 cases; more than one may apply)



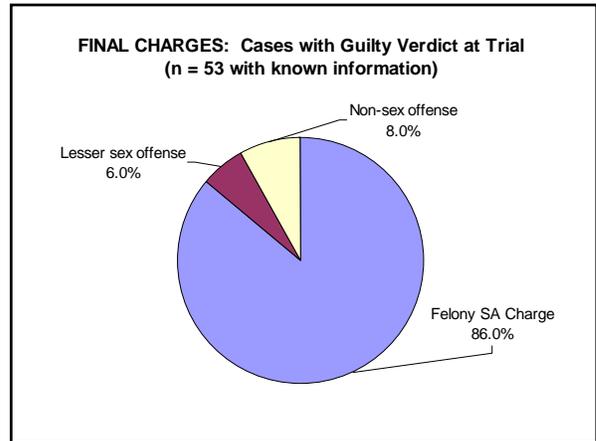
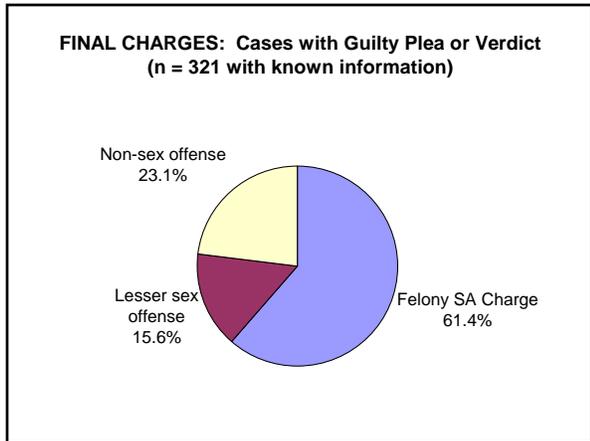
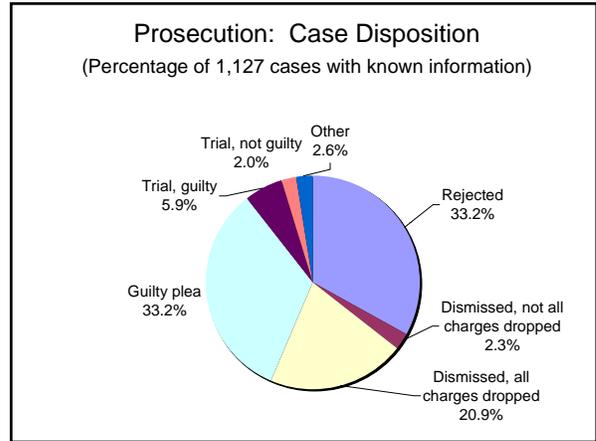
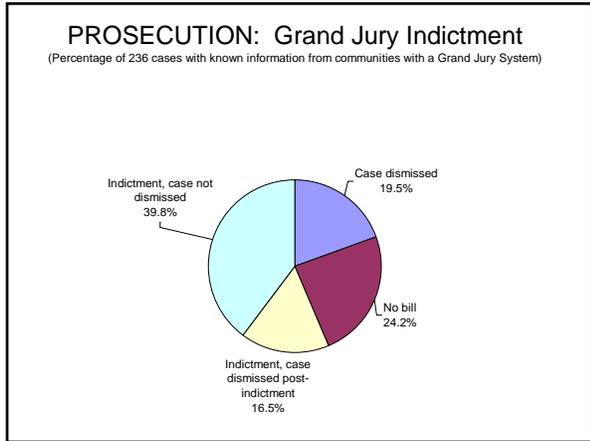
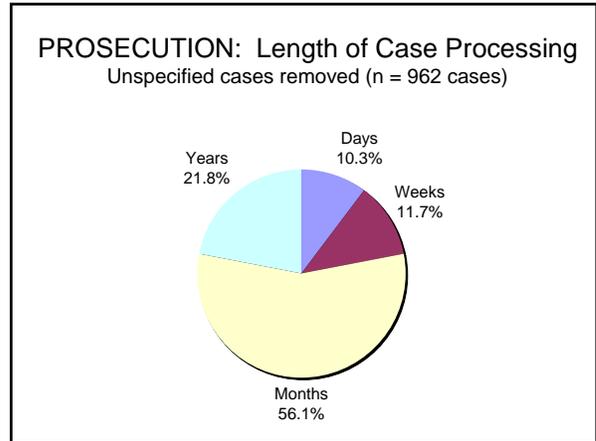
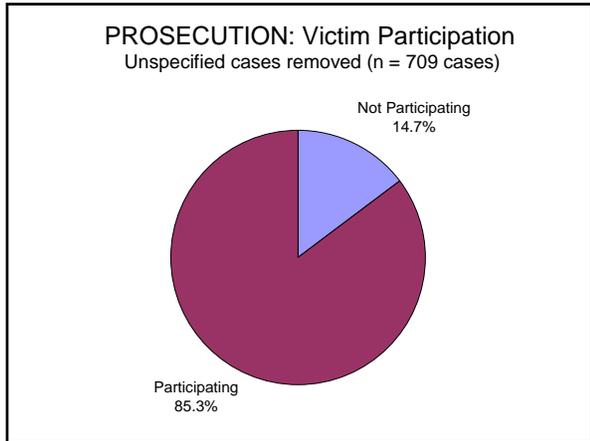
Injuries observed with colposcope

Did the forensic examiner observe any of the following types of injury using the colposcope and/or staining dye, that were not observed with the naked eye? (i.e., injuries not already described in the previous question) (please mark all that apply)

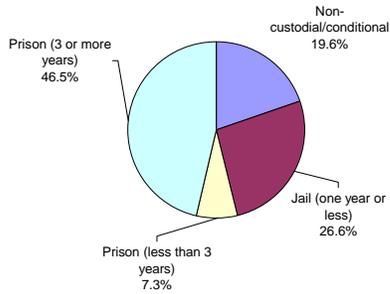


Prosecution Variables

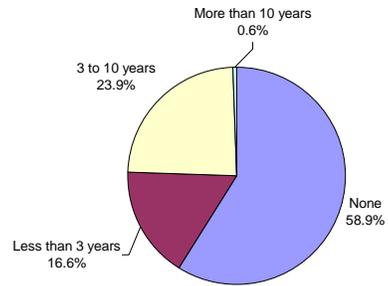
Total of 1,511 cases



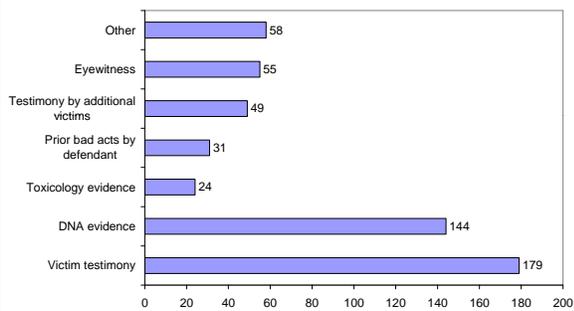
PROSECUTION: Sentencing
(Percentage of 531 cases with known information)



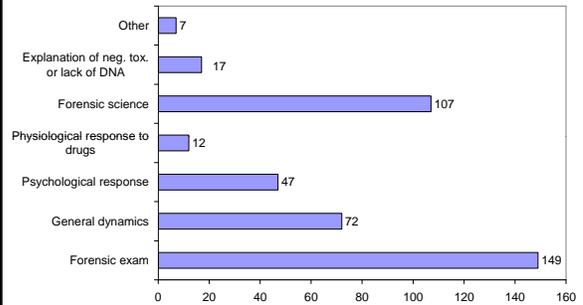
PROSECUTION: Probation
(Percentage of 331 cases with known information)



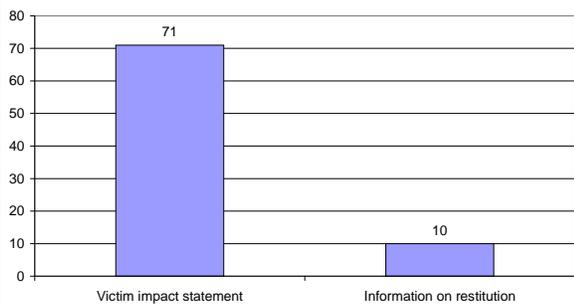
PROSECUTION: Type of Evidence Used/Planned
(Number of 1,511 cases)



PROSECUTION: Expert Testimony Used or Planned
(Number of 1,511 cases)



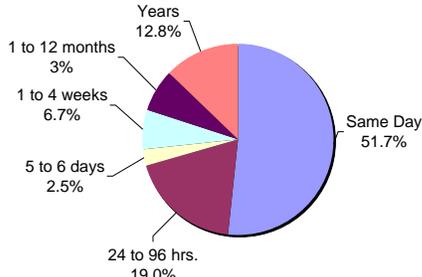
PROSECUTION: Sentencing Hearing Information
(Number of 1,511 cases)



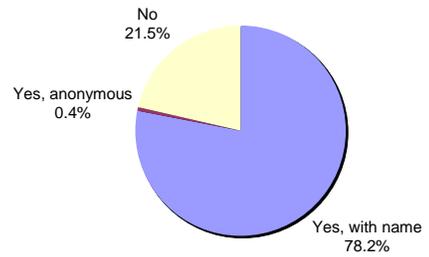
Advocacy Variables

Total of 3,663 cases

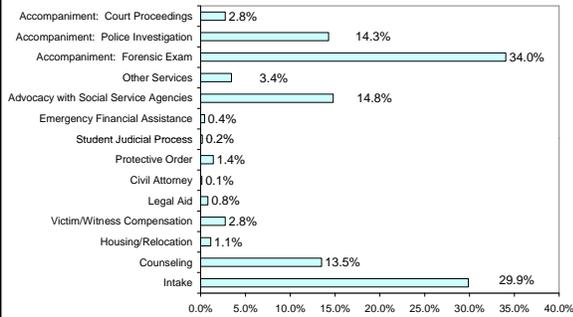
CBA: Time between assault and contact with community-based victim advocacy agency
 Unspecified cases removed (n = 2,252 cases)



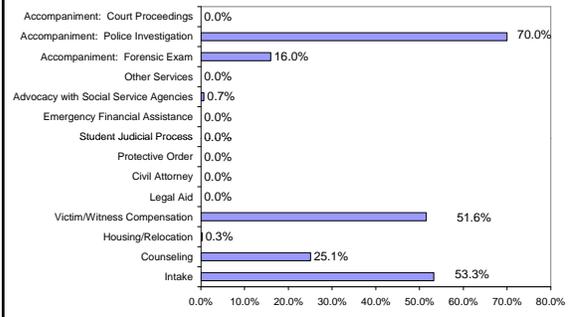
CBA: Reported to Law Enforcement?
 Unspecified cases removed (n = 2,786 cases)



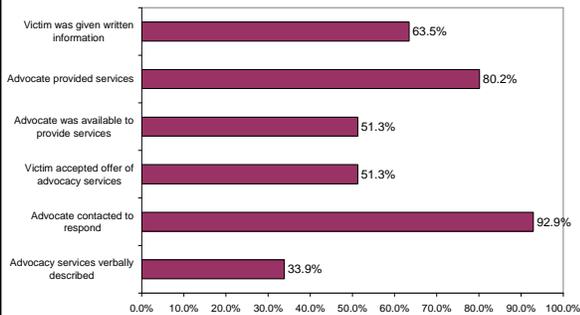
CBA: Services Accessed
 (Number of cases out of 3,663)



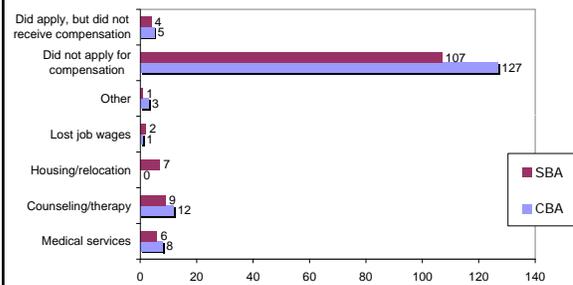
POLICE / SBA: Services Accessed
 (Percentage of cases out of 706)

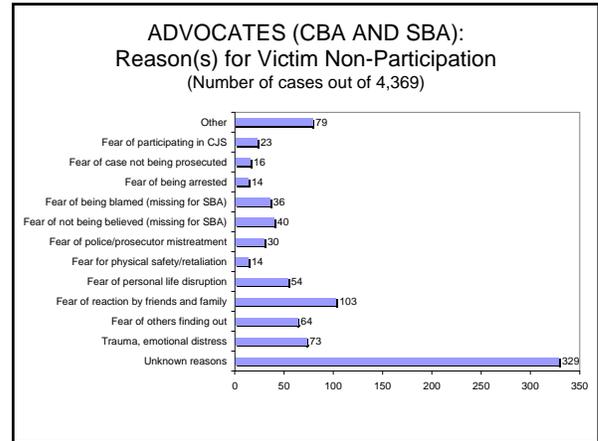
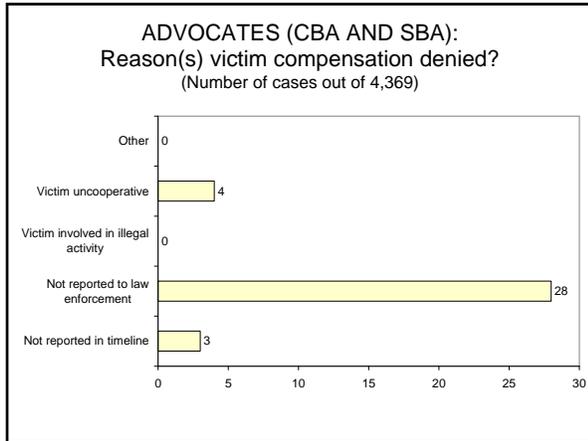


SBA: Advocacy Services Provided
 (Percentage of cases out of 706)



ADVOCATES (CBA AND SBA): Did victim receive compensation?
 (Number of cases out of 4,369)





A Closer Look: Relationship Categories

Patterns of case characteristics and outcomes within law enforcement and prosecution

