A total of 32 sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. The chart below shows the number of reports for past academic years.

**Location**

Nine of the assaults occurred on campus, 8 in residence hall rooms. **Twenty-three occurred off campus.** Of those twenty-three, nineteen occurred in St Cloud and two occurred outside of St. Cloud at campus related events, and in one off campus report, the exact location was not provided.

**Types of Assaults**

Twenty-six assaults were committed by acquaintances. The type of acquaintance ranged from someone the victim had just met to friends from high school to dating relationships. **Three were committed by strangers.** In three cases, relationship information was not provided.

**Victims**

Thirty-one were females and one was a male. Thirty were currently-enrolled students, one was a former student, and one victim was a visitor to campus. Over half were 18 to 19 years old. National statistics show that women 16 to 24 years old are more at risk of being sexually assaulted than any other age group. College women are at higher risk than women from the same age group who are not in college. It is important to note, however, that sexual assault can occur to anyone at any age.
**Perpetrators**

All of the perpetrators were male and two cases involved more than one assailant. Sixteen were students at the time of the assault, one was a former student, one was an employee, two had no known affiliation, and in the remaining cases the perpetrator’s affiliation with the university was either unknown or not provided. The ages of perpetrators ranged from twenty-two to fifty-two.

**Reported By**

Twelve of the assaults were reported to the Women’s Center by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, eleven were reported by the victim directly, five by residential life staff, two by Health Services, one by Student Life and Development and one by Public Safety.

**Drug and Alcohol Involvement**

Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in fifteen of the 32 sexual assaults. In six cases, it was suspected that the assaults were drug-facilitated. Drug or alcohol involvement was unknown in the remaining cases.

**Police/Campus Reports**

Fourteen of the assaults were reported to the police and five were reported to the university Judicial Officer.

**Data from the Informed on Sexual Assault Program**

All of our new students complete an on-line workshop on sexual assault prevention and risk reduction. The company *Student Success* collects information, with the student’s consent for it to be used for research purposes. After completing the program, 27.02 of our female first year students reported having been a survivor of a sexual assault. The severity of that victimization rate is particularly disconcerting given that victims of sexual assault have an increased risk of future sexual victimization. These statistics along with statistics in general for college aged women, make it more important than ever that we all engage in working to educate both men on women on what we can do to reduce these numbers. We have a male peer education program and our staff are always willing to come speak to classes and groups. Please consider talking about this important issue with your students.

SCSU Sexual Assault Policy states that the Women’s Center will collect and analyze accounts of sexual assaults in the campus community. Staff and faculty are asked to contact the Women’s Center immediately with any information they receiving regarding a sexual assault. The victims name is not recorded in the report and confidentiality is maintained. For additional information call 320-308-3995 or 308-4958.