A total of 24 sexual assaults were reported to the Women’s Center between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012.

20 Assaults were committed by acquaintances; 2 by strangers and in 2 cases the type of the relationship to the victim was not provided in the report.

This compares to three stranger assaults in the 2011-2012 academic year; one stranger assault during 2010-11; four in 2009/10, three in 2008/09, and none in 2007/08. National statistics show that 80 to 90% of all sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows.

Location
Nine occurred on campus, 11 occurred off campus, and the exact location was unknown in four reports. A total of thirteen sexual assaults occurred in the private residence of either the victim or perpetrator. Two occurred in connection with house parties. Our local statistics mirror national statistics demonstrating that most sexual assaults occur in a private residence versus on the street.

Victims
Twenty-two victims were female and two were males. Twenty-two were enrolled students at the time of the assault, and two were not students. Thirteen were between the ages of 18 and 23, three were over 25, and the age was unknown in eight reports. National statistics show that women ages 16 to 24 years old are more at risk of being sexually assaulted than any other age group. In addition, 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
Twenty-six of the perpetrators were male and none were female. Three cases involved more than one perpetrator. Eight were known to be SCSU students at the time of the assault, one was a former student, one was a former campus employee, five had no known affiliation with SCSU, and the affiliation was unknown in nine reports.

Reported By
Ten of the assaults were reported to the Women’s Center directly by the victim, nine were reported by the Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center, and five by another campus office.

Drug and Alcohol Involvement
Drugs or alcohol were known to be involved in fifteen of the sexual assaults. Perpetrators using alcohol as a tool to commit a sexual assault is well documented. Perpetrators often in the guise of being friendly will persuade the victim to drink or will look for someone who is more vulnerable due to drugs or alcohol.
**Reports and Investigations**

Conduct code complaints were investigated in eight cases. In seven cases the victims did not report a conduct code complaint to the university. In nine cases a campus conduct code complaint was not applicable because the perpetrator was not an SCSU student, or the victim did not or could not identify if the perpetrator was a student or not or the information was not provided in the report.

**Special Note:** The Women’s Center has been reporting based on the Academic Year since its inception in 1990. However, beginning with the 2012 Calendar Year, the Women’s Center is now converting to Calendar Year reporting. The intent of this change is to foster more interdepartmental consistency in terms of statistics being reported.

**History of Academic Year Women’s Center Reporting of Sexual Assault Reports**

![Sexual Assault Reports 1990-2012](chart.png)
Guidance by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, requires employees of the University to report knowledge of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, harassment, stalking and hazing to Ellyn Bartges, Title IX Coordinator, in the Equity and Affirmative Action Office in Administrative Services 102. The Affirmative Action Office is required to investigate and respond, but cannot guarantee confidentiality. For additional information, contact 320.308.5123.

SCSU Sexual Assault Policy states that the Women’s Center will collect and analyze accounts of sexual assaults in the campus community. The victim’s name is not recorded in the report and confidentiality is maintained. For additional information call 320.308.3995 or 320.308.4958.