

# Review

## Perpetrators and crime situations in cases of rape and other sexual offences

### *Background and objectives:*

- The aim of this report is to describe perpetrators of rape and other sexual offences in Denmark. The second part of the report is focused on the situation leading up to a rape. Both the first and the second parts focus on differences between persons of Danish origin, immigrants and descendants of immigrants.

### *Research design:*

- The data used in the first part of the report is from Statistics Denmark and contains information about all Danes between the ages of 15 and 79 who have been charged with and/or convicted of rape, sexual offences against children under the age of 12 or indecent exposure from 2010 to 2015.
- The data used in the second part of the report is based on transcriptions of convictions of rape from 2010 to 2015. There were 92 convictions.
- The report is based on relatively few observations and the results should be tested using more detailed material to enable refined statistical methods.

### *Findings:*

- The perpetrators convicted of rape, sexual offences against children and indecent exposure are on average worse off than the Danish population in general. They have lower incomes, are less educated, are frequently unemployed, receive more public assistance, are not frequently in a relationship and are more frequently in contact with psychiatric services.
- The perpetrators of sexual offences against children and indecent exposure are better off than persons convicted of criminal offences in general, while perpetrators of rape are more similar to persons convicted of criminal offences in general, in terms of socio-economic factors. This pattern is the same for perpetrators of Danish origin as for immigrants.
- When the perpetrator is an immigrant it is more likely that the victim and the perpetrator have met at a party or at random or have known each other for a short period of time compared to cases where the perpetrator is of Danish origin.
- Victims and perpetrators of a rape more often misunderstand each other or have a different understanding of what happened before the rape itself when the perpetrator is an immigrant than when the perpetrator is of Danish origin.

