

# Review

## Victims of rape and other sexual offences

### *Background and objectives:*

- The aim of the report is to describe the socio-economic circumstances and other characteristics of victims of rape and indecent exposure. These are all characteristics that precede the sexual offence.
- The report concerns only victims of either Danish origin or immigrants from non-Western countries who have been victims of a sexual offence reported to the police and their case was settled between 2010 and 2015.

### *Research design:*

- The different characteristics are analysed separately. It is important to point out that there might be other characteristics than those discussed in this report. There might be other underlying factors. The report does not study causes of victimisation but contributes only with a characterisation of the victims.
- The data used in the report comes from Statistics Denmark.

### *Findings:*

- Victims of rape are worse off than the general population. They are to a higher extent unemployed, fewer have qualifying education or training, more receive welfare benefits and more are in contact with the psychiatric services. Compared to other victims of offences against the person, there are not any obvious differences between them and victims of rape.
- Victims of indecent exposure are worse off than women in the same age group in the general population. A larger share of the victims have a lower educational level, lower income, receive welfare benefits, do not live with a partner and have more frequent contact with the psychiatric services. The victims of indecent exposure are often better off than other victims of offences against the person.

