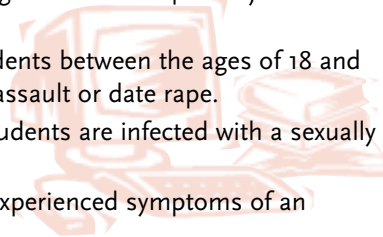


# Facts About:

## Health of College Students

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- ▶ There are approximately 14.5 million college students in the U.S. attending 4,182 colleges and universities.
  - ▶ Approximately 30% of college students do not have health insurance.
  - ▶ 500,000 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are injured under the influence of alcohol annually.
  - ▶ Annually, more than 70,000 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.
  - ▶ Between 20 and 25 percent of college students are infected with a sexually transmitted disease.
  - ▶ More than half of college women have experienced symptoms of an eating disorder.
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- ▶ More than a quarter of college students mistakenly believe oral contraceptives provide protection from sexually transmitted diseases.
- ▶ The use of marijuana among college students increased 22% between 1993 and 1999.
- ▶ Less than 20 percent of college students are immunized against Hepatitis B.
- ▶ Massachusetts and New Jersey require college students to have health insurance.
- ▶ College students without health insurance are less likely to complete their education than those who are insured. Lack of insurance often necessitates leaving school to pay medical bills.
- ▶ More than one-third of college students smoke cigarettes.

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