EXPAND THE CIRCLE
REACH ALL VICTIMS
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Number of Crime Victims Served in Minnesota:

- According to the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs, 32,395 primary victims of general crime received services from nonprofit and government-based crime victim programs in fiscal year 2017.

2016 Office of Justice Programs Minnesota Crime Victimization Survey:

- 37.2% of Minnesotans surveyed reported that they had been a victim of crime in 2016. 10.2% were victims of person (violent) offenses.

- Of respondents who reported victimization in the survey, 38.3% reported repeat victimization and only 29.9% reported the crime(s) to law enforcement.

- 17.4% of survey respondents reported that in the past twelve months someone used or attempted to use their credit cards, debit cards, bank account numbers, or personal checks to make purchases or obtain money without their consent. Of these, 32% stated that it happened more than once, and only 10% made a report to law enforcement.

Milestones for Crime Victims' Rights:

- **1979:** First prosecution-based victim/witness program in Minnesota established by the St. Louis County Attorney's Office.

- **1981:** President Reagan proclaimed the first National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

- **1983:** The Office for Victims of Crime established by the United States Department of Justice.

- **1983:** Minnesota's first law providing comprehensive victims' rights, the Crime Victim Bill of Rights, passed.

- **1984:** The passage of the federal Victims of Crime Act establishes the Crime Victims Fund, which supports state victim assistance programs.

- **1985:** The Minnesota Office of Crime Victims Ombudsman, the first victim rights compliance office in the United States, is established.

- **1994:** The Violence Against Women Act, which authorizes more than $1 billion in funding for victim service programs, becomes law.

- **2002:** First county in Minnesota goes online with VINE, the automated victim notification system.

About the Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC):

- The Minnesota Alliance on Crime, founded in 1993, connects systems, service providers, and victims to advance the response for victims of all crime.

- MAC is a membership coalition of 85 crime victim service organizations in Minnesota, including prosecution-based victim/witness programs, community programs, law enforcement agencies, civil legal organizations, and individuals committed to supporting crime victims.

- MAC supports its membership through training, technical assistance, resources, public policy and legislative initiatives, and networking opportunities.

- In fiscal year 2017, MAC provided training to 689 victim service professionals throughout Minnesota.

- In 2017, MAC established the Minnesota Identity Theft and Cybercrime Information and Resource Network, which brings together partners from community advocacy organizations, victim/witness programs, law enforcement, county prosecutors, public defenders, government agencies, and other organizations/agencies across the state to improve access to supportive services for victims of identity theft and cybercrime.