The sexual assault rate remains the same as 2010
20,300 service members were sexually assaulted in 2014. 76% of male and 56% of female victims were assaulted at least twice, resulting in over 47,000 assaults against service members.¹ 1 in 7 victims were assaulted by someone in their chain of command.

The retaliation rate remains the same as 2012
62% of victims who reported sexual assault still faced retaliation.

Victims don’t trust the system
86% of victims did not report the crime in 2014. 1 in 3 victims still believed that reporting would hurt their career; the process would be unfair; or that nothing would be done. 1 in 4 feared retaliation from their chain of command or coworkers.

Sexual harassment rate is alarmingly high
134,500 service members experienced severe and persistent sexual harassment or career-harming gender discrimination.² 60% of these victims were harassed by someone in their chain of command.

RAND concludes: “At such high rates, sexual harassment... could affect cohesion within military units [and] degrade mission effectiveness.”

Reliance on unscientific survey
The DoD says victims are satisfied based on their Survivor Experience Survey, which even the Pentagon admits is not representative of all active-duty survivors. To the contrary: According to RAND, nearly half of survivors (45%) were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with their treatment by their supervisor or chain of command.

Sexual harassment often mishandled by chain of command
44% of sexual harassment victims were encouraged to drop the issue. 41% said the person to whom they reported took no action.

¹ The majority of victims are assaulted more than once over the course of a year. In 2014, there were 3.57 sexual assaults per 100 active-duty service members, out of a total 1,317,561 members. This translates to 47,000 sexual assaults against active-duty service members in 2014.

² In 2014, 10.21% of the active-duty population experienced sexual harassment or gender discrimination.