



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics –1 January to 31 December 2019

The following data is authorised for release by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and relates to the number of **formal indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Courts** of Fiji by the Director of Public Prosecutions. This media update consolidates data released by the ODPP from 1 January to 31 December 2019.

This data is confined to incidents of serious sexual offences only.

There were 271 people charged with a total of 578 counts of serious sexual offences as of 31 December 2019. Of the 271 accused persons, 37 were juveniles and five were police officers.

The offences were rape (368), attempted rape (17), aiding and abetting rape (1), assault with intent to rape (5), abduction with intent to rape (22), indecent assault (26), defilement (26), attempted defilement (1) and sexual assault (112).

There were 269 victims of whom 183 victims were under the age of 18 years.

All accused persons charged with sexual offences were male however victims of the sexual offences were both male and female comprising of 256 female victims and 13 male victims.

There were 107 offences that occurred in domestic relationships or where the accused was known to the victims.

The youngest accused person was a 13-year-old boy while the youngest victim was a 3-year-old girl.

A total of 44 cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed in 2019.

Refer to the table and graph below for a breakdown of the statistics from *1 January to 31 December 2019*.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics 1 January-31 December 2019

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Aiding and abetting rape	Assault with intent to Rape	Abduction with an intent to Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Attempted defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
January	10	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	15
February	27	5	0	2	1	1	0	0	7	43
March	36	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	20	58
April	34	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	15	57
May	50	2	0	1	4	4	5	0	21	87
June	30	0	0	0	9	1	3	0	2	45
July	36	1	0	0	0	5	6	0	5	53
August	42	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	9	58
September	42	0	0	1	2	8	1	0	16	70
October	20	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	10	36
November	25	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	4	35
December	16	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	21
Total	368	17	1	5	22	26	26	1	112	578

Source: ODPP Fiji



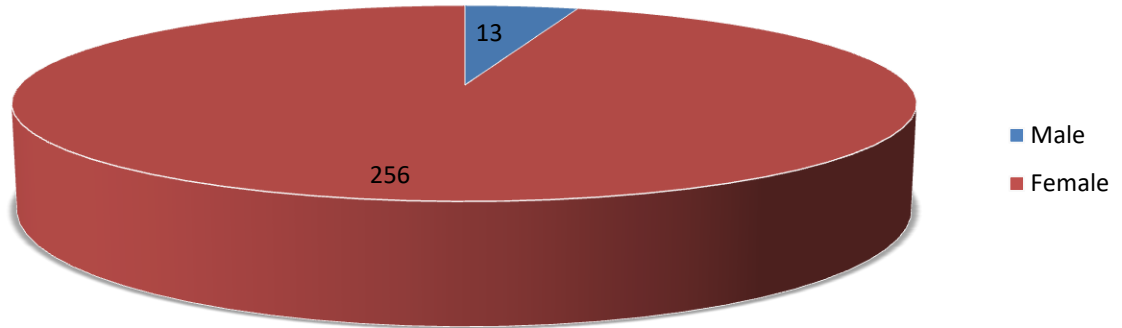
ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics
(Total Offences, Number of Accused and Victims)
1 January - 31 December 2019

	Total Counts	Total Accused	Total Accused U18	Total Accused Police	Total Victims	Total Victims U18	No. of Domestic incidents	No. of Nolle filed
January	15	10	3	0	11	7	5	0
February	43	18	1	0	20	12	8	3
March	58	28	1	0	30	19	15	5
April	57	20	2	2	21	13	4	1
May	87	42	3	0	45	27	18	7
June	45	24	2	1	22	13	10	4
July	53	28	4	0	25	17	6	8
August	58	23	7	1	24	19	10	6
September	70	30	4	0	28	22	15	5
October	36	23	9	0	17	14	7	1
November	35	14	0	0	17	13	5	3
December	21	11	1	1	9	7	4	1
Total	578	271	37	5	269	183	107	44

Source: ODPP Fiji



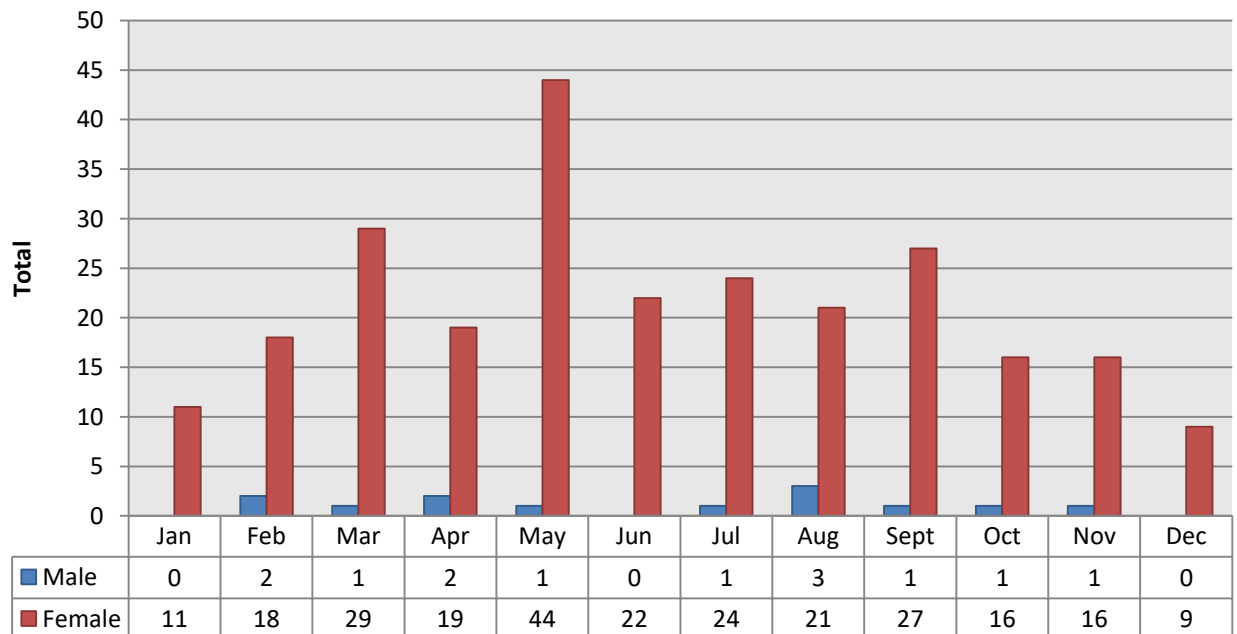
Total Victims based on Gender - 1 January to 31 December 2019



Source: ODPP FIJI



Total Victims based on Gender per month- 1 January to 31 December 2019



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