

ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics –1 January to 31 December 2021

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 2021.

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

There were 203 people charged with a total of 461 counts of serious sexual offences as of 31 December 2021. Of the 203 accused persons, 40 were juveniles and four were police officers.

The offences were rape (331), attempted rape (8), abduction with intent to commit rape (5), abduction of a young person (1), aiding and abetting rape (5), criminal trespass with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (10), defilement (7), and sexual assault (93).

There were 196 victims of whom 136 victims were under the age of 18 years. Of the 196 victims, 182 were female and 14 were male victims

There were 202 accused persons who were male while one accused person was a female.

There were 82 offences that occurred in domestic relationships or where the accused was known to the victims.

The youngest accused person was a 11-year-old boy while the youngest victim was a 3-year-old girl.

A total of 36 cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed in 2021.

Refer to the table and graph below for a breakdown of the statistics from *1 January to 31 December 2021.*

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics 1 January-31 December 2021

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with an intent to commit Rape	Abduction of a young person	Aiding and abetting rape	Criminal trespass with intent to commit rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
January	31	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	8	46
February	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14	48
March	55	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	13	75
April	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	30
Мау	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16
June	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
July	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	13
August	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	14
September	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	12
October	40	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	8	53
November	60	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	16	80
December	41	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	14	60
Total	331	8	5	1	5	1	10	7	93	461

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ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics (Total Offences, Number of Accused and Victims) 1 January - 31 December 2021

	Total Counts	Total Accused	Total Accused U18	Total Accused Police	Total Victims	Total Victims U18	No. of Domestic incidents	No. of Nolle filed			
January	46	28	3	0	29	20	11	8			
February	48	20	2	1	22	16	11	6			
March	75	38	13	0	28	18	14	5			
April	30	12	2	0	14	7	5	3			
May	16	6	1	0	6	4	1	3			
June	14	7	2	0	7	2	3	0			
July	13	5	0	0	5	5	3	0			
August	14	7	2	0	8	5	1	0			
September	12	7	0	0	7	4	3	0			
October	53	26	4	3	25	17	9	6			
November	80	25	5	0	24	20	15	3			
December	60	22	6	0	21	18	6	2			
Total	461	203	40	4	196	136	82	36			

Source: ODPP Fiji



