



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 2022

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

There were 43 people charged with a total of 96 counts of separate incidents in September. The offences were rape (67) attempted rape (1), aiding and abetting rape (12), indecent assault (2), defilement (4) and sexual assault (10).

Of the 43 people charged, 12 were juveniles.

There were 34 victims of whom 25 victims were under the age of 18 years. Of the 34 victims, two were male victims and 32 were female victims.

There were 15 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

There was one incident where two 16-year-old boys and two 17-year-old boys were charged with six counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of an 8-year-old boy from their village. The DPP has sanctioned the charges and the file has been sent to police to charge the suspects.

In another incident, two 14-year-old boys, two 17-year-old boys, two 20-year-old men and one 21-year-old man were charged with two counts of rape and 12 counts of aiding and abetting the rape of a 13-year-old boy from their village. The DPP has sanctioned the charges and the file has been sent to police to charge the suspects.

A 15-year-old boy was charged with four counts of rape of his 15-year-old niece while in another incident a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 7-year-old niece.

In another incident, a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 11-year-old stepsister while in another incident, a 16-year-old was charged with the defilement of his 16-year-old girlfriend.

A 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 4-year-old daughter while in another incident, a 33-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape of his 11-year-old stepdaughter.

A 36-year-old man was charged with 10 counts of rape of his 17-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 29-year-old man was charged with one count of rape of his 16-year-old stepdaughter.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape, one count of sexual assault, one count of indecent assault and one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 15-year-old stepdaughter. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*).**

A 32-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 21-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 31-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 15-year-old niece while in another incident, a 35-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 15-year-old niece.

A 40-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape of his 16-year-old niece.

A 31-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of his 14-year-old stepsister while in another incident a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old sister-in-law.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 22-year-old co-worker.

A 50-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of a 15-year-old girl. The accused person was a friend of the victim's father.

In another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 20-year-old woman while in another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 22-year-old woman who met the accused person at a bus stop.

A 36-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of a 23-year-old woman while in another incident a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 21-year-old woman after a drinking party.

There was one incident where a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape and defilement of a 15-year-old girl while in another incident, a 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old girl.

A 70-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 15-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 14-year-old girl from his village.

Four cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to a false complaint, and inconsistent and insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences September 2022* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics September 2022

	Rape	Attempted rape	Aiding and Abetting rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	67	1	12	2	4	10	96
Total No. of Victims	30	1	1	2	4	8	34*
No. of Victims under 18 years	21	1	1	1	4	7	25*
Total No. of Accused Persons	39	1	7	2	4	11	43*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	11	0	4	1	1	5	12*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	0	0	0	0	1	4*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	14	1	0	2	0	4	15*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	0	1	1*

Source: ODPP Fiji

*** Please note that a number of rape victims as well as victims under the age of 18 years and victims in domestic relationship were also victims of other serious sexual offences. Similarly, a number of accused persons were also charged with more than one offence.**

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