



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics –1 January to 31 December 2023

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 2023.

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

There were 299 people charged with a total of 743 counts of serious sexual offences as of 31 December 2023.

Of the 299 accused persons one was female, 31 were juveniles and four were police officers.

The offences were rape (502), attempted rape (11), abduction with intent to commit rape (5), assault with intent to commit rape (3), aiding and abetting rape (4), pornographic activities involving juvenile (1), indecent assault (43), indecently annoying (2), defilement (20) and sexual assault (152).

There were 282 victims of whom 175 victims were under the age of 18 years. Of the 282 victims, 266 were female and 16 were male victims.

There were 154 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 victims were a 2-year-old boy and a 3-year-old girl.

A total of 47 cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed in 2023.


Refer to the table and graph below for a breakdown of the statistics from *1 January to 31 December 2023*.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January – December 2023

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Assault with intent to commit rape	Aiding and abetting rape	Pornographic activities involving juveniles	Indecent Assault	Indecently annoying	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
January	49	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	23	75
February	42	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	3	13	62
March	30	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	11	48
April	40	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	17	63
May	52	1	1	0	0	0	7	0	11	23	95
June	41	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	7	55
July	51	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	13	69
August	56	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	11	73
September	27	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	11	43
October	33	2	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	12	56
November	44	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	8	60
December	37	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	44
Total	502	11	5	3	4	1	43	2	20	152	743

Source: ODPP Fiji

	ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics (Total Offences, Number of Accused and Victims) 1 January - 31 December 2023							
	Total Counts	Total Accused	Total Accused U18	Total Accused Police	Total Victims	Total Victims U18	No. of Domestic incidents	No. of Nolle filed
January	75	26	4	0	26	22	17	2
February	62	31	6	2	29	18	14	4
March	48	24	2	0	21	14	13	2
April	63	26	3	1	24	12	12	4
May	95	39	1	0	31	20	17	6
June	55	16	0	1	16	10	8	2
July	69	28	1	0	27	19	16	6
August	73	33	4	0	32	19	20	9
September	43	16	3	0	17	11	9	2
October	56	22	5	0	22	14	11	2
November	60	29	0	0	27	11	12	7
December	44	9	2	0	10	5	5	1
Total	743	299	31	4	282	175	154	47
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