



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2026

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.

Cases

There were 12 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 42 counts of sexual offences in January 2026. The counts for sexual offences were; rape (22), indecent assault (6), and sexual assault (14).

Accused and Victims

There were 13 accused persons charged with 42 counts of sexual offences. Of the 13 accused persons, 2 were juveniles.

There were 14 victims of whom 5 victims were under the age of 18 years.

Domestic Incidents

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

A 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old stepdaughter, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 20-year-old de facto partner.

In another incident, a 24-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 18-year-old stepsister, however, a *Nolle Prosequi* was filed to discontinue the matter after the victim could not be located or contacted before and during the trial dates.

Juveniles

A 14-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 10-year-old girl from his village.

A 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old and a 20-year-old woman. The juvenile was also charged with two counts of criminal trespass and one count of indecently annoying a person. ***(NB: The offence of criminal trespass and indecently annoying is recorded separately).***

Other incidents

A 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 6-year-old girl. The accused is known to the victim's family.

There was one incident where a 24-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape, four counts of indecent assault and two counts of sexual assault of a 25-year-old woman and a 51-year-old Chinese nationals. The accused person was their tour guide who had booked him for diving and snorkelling services during their visit to Fiji.

In another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape, sexual assault and indecent assault of a 17-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be contacted or located before and during trial.

A 57-year-old man was charged with eight counts of sexual assault of a 38-year-old woman, however, the matter was discontinued after the death of the victim (unrelated to the assault).

Nolle Prosequi

A total of five cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence, death of the victim and after the victims could not be located or contacted.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2026* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2026

	Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	22	6	0	14	42
Total No. of Victims	14	3	0	5	14*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	1	0	1	5*
Total No. of Accused Persons	13	2	0	4	13*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	0	0	1	3*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	1	0	2	5*
No. of False Complaints	0	0	0	0	0

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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