



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 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 14 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 43 counts of sexual offences in May 2026.

Counts of offences

There were 28 counts rape, two counts of attempted rape and 13 counts of sexual assault.

Accused and Victims

There were 14 accused persons charged with 43 counts of sexual offences.

There were 14 victims of whom nine victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 7 female victims and two male victims.

Domestic Incidents

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

An 81-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 12-year-old granddaughter.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with nine counts of rape of his 14-year-old stepdaughter. The alleged incident started when the victim was 8-years-old in 2020. The victim is pregnant as a result of the alleged abuse.

A 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 11-year-old niece while in another incident, a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape and four counts of sexual assault of his 13-year-old niece.

A 23-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 14-year-old niece, while in another incident, a 24-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape of his 28-year-old sister-in-law.

A 34-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 14-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 38-year-old was charged with the rape of his 32-year-old cousin.

Other incidents

There was one incident where a 70-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape and three counts of sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl. The accused is known to the family as he was working with the victim's family at the time of the offence.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 23-year-old US national (a work colleague) after a drinking session in 2025.

Nolle Prosequi

Two cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence, and after the victim admitted to making a false complaint.

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

NB: In light of the increasing number of sexual offences recorded each month, the ODPP urges parents and guardians to remain actively aware of their children's surroundings and to ensure children are left only in safe spaces under the care of trusted and responsible individuals. The ODPP also urges all members of the public to remain alert, maintain situational awareness, and prioritise personal safety when attending social events.



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	Rape	Attempted rape	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	28	2	0	13	43
Total No. of Victims	12	2	0	7	14*
No. of Victims under 18 years	9	0	0	7	9*
Total No. of Accused Persons	12	2	0	7	14*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	8	1	0	7	9*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	1	0	0	2
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	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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