



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 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 21 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 39 counts of sexual offences in September 2026.

Counts of offences

There were 27 counts rape, one count of attempted rape, one count of defilement, five counts of indecent assault and five counts of sexual assault.

Accused and Victims

There were 22 accused persons charged with 39 counts of sexual offences. Of the 22 accused persons, five were juveniles.

There were 22 victims of whom 11 victims were under the age of 18 years. There was 21 female victims and one male victim.

Domestic Incidents

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

A 67-year-old man was charged with one count of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 9-year-old granddaughter while in another incident, a 63-year-old man was charged with one count of rape and one count of indecent assault of his 9-year-old granddaughter.

A 19-year-old man was charged with the two counts of rape and one count of indecent assault of his 7-year-old sister, while in another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 33-year-old stepsister.

In another incident where a 40-year-old man who was charged with two counts of rape, one count of indecent assault and one count of sexual assault of his 17-year-old cousin.

A 23-year-old man was charged with one count of rape of his 17-year-old cousin, however, this matter was discontinued due to a false complaint.

There were three cases of marital rape. A 35-year-old man was charged with one count of rape of his 31-year-old wife, while in another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with one count of rape of his 32-year-old wife.

In another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with one count of rape and one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 30-year-old wife. ***(NB: The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately).***

Juveniles

A 13-year-old boy was charged with one count of rape of an 11-year-old girl from his village.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the two counts of rape of a 5-year-old girl from his village.

There was one incident where three juveniles were charged with the rape, attempted rape and indecent assault of another boy from their village, however, charges against one of the juvenile was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

Other incidents

A 27-year-old man was charged with one count of rape a 10-year-old girl. The accused is also charged with one count of criminal trespass. ***(NB: The offence of criminal trespass is recorded separately).***

In another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with one count of defilement of a 14-year-old girl from his village.

Nolle Prosequi

Five cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence and a false complaint.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics September 2026

	Rape	Attempted rape	Defilement	Indecent assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	27	1	1	5	5	39
Total No. of Victims	20	1	1	5	5	21*
No. of Victims under 18 years	9	1	1	4	2	11*
Total No. of Accused Persons	20	1	1	5	5	22*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	5	1	0	1	0	5*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	9	0	0	3	2	9*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	0	0	1	2	5*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	0	1

*** 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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