

REQUEST

I would like to know how many reports of rape and sexual assault were made over the last five years. I would like these broken down for 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 so far. I would also like the figures provided separately for rape and sexual assault.

Offence	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Rape	1573	2310	2604	2922	3139	1102	13650
Sexual Assault	1969	2378	2547	2695	2581	837	13007
Total	3542	4688	5151	5617	5720	1939	26657

I would also like to know how many successful convictions there were following reports or rape and sexual assault during the same period. Could these again be broken down for the same years? Could reasons also be provided in cases where there was not a successful conviction, such as no further action taken, lack of evidence etc?

Rape Outcomes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	489	738	905	1104	1092	288	4616
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Investigated as far as possible – Case closed pending further investigative opportunities	228	477	560	717	868	327	3177
Named Suspect identified: victim support but evidential difficulties prevent further action	478	661	624	518	448	66	2795
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – No Named suspect: Crime confirmed but victim declined / unable to support further investigation to identify offender.	97	150	264	296	247	64	1118
Unknown	13	26	78	139	398	335	989
Charge/summons	180	119	51	56	39	18	463
Postal Charge	39	51	46	39	10		185

Further action resulting from crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	20	29	26	20	21	2	118
Named Suspect identified: Further investigation to support formal action being taken against the suspect not in the public interest (police)	1	20	11	8	6		46
The Offender has Died	9	13	10	5	1	1	39
Charge/summons with Alternative Offence	7	7	4	2	1		21
Non Crime Closure			3	8	4		15
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but below the age of criminal responsibility	4	3	3	2	2	1	15
Postal Charge with Alternative Offence		4	7	2	1		14
Prosecution not in public interest (CPS)	3	6	3	2			14
Formal action against the offender not in public interest (Police)		2	3	1			6
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified, victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence	3	2			1		6
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified, too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	2	1	1	1			5
Caution – YOUTH (inc Conditional Caution)			2	2			4
Community Resolution			3				3
Youth Caution (inc Conditional Caution) with Alternative Offence		1					1
Total	1573	2310	2604	2922	3139	1102	13650

Sexual Assault Outcomes	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action; victim does not support (or has withdrawn support from) police action	478	594	709	812	866	194	3653

Named Suspect identified: victim support but evidential difficulties prevent further action	454	612	619	645	554	134	3018
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified. Investigated as far as possible – Case closed pending further investigative opportunities	449	559	587	647	576	153	2971
Unknown	7	11	31	76	204	289	618
Evidential Difficulties Victim Based – No Named suspect: Crime confirmed but victim declined / unable to support further investigation to identify offender.	64	78	125	148	126	26	567
Charge/summons	211	131	84	76	41	4	547
Further action resulting from crime report will be undertaken by another body or agency	83	89	73	90	130	34	499
Postal Charge	100	96	80	63	38	2	379
Named Suspect identified: Further investigation to support formal action being taken against the suspect not in the public interest (police)	4	41	78	42	8		173
Community Resolution	30	36	45	21	8		140
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified, too ill (physical or mental health) to prosecute	21	30	28	23	12	1	115
Caution – ADULT (inc Conditional Caution)	19	27	16	7	2		71
The Offender has Died	14	34	12	2	6		68
Formal action against the offender not in public interest (Police)	7	15	16	11	1		50
Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified but below the age of criminal responsibility	3	6	23	5	5		42
Charge/summons with Alternative Offence	12	10	9	6	2		39
Caution – YOUTH (inc Conditional Caution)	5	3	3	11	1		23
Postal Charge with Alternative Offence	3	2	4	3	1		13
Prosecution not in public interest (CPS)	5	2	1	4			12
Adult Caution (inc Conditional Caution) with Alternative Offence			2	1			3
Non Crime Closure		1		1			2

Prosecution prevented – Named suspect identified, victim or key witness is dead or too ill to give evidence			1	1			2
Youth Caution (inc Conditional Caution) with Alternative Offence		1	1				2
Total	1969	2378	2547	2695	2581	837	13007

