

# RAPE

## DEFINITION

For 2014, the Rape definition has been redefined by the FBI in the Uniform Crime Reporting program as:

“Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.”

This redefinition will cause an increase in the number of Rapes to be reported in 2014. Statistics reported in this crime category include assaults to commit rape; however, statutory rape (rape against a female under the age of consent) is excluded.

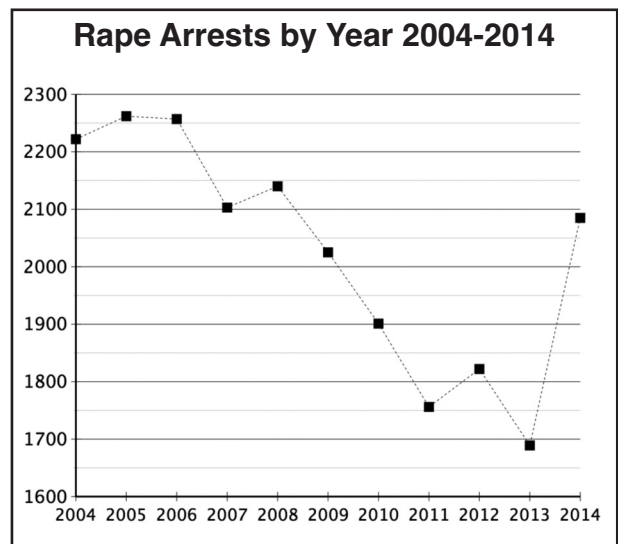
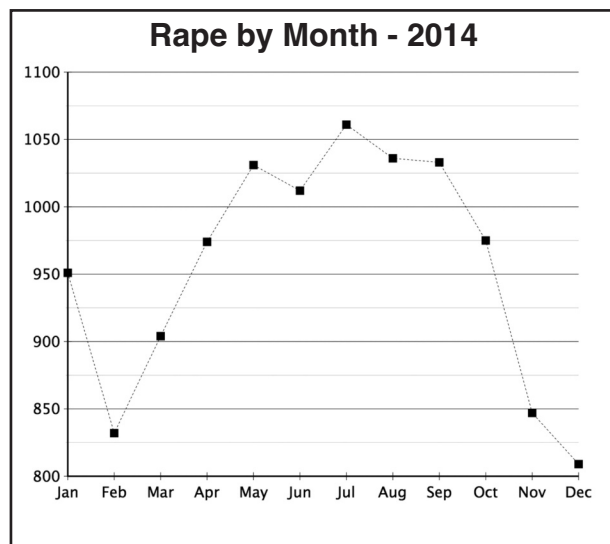
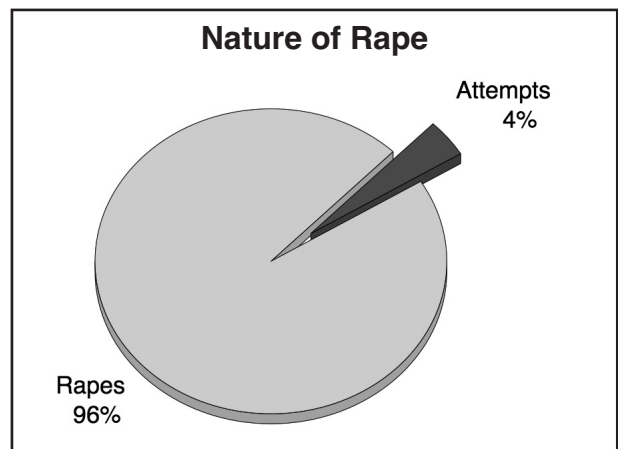
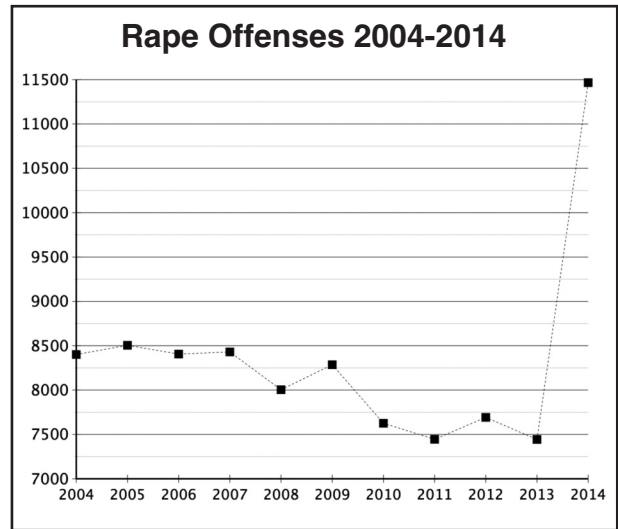
## ANALYSIS

### Volume

The reported number of rapes committed in Texas in 2014 was 11,466. This represented an increase of 54.1 percent in the number of rapes when compared to 2013. More rapes were committed in Texas in July than in any other month, while the fewest rapes were committed during December. Property loss during the commission of rape amounted to \$181,392.

### Rate

The rape rate for Texas in 2014 was 42.6 rapes for every 100,000 persons. This is an increase of 51.6 percent from 2013.



**Clearance Rate**

Statewide, Texas law enforcement agencies continue to be successful in clearing 34.3 percent of all rapes that were reported. With the attempts to commit rape, 36.6 percent were cleared.

**Nature**

Rape differs from other violent crimes because, in many cases, the victim is hesitant to report the offense to police. The rigors of court procedures, embarrassment and fear of any accompanying stigma exert a deterrent effect upon the victim’s willingness to contact the police. The presence of prior relationship between the victim and offender may make the determination of force difficult to establish, while the usual clandestine nature of this crime presents a problem in verification. As attitudes towards the reporting of rape change, trends in the number of reported offenses can be expected to change accordingly.

Of all reported rapes during 2014, 4 percent were attempts to commit rape.

**Persons Arrested**

When compared with 2013, the number of persons arrested for rape increased 23.4 percent to 2,085. Of the rape arrestees in 2014, 14 percent were juveniles (16 and under) and the remainder were adults; 95 percent were male; 75.8 percent were White, 23.7 percent were Black, and the remaining 0.5 percent were American Indian/Alaskan Native or Asian; 58 percent were not Hispanic and 42 percent were Hispanic. The 15 to 19 age group had the highest number of arrests.

