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In response to a growing concern about sexual assault incidents, the 80th Texas Legislative Session passed House Bill 76. The Bill requires that Texas DPS establish guidelines and collect, as part of the UCR Program, data about incidents that contain specific sexual assault offenses. Sexual Assault crime data collection began in calendar year 2008. Special consideration had to be taken to disseminate the data collection guidelines for Sexual Assault reporting due to the nature of the difference between UCR offense definitions and Texas penal code definitions. In the Texas UCR program, rape is the only offense collected under the crime index. Since there is greater variance in the offenses collected in the compilation of Sexual Assault data, this data collection should in no way be compared to the statistics maintained in the National UCR program.

## ANALYSIS

### Volume

In 2018, the total number of sexual assault incidents reported in Texas was 19,816. This represented a 9.4% increase when compared to 2017. These incidents involved 20,592 victims (up 9.8% from 2017) and 20,532 offenders (up 9.4% from 2017).

2018 Sexual Assault Quick Stats			
	2018	2017	% Change
Number of Incidents	19,816	18,112	9.4%
Number of Victims	20,592	18,750	9.8%
Number of Offenders	20,532	18,774	9.4%

### Victim's Relationship

The most significant number of sexual assault victims (in relation to the offender) were: female acquaintances (17.6%), other female family members (11.7%), female friends (7.9%), girlfriends (7.1%), female strangers (7.1%),

unknown females (6.7%), otherwise known females (6.8%), daughters (5.6%), and stepdaughters (5.1%). Most sexual assault victims were non-family members (54.4%), while 45.6% of victims were related to the offender.

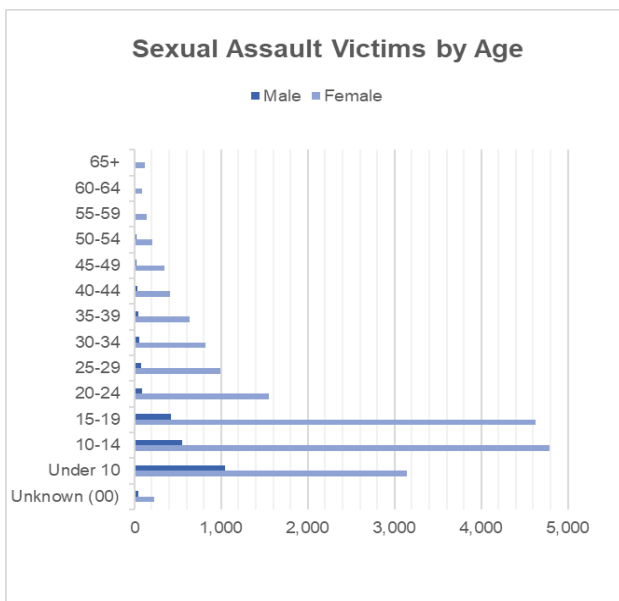
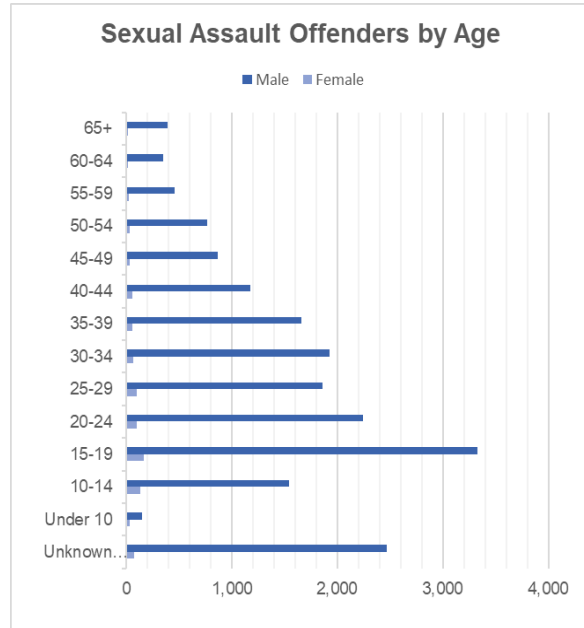
Relationship of Victim to Offender <sup>1</sup>			
Type	Group %	Relationship of Victim	Total %
Romantic	11.2%	Husband	0.0%
		Wife	2.0%
		Common-Law Husband	0.0%
		Common-Law Wife	0.6%
		Ex-Husband	0.0%
		Ex-Wife	0.6%
		Boyfriend	0.2%
		Girlfriend	7.1%
		Homosexual Male	0.1%
Homosexual Female	0.1%		
Parental/Child	14.6%	Father	0.0%
		Mother	0.2%
		Son	0.9%
		Daughter	5.6%
		Stepfather	0.0%
		Stepmother	0.3%
		Stepson	0.4%
		Stepdaughter	5.1%
		Grandfather	0.0%
		Grandmother	0.1%
		Grandson	0.3%
Granddaughter	2.2%		
Other Family	19.4%	Brother	0.9%
		Sister	2.9%
		Stepbrother	0.3%
		Stepsister	1.1%
		Male In-Law	0.0%
		Female In-Law	0.3%
		Other Male Family Member	2.4%
		Other Female Family Member	11.7%
Other	54.7%	Friend-Male	0.9%
		Friend-Female	7.9%
		Acquaintance-Male	2.0%
		Acquaintance-Female	17.6%
		Neighbor (Male & Female)	1.2%
		Babysittee	0.6%
		Employer	0.2%
		Employee	0.4%
		Otherwise Known-Male	1.2%
		Otherwise Known-Female	6.8%
		Stranger-Male	0.9%
		Stranger-Female	7.1%
		Unknown-Male	0.9%
Unknown-Female	6.7%		

<sup>1</sup>All percentages rounded to the nearest tenth and every percentage below 0.1% are displayed as 0.0%. Please be advised that due to rounding protocol, some graphs may reflect percentages that are slightly greater than or less than 100% when totaled.

**Victims**

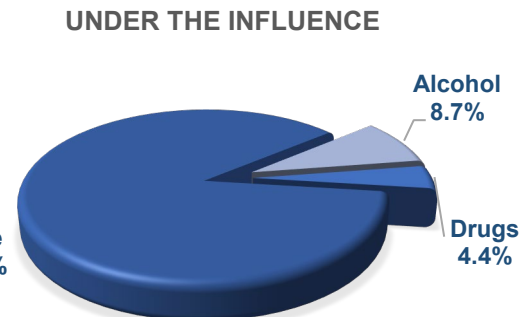
Incidents of sexual assault in 2018 involved 20,592 victims. Of the victims whose sex was known, 11.9% were male and 88.1% were female. The age group with the highest number of victims was the 10 to 14 year-old bracket.

Of the victims whose ethnicity was known, 43.2% were Hispanic and 56.8% were not Hispanic. For the victims whose race was known, 81.8% were White, 17.1% were Black, and 1.2% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. An examination of victims by race finds that 88.2% of White victims were female; 87.2% of Black victims were female; 88.2% of American Indian/Alaskan Native victims were female; and 89.3% of Asian or Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander victims were female.



**Under the Influence**

Included in the sexual assault data collection is the determination of whether or not the offender was under the influence of mind-altering substances at the time of the incident. In 86.9% of the incidents, it was reported that neither drugs nor alcohol was involved. Alcohol was involved in 8.7% of the incidents and drugs were involved in 4.4% of the reported incidents.



**Offenders**

In 2018, 20,532 offenders were involved in incidents of sexual assault. Of the offenders whose sex was known, 95.6% were male and 4.4% were female. The age group showing the highest number of offenders was the 15-to-19 year- old bracket.

Of the offenders whose ethnicity was known, 44.7% were Hispanic and 55.3% were not Hispanic. Of the offenders whose race was known, 77% were White, 22.2% were Black, and 1.3% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander. An examination of offenders by race finds that 95.7% of White offenders were male; 95.3% of Black offenders were male; 93.3% of American Indian/Alaskan Native offenders were male; and 94.4% of Asian or Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander offenders were male.

## Offenses

Offense information in the sexual assault data collection program is collected according to Texas Penal codes. Offense information is collected on six sexual assault categories: Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child, Indecency with a Child by Contact, Indecency with a Child by Exposure, Sexual Assault, Aggravated Sexual Assault and Sexual Performance by a Child. Complete offense definitions are available in the Appendix to this publication.

Of these six offenses, Sexual Assault accounted for 52.8% of all offenses reported.

Sexual Assault Offenses	
Offense	%
Section 21.02 Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Children	2.3%
Section 21.11(a)(1) Indecency with a Child by Contact	21.8%
Section 21.11(a)(2) Indecency with a Child by Exposure	3.9%
Section 22.011 Sexual Assault	52.8%
Section 22.021 Aggravated Sexual Assault	18.4%
Section 43.25 Sexual Performance by a Child	0.8%

## Weapons

The most common weapon involved in sexual assault cases was physical force through the use of personal weapons, which accounted for 89.6% of the incidents.

Sexual Assault Weapons		
Weapon	Volume	%
Asphyxiation	49	0.2%
Blunt Object	129	0.6%
Drugs	435	2.0%
Firearm	208	0.9%
Knife/ Cutting Instrument	165	0.7%
Personal	19,823	89.6%
Other	1,319	6.0%

## Location

In 2018, sexual assaults occurred most frequently in residences and homes. Other/Unknown was the second most common location reported.

Sexual Assault Locations <sup>1</sup>		
Locations	Volume	%
Bar/Night Club	97	0.4%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	60	0.3%
Commercial/Office Building	185	0.9%
Construction Site	6	0.0%
Convenience Store	44	0.2%
Drug Store/Dr's Office/Hospital	176	0.8%
Field/Woods	268	1.2%
Government/Public Building	47	0.2%
Highway/Road/Alley	710	3.3%
Hotel/Motel	657	3.0%
Jail/Prison	87	0.4%
Lake/Waterway	49	0.2%
Parking Lot/Garage	506	2.3%
Residence/Home	16,015	73.9%
School/College	718	3.3%
Other/Unknown	2,041	9.4%

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