Sexual Assault Incident Data

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

In 2007, Texas House Bill 76\(^1\) was passed, requiring the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to collect information about sexual assault incidents (SAI) reported to law enforcement. SAI data includes victim and perpetrator demographics as well as additional details about an assault, such as use of a weapon or location. Published annually by DPS in the Crime in Texas report,\(^2\) SAI data are a valuable resource for understanding the characteristics of sexual assaults reported to law enforcement.

SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT OFFENSES AND REPORTING

The Six Offenses Included in SAI Data

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<th>SAI Offense</th>
<th>Counts, 2014-2018</th>
<th>Percent of Total SAI</th>
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<td>Section 21.02 Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Children</td>
<td>3,672</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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<td>Section 21.11(a)(1) Indecency With a Child by Contact</td>
<td>25,203</td>
<td>21.3%</td>
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<td>Section 21.11(a)(2) Indecency With a Child by Exposure</td>
<td>4,689</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
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<td>Section 22.011 Sexual Assault</td>
<td>57,946</td>
<td>49.1%</td>
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<td>Section 22.021 Aggravated Sexual Assault</td>
<td>25,344</td>
<td>21.5%</td>
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<td>Section 43.25 Sexual Performance by a Child</td>
<td>1,248</td>
<td>1.1%</td>
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SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR DATA \(^3\)

Sexual Assault Victim by Gender of Perpetrator, 2014–2018

Sexual Assault Victim Relationship to Perpetrator, 2014–2018

3. All percentages rounded to the nearest tenth. Due to rounding, graphs may total slightly more or less than 100%.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT EVENT DATA

Weapon Usage During Sexual Assault, 2014–2018

Data show that:
- 9.7% of reported incidents involved alcohol.
- Alcohol was involved in 10.5% of reported incidents against female victims.
- 5% of reported incidents involved drugs.
- Drugs were involved in 2.7% of reported incidents against male victims.

METHODS
Data included in this document are from SAI reports received by the DPS between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2018. Data sets were cleaned and then merged where appropriate. Additional variables were calculated, tables and explanatory text were created, and data were examined for patterns and trends over time.

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4 The data contained in this brief may not correlate with data from the National Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program due to differences between UCR, Summary Reporting System (SRS), and the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) methodologies and state-mandated reporting guidelines and conversions.

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