

# Sexual Assault Incident Data

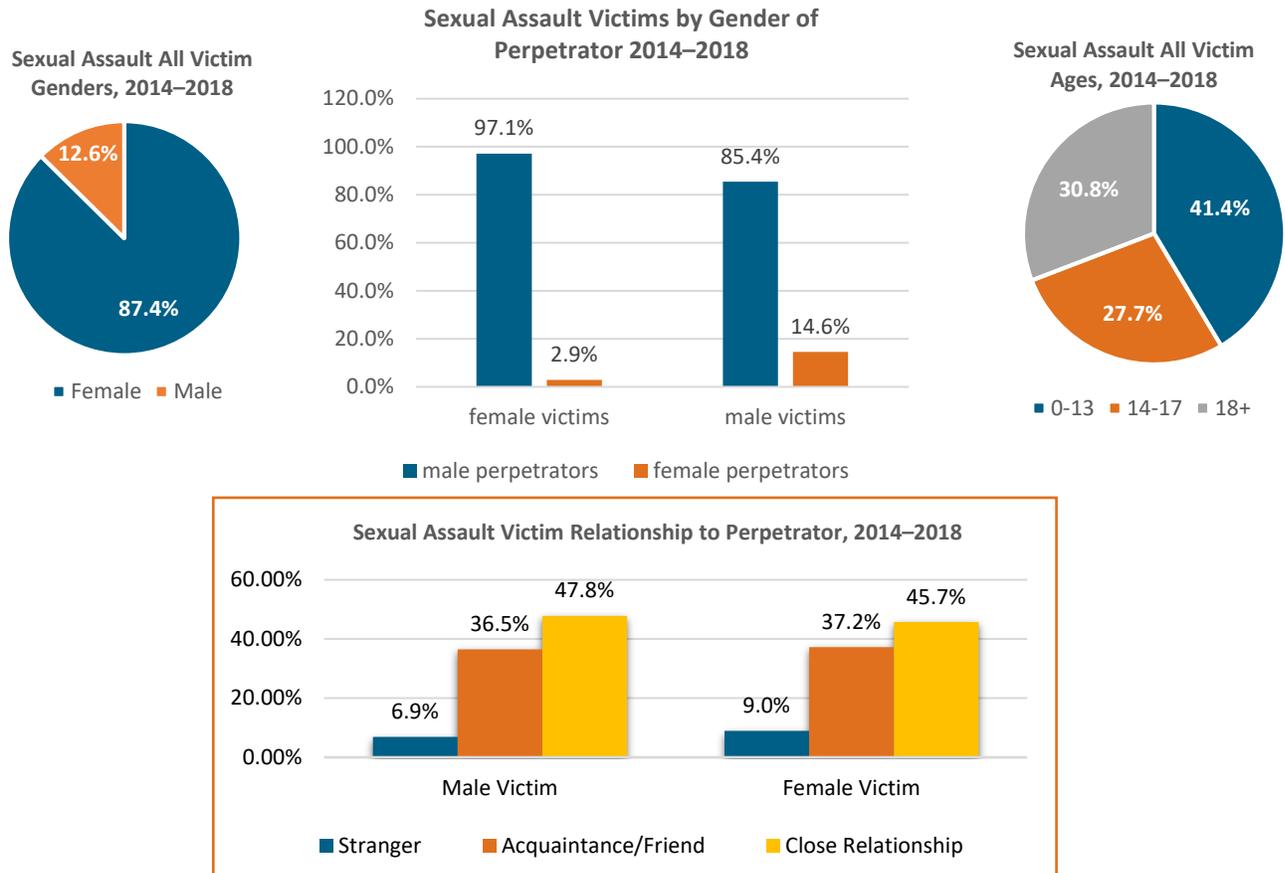
## HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

In 2007, Texas House Bill 76<sup>1</sup> 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,<sup>2</sup> 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		SAI Offense Counts, 2014-2018	Percent of Total SAI
Section 21.02	Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Children	3,672	3.1%
Section 21.11(a)(1)	Indecency With a Child by Contact	25,203	21.3%
Section 21.11(a)(2)	Indecency With a Child by Exposure	4,689	4.0%
Section 22.011	Sexual Assault	57,946	49.1%
Section 22.021	Aggravated Sexual Assault	25,344	21.5%
Section 43.25	Sexual Performance by a Child	1,248	1.1%

## SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM AND PERPETRATOR DATA<sup>3</sup>

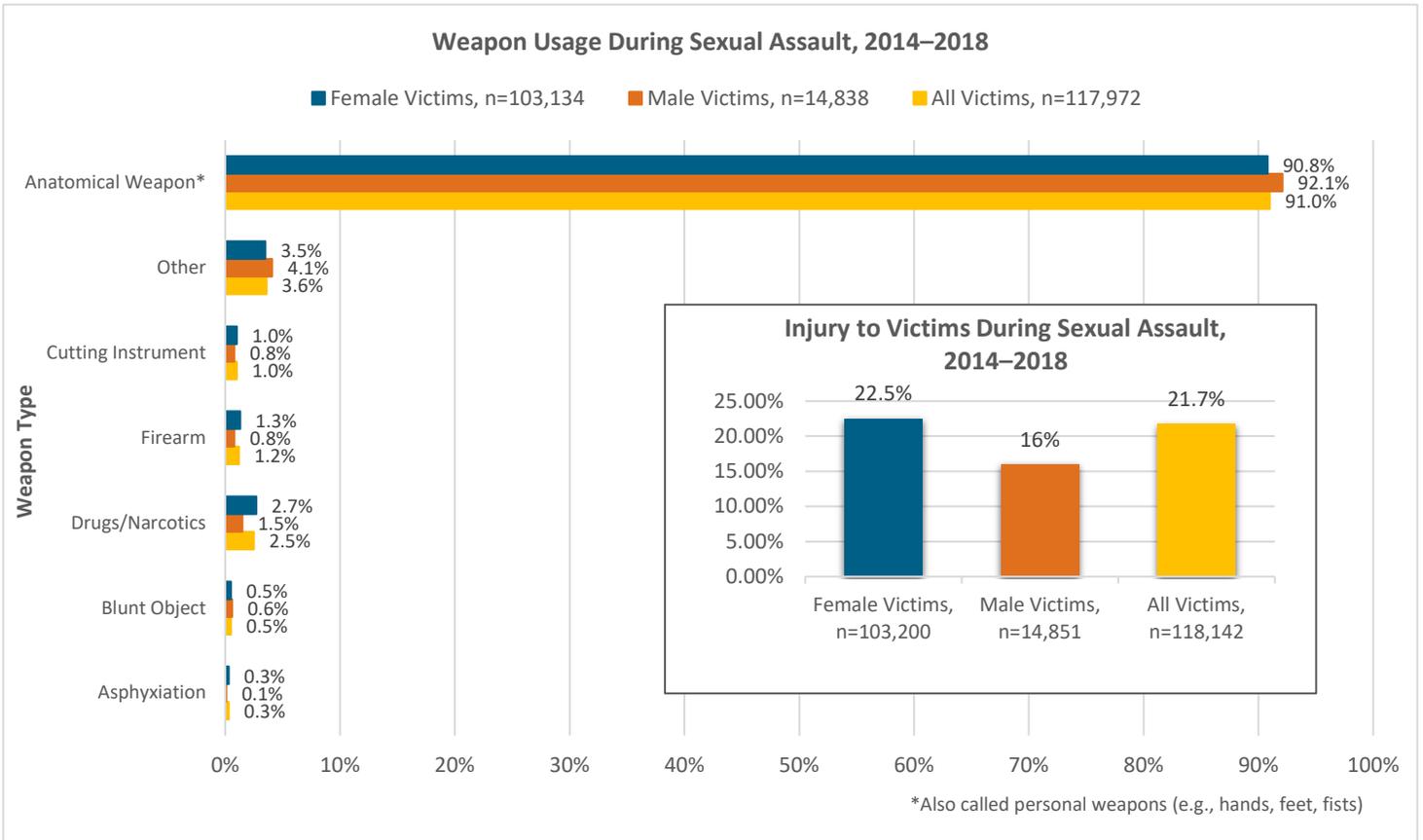


<sup>1</sup> H.B. 76, 80th Texas Legislature, 2007 Reg. Session. (2007). <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/80R/billtext/pdf/HB00076F.pdf#navpanes=0>

<sup>2</sup> Texas Department of Public Safety. (2019). *Crime in Texas 2019*. <https://www.dps.texas.gov/crimereports/19/cit2019.pdf>

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

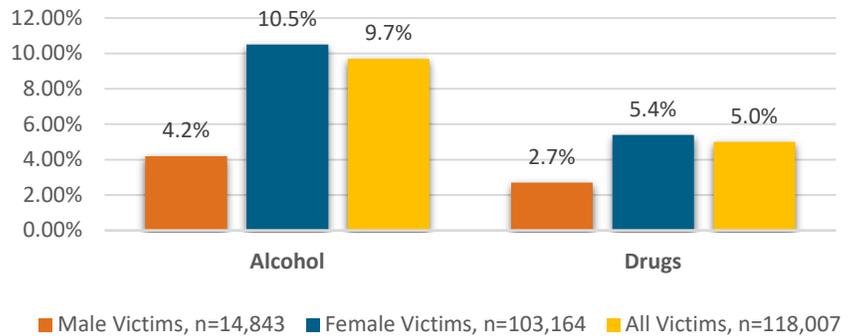
**SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENT EVENT DATA<sup>4</sup>**



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.

**Sexual Assault Involving Substance Use, 2014–2018**



**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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<sup>4</sup> 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.