

# Get all the Facts

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- There were more police-reported sexual assaults in 2017 than in any year since 1998 among criminal incidents founded by police.
- According to police-reported data, there were 23,834 victims of founded sexual assaults (level 1, 2 and 3 combined) in 2017 (65.5 victims of sexual assault per 100,000 population). This was a 13% increase from the previous year (58.0 per 100,000 population).
- The average rate of sexual assault was slightly higher in rural Canada, both before (19.2 versus 14.0 per 100,000 population) and after #MeToo (21.5 versus 17.8).
- The vast majority of victims of police-reported sexual assault were women or girls (89%).
- In the last three months of 2017, 6,043 women and girls were victims of sexual assault, 25% more than the average quarter pre-#MeToo (4,840) according to police-reports.
- There was also a 25% increase in the number of male victims post-#MeToo (723 compared with 578).
- Nearly all persons accused of sexual assault in 2016 or 2017 were male (97% before #MeToo, and 96% after).

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54979-eng.htm>

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