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2018 FELONY LEVEL SEX OFFENSES

Program Overview

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) is tasked with collecting information on felony level sex offenses reported to state and local law enforcement agencies, as defined by Alaska Statute (AS) 12.63.100, and as required by AS 12.62.130. This is a required reporting program for state and local law enforcement agencies and is in addition to the requirements for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR).

The Felony Sex Offense (FSO) database is a repository maintained by DPS for state and local law enforcement agencies to record reports of felony level sex offenses within their jurisdiction based on State of Alaska statutes. Data elements collected include victim and suspect demographics, victim/suspect relationships, offense location, weapon type used, and the associated statute violation.

Caution should be exercised in comparing data between Felony Sex Offense statistics, Uniform Crime Reporting, and the Alaska Victimization Survey; they are separate data collection efforts with different methodologies in aggregating incidents, offenses, and victims.

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a nationwide cooperative effort by federal, state, city, county and tribal law enforcement agencies to report data on crimes reported in their jurisdiction. The national program is managed and maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Since June of 1982, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has administered the UCR Program for the State of Alaska. The current UCR program data collection methodology is focused on the number of times a person is victimized, while the FSO program focus is to collect information about an incident. For example, a person sexually assaulted multiple times by a single offender would likely result in multiple rape offenses reported to the UCR program, but the same situation would be reported in the FSO database as one incident with a single victim and multiple statute violations reported. Additionally, the FSO database can capture data elements for each reported sex offense not currently captured through the UCR program such as victim and suspect demographic information, victim and suspect relationship information, weapon type, and location of the assault. Noting this difference in data collection methodology, the most recent UCR figures reported in the 2018 Crime in Alaska publication show a 10.7% percent increase in rape offenses reported to law enforcement from 2017 to 2018.

In 2009, the Alaska Senate Judiciary Committee tasked the legislature to fund a victimization survey to determine the rate of both reported and unreported sexual assaults in Alaska. The Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS) is conducted by the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center, with oversight by the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA), a council within DPS. The survey is modeled after the national survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The AVS is comprised of a telephone survey of adult women aged 18 and over; the UCR program and the FSO database collect all offense and incident information reported to law enforcement. Noting this difference in data collection methodology, the most recent AVS results from 2015 show a decline in intimate partner and sexual violence since 2010.

It is important to note the incidents reported to the FSO program were documented at the initial reporting stage of the investigation by law enforcement. Agencies are instructed to report information when a felony level sex offense becomes known to law enforcement. The FSO database is not intended to track the life cycle of an incident—it is to provide insight into the volume and type of sex offenses being reported to law enforcement.

Additionally, some data elements of a reportable incident are optional; not all incidents include location, weapon, relationship, or victim/suspect demographics. A single incident may also involve multiple victims or offenders, as well as multiple statute violations.

This is the fourth year that findings from this database have been published.
FELONY SEX OFFENSE FINDINGS
2018 Statewide Summary

Not all reported incidents included victim demographics. Some incidents involve multiple victims and/or multiple suspects.

In 2015, the Anchorage Police Department reported only the number of incidents with the corresponding statute violation and did not include victim, suspect, location, relationship, or weapon data.

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<td>1475</td>
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<td>648²</td>
<td>1181</td>
<td>1498</td>
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<td>Suspects Reported¹</td>
<td>691²</td>
<td>1007</td>
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Quick Facts

> Reports of felony level sex offense incidents increased 19.5% in 2018 compared to 2017, and the number of reported victims increased 23.5%.

> The region of Western Alaska reported the highest rate of felony level sex offense incidents statewide, while Southeast Alaska reported the lowest rate.

> Over 55% of all reported victims were juveniles.

> Victims under the age of 11 most often reported being assaulted by a parent.

> Alaska Native females were reported to have the highest victimization rate of any gender or racial group, comprising 43.7% of all reported victims.

> The median age of female victims was 17, while the most common age was 15.

> The median age of male victims was 12, while the most common age was 4.

> In the reported relationships between the victims and suspects, less than 7% identified the suspect as a stranger. With victims under 11 years old, less than 2% of the relationships involved a stranger.

¹ Not all reported incidents included victim demographics. Some incidents involve multiple victims and/or multiple suspects.
² In 2015, the Anchorage Police Department reported only the number of incidents with the corresponding statute violation and did not include victim, suspect, location, relationship, or weapon data.
FELONY SEX OFFENSES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Northern Alaska

2018 Population (123,147) Includes:
- Denali Borough
- Fairbanks North Star Borough
- North Slope Borough
- Southeast Fairbanks Census Area
- Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area

Reporting Agencies
- Alaska State Troopers D Detachment (servicing Utqiaġvik, Cantwell, Delta Junction, Fairbanks, Galena, Healy, Nenana, Northway, Tok)
- Fairbanks Airport Police Department
- Fairbanks Police Department
- North Pole Police Department
- North Slope Borough Police Department
- University of Alaska Fairbanks Police Department

Rate Per 100,000 Population of Felony Level Sex Offenses:

Northern Alaska: Race of Victims

Most Common Victim Age: 21
Most Common Suspect Age: 15

Most Common Victim Age: Asian 1, Black 8, Unknown Race 11, White 63, Alaska Native 86

Most Common Suspect Age: 2018 50.0, 2017 45.0, 2016 40.0, 2015 35.0
Western Alaska

Population (74,245) Includes:
- Aleutians East Borough
- Aleutians West Census Area
- Bethel Census Area
- Bristol Bay Borough
- Dillingham Census Area
- Kodiak Island Borough
- Kusilvak Census Area
- Lake and Peninsula Borough
- Nome Census Area
- Northwest Arctic Borough

Reporting Agencies:
- Alaska State Troopers C Detachment (servicing Aniak, Bethel, Dillingham, Emmonak, Iliamna, King Salmon, Kodiak, Kotzebue, McGrath, Nome, St. Mary’s, Selawik, Unalakleet)
- Bethel Police Department
- Bristol Bay Borough Police Department
- Dillingham Police Department
- Kodiak Police Department
- Kotzebue Police Department
- Nome Police Department
- Unalaska Police Department

Western Alaska: Race of Victims

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<td>Alaska Native</td>
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Rates Per 100,000 Population of Felony Level Sex Offenses:

- Western Alaska
- Statewide
FEELONY SEX OFFENSES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA
Southcentral Alaska

Population (175,307) Includes:
- Kenai Peninsula Borough
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- Valdez-Cordova Census Area

Reporting Agencies:
- Alaska State Troopers E Detachment (servicing Anchor Point, Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, Seward, Soldotna)
- Alaska State Troopers B Detachment (servicing Glennallen, Palmer, Mat-Su West)
- Cordova Police Department
- Homer Police Department
- Kenai Police Department
- Palmer Police Department
- Seward Police Department
- Soldotna Police Department
- Valdez Police Department
- Wasilla Police Department

Rates Per 100,000 Population of Felony Level Sex Offenses:

Southcentral: Race of Victims

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<th>Count</th>
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<td>102</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>133</td>
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Most Common Victim Age: 16
Most Common Suspect Age: 15

Most Common Victim Age: 16
Most Common Suspect Age: 15
**FELONY SEX OFFENSES BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA**

**Southeast Alaska**

Population (73,201) Includes:
- Haines Borough
- Hoonah-Angoon Census Area
- Juneau City and Borough
- Ketchikan Gateway Borough
- Petersburg Borough
- Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area
- Sitka City and Borough
- Skagway Municipality
- Wrangell City and Borough
- Yakutat City and Borough

**Reporting Agencies:**
- Alaska State Troopers A Detachment (servicing Haines, Juneau, Klawock, Ketchikan, Petersburg)
- Craig Police Department
- Haines Police Department
- Juneau Police Department
- Ketchikan Police Department
- Petersburg Police Department
- Sitka Police Department
- Skagway Police Department
- Wrangell Police Department

**Southeast: Race of Victims**

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<td>Unknown Race</td>
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<tr>
<td>Alaska Native</td>
<td>29</td>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>39</td>
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**Rates Per 100,000 Population of Felony Level Sex Offenses:**
Population (291,538) Includes:
- Anchorage Municipality

Reporting Agencies:
- Anchorage Airport Police & Fire Department
- Anchorage Police Department
- University of Alaska Anchorage Police Department

Rates Per 100,000 Population of Felony Level Sex Offenses:

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3 The population of Girdwood, Eagle River, and Chugiak is included in the total population of the Anchorage Municipality. The Girdwood area is serviced by Whittier Police Department who did not contribute to this data collection, while Eagle River and Chugiak are serviced by the Anchorage Police Department who contributed to the data collection.
Specialized State Agencies

- Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Bureau of Investigation
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers

These agencies provide service statewide and do not represent a specified population; therefore, a crime rate is not calculated for these agencies.
VOLUME AND RATE OF FELONY SEX OFFENSES

Rate of Incidents

While agencies in the Anchorage area reported the highest volume of incidents (48% of the state total), the Western Alaska region reported the highest rate of incidents based on population.

Both the Anchorage area and Western Alaska have reported rates higher than the statewide rate.

Southeast Alaska reported the lowest rate of any region statewide and reported the fewest number of incidents statewide (excluding the Specialized Agencies).

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Incidents 2018</th>
<th>2018 Population(^4)</th>
<th>Rate per 100K Population</th>
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<tr>
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<td>837</td>
<td>291,538</td>
<td>287.1</td>
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<td>Western Alaska</td>
<td>393</td>
<td>74,245</td>
<td>460.6</td>
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<td>Southcentral Alaska</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>175,307</td>
<td>132.9</td>
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<td>Northern Alaska</td>
<td>154</td>
<td>123,147</td>
<td>103.1</td>
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<td>Southeast Alaska</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>73,201</td>
<td>110.7</td>
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<td>Specialized Agencies</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>n/a(^5)</td>
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<td>Statewide Total</td>
<td>1762</td>
<td>737,438</td>
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\(^4\) From US Census Bureau, Cumulative Estimates of Resident Population Change and Rankings: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2018

\(^5\) These agencies provide service statewide and do not represent a specified population; therefore, a crime rate is not calculated for these agencies.
**VICTIM INFORMATION**

**Reported Victim Demographics**

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<th>Victim Race</th>
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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>481</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<th>Victim Age Group</th>
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<td>Age 0-10</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>92</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age 11-17</td>
<td>569</td>
<td>72</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age 18+</td>
<td>765</td>
<td>50</td>
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The median age of female victims statewide was **17** years old, while the most common age was **15**.

The median age of male victims statewide was **12** years old, while the most common age was **4**.

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6 Not all reported incidents included victim information, and some incidents involved multiple victims. Of the 1762 reported incidents, at least partial data for 1850 victims was provided.
SUSPECT INFORMATION
Reported Suspect Demographics

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<td>Asian</td>
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The median age of all suspects was **30** years old, while the most common age was **15**.

Alaska Native males comprised 35% of all reported suspects; white males comprised 27%, and unknown suspects were reported in 23% of incidents.

The distribution of suspects by age and sex is shown in the graph. The majority of suspects are adults (81.5%), with a significant portion being juveniles (18.5%).

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7 Not all reported incidents included suspect information, and some incidents involved multiple suspects. Of the 1762 reported incidents, at least partial data for 1789 suspects was provided.
Population demographics from U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Percentages of race for population does not equal 100.0% to account for multi-race individuals. The Felon Sex Offense (FSO) guidelines advises reporting agencies to report a single race code per individual.
Not all reported incidents included suspect or victim demographics, and some incidents included multiple suspects or victims. Of the 1762 reported incidents, at least partial data for 1850 victims and 1789 suspects was provided.
RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO SUSPECT
Victims 0-10 Years Old

In relationships involving victims aged 0-10, victims most often reported being assaulted by a parent.

Not all reported incidents included relationship data. The number of relationships will not equal the number of victims or incidents; with incidents in which multiple victims or suspects are involved, each victim-suspect pair is counted resulting in more relationships that victims or suspects.
RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO SUSPECT
Victims 11-17 Years Old

In relationships involving victims aged 11-17, victims most often reported being assaulted by an acquaintance.

11 Not all reported incidents included relationship data. The number of relationships will not equal the number of victims or incidents; with incidents in which multiple victims or suspects are involved, each victim-suspect pair is counted resulting in more relationships that victims or suspects.
RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO SUSPECT

Victims 18+ Years Old

75% Victim was Known to Suspect: 381
15% Victim was Family Member: 76
10% Stranger: 53

In relationships involving victims over 18 years old, victims most often reported being assaulted by an acquaintance.

12 Not all reported incidents included relationship data. The number of relationships will not equal the number of victims or incidents; with incidents in which multiple victims or suspects are involved, each victim-suspect pair is counted resulting in more relationships that victims or suspects.
LOCATIONS AND WEAPONS

Reported Supplemental Data

75% of incident locations were reported as a residence/home

91% of incidents reported did not involve a weapon

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<td>School/College</td>
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<td>Field/Woods</td>
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<td>Tribal Lands</td>
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<td>Parking/Drop Lot/Garage</td>
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<td>School–Elementary/Secondary</td>
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<td>Drug Store/Doctor’s Office/Hospital</td>
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<td>Camp/Campground</td>
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<td>Government/Public Building</td>
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<td>Lake/Waterway/Beach</td>
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<td>Church/Synagogue/Temple/Mosque</td>
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<td>Abandoned/Condemned Structure</td>
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<td>Commercial/Office Building</td>
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<td>Bar/Nightclub</td>
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<td>Shelter–Mission/Homeless</td>
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<td>Grocery/Supermarket</td>
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<td>Shopping Mall</td>
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<td>Specialty Store</td>
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| Weapons                          |     |
|----------------------------------|
| None                             | 1017|
| Personal Weapons                 | 39  |
| Other                            | 19  |
| Asphyxiation                     | 17  |
| Knife/Cutting Instrument         | 10  |
| Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills   | 7   |
| Firearm                          | 6   |
| Handgun                          | 2   |
| Motor Vehicle                    | 2   |
| Blunt Object                      | 1   |
| Other Firearm                    | 1   |
| Shotgun                          | 1   |

13 Not all reported incidents included location and/or weapon data. Of the 1762 reported incidents, 1234 locations were provided and identified as other than “Other/Unknown; 1122 incidents listed weapons other than “Unknown.” Location definitions can be found in the FBI’s National Incident Based Reporting System User Manual.
STATE STATUTE VIOLATIONS\textsuperscript{14}

Reported Statutory Offenses

\textbf{34.0\% Sexual Abuse of a Minor}
- Sexual abuse of a minor in the 1st degree: 385
- Sexual abuse of a minor in the 2nd degree: 449
- Sexual abuse of a minor in the 3rd degree: 53

\textbf{5.8\% Other Statute Violations}
- Online enticement of a minor: 51
- Incest: 39
- Distribute indecent material to minors: 26
- Indecent exposure in the first degree: 19
- Kidnapping: 9
- Unlawful exploitation of a minor: 6

\textbf{3.2\% Child Pornography}
- Distribution of child pornography: 8
- Possession of child pornography: 75

\textbf{0.2\% Prostitution & Sex Trafficking}
- Prostitution (soliciting or purchasing): 2
- Sex trafficking in the first degree: 4

\textbf{56.8\% Sexual Assault}
- Sexual assault in the first degree: 974
- Sexual assault in the second degree: 454
- Sexual assault in the third degree: 51

\textsuperscript{14} These are counts of potential statute violations reported; there is no direct relationship to victim counts, number of incidents/cases, or actual charges filed.
REFERENCES & FURTHER READING

- Alaska State Legislature, *Statutory Definition of Felony Level Sex Offenses*
- Alaska State Legislature, *Statutory Requirement of Reporting Uniform Crime Information*
- Bureau of Justice Statistics, *National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)*
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States 2018*
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, *National Incident Based Reporting - The Structure of Family Violence: An Analysis of Selected Incidents*
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Sex Offenses Reported via National Incident Based Reporting System in 2013*
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reporting program's rape definition*
- State of Alaska Department of Public Safety: *Sex Offender/Child Kidnapper Registry*
- U.S. Department of Justice: *The Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website*
- University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center: *Alaska Victimization Survey (AVS)*