**Sexual violence experiences in New Zealand**

Almost 200,000 sexual assault incidents happened to almost 90,000 adults over the last 12 months.

**Number of sexual assault incidents, by sex**

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Women made up 71% of the victims and suffered from 80% of sexual assault incidents. The number of sexual assault incidents per 100 women is almost four times higher than per 100 men.

**Proportion of sexual assault incidents, by sex**

- Women: 80%
- Men: 20%

Two out of three sexually assaulted people (66%) are between 15 and 29 years old.

**Proportion of sexual assault incidents, by age**

- 15-29 years: 44%
- 30-39 years: 10%
- 40-49 years: 13%
- 50 years and over: 11%

No significant difference in sexual assault incidents was found between Māori and New Zealand European victims.

**Number of sexual assault incidents per 100 adults, by ethnicity**

- NZ European: 6
- Māori: 7

Four out of five sexual offences (79%) were perceived as driven by discrimination.

**Proportion of sexual assault incidents perceived as driven by discrimination**

- Sex: 70%
- Age: 23%
- Sexuality: 7%
- Total: 79%

Attitude towards the sex of the victim (70%) was the major perceived driver.