

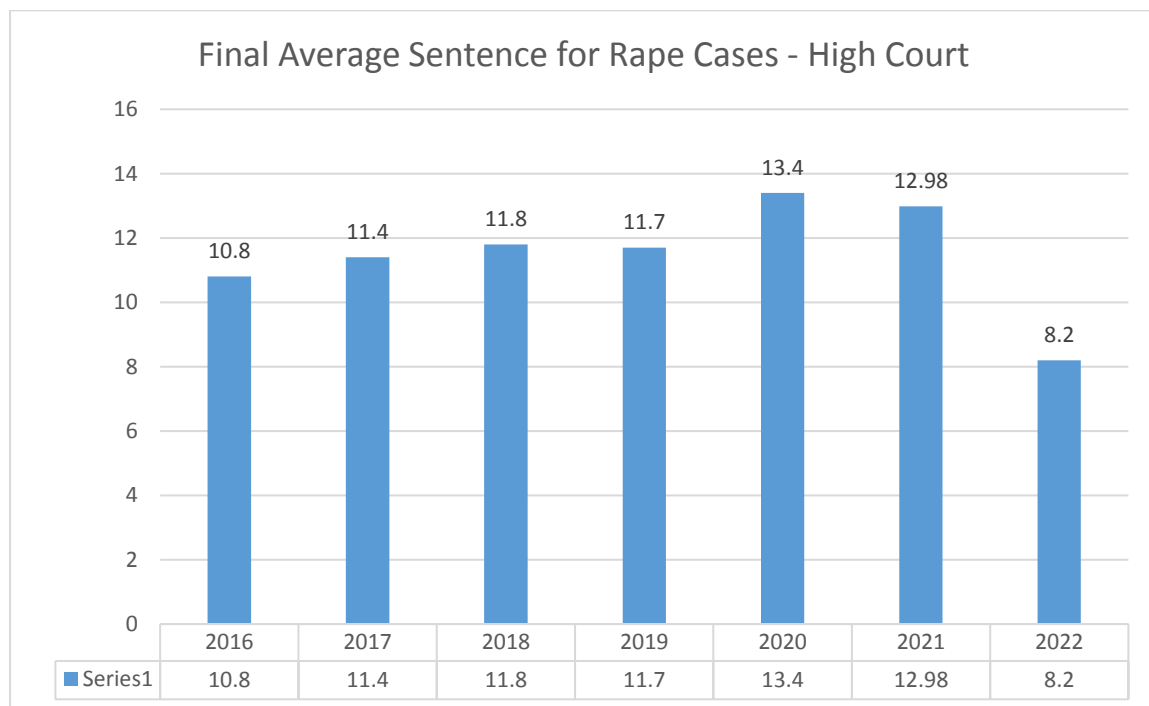
Sexual Violence Against Women and Girls Rape Case Analysis 2022

108 Rape Cases that were decided in the High Court of Fiji, which were published online on Paclii were analysed, and it found that:

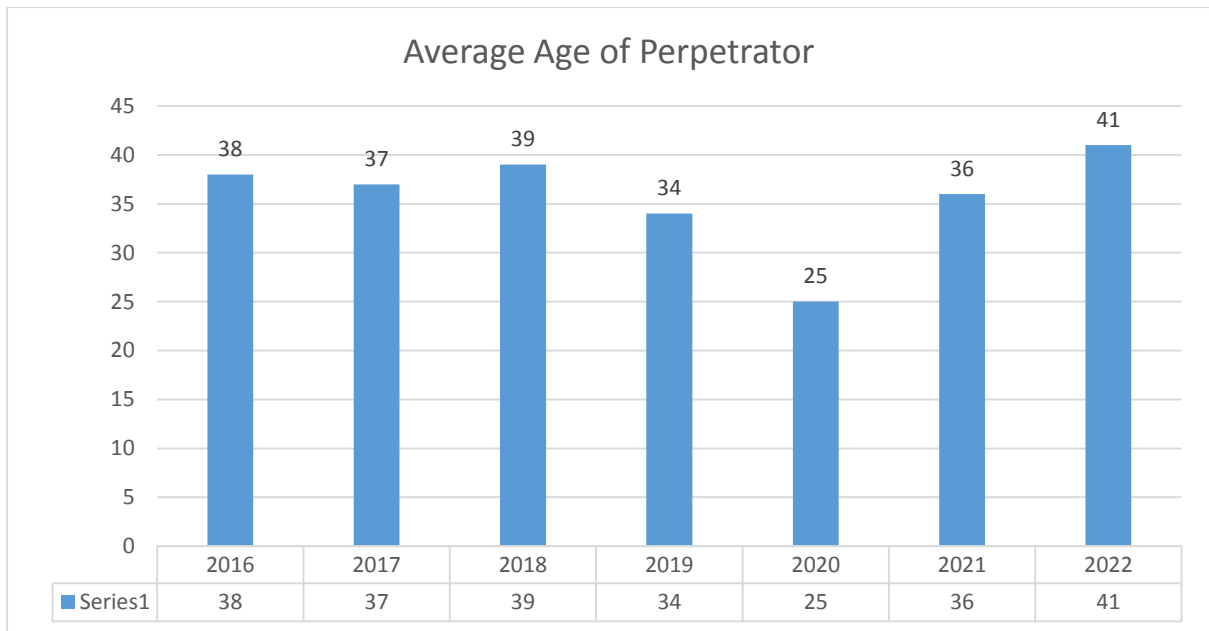
- In 70% per cent of the cases, the victim/ survivor knew the accused. (76 out of 108 cases)
- A DVRO was issued for only 32% of all the rape cases heard in court (this is also due to acquittals)
- The youngest victim was 2 years old
- The youngest perpetrator was 17 years old
- Highest sentence delivered was for a period of 231 months or 19 years and 3 months
- There were 28 acquittals (with some being found guilty of lesser charges). A total of 9 case outcomes is unknown as the judgements have not been made publically available.
- 3 juveniles were given suspended sentences. In 33 of the cases the age of the perpetrator is not known.

Sexual Violence Against Women and Girls Rape Case Trend Analysis 2016-2022

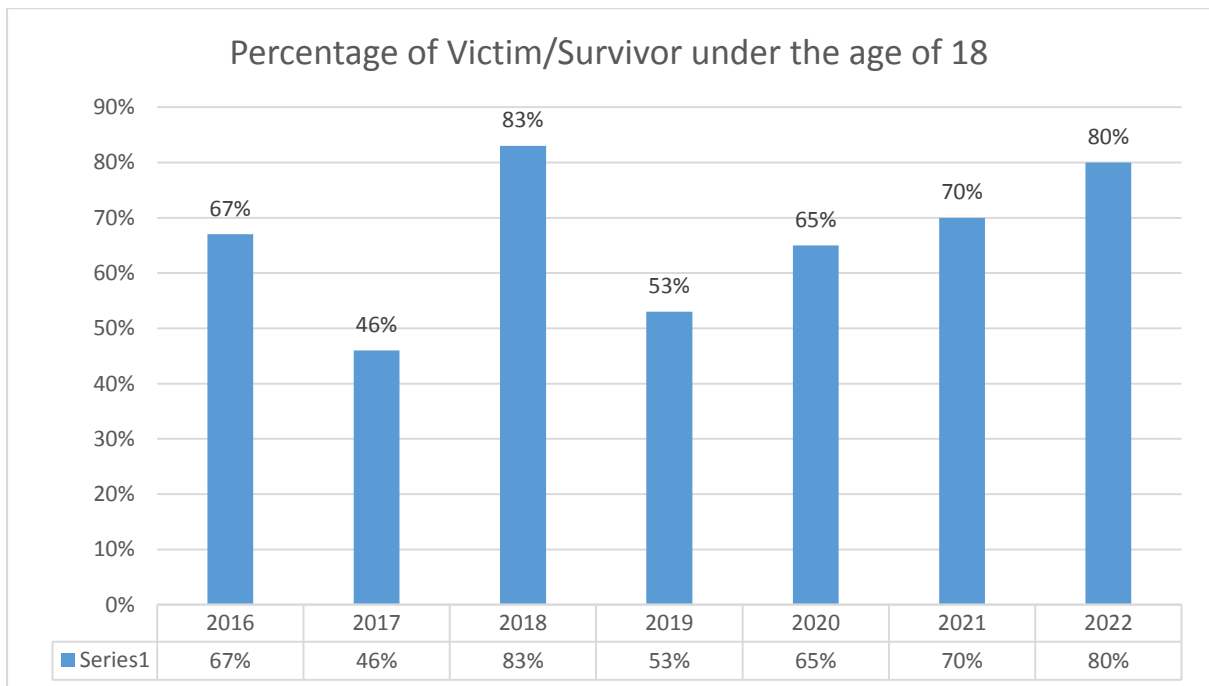
FWRM has further analysed the past seven years of data from the trend analysis looking at specific trends relation to sexual violence against women and girls particularly relating to the decided rape cases. The following analysis demonstrates these trend analysis data:



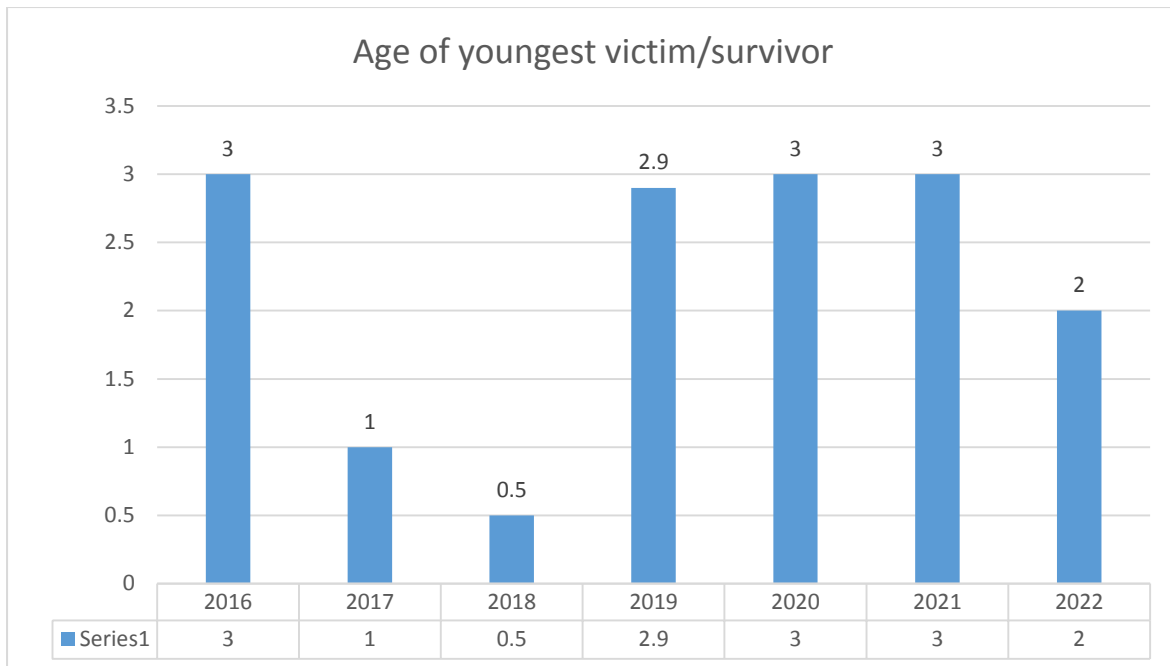
The average sentence meted out by the High Courts from 2016-2022 is 11.47 years. Please note that sentences for 8 cases were not made publically available on www.paclii.com so this may impact the data for 2022 and subsequently overall trends analysis.



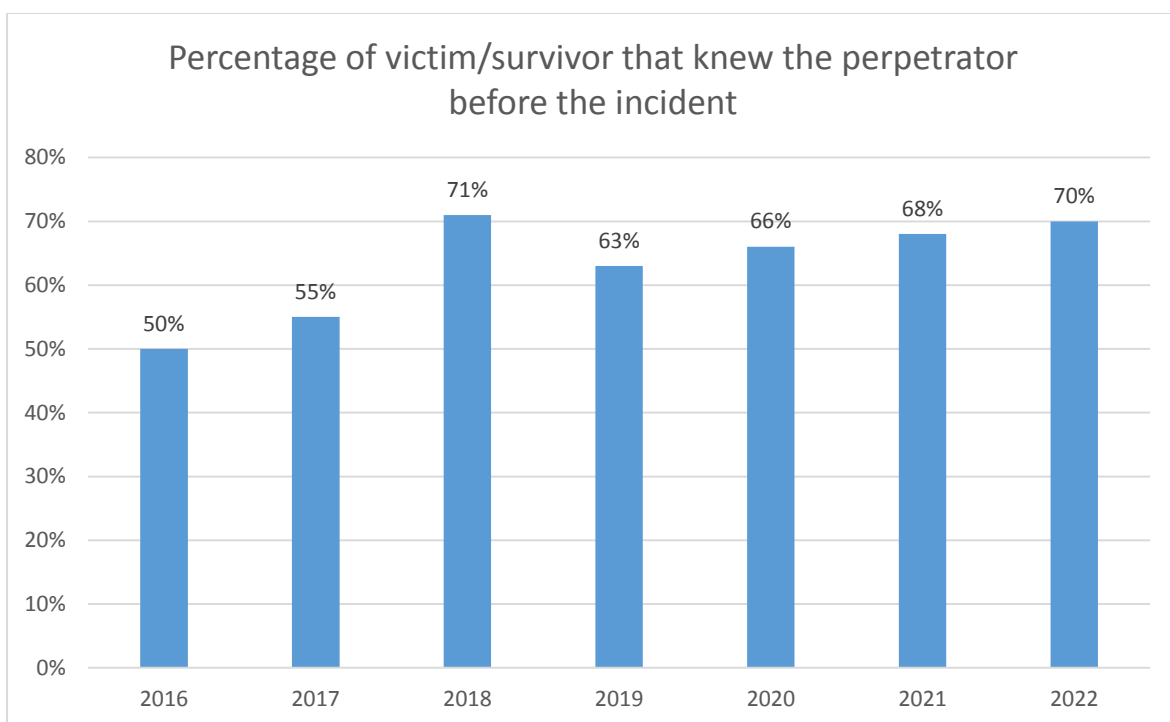
The average age of the perpetrator has been between the ages of 34 – 39 in the period from 2016- 2019, however this has decreased to 25 in 2020. In 2021 the average age has gone up to 36 years old. In 2022 the average age has gone up to 41 years old. This is for cases whereby the age of the perpetrator is known. In the year 2022 33 cases did not document the age of the perpetrator.



Except for 2017, since 2016 till 2022 more than 50% of victim/survivors have been under the age of 18. Last year in 2022 80% of the victim/survivors were under the age of 18.



The age of the youngest victim/survivor since 2016 continues to be under 5 years.



In the last three years, more than 65% of the victim/survivors knew the perpetrator.