

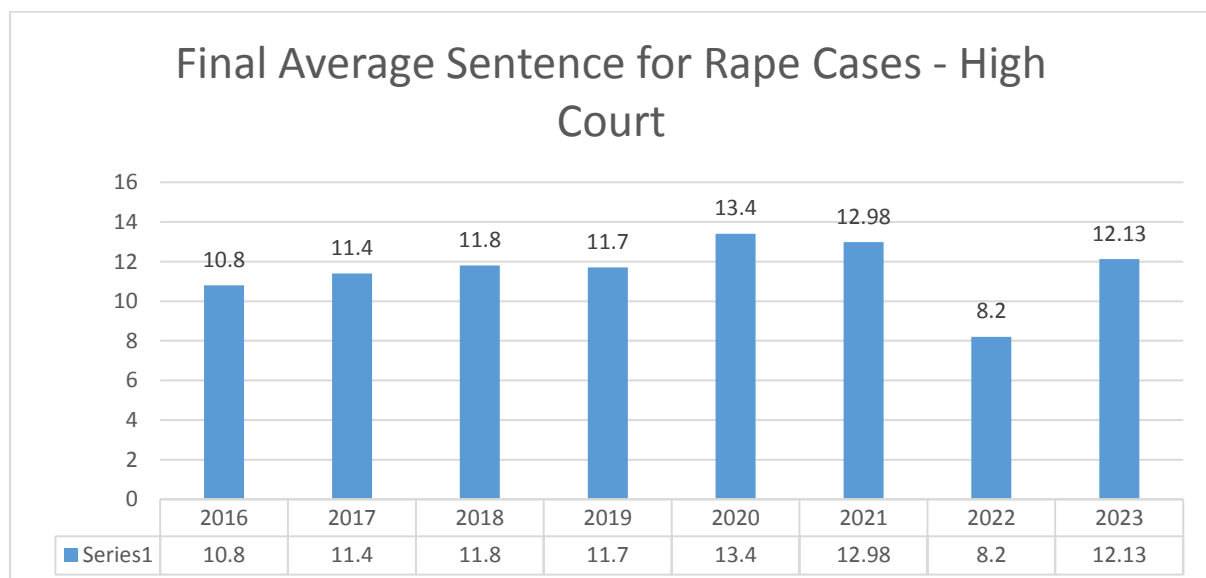
## Sexual Violence Against Women and Girls Rape Case Analysis 2023

From a total of 96 Rape Cases that were decided in the High Court of Fiji in 2023, which were published online on [www.paclii.org](http://www.paclii.org) it was found that:

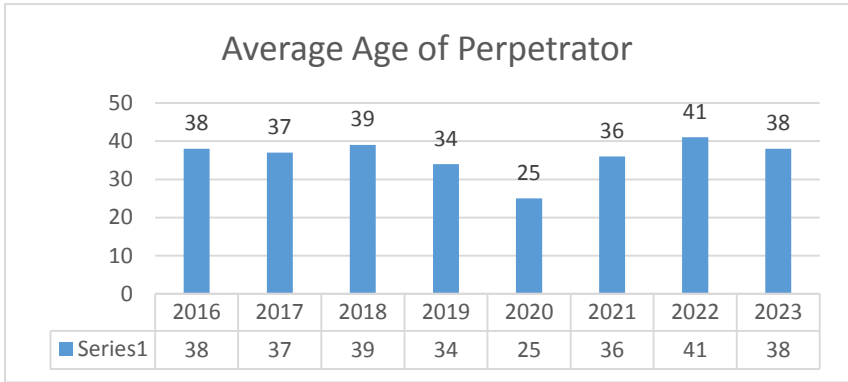
- In about 61% per cent of the cases, the perpetrator was in a domestic relationship with the victim or was related to her. (58 out of 96 cases)
- In approximately 32 % of the cases the perpetrator was previously known to the victim (30 out of 96 cases)
- Only about 6% of cases had the perpetrator previously not known or related to the victim (5 out of 96 cases). In one case (roughly 1%) it was unknown whether the perpetrator was related, in a domestic relationship or previously known to the victim/survivor.
- Out of 58 cases where the perpetrator was related to the victim/survivor, DVRO was only issued for 23 cases (40%). 11 case sentences were not publically available on [www.paclii.org](http://www.paclii.org) so we do not know if a DVRO was issued or not. There were some cases where the perpetrator was found not guilty.
- The youngest victim was 2 years old
- The youngest perpetrator was only 12 years old. 2 juveniles were given suspended sentences. For 27 cases the age of the perpetrator is not known.
- Highest sentence delivered was for a period of 220 months or 18 years and 4 months. A total of 14 case sentences have not been published.
- There were 16 acquittals, 7 rape cases were reduced from rape to lessor offence and sentenced accordingly.

## Sexual Violence Against Women and Girls Rape Case Trend Analysis 2016-2023

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:

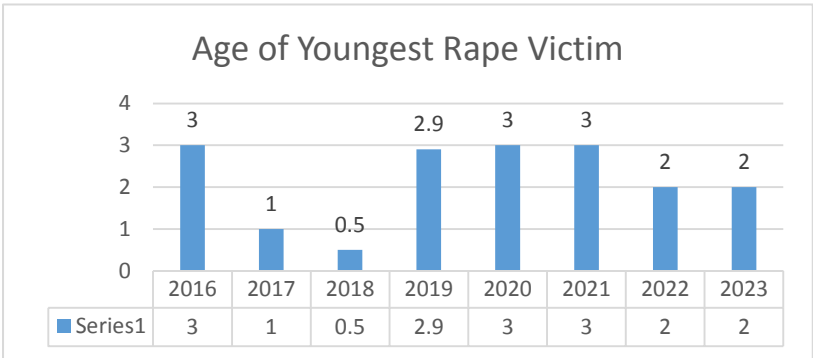
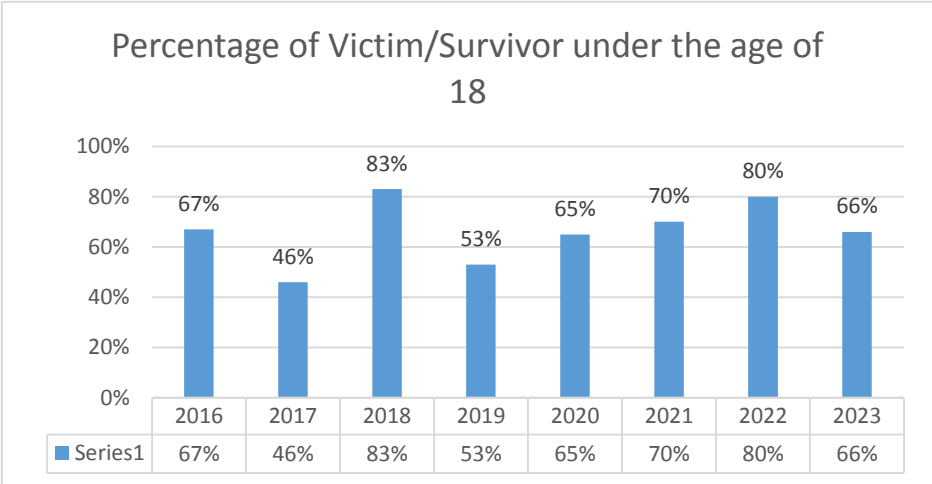


The average sentence meted out by the High Courts from 2016-2023 is 11.55 years. Please note that sentences for 14 cases were not made publically available on [www.paclii.com](http://www.paclii.com) so this may impact the data for 2023 and subsequently overall trends analysis.



The average age of perpetrator has consistently ranged from 25-45 on either ends (25 in 2020 and 41 in 2022). This is for cases where the age of perpetrator is known. 27 cases did not document the age of the perpetrator in 2023.

Except for 2017, since 2016 till 2023 more than 50% of victim/survivors have been under the age of 18. Last year in 2023 more than half of the victim/survivors (66%) were under the age of 18.



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

Since 2016 more than half of rape victim/survivors were related to their perpetrator. In the last six years more than 60% of victim/survivors were in a domestic relationship with the perpetrator, whether through marriage, relationship or extended family relations.

