Rape: Reported criminal offences

The provisions of the Danish Criminal Code regarding sexual offences went through essential amendments taking effect from 1 July 2013. The amendments resulted in e.g. more categories of sexual offences than previously being placed under the provisions about rape (section 216).

For the sake of comparability over time in Statbank Denmark and other publications, Statistics Denmark has maintained the same grouping of sexual offences as before the amendments in the provisions of the Danish Criminal Code.

Number of Reported criminal offences under sections 216 and 225, cf. 216 assessed according to the provisions of the Danish Criminal Code after the amendments as at 1 July 2013 appears from the below:

Reported criminal offences under sections 216 and 225, cf. 216 of the Danish Criminal Code in force from July 1th 2013

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|  |  Total | Child under 12  | Any other |
|  | § 216 | § 225, cf. 216 | § 216 | § 225, cf. 216 |
| 1990 | 670 | 32 | 159 | 434 | 45 |
| 1991 | 730 | 51 | 150 | 484 | 45 |
| 1992 | 847 | 55 | 235 | 504 | 53 |
| 1993 | 796 | 54 | 242 | 469 | 31 |
| 1994 | 729 | 34 | 196 | 454 | 45 |
| 1995 | 689 | 33 | 200 | 397 | 59 |
| 1996 | 658 | 31 | 230 | 345 | 52 |
| 1997 | 673 | 45 | 186 | 398 | 44 |
| 1998 | 745 | 42 | 270 | 381 | 52 |
| 1999 | 781 | 42 | 247 | 431 | 61 |
| 2000 | 774 | 54 | 195 | 452 | 73 |
| 2001 | 725 | 43 | 177 | 458 | 47 |
| 2002 | 715 | 31 | 167 | 472 | 45 |
| 2003 | 715 | 41 | 186 | 441 | 47 |
| 2004 | 784 | 37 | 183 | 512 | 52 |
| 2005 | 700 | 78 | 134 | 438 | 50 |
| 2006 | 745 | 64 | 141 | 489 | 51 |
| 2007 | 771 | 57 | 141 | 523 | 50 |
| 2008 | 673 | 58 | 119 | 436 | 60 |
| 2009 | 586 | 49 | 102 | 385 | 50 |
| 2010 | 646 | 60 | 140 | 383 | 63 |
| 2011 | 593 | 50 | 125 | 375 | 43 |
| 2012 | 568 | 63 | 113 | 340 | 52 |
| 2013 | 576 | 55 | 113 | 355 | 53 |
| 2014 | 584 | 79 | 64 | 395 | 46 |
| 2015 | 785 | 155 | 67 | 504 | 59 |
| 2016 | 1 293 | 141 | 218 | 837 | 97 |
| 2017 | 1 457 |  112 |  244 |  957 |  144 |
| 2018 | 1 672 |  163 |  200 | 1 157 |  152 |
| 2019 | 1 662 | 136 | 162 | 1 190 | 174 |
| 2020 | 1 825 |  188 |  256 | 1 187 |  194 |
| 2021 | 2 360 |  95 |  130 | 1 852 |  283 |
| 2022 | 2 566 |  340 |  247 | 1 697 |  282 |
| 2023 | 2 157 |  80 |  237 | 1 547 |  293 |
| 2024 | 2 047 |  75 |  108 | 1 536 |  328 |

Following types of offences are included in the table above:

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|  | Offence code, Danish Police[[1]](#footnote-1) | Offence code, Statistics Denmark[[2]](#footnote-2) | Sections of the Danish criminal code |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Child under 12, section 216** |  |  |  |
| Intercourse with a child under 12, aggravating circumstances (Ceased in 2013) | 72232 | 113072232 | 222 (1) |
| Rape of a child under 12 (New from 2013) | 72304 | 113172304 | 216 (2) |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Child under 12, section 225, cf. 216** |  |  |  |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) with a child under 12 (Ceased in 2013) | 72243 | 113072243 | 224 cf. 222 (2) |
| Sexual acts other than intercourse with a child under 12 (From 2013-2023) | 72334 | 113172334 | 225 cf. 216 (2) |
| Sexual acts other than intercourse with a child under 12 (New from 2023) | 72347 | 113172347 | 225, jf. 216 (2), 1. section |
| Homosexual offence against a child under 12 (Ceased in 2013) | 72252 | 115072252 | 225 |
| Homosexual offence by violence against a child under 12 (Ceased in 2013) | 72258 | 115072258 | 225 cf. 216, cf. 222 (2) |
| Homosexual offence by unlawful coercion against a child under 12 (Ceased in 2013) | 72259 | 115072259 | 225 cf. 217, cf. 222 (2) |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Any other, section 216** |  |  |  |
| Rape (Ceased in 2013) | 72211 | 112072211 | 216 |
| Intercourse by illegal coercion (Ceased in 2013) | 72215 | 112072215 | 217 |
| Rape by use of violence or threat of violence (New from 2013) | 72301 | 112072301 | 216 (1)(i) |
| Rape by unlawful coercion other than violence or threat of violence (New from 2013) | 72302 | 112072302 | 216 (1)(ii) |
| Rape (New from 2021) | 72305 | 112072305 | 216 |
| Rape by false pretences (New from 2023) | 72307 | 112072307 | 216 (1), 2. section |
| Intercourse by exploitation of incapacitated state (Ceased in 2013) | 72222 | 114072222 | 218 (2) |
| Rape by sexual intercourse with a child under 15 years of age/perpetrator has reached the age of 22 (New from 2022) | 72306 | 114172306 | 216 (2), 2. section |
| Sexual relations other than intercourse between a person who has reached the age of 22 and a child under 15 years of age (From 2022-2023) | 72344 | 114172344 | 225 cf. 216 (2), 2. section |
| Sexual relations other than intercourse between a person who has reached the age of 22 and a child under 15 years of age (New from 2023) | 72348 | 114172348 | 225, jf. 216 (2), 2. section |
| Rape by exploitation of incapacitated state (New from 2013) | 72303 | 114572303 | 216 (1)(ii) |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Any other, section 225, cf. 216** |  |  |  |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by violence (Ceased in 2013) | 72235 | 112072235 | 224 cf. 216 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by unlawful coercion (Ceased in 2013) | 72236 | 112072236 | 224 cf. 217 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) (From 2021-2023) | 72330 | 112072330 | 225, cf. 216 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) (New from 2023) | 72345 | 112072345 | 225, jf. 216 (1), 1. section |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by false pretences (New from 2023) | 72346 | 112072346 | 225, jf. 216 (1), 2. section |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by violence or threat of violence (New from in 2013) | 72331 | 112072331 | 225 cf. 216 (1)(i) |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by unlawful coercion (New from 2013) | 72332 | 112072332 | 225 cf. 216 (1)(ii) |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by exploitation of incapacitated state (New from 2013) | 72333 | 114572333 | 225 cf. 216 (1)(ii) |
| Homosexual offence by violence (Ceased in 2013) | 72254 | 116072254 | 225 cf. 216 |
| Homosexual offence by unlawful coercion (Ceased in 2013) | 72255 | 116072255 | 225 cf. 217 |
| Homosexual offence by violence against a child under 15 (Ceased in 2013) | 72256 | 116072256 | 225 cf. 216, cf. 222 (1) |
| Homosexual offence by unlawful coercion against a child under 15 (Ceased in 2013) | 72257 | 116072257 | 225 cf. 217, cf. 222 (1) |

Following types of offences are included in the category Rape etc. published by Statistics Denmark:

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|  | Offence code, Danish Police | Offence code, Statistics Denmark | Sections of the Danish criminal code |
|  |  |  |  |
| ***Rape etc.*** |  |  |  |
| Rape (Ceased in 2013) | 72211 | 112072211 | 216 |
| Intercourse by illegal coercion (Ceased in 2013) | 72215 | 112072215 | 217 |
| Intercourse by false pretences (Ceased in 2013) | 72229 | 112072229 | 221 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by violence (Ceased in 2013) | 72235 | 112072235 | 224, cf. 216 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by unlawful coercion (Ceased in 2013) | 72236 | 112072236 | 224, jf. 217 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by false pretences (Ceased in 2013) | 72241 | 112072241 | 224, cf. 221 |
| Rape by use of violence or threat of violence (New from 2013) | 72301 | 112072301 | 216 (1)(i) |
| Rape by unlawful coercion other than violence or threat of violence (New from 2013) | 72302 | 112072302 | 216 (1)(ii) |
| Rape (New from 2021) | 72305 | 112072305 | 216 |
| Rape by false pretences (New from 2023) | 72307 | 112072307 | 216 (1), 2. section |
| Intercourse by false pretences (New from 2013) | 72317 | 112072317 | 221 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) (From 2021-2023) | 72330 | 112072330 | 225, cf. 216 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by violence or threat of violence (New from in 2013) | 72331 | 112072331 | 225, cf. 216 (1)(i) |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by unlawful coercion (New from 2013) | 72332 | 112072332 | 225, cf. 216 (1)(ii) |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by false pretences (New from 2013) | 72338 | 112072338 | 225, cf. 221 |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) (New from 2023) | 72345 | 112072345 | 225, jf. 216 (1), 1. section |
| Sexual act (other than intercourse) by false pretences (New from 2023) | 72346 | 112072346 | 225, jf. 216 (1), 2. section |

1. Code of offence according to the classification of the Danish National Police [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Code of offence according to the classification of Statistic Denmark [↑](#footnote-ref-2)