

DAILY BULLETIN
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Updated Rape Information on the CDE

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The table below shows displayed rape totals by year, distinguishing between original totals, legacy counts (including attempted and unspecified cases), and updated figures excluding legacy data.

Year	Incidents of Rape Total Count on CDE	Legacy Rape Definition Total Count on CDE (The Overage)	Revised Rape Definition Actual Counts (Will be updated on CDE)
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2018	188,103	50,682	137,421
2019	193,186	57,822	135,364
2020	184,723	60,885	123,838
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2022	215,596	82,301	133,295
2023	198,687	78,250	120,437
Totals	1,346,134	455,040	891,094

Note: Figures are subject to change as agencies update their data.

To address the current discrepancy, the FBI implemented the following changes in November 2024:

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We appreciate your partnership. If you have any questions, please contact us at UCR@fbi.gov. Thank you.

