

FACT SHEET – Rape Crimes Statistics of Karachi

Rape is the most heinous form of violence against women. It is not a crime of passion but of hate. It is often used as an instrument in conflicts to demoralize the foes.

Rape survivors suffer a range of health problems and their ability to participate in public life is diminished. Rape crimes harm families across generations, as well as communities and reinforce other violence throughout societies.

Statistics of Rape Crimes in Karachi (2008 – 2009)¹

2008	2009 (1/1/09 – 15/8/09)
In 2008 a total of 90 rape cases were reported	In 2009 till august a total of 45 cases were reported
57 Reported cases were detected	2 Reported cases were detected
Challans were written, of 50 of the detected 57 cases	Challans were written, of 2 of the 2 detected cases
NO Convictions were made	1 Conviction was made
6 Accused were set free	No accused was acquitted
44 Cases were moved to the court and are pending for a verdict	2 Cases were moved to the court and 1 case is pending for a verdict
21 cases are being investigated by Police	38 cases are being investigated by Police

These statistics are just the tip of the ice-burg as many of the rape cases go unreported due to the reasons of family honor, social prestige and preservation of life style.

The statistics show that the investigation and court procedures are very slow. In year 2008, **no convictions** were made and majority of (**48.89%**) rape cases are pending under court proceedings and rather large (**23.33%**) number of rape cases were still under investigation. Where in year 2009, although there is one conviction, but when compared to the (**84.44%**) rape cases still under investigation and only (**4.44%**) cases in the court, the conviction rate of (**2.22%**) looks very small.

These statistics literally cry for procedural reforms in our police and court system regarding rape cases. The rape crimes should not be taken lightly and the procedures should be swift so that the justice can be served as soon as possible. Slow progress is one of many reasons rape crimes go unreported and/or the charges are withdrawn or the survivor makes out-of-court compromise/settlement due to unbearable societal and family pressure, and financial constraints.

¹ Statistics provided by Capital City Police Karachi