



Figure 1. Reports of Sexual Assault Made to DoD, FY07 – FY18

Source: DoD Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office (SAPRO) report for FY 2018, Appendix B: Statistical Data on Sexual Assault, submitted to Congress on April 26, 2019, pp 7-8, Figure 1. Excerpt: “In FY18, the Military Services received 7,623 reports of sexual assault involving Service members as either victims or subjects (Table 1 and Figure 1), approximately a 13 percent increase from reports made in FY17. As stated above, DoD sexual assault reports are categorized as either **Restricted** (confidential) or **Unrestricted** (on the record for legal action). Of the 7,623 reports received in FY18, 1,818 reports remained Restricted at the end of the year, a 10 percent increase from the number remaining Restricted in FY17. Of these, 328 reports (18 percent) involved incidents that occurred prior to Service member’s military service. Of the 7,623 reports, 5,805 reports were Unrestricted, a 14 percent increase from the number of Unrestricted Reports in FY17. Of these, 295 reports (5 percent) involved incidents that occurred prior to military service. Figure 1 displays the trend in Unrestricted and Restricted Reporting from FY07 to FY18.

**Note:** Figure 1, prepared by the Department of Defense, does not include estimated figures derived from the **Workplace & Gender Relations Survey of Active-Duty members (WGRA)** – an online survey to measure “prevalence” of sexual assaults, which is conducted every two years. The online survey results in much higher numbers of “reports” that are not as credible as the actual completed cases that the DoD SAPR Office reports on an annual basis. News reports that failed to draw this distinction reported that in FY 2018, 20,500 sexual assaults occurred among active-duty personnel, a 38% increase from the 14,900 (WGRA survey) reports for FY 2016. In actual completed cases, the total increase was 13% in FY 2018, continuing a worsening trend toward a near-triple increase since FY 2007.