

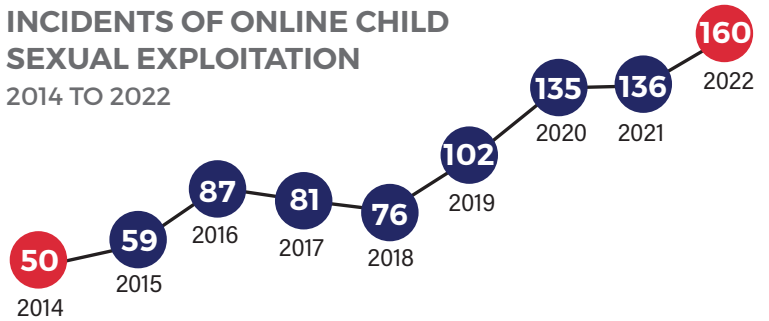
ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

2014 TO 2022

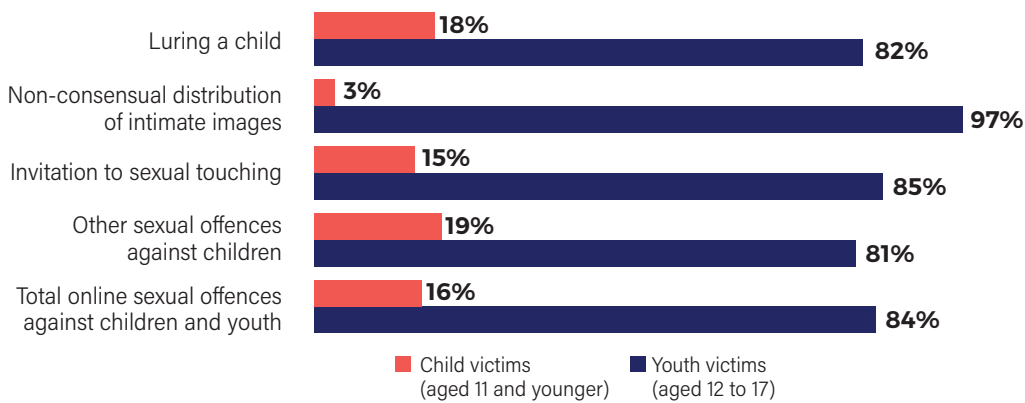
Online child sexual exploitation includes online sexual offences against children, such as luring, and online child pornography.

Since 2014, the rate of police-reported incidents¹ of online child sexual exploitation has more than **tripled**—from **50 incidents per 100,000 children and youth to 160 incidents** in 2022.

POLICE-REPORTED INCIDENTS OF ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION 2014 TO 2022



The large majority (**84%**) of victims of police-reported online sexual offences against children were youth aged 12 to 17. Most (**84%**) victims were girls.



Police-reported online sexual offences against children:

15,630 incidents

Online child pornography:

45,816 incidents

Non-consensual distribution of intimate images

97% of victims were youth aged 12 to 17

Median age of victims



Median age of accused persons



59%

Online sexual offences against children not solved by police

UNSOLVED

From 2014 to 2021, a third of online child sexual offence charges² in adult criminal court resulted in a guilty finding

Number of charges processed
30,983

Proportion resulting in a guilty finding

Adult criminal court

34%

Youth court

44%

1. An incident refers to the occurrence of one or more criminal offences during a single, distinct event, regardless of the number of victims.
2. A completed charge refers to a formal accusation against an accused person or company involving a federal statute offence that was processed by the courts at the same time and received a final decision.

Sources: Savage, L., 2024, "Online child sexual exploitation: A statistical profile of police-reported incidents in Canada, 2014 to 2022," Juristat, Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 85-002-X; Statistics Canada, Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, 2014 to 2022, and Integrated Criminal Court Survey, 2014 to 2021.

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