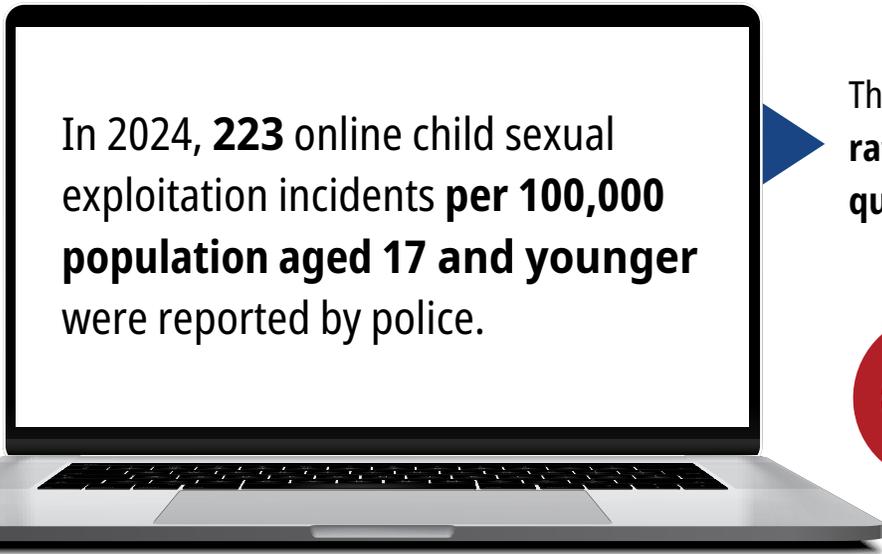


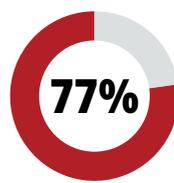
POLICE-REPORTED ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Recent trends

Online child sexual exploitation includes **online sexual offences against children**, such as luring and invitation to sexual touching, and **online child sexual abuse and exploitation material offences**.



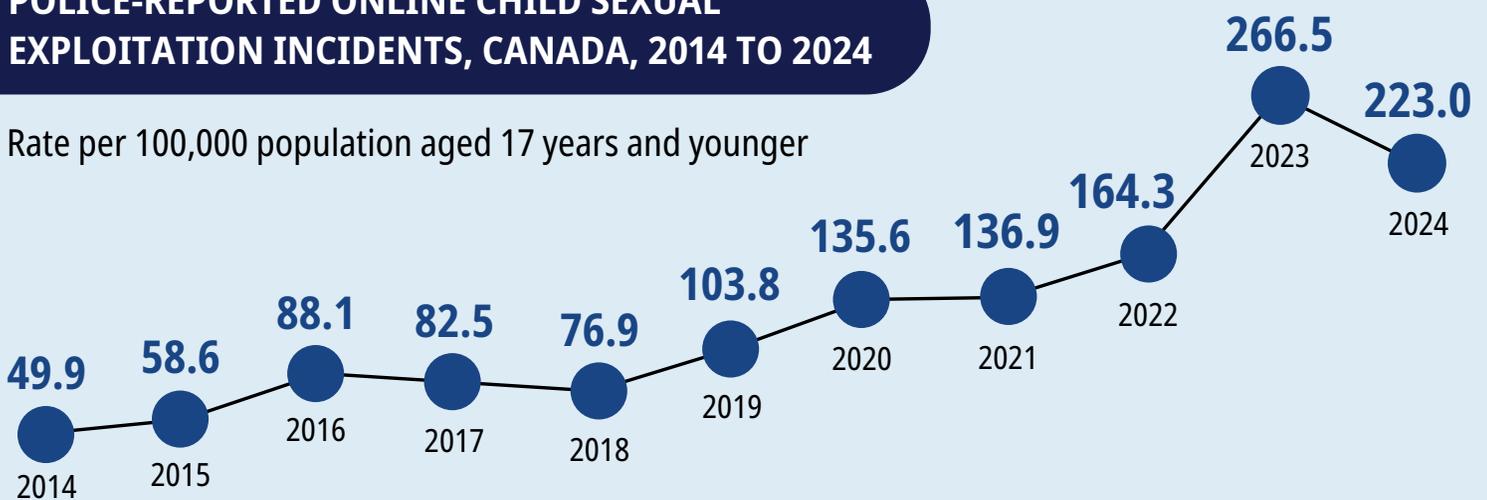
This rate was almost **triple the rate** in 2018 (77) and **more than quadruple** the rate in 2014 (50) 



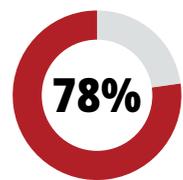
Over three-quarters of these incidents were online child sexual abuse and exploitation material offences

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Rate per 100,000 population aged 17 years and younger



In 2024...



Almost **4 in 5** victims of police-reported online sexual offences against children were girls

Close to **2 in 5 (38%)** persons accused of committing an online child sexual exploitation offence were youth aged 12 to 17



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Median age of persons accused of non-consensual distribution of intimate images

From 2023 to 2024...

↓ 26%

Decrease in the rate of online child sexual abuse and exploitation material offences reported by police

↑ 43%

Increase in the rate of online sexual offences against children reported by police, driven by a sharp increase in the rate of luring offences (+65%)

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