

Violation of RA 9262 consistently on top among the VAW cases in Western Visayas... highest increment of 66.8 percent recorded in 2013?

Cases of Violence Against Women (VAW) recorded by the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office No. 6, through its Regional Women and Children Protection Desk (RWCPD) Unit, significantly increased by 54.1 percent in 2013. Violation of RA 9262 was consistently on top among the VAW cases for four consecutive years recording an average of 3,370 cases which accounted for 81.2 percent of the total average VAW cases. Violation of RA9262 recorded the highest increment of 66.8 percent in 2013. Acts of lasciviousness and rape cases was the next higher increment of VAW cases with 30.0 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively.

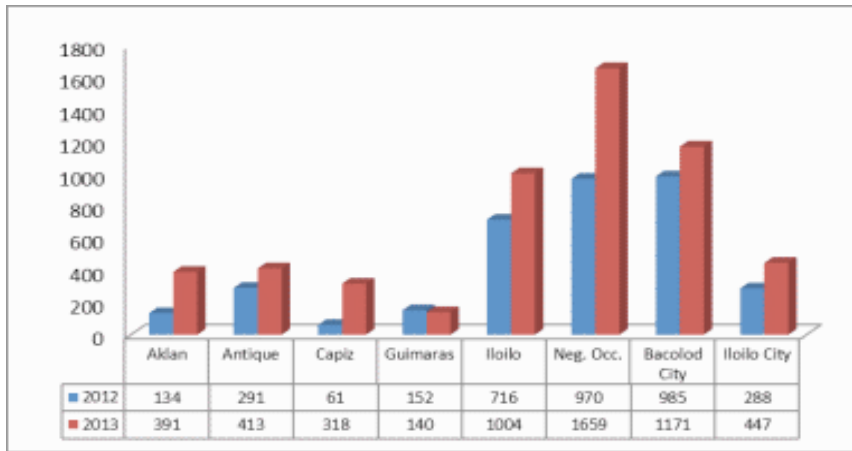
The number of VAW cases from 2010-2013 displayed a wavering trend with 0.9 percent increase in 2010-2011, 3.9 percent decrease in 2011-2012 and 54.1 percent increase in 2012-2013.

*Source: Regional Women and Children Protection Desk
Philippine National Police*

Top 5 Most Number of VAW Cases by Type: 2010-2013

VAW Cases/ Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	Ave.
RA 9262	2,616	3,039	2,932	4,892	3,370
Physical Injuries	380	203	204	130	229
Act of Lasciviousness	155	139	123	144	140
Rape	104	92	110	143	112
Threats	131	57	42	39	67
Other Cases	323	214	186	195	230
Total VAW Cases	3,709	3,744	3,597	5,543	4,148

Moreover, despite the wide campaign to end Violence against Women, the figures in 2013 ballooned to 5,543 posting an increment of 54.1 percent over the 2012 recorded VAW cases of 3,597. Of the total cases only 20.7 percent or 1,146 cases were solved. Among the top most VAW cases in 2013, Violation of RA 9262, Rape and Acts of Lasciviousness significantly increased by 66.9 percent, 30.0 percent and 17.1 percent, respectively. Cases of Physical injuries and Threats, likewise, decreased by 36.3 percent and 7.1 percent, respectively.



Across provinces, only Guimaras was successful in their campaign to reduce VAW cases which registered a decrease of 7.9 percent from 152 cases in 2012 down to 140 cases in 2013. The rest of the provinces including the two Highly Urbanized Cities showed significant increase. Capiz posted the highest increment of 421.3 percent, from 61 cases in 2012 to 318 cases in 2013. Following is Negros Occidental with 71.0 percent increase from 970 cases in 2012 to 1,659 cases, the highest recorded cases among the six provinces of Western Visayas in 2013.

Between the two highly urbanized cities Bacolod City has 21.1 percent or 1,171 abuse cases, and Iloilo City with 8.1 percent or 447 abuse cases recorded in 2013. Meanwhile, only 6.1 percent of the cases in Bacolod City, and 30.0 percent of the cases in Iloilo City were solved.

Notes:

RA9262 is also known as the "**Anti-Violence Against Women and their children (VAWC) Act of 2004.**" It is an act defining violence against women and their children, providing for protective measures for victims, prescribing penalties therefore, and for other purposes.

Violence against women is defined as an act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life. It encompasses all forms of violation of women's rights, including threats and reprisals, exploitation, harassment, and other forms of control

Source: <http://www.nscb.gov.ph/ru6/FS1-2014-VAW.htm>