

Explanatory notes:

Data in this table was provided as part of discovery in a lawsuit involving the sexual assault of a passenger by a crew member. As such, the data only includes incidents reported to the cruise line and in turn reported in discovery. Given the limited purpose of the discovery request, it is suspected that incidents involving two crew members are under-reported.

The table shows reported incidents which have been labelled by the victim and/or cruise line as inappropriate touch, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or sexual battery. Cases of sexual battery have been included under the label "sexual assault."

The raw data included 41 incidents labelled inappropriate touching, 92 incidents labelled sexual harassment, 114 incidents labelled sexual assault, and 12 incidents labelled sexual battery. After cleaning for accurate labelling, eight incidents were dropped because they were wholly mislabelled; they are not included in the table.

The table shows both the ship's passenger numbers (assuming double occupancy) and an estimate of total ship population which includes crew members and additional passengers given that many ships sail with more passengers than the double occupancy figure.

The comparison of reported incidents of sexual assault with the US rate of sexual assault (as defined by the cruise industry as only forcible rapes) must be interpreted with caution. Technically, such a comparison can be misleading, however the cruise industry chose to make this comparison in testimony provided to Congress by James Fox in March 2006 and on that basis to claim that one is safer on a cruise ship than on land. Perhaps more informative is a comparison of Dr. Fox's assertion that there are 17.6 reported incidents of sexual assault per 100,000 with the data in this chart. This chart shows a rate of sexual assault that is 3.33 times greater than that presented by Dr. Fox to Congress; if we look at sexual assault plus sexual harassment the rate of incidence is 6.36 times greater than reported.