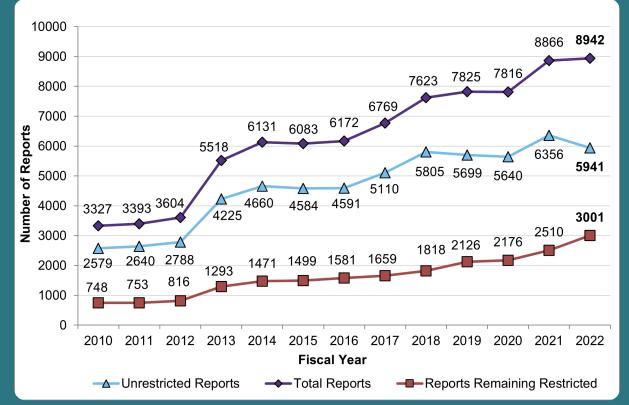
# Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military, Fiscal Year 2022



In Fiscal Year 2022, the Department received a total of 8,942 reports of sexual assault, which is an increase of one percent from Fiscal Year 2021. Of the 8,942 reports recieved in Fiscal Year 2022, 7,378 reports were from Service members reporting an incident that occured during military service.

Significant implementation action was undertaken for 21 of the 82 IRC recommendations made to the Department of Defense. The implementation of the remaining approved recommendations is underway, or will begin this calendar year.

We will use the authorities and resources entrusted to us to counter sexual assault and take care of our people.

Recent Secretary of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Initiatives 2022 JANUARY 2022 TO PRESENT **FEBRUARY 2021** SEPTEMBER 2021 Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin Deputy Secretary of issues Immediate Actions and Defense Kathleen Hicks The Military Services, National Guard Bureau, establishes the 90-day Independent develops Implementation Review Commission on Sexual Plan of the approved and OSD Components begin implementing Assault in the Military (IRC) to pursue IRC recommendations solutions to sexual assault and sexual and Secretary of the approved IRC harassment in the military Defense Austin recommendations approves the plan **JULY 2021** OCTOBER -SEPTEMBER **DECEMBER 2021** 2022 The IRC publishes its report making The Under Secretary To emphasize the recommendations of Defense for implementation of to drive meaningful Personnel and the approved IRC change in how the Readiness provides recommendations, Department addresses implementation Secretary of guidance for Defense issues and responds to sexual assault and sexual implementing "Actions to harassment in the the approved Address" recommendations Memorandum military.

## Major Implementation Efforts from Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military

#### **Special Trial Counsel**

- Senate confirmed O7 in place for each Office of Special Trial Counsel
- The Military Departments issued Office of Special Trial Counsel training and education policies
- FY22 NDAA requires Special Trial Counsel to make prosecutorial decisions for covered offenses occuring after December 27, 2023

#### **Prevention Workforce**

- Workforce model approved
- Direct hire authority obtained
- Workforce Staffing Study completed
- Policy issued and credential
  established
- 350+ personnel hired

### **Response Workforce**

- Service response workforce studies directed in October 2021 and completed in October 2022
- Draft Service response workforce realignment plans provided to DoD in January 2023
- DoD currently revising Sexual Assault Response Coordinator and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate positions and competencies

Sources: Defense Sexual Assault Incident Database and DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office