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## Youngest state age of consent

State statutory rape crimes describe the age at which a person can legally consent to sexual activity. This section focuses on laws on sexual intercourse.<sup>10</sup>Table 1 summarizes, where applicable, each state: Consent age. This is the age at which a person can legally consent to sexual intercourse under any circumstances; Minimum age for the victim. This is the age under which a person cannot consent to sexual intercourse under any circumstances; Age difference. If the victim is above the minimum age and below the sexual age, the age difference is the maximum age difference between the victim and the defendant if a person can legally consent to sexual intercourse. minimum age for the defendant to prosecute. This is the age under which a person cannot be prosecuted for engaging in sexual activities with minors. The table notes the States where this law applies only when the victim is over a certain age. As shown in the first column of Table 1, the age of consent varies from state to state. In most states (34), it is 16 years old. In the remaining states, the age of consent is either 17 or 18 years old (6 and 11 states respectively). A common misconception about statutory rape is that state codes define a single age at which a person can legally consent to sex. Only 12 states have a single age of consent under which a person cannot consent to sexual intercourse under any circumstances and over which it is legal to engage in sexual intercourse with another person over the sexual and social years. For example, in Massachusetts, the age of consent is 16. In the remaining 39 states, other factors play into the role: age differences, the minimum age of the victim and the minimum age of the accused. Each is described below. Minimum age requirements. In 27 states that do not have a single age of consent, statutes specify the age under which a person cannot legally participate in sexual intercourse, regardless of age of the defendant (see the second column in Table 1). The minimum age requirements in these states vary from 10 to 16 years. The legality of sexual intercourse with a person above the minimum age and below the age of sexual consent depends on the difference in age between the two parties and/or the age of the defendant. In New Jersey, the age of sexual consent is 16, but individuals who are at least 13 years of age can legally engage in sexual activities if the defendant is less than 4 years older than the victim. Age difference. In 27 States, the legality of sexual intercourse with minors is, at least in some cases, based on the age difference between the two parties (see third column in Table 1). In 12 of these states, legality is based solely on the difference between the age of the two parties. For example: In of Columbia, it is illegal to engage in sexual intercourse with a person who is during the sexual and social years (16) if the defendant is 4 or more years older than the victim. Although less common, age differences in some states vary depending on the age of the victim. In Washington, sexual intercourse with a person who is at least 14 years and under the age of 16 is illegal if the accused is 4 or more years older than the victim. In cases where the victim is under 14 years of age (3 years), the age difference decreases further if the victim is under 12 years of age (2 years). Minimum age for the defendant to prosecute. Sixteen States set age limits for defendants under which individuals cannot be prosecuted for engaging in sexual intercourse with minors (see the last column in Table 1). In Nevada, the age of consent is 16; However, sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 16 is only illegal if the accused is at least 18 years old (the age at which the defendant can be prosecuted). States that set a minimum age for defendants also tend to have minimum age requirements for the victim. Often the defendant's age is relevant only if the victim is above the minimum age. In Ohio, sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 13 is illegal, regardless of the age of the accused. However, if the victim is above that minimum age requirement (13) and below the age of consent (16), it is only illegal to conduct sexual intercourse with the person concerned if the defendant is at least 18 years old. Some states define age limits for defendants and age differences. In North Carolina, it's 16 years old. Sexual intercourse with a person during the sexual and social years is illegal only if the defendant is: (1) at least 4 years older than the victim and (2) at least 12 years (the age at which the defendant can be prosecuted). Law on the age of consent in North America (note that some of the ages specified for some states are outdated) Puberty Less than 12 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 varies by state/province/region/region In North America, the legal consent age regarding sexual activity varies by jurisdiction. The age of consent in Canada is 16. As of August 2018, each U.S. state has set its consent age at either 16 years, 17 years or 18 years. The age of consent in Mexico is complex. Typically, Mexican states have a primary age of consent (which can be as low as 12), and sexual behavior with individuals under that age is always illegal. Sexual relations that occur between adults and teenagers under the age of 18 are left in a legal grey area: laws against corruption of minors as well as estupro laws can be applied to such acts, at the discretion of the prosecution. These laws are situational and subject to interpretation. The the age of consent in Mexico is 17 years. [1] The different consents in the countries of Central America range from 14 to 18 years. Below is a list of all jurisdictions in North America as listed in the List of Sovereign States and Dependent Territories in North America. Overview The age of consent is the age at which a person is considered to have the right to consent to sexual activity. Both parties must be of legal age to give consent, although there are exceptions to the Consent Act in some jurisdictions when the minor and his or her partner are within a certain number of years or when a minor is married to his or her partner. Persons under the age of consent by contract may not consent by law, and sexual relations involving such persons may be punishable by criminal penalties similar to those for rape or sexual assault. Non-violent sexual contact with persons under the age of sexual consent is punishable by varying degrees of severity, ranging from a misdemeanor with a simple fine, to a crime with a penalty equivalent to rape. Different ages may apply if one partner is in the position of power or authority over the other, for example, if the age is not in a position of power or authority. For example, in Indiana the age of sexual consent is 16, but it is illegal for someone over 18 to have sex with someone under 18 if they work at their school, are their parents or a step-cleaner, or is a person recruiting them to join the military. Historically, the sexual age is applied to male-female relationships; same-sex relationships were often illegal regardless of the age of the participants. Modern laws vary and there may be multiple ages that apply in any jurisdiction. For example, different ages may apply if the relationship is between partners of the same sex, or if the sexual contact is not strictly vaginal intercourse. Antigua and Barbuda In Antigua and Barbuda, the age of consent is 16. [2] The Sexual Offences Act of 1995 raised the sexual consent age from 14 to 16 years. [3] [4] Sexual intercourse with a woman between fourteen and sixteen 6. (1) When a male person has sexual intercourse with a female person who is not his wife by her consent and who has reached the age of 14 but has not yet reached the age of 16, he is guilty of an offence and is in prison for ten years. (2) A male person is not guilty of an offence under subsection (1) – (a) if he honestly believed that the female person was sixteen years or more; (b) if the male person is not more than three years older than the female person and the court considers that the evidence shows that the male person and the female person are not entirely or substantially to blame. Sexual intercourse with a male under sixteen 7. (1) If a female adult has sexual intercourse with a male person who is not her husband, and is under 16 years, she is guilty of an offence, regardless of whether the male person consented to sexual intercourse, and is in prison for seven years. A female adult is not guilty of an offence under subsection (1) – (a) if she honestly believed that the male person was sixteen years or more; (b) if the adult she is no more than three years older than the male and the court considers that the evidence shows that the female adult is not fully or substantially to blame between the female adult and the male person. Anguilla (United Kingdom) The age of consent in Anguilla is 16. It is provided for in Part 14 of the Criminal Code - sex offences - sexual offences against minors - by Article 143. Sexual intercourse with persons between 14 and 16 years of age. [5] [not specific enough to verify] Aruba This section may require cleanup to meet Wikipedia quality standards. The specific problem is: The section relies solely on a permanent death connection. Help improve this section if you can. (August 2018) (Learn how and when to remove this template message) The age of consent in Aruba is 15 years, as specified in Article 251 of the Criminal Code of Aruba (which Aruba adapted to his release from the Netherlands Antilles), which states: Article 251: A person who, outside the age of 12 but not at least 15 years of age, performs indecent acts involving or involving sexual penetration of the body , could face a maximum of eight years in prison or a maximum fine of 100 000 florins. [6] Bahamas This section needs to be updated. Update this article to reflect recent events or newly available information. (August 2018) In the Bahamas, the age of sexual consent is 16 years and the sexual age is 18 years. Homosexuality was legalized in 1991, but public homosexuality is an offense that carries a 20-year prison sentence without parole. [7] [must be updated] 11. (1) Any person who has unlawful sexual intercourse with a person who is or over fourteen years of age and less than sixteen years, either with or without the consent of the person with whom he had unlawful sexual intercourse, is guilty of an offence and risks imprisonment for life imprisonment, on a first sentence for the offence, a prison sentence of seven years and , in the case of a second or subsequent conviction for the offence, a prison sentence of fourteen years. [8] Barbados This section needs to be updated. Update this article to reflect recent events or newly available information. (August 2018) In Barbados, the age of consent is 16. § 5, Part I Sexual intercourse with a person between 14 and 16 of the Sexual Offences Act of 1992 (1) When one person has sexual intercourse with another with the consent of the other and that others is 14 years old but has not yet reached the age of 16, that person is guilty of an offence and has been sentenced to 10 years in prison, according to the judgment in the case. [9] Belize In Belize, the sexual age is 16, regardless of sexual orientation or gender. [10] [11] The law reads: Criminal Code [CAP. 101][10][11] Section 47.1 Any person who, with or without consent, has sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 14 commits the offence of unlawful sexual intercourse and is liable for conviction in prison for a period not less than 12 years but may be extended to life imprisonment. § 47.2 Any person who has unlawful sexual intercourse with a person who is over 14 years of age but under the age of 16, commits an offence and is sentenced to imprisonment for a period not less than five years, but not more than ten years. Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands (United Kingdom) This section is to be extended. You can help by adding to it. (August 2018) Sexual consent age is 16 years, regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender. [12] Canada The Tackling Violent Crime Act entered into force on 1. [13] There are two age limitation periods, depending on the younger partner's age. A young man aged 12 or 13 can consent to sexual activity with someone less than two years older than them. A 14- to 15-year-old can consent to sexual activity with a partner less than five years older than them. [14] Criminal law (including the definition of the age of consent) is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government, so the age of consent is uniform throughout Canada. Section 151 of the Criminal Code of Canada makes it a crime to touch, for a sexual purpose, any person under the age of 16. Section 153 then continues to prohibit the sexual touching of a person under the age of 18 by a person in three cases: if he or she is in a position of trust towards young people, if the young person is in an addiction relationship with him or her, or if the relationship is exploitative. The term position of trust or authority is not defined in the Code, but the courts have ruled that parents, teachers and doctors have a position of trust or authority towards the young people they care for or teach. Section 153 (1.2) of the Code provides that a judge can infer whether a relationship is exploitative by considering its nature and circumstances, including how old the young are, the difference in age between the partners, how the relationship developed and the degree of control or influence that the older partner has on young people. The position of trust under 18 anti-exploitation rules was extended in 2005 by Bill C-2, where a judge can choose to a situation which must be sexual exploitation based on the nature and circumstances of the relationship, including the age of the younger party, the age difference, the evolution of the relationship (how it developed, e.g. quickly and secretly over the Internet), control or influence on the young person (degree of control or influence that the other person had over the young person). This was adopted before the changes in 2008 and were not repealed so that they are still in force and can apply to adults in these situations with adolescents over the age of consent and under 18 years (16-17 years). Where a defendant is charged with an offense under his report. 151 (Sexual interference), p. 152 (Invitation to sexual touching), p. 153(1) (Sexual exploitation), p. 160(3) (Bestiality in the presence of or by child), or p. 173(2) (Indecent acts), or is charged with an offence under p. 271 (Sexual assault), p. 272 (Sexual assault with a weapon , threats against third parties or cause bodily harm) or p. 273 (Gross sexual assault) in connection with a complainant under sixteen years, it is not a defence that the complainant has consented to the activity constituting the subject of the charge. The story of the Canadian age of consent See also: Age of consent reform in Canada During the 1800s, the sexual age of heterosexual vaginal sex was 12; In 1890, Parliament raised the age of consent to 14 years. [15] The sentence for anyone who had sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 14 was life imprisonment and flogging, while the punishment for anyone who tried to seduce an underage girl was two years in prison and flogging. [16] Canada also had laws against seducing smaller girls who were over the age of consent. In 1886, a law was passed which made the seduction of a girl over 12 and under 16 of a former chaste nature a criminal offence; the seduction of a woman under the age of 18 under the promise of marriage was also made illegal in 1886, and changed in 1887 to apply to women under the age of 21. [17] After the age of consent was raised to 14, the laws against seductive underage girls were changed to apply to those older than 14 years of age, and various laws of this kind have remained in force throughout the 20th century[ 17] The age of consent was raised from 14 to 16 in the spring of 2008, when the Tackling Violent Crime Act became applicable. The new measures still allow for exceptions for close age between 12 and 16 years: if there is no more than a two-year difference for the 12-13 years or a five-year difference for the 14-15 years. In 1969, the Penal Code was amended to provide for exceptions for the criminalisation of sexual intercourse, including exceptions for husbands and wives and all persons over the age of 21. In 1988, Section 159 was adopted, reducing the age in force from 21 to 18 years. [18] In June 2019, Bill C-75 repealed Section 159, which made intercourse subject to the same age as other sexual acts. [19] Female homosexuality was never illegal in the former British colonies; oral sex was legalised in 1969 with the same age of consent as vaginal sex. Cayman Islands (United Kingdom) The age of consent in the Cayman Islands is 16. [20] The contagion of girls under sixteen years, etc. 134. (1) Who illegally and carnally - a) knows any girl under twelve years of age is guilty of an offence and risks imprisonment for twenty years; or (b) know that any girl between the ages of 12 and 16 is guilty of an offence and risks imprisonment for 12 years. Indecent assault on women 132. (1) It is punishable for a person to carry out an indecent assault on a woman. (2) A girl under the age of 16 cannot, by law, give any consent, which would prevent an act is an attack related to this section. Caribbean Netherlands The age of sexual consent in the Caribbean Netherlands (Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius) is 16, as specified in the Penal Code BES, Article 251, which reads: Art 251: A person who, out of wedlock, with a person aged 12 or over but has not reached sixteen, performs indecent acts involving or includes sexual penetration of the body, may be punishable by a maximum of 16 years in prison. Before the prosecution, the public prosecutor will, if possible, allow the minor to indicate whether the prosecution is considered desirable. [21] Clipperton Island (France) Clipperton Island is an uninhabited nine square kilometers (about 3.5 square kilometers) of coral atoll in the Eastern Pacific, a state private property under the direct authority of the French government, administered by the Minister of Overseas France. The legislation of France, where appropriate, applies. [22] See age of consent in Europe #Frankrig. Costa Rica See also: LGBT rights in Costa Rica costa Rica does not have an exact age of consent, but has age differences between sexual partners, regardless of gender. [23] Costa Rica Law 9406 makes it illegal for a person 18 years of age or older to have sexual relations with another person under 15 years of age if the older party is five or more years older than the minor. If the younger sexual partner is between 15 and 17 years old, the maximum age difference is seven years. Cuba This section has several problems. Help improve it or discuss these issues on the speech page. (Learn how and when to remove these template messages) This section must be expanded. You can help by adding to it. (August 2018) This section may require cleanup to meet Wikipedia quality standards. The specific problem is that the section is based solely on a dead link. Help improve this section if you can. (August 2018) (Learn how and when to remove this template message) (Learn how and when to do this to be removed) The age of consent in Cuba is 16. [24] [further explanation Curaçao (Netherlands) The age of consent given in Curaçao is 15 years, as specified in the Criminal Code of the Dutch Antilles (which Curaçao did not change after the dissolution of the Dutch Antilles), Article 251, which states: Article 251: A person who, out of wedlock, with a person who has reached the age of 12 but has not reached the age of 15, performs indecent acts that includes or includes sexual penetration of the body, punishable by a prison sentence of no more than 12 years. sixteen years. [25] For children 12-14 prosecutions only take place on a complaint from the

