

Violence against women in Monaco in 2020

This publication sets out the main data relating to violence against women in Monaco during 2020. Produced at the request and with the support of the Women's Rights Committee, it offers an overview of such violence according to various measurable indicators. The information was collected and analysed by Monaco Statistics from a variety of institutions, associations and healthcare establishments, which have all been identified as leading authorities on this issue in the Principality of Monaco.

A degree of caution should be applied when interpreting these results due to the multitude of sources and the counting methods used (see warning and notes on methodology).

Recording this phenomenon, expressing it in concrete terms and studying it are all essential for guiding public policy and providing effective, appropriate responses to better combat this scourge. This approach will also help to mobilise society as a whole against such violence.

WARNING : Given the extremely sensitive nature of the information gathered, the scope involved and the time lag in following up cases, the results presented in this document are broken down by entity and must be considered independently from each other. The figures recorded do not reflect the full experiences of the individuals counted by the different organisations. The results that are presented cannot therefore be compared with each other and should not under any circumstances be added together.



Source : Police
Department

Incidents of violence recorded by the police in 2020

- **39 cases of violence** committed against women were recorded by the police in 2020, compared with 33 in 2019
- **72% of the victims of these incidents were resident in the Principality of Monaco (up from 58% in 2019)**
- The average age of female victims of violence was **36 years** and the average age of perpetrators was **42 years**
- In **more than 64%** of cases, the incidents involved **physical violence**; **10%** involved **sexual abuse**
- **1 in 2** incidents occurred at the **home** of the victim or the perpetrator
- In **54%** of cases, the violent acts were committed by the victim's **spouse or former spouse**
- **14 complaints** were filed and **4 incidents** were reported in relations to violence committed in 2020



Source : Department of
Justice

Legal proceedings in assault cases during 2020

- Proceedings were initiated in **50 cases** of violence against women, 20 of which related to incidents committed in 2020
- **23 cases** are currently being **prosecuted in the courts**, **6** of which relate to incidents in 2020, 13 to incidents in 2019 and 4 to incidents that occurred prior to 2019. (In 2019, 15 prosecutions were under way, including 12 for incidents that occurred that year)
- The average age of perpetrators was **48 years**, while that for victims was **43 years** (compared with 39 and 35 respectively in 2019).
- To date, there has been **1 conviction** and **1 protection order** has been issued for incidents committed in 2020. **8 cases** were dropped in 2020.



Source : Princess Grace Hospital

Victims of violence recorded at Princess Grace Hospital in 2020

- In 2020, **53 women** admitted to a hospital ward said that they had suffered violence during the course of the year (compared with 113 in 2019), with **70%** citing **physical abuse**. These acts of violence were recorded by Princess Grace Hospital, but they were not all committed in Monaco.
- The average age of victims was **43 years** (compared with 37 years in 2019)
- **40%** of victims lived in **Monaco**.



Source : Association for Support to Victims of Crime (AVIP)

Victims of violence who contacted the Association for Support to Victims of Crime in 2020

- **42 female** victims of violence contacted the association in 2020, including 35 in relation to incidents which occurred in 2020 (the figures for 2019 were 42 and 40 respectively)
- **81 %** of victims who contacted the association lived in **Monaco**
- The average age of the victims was **44 years** (39 in 2019)
- In **67%** of cases, the violent acts were committed by the **victim's spouse or former spouse** (compared with 83% in 2019)
- In 2020, **physical abuse** was involved in **36%** of incidents of violence recorded by the AVIP. **31%** of cases involved **psychological abuse**. **Harassment (emotional or sexual)** accounted for **19%** of cases. **14%** involved incidents of sexual abuse.



Source : Department of Social Welfare and Social Services

Victims of violence recorded by Department of Social Welfare and Social Services in 2020

- In addition, the Department of Social Welfare and Social Services recorded 7 cases of violence against women in 2020, all committed by a spouse. The majority of these victims were subjected to **physical** and **psychological abuse**.



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

- The statistical unit is the violent incident reported by the victim to the police, the Public Prosecution Department, the hospital, the Department of Social Welfare and Social Services and the Association for Support to Victims of Crime (AVIP). Thus, the figures only take account of the quantifiable and identified component of violence against women, and may therefore be an underestimate.
- One woman may have been counted several times, for example if she reports more than one incident of violence during the year, or if she contacted several services which each record violence incidents.
- The definitions used to record violent incidents against women are derived from the recommendations issued by the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO).



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