

Violence against women in Monaco in 2021

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 2021

The police recorded **23 cases of violence** committed against women in 2021, compared with 39 in 2020

- **74 % of the victims** were resident in the **Principality of Monaco** (72 % in 2020).
- The average age of female victims of violence was **41 years** and the average age of perpetrators was **46 years**.
- In **60 % of cases**, the incidents involved **physical violence** and **12 %** involved **sexual abuse**.
- **More than one quarter of the incidents** occurred at the **home** of the victim or the perpetrator.
- The victim's **partner or former partner** committed **57 %** of the violent acts.
- **20 complaints** and **1 incident** were reported in relations to violence committed in 2021.



Source : Department of
Justice

Legal proceedings in assault cases during 2021

- Proceedings were initiated in **38 cases** of violence against women, **11** of which related to incidents committed in 2021.
- **21 cases** are currently being **prosecuted in the courts** or are ongoing investigations, **7** of which relate to incidents in 2021, **7** to incidents in 2020 and **7** to incidents that occurred prior to 2020 (in 2020, 23 prosecutions were under way, including for incidents that occurred that year).
- The average age of perpetrators was **42 years** while that for victims was **33 years** (compared with 48 and 43 respectively in 2020).
- To date, there has been **2 convictions** and 1 protection as been issued for incidents committed in 2021. **2 cases** were dropped in 2021.



Source : Princess Grace Hospital

Victims of violence recorded at Princess Grace Hospital in 2021

- In 2021, **41 women** admitted to a hospital ward said that they had suffered violence during the course of the year (compared with 53 in 2020), with **44 %** citing **physical abuse**.
- The average age of victims was **42 years** (compared with 43 years in 2020).
- **17 %** of victims, or 7 women, lived in **Monaco**.



Source : Victims of Criminal Offences Help Association (AVIP)

Victims of violence who contacted the Victims of Criminal Offences Help Association (AVIP) in 2021

- **36 female** victims of violence contacted the association in 2021, including **33** in relation to incidents which occurred in (42 and 35 respectively in 2020).
- **78 %** of victims who contacted the association, or 28 people, lived in **Monaco**.
- The average age of the victims was **44 years** (as in 2020).
- In **58 %** of cases, the violent acts were committed by the **victim's partner or former partner** (compared with 67 % in 2020).
- In 2021, **physical abuse** was involved in **19 %** of incidents of violence recorded by the AVIP. **29 %** of cases involved **psychological abuse**. **Harassment (emotional or sexual)** accounted for **22 %** of cases. **6 %** 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 2021

- The Department of Social Welfare and Social Services recorded **13 cases** of violence against women in 2021, 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 Victims of Criminal Offences Help Association (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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