

Violence against women in Monaco during 2019

This publication sets out the key data that is available on violence against women in Monaco during 2019. Produced at the request and with the support of the Women's Rights Committee, it examines incidents of violence according to various measurable indicators. This information was analysed by Monaco Statistics (IMSEE), which collected it from a variety of sources (institutions, charities, healthcare facilities) identified as leading authorities on this issue in the Principality of Monaco. Appropriate caution should be employed when reviewing these results, given that they are drawn from multiple sources using a variety of counting methods (see the warning and notes on methodology).

It is vital to record, describe and study this phenomenon, so that this work can guide public policy and provide effective and appropriate responses that will improve efforts to combat this scourge. This will also help to mobilise society as a whole against such violence.

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

Incidents of violence recorded by the police in 2019

Source: Police Department

- **33 cases of violence** against women in 2019 were recorded by the police, 31 of which were committed within the Principality of Monaco
- **58%** of the victims in these cases also lived in the **Principality of Monaco**
- The average age of female victims of violence committed in Monaco was **37 years**, while the average age of perpetrators was **42**
- **Nearly 60%** of cases involved **physical abuse**, and 25% involved **sexual abuse**. The other incidents involved **psychological abuse or harassment**.
- **1 in 2** incidents occurred in **the home** of the victim or perpetrator
- **58%** of violent acts were committed by the victim's **spouse or former spouse**
- **74%** of violent incidents committed in Monaco in 2019 resulted in a **complaint** being filed

Handling of violence cases by the courts in 2019

Source: Department of Justice

- **33 court proceedings were opened in response to cases of violence** against women in Monaco, **27** of which related to incidents that occurred in 2019
- **15 cases** are currently being **prosecuted** or investigated, **12** of which relate to incidents that occurred in 2019
- The average age of perpetrators was **39**, while the average age of victims was **35**
- **4 convictions and 2 protection orders**, all applying to men, have so far been handed down in relation to incidents which occurred in 2019; **10 cases were dropped**

Victims of violence recorded at Princess Grace Hospital in 2019

Source: Princess Grace Hospital

- In 2019, **113 women admitted to a hospital unit** said that they had experienced violence, which was described as **physical in 83% of cases**. **These incidents of violence were recorded by Princess Grace Hospital, but not all of them took place within Monaco**
- The average age of the victims was **37**
- **A third** of victims lived in **Monaco**

Victims of violence who contacted the Association for Support to Victims of Crime (AVIP)

Source: AVIP

- **42 female** victims of violence made contact with the association in 2019; in **40** of these cases, the incidents occurred in 2019
- **81%** of victims lived in **Monaco**
- The average age of victims was **39**
- In **83% of cases**, the violence was committed by the **spouse or former spouse of the victim**
- In 2019, **psychological or economic abuse** accounted for **49%** of the cases of violence recorded by the association; **29%** of cases involved **physical abuse**. **Harassment (psychological or sexual)** accounted for **12%** of cases and **sexual abuse** for **10%**

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

- The unit of account is an incident of violence (psychological harassment, sexual harassment, physical abuse, psychological abuse, economic abuse, sexual abuse, including rape) reported by a female victim to the police, the public prosecutor, hospital units, and AVIP. Thus, the figures presented include only the quantifiable and identified component of all violence against women, and may therefore underestimate the issue.
- The same person may have been recorded several times if, for example, she reported more than one violent incident during the course of the year, or if she made contact with different services that record incidents of violence.
- The definitions used in the course of recording incidents of violence against women are drawn from the recommendations issued by the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO).

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