

Violence against women in Monaco in 2023

This publication sets out the main data relating to violence against women in Monaco during 2023. Produced at the request and with the support of the Committee for the promotion and protection of women's rights, 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⁽¹⁻⁴⁾).

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 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 of 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 Department in 2023

- The police recorded **55 cases of violence** committed against women in 2023, compared with 53 in 2022⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾.
- The victim's **partner or former partner** committed **47%** of the violent acts (i.e. 26 cases). 3 men were also victims of violence by their partner or ex-partner.
- **58% of the female victims** were resident in the **Principality of Monaco**.
- The average age of female victims of violence was **42 years**, and the average age of perpetrators was **45 years**.
- In **75% of cases**, the incidents involved **physical violence** and **11%** involved **sexual abuse, including rape**.
- **47% of the incidents** occurred at the **home** of the victim or the perpetrator.
- **45 complaints** and **3 incidents** were reported in relation to violence committed in 2023.



Source: Department of
Justice

Legal proceedings in assault cases during 2023

- **57 proceedings** were initiated in 2023 for cases of violence against women.
- These proceedings involved **physical violence** in **70%** of cases, and **sexual violence, including rape** in **26%** of cases.
- To date, **9 convictions** have been handed down, **6 protection orders** have been issued and **15** of the cases opened in 2023 have been **dismissed**.



Source: Princess Grace Hospital

Victims of violence recorded at Princess Grace Hospital in 2023

- In 2023, **162 women admitted to a hospital ward** said that they had suffered violence, with **77%** citing **physical abuse** and **14% sexual violence, including rape**.
- The average age of victims was **38 years**.
- **Nearly a third** of victims, or **52 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 2023

- **41 female** victims of violence contacted the association in 2023, including **27** in relation to incidents which occurred during the year (44 and 11 for 2022, respectively). 5 men also contacted the association in 2023, all for offences committed during the year.
- **73%** of female victims who contacted the association, or 30 women, lived in **Monaco**.
- The average age of the female victims was **40 years**.
- In **63% of cases**, the violent acts against women were committed by the **victim's partner or former partner** (no similar cases reported for male victims).
- In 2023, **psychological abuse** was involved in **56%** of incidents of violence against women recorded by the AVIP. **44%** of cases involved **physical abuse** and **37%** involved incidents of **sexual abuse, including rape**.



Source: Department of Social Welfare and Social Services

Victims of violence recorded by Department of Social Welfare and Social Services in 2023

- The Department of Social Welfare and Social Services recorded **10 cases** of violence against women in 2023 (7 in 2022), all committed by a partner or ex-partner. All these victims were subjected to **physical and/or psychological abuse**. No men were followed by this Department in 2023.



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) As the methodology for reporting incidents of violence by the various services have changed in 2023, it is not relevant to compare changes in the number of incidents of violence committed in 2022 and 2023. In addition, there are often delays between the time of the incident and the reporting of the violence.
- (4) 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).
- (5) The number published for 2022 in January 2023 has been revised upwards due to late reporting and new cases reported by the police in 2023 for acts committed in 2022.



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