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**Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence**  
Year 2011

**The total number of victims of gender violence recorded in the Register<sup>1</sup> during 2011 is 32,242 women, and the number of victims of domestic violence is 7,744 persons**

**The rate of victims of gender violence recorded in the Register in 2011 is 155.7 per 100,000 women**

**According to the Register, the total number of persons reported for domestic violence in 2011 is 5,632 persons**

Today for the first time, the INE is publishing the results of the 2011 Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence, compiled by the INE by virtue of the partnership agreement established between this institution and the Ministry of Justice, for the statistical use of the Central Register for the production of victims of domestic and gender violence. **All of the information provided by these statistics corresponds to the pre-trial phase of the criminal process (proceedings initiated) and refers to the cases, with interim measures ordered, recorded in the Register throughout the year 2011.**

The total persons registered as victims of gender violence or domestic violence in 2011 reached 40,362. A total of 37,292 of them were females and 3,070 of them were males.

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<sup>1</sup> Central Register for the protection of victims of domestic and gender violence

## Victims and persons reported on domestic and gender violence by sex

Absolute values

Year 2011

<b>Gender violence</b>	
Total Victims (females)	32,242
Total Persons Reported (males)	32,142
<b>Domestic violence</b>	
Total Victims	7,744
Males	2,863
Females	4,881
Total Persons Reported	5,632
Males	4,289
Females	1,343
Total Persons both Reported and Victims	376
Males	207
Females	169

*Note: Results referred to cases (with interim measures ordered) registered in the Register throughout 2011.*

*Source: Statistical use of the Central register for the protection of victims of domestic and gender violence.*

## Gender violence

**Gender Violence** is understood to be all physical and psychological acts of violence (including attacks on sexual freedom, threats, coercion or arbitrary denying of freedom) carried out against a woman by a man who is or has been her spouse, or who is or has been linked to her by a similar sentimental relationship, even if without cohabitation.

## Victims of gender violence

32,242 victims of gender violence (women) were registered in 2011, in cases in which interim measures had been ordered.

By age group, more than half of the victims of gender violence (50.8%) were aged 25 to 39 years old.

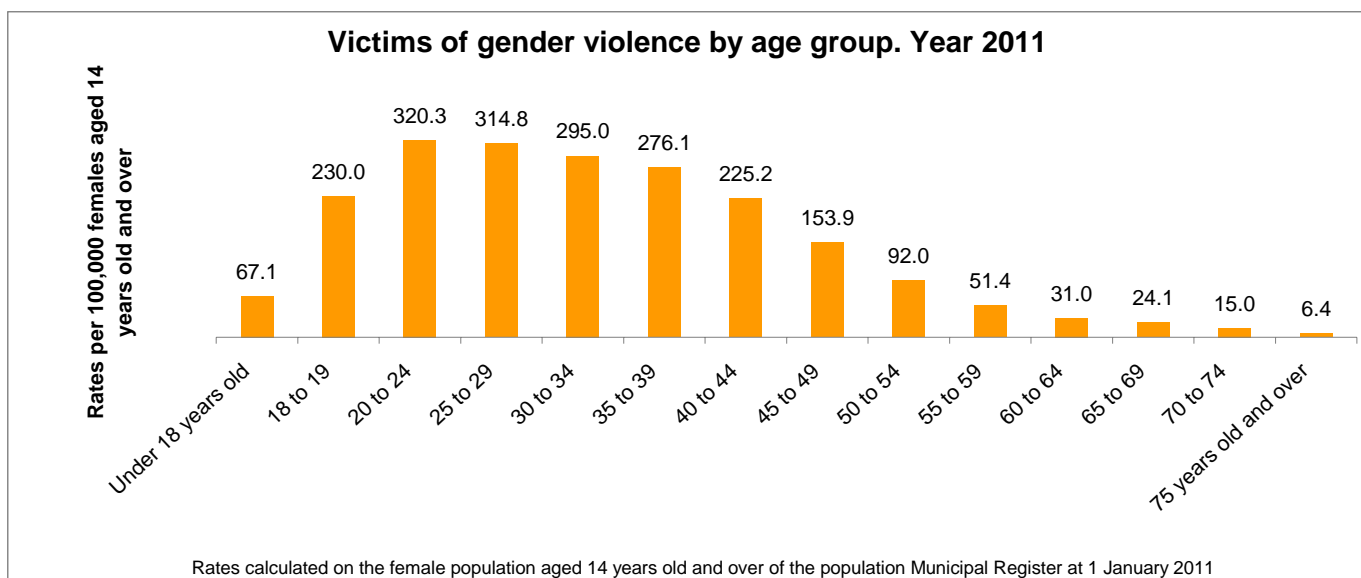
The rates of victims, as compared with the total population of women, reached their peak in the bracket aged 20 to 24 years old (320.3 victims for every 100,000 females aged 14 years old and over), followed by the bracket aged 25 to 29 years old (314.8).

## Victims of gender violence by age group

Absolute values

Year 2011

	Number of victims
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,242</b>
Under 18 years old	571
18 to 19 years old	1,055
20 to 24 years old	4,115
25 to 29 years old	5,074
30 to 34 years old	5,813
35 to 39 years old	5,477
40 to 44 years old	4,249
45 to 49 years old	2,737
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55 to 59 years old	700
60 to 64 years old	396
65 to 69 years old	270
70 to 74 years old	146
75 years old and over	163



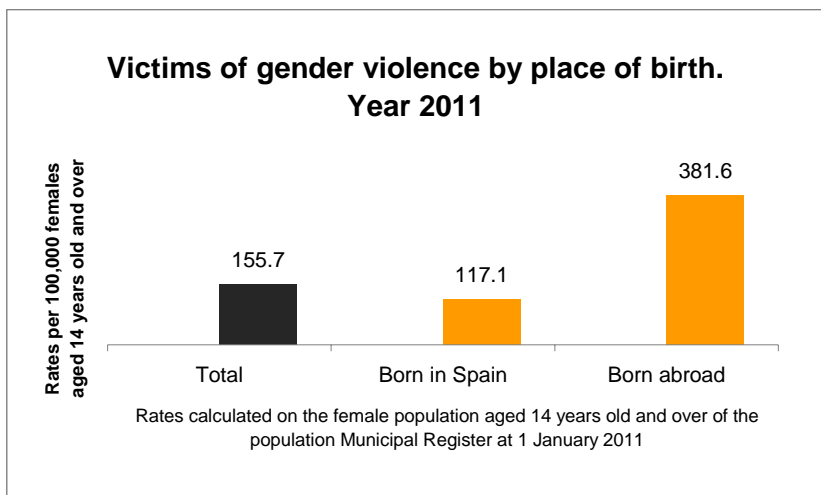
By place of birth of the victim, almost two out of three victims had been born in Spain (64.2% of the total). Nevertheless, the rate of victims per 100,000 females aged 14 years old and over was triple (for females born abroad 381.6) the rate for females born in Spain (117.1).

## Victims of gender violence by place of birth

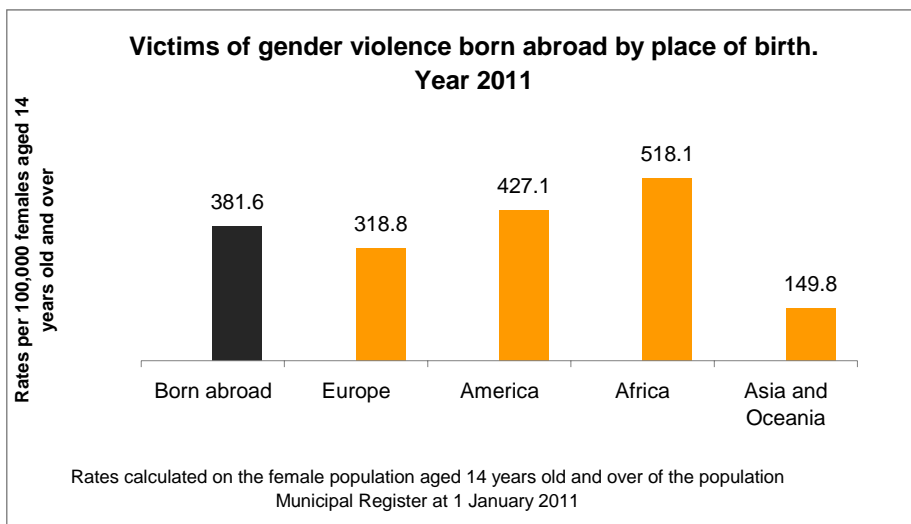
Absolute values

Year 2011

	Number of victims
TOTAL	32,242
Born in Spain	20,713
Born abroad	11,529
Europe	3,935
America	5,506
Africa	1,888
Asia and Oceania	200



Within the victims born abroad, those from Africa and America presented the highest rates, whereas those from Asia and Oceania registered the lowest rates.



The Autonomous Communities that recorded the highest number of victims of gender violence were Andalucía (7,780), Comunitat Valenciana (4,438), Comunidad de Madrid (4,095) and Cataluña (3,552).

In relative terms, Andalucía (214.3 victims per 100,000 females aged 14 years old and over), Región de Murcia (211.1) and Comunitat Valenciana (199.3) presented the highest rates.

Conversely, País Vasco (67.4) and Galicia (105.3) were the Autonomous Communities with the lowest rates of victims.

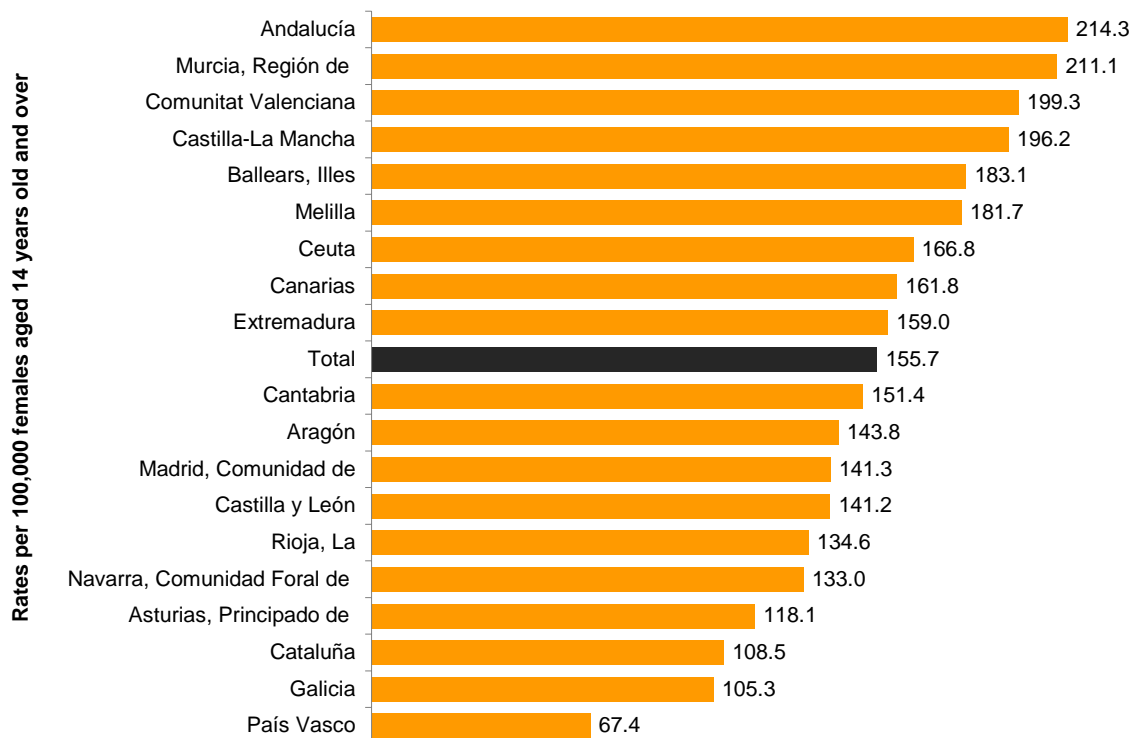
### **Victims of gender violence by Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded**

Absolute values

Year 2011

TOTAL	32,242
Andalucía	7,780
Comunitat Valenciana	4,438
Madrid, Comunidad de	4,095
Cataluña	3,552
Castilla-La Mancha	1,767
Castilla y León	1,626
Canarias	1,495
Galicia	1,368
Murcia, Región de	1,288
Balears, Illes	876
Aragón	850
Extremadura	773
País Vasco	662
Asturias, Principado de	603
Cantabria	405
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	367
Rioja, La	188
Melilla	55
Ceuta	54

**Victims of gender violence by Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded. Year 2011**



Rates calculated on the female population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

Considering the type of relationship existing between the victim and the reported person, in 28.4% of cases, the victim and the reported person were spouses, and in 7.2%, they were ex-spouses.

In 24.0% of the cases, they kept a common law relationship, in 20.7%, they were ex-common law couples, in 7.1%, the victim was the girlfriend of the reported person, and in 10.7%, she was the ex-girlfriend of the reported person. The remaining 1.9% corresponded to couples in the process of separating.

**Persons reported for gender violence**

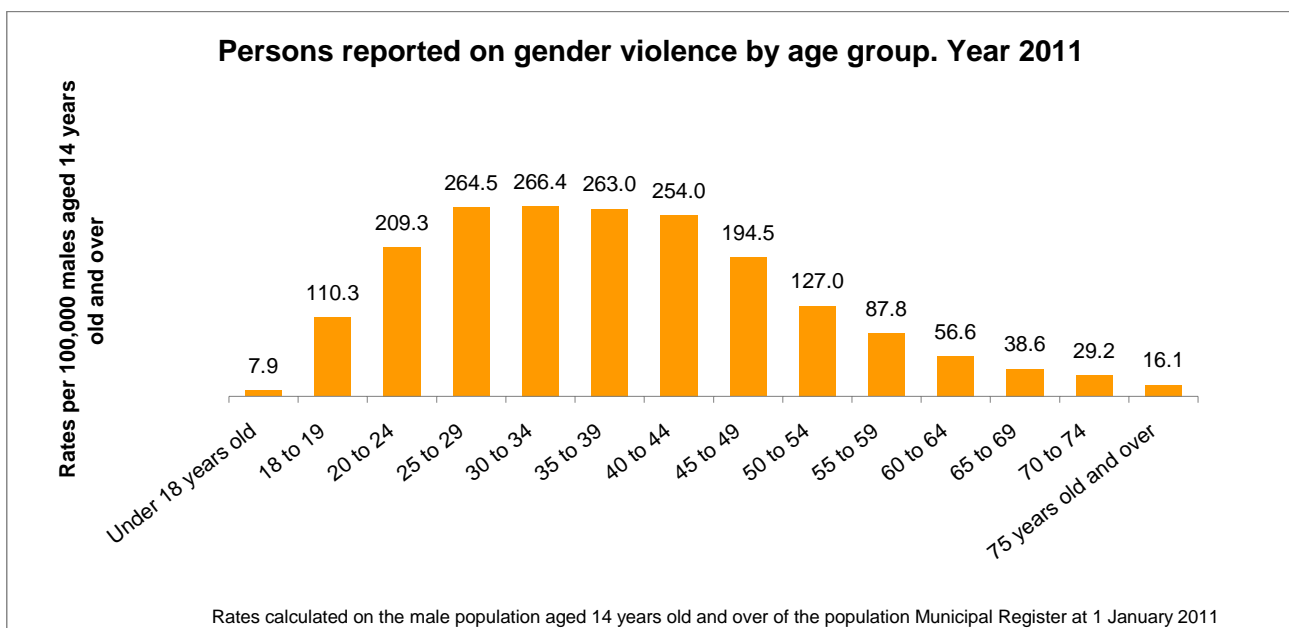
32,142 males were reported in 2011 for gender violence in the cases with interim measures ordered, recorded in the Register throughout the year.

63.8% of the persons reported were aged 25 to 44 years old. In relative terms (rates per 100,000 males aged 14 years old and over), the highest rates of persons reported corresponding to those same age groups.

## Persons reported on gender violence by age group

Absolute values  
Year 2011

	Number of reported persons
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,142</b>
Under 18 years old	71
18 to 19 years old	537
20 to 24 years old	2,776
25 to 29 years old	4,398
30 to 34 years old	5,565
35 to 39 years old	5,555
40 to 44 years old	4,996
45 to 49 years old	3,504
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55 to 59 years old	1,156
60 to 64 years old	677
65 to 69 years old	391
70 to 74 years old	239
75 years old and over	260



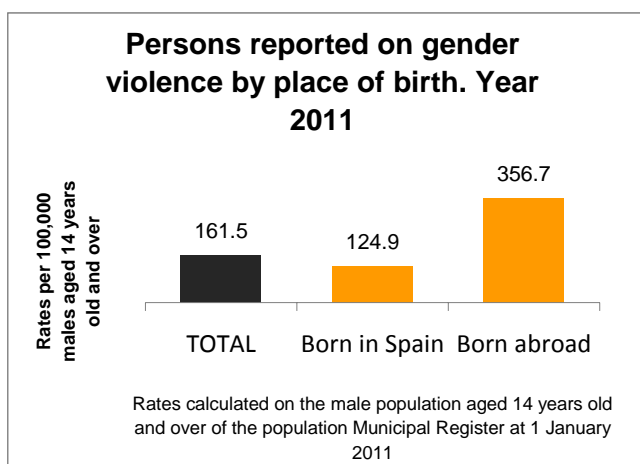
Almost two out of every three persons reported (65.1%) had been born in Spain. The rate of persons reported per 100,000 males aged 14 years old and over was greater among those born abroad (356.7) than among those born in Spain (124.9).

## Persons reported on gender violence by place of birth

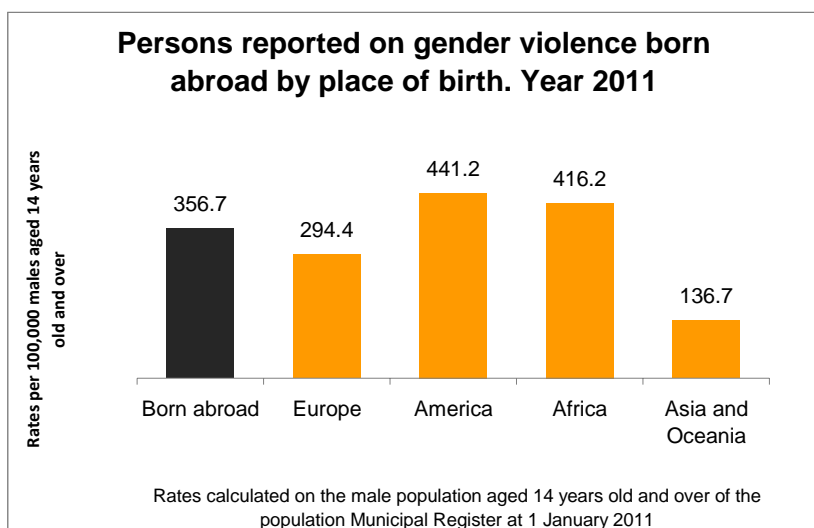
Absolute values

Year 2011

	No of reported persons
TOTAL	32,142
Born in Spain	20,914
Born abroad	11,228
Europe	3,790
America	4,474
Africa	2,691
Asia and Oceania	273



Within those born abroad, the highest rates of reported persons corresponded to those born in America and Africa. The lowest rates were recorded among those born in Asia and Oceania.



The Autonomous Communities with the highest numbers of reported persons registered for gender violence were Andalucía (7,724), Comunitat Valenciana (4,433), Comunidad de Madrid (4,072) and Cataluña (3,549).

In relative terms, Andalucía (220.0 reported persons per 100,000 males aged 14 years old and over), Región de Murcia (209.9), and Comunitat Valenciana (204.0) presented the highest rates.

Conversely, País Vasco (72.4), Cataluña (112.1) and Galicia (114.8) were the Autonomous Communities with the lowest rates of persons reported.

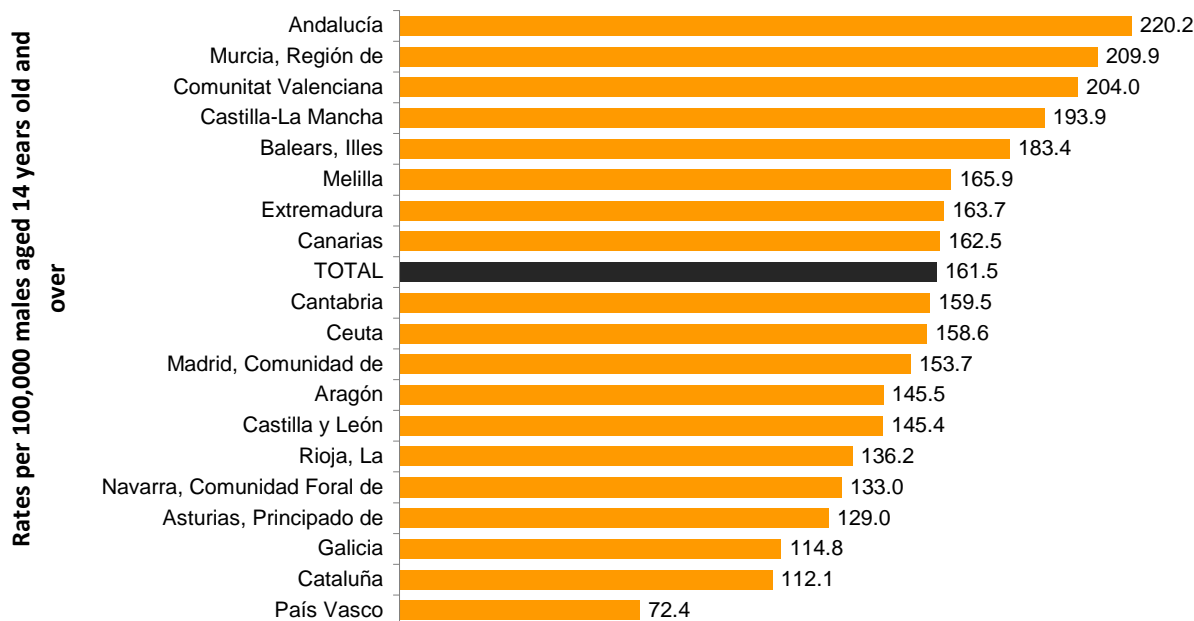
### **Persons reported on gender violence by Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded**

Absolute values

Year 2011

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,142</b>
Andalucía	7,724
Comunitat Valenciana	4,433
Madrid, Comunidad de	4,072
Cataluña	3,549
Castilla-La Mancha	1,764
Castilla y León	1,629
Canarias	1,483
Galicia	1,370
Murcia, Región de	1,294
Balears, Illes	872
Aragón	847
Extremadura	777
País Vasco	669
Asturias, Principado de	598
Cantabria	402
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	363
Rioja, La	189
Ceuta	54
Melilla	53

**Persons reported on gender violence by Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded. Year 2011**



Rates calculated on the male population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

**Punishable offences**

38,219 punishable offences were registered in 2011<sup>2</sup> imputed to those persons reported for cases of gender violence registered during that year. The average number of punishable offences per person reported was 1.2.

35,061 crimes and 3,158 misdemeanours were accounted for among the total punishable offences imputed. The most frequent crimes were those relating to *Injuries* (51.8% of the crimes), *Threats* (21.9%) and *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (15.0%).

**Interim measures**

The total interim measures ordered<sup>3</sup> and recorded in the Register for cases of gender violence in 2011 reached 98,159.

Considering the nature of the measures, 75.8% were of a penal nature, and 24.2% were of a civil nature.

The most frequent penal interim measures were the *prohibition of approaching given persons* (35.3% of the total penal measures), the *prohibition of communicating with given persons* (32.0%) and *conditional release* (14.9%).

<sup>2</sup> Each person reported could be imputed more than one punishable offence

<sup>3</sup> For each case, several interim measures can be ordered

Among the civil interim measures, the most frequent ones were the *establishment of custody rights* (26.4% of the total civil measures), the *establishment of food provision rights* (26.1%) and the *establishment of the visitation regime* (23.8%).

## Domestic Violence

**Domestic Violence** is understood to be all physical or psychological violence carried out by a man or a women, on any of the persons listed in article 173.2 of the Criminal Code (descendants, ancestors, spouses, siblings, etc.) with the exception of specific cases of gender violence.

### Victims of domestic violence

63.0% of the victims in the 7,744 cases of domestic violence were female, and 37.0% of them were male. Moreover, a total of 376 persons appeared as both reported persons and victims.

The total number of victims of domestic violence was greater than the number of persons reported, with a rate of 1.4 victims for each person reported.

Unlike with gender violence, domestic violence affected all age groups more uniformly.

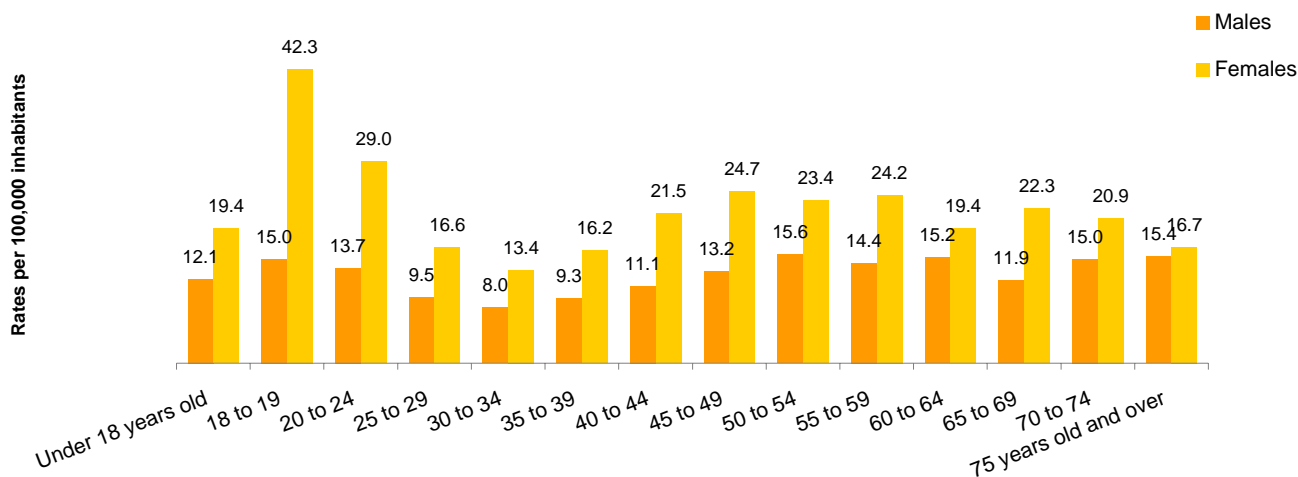
### Victims of domestic violence by sex and age group

Absolute values

Year 2011

	Total	Males	Females
TOTAL	7,744	2,863	4,881
Under 18 years old	1,303	519	784
18 to 19 years old	267	73	194
20 to 24 years old	554	182	372
25 to 29 years old	426	158	268
30 to 34 years old	432	167	265
35 to 39 years old	517	196	321
40 to 44 years old	625	219	406
45 to 49 years old	676	237	439
50 to 54 years old	623	247	376
55 to 59 years old	519	190	329
60 to 64 years old	430	182	248
65 to 69 years old	371	121	250
70 to 74 years old	327	123	204
75 years old and over	674	249	425

### Victims of domestic violence by sex and age group. Year 2011



Rates calculated on the total male and female population of the population Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

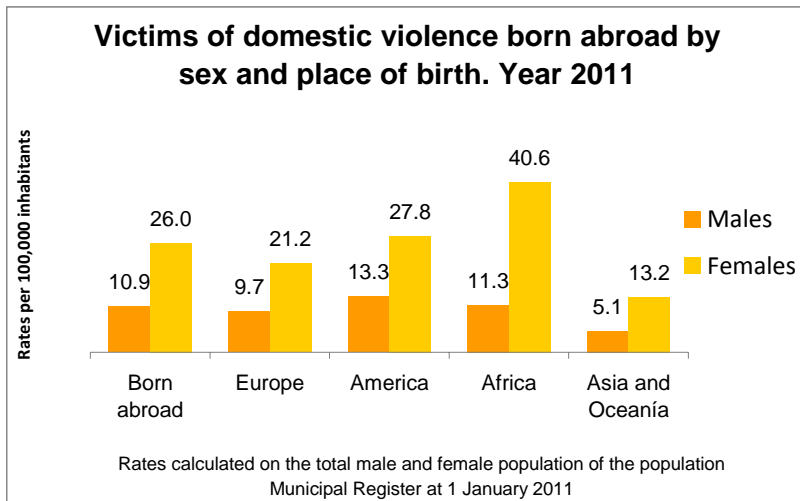
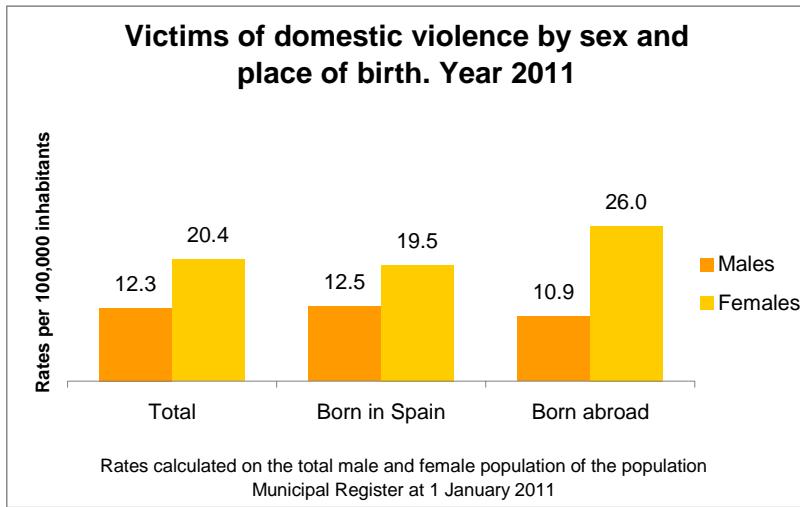
82.5% of female victims of domestic violence and 87.0% of male victims of domestic violence had been born in Spain. However, in relative terms (rates per 100,000 inhabitants), cases of domestic violence were more frequent among foreign females (26.0) than among Spanish females (19.5).

In the case of male victims, those born abroad presented rates (10.9) that were slightly lower than the rates for those born in Spain (12.5). The highest rates of victims were those from America in the case of males, and from Africa in the case of females.

### Victims of domestic violence by sex and place of birth

Absolute values  
Year 2011

	Males	Females
TOTAL	2,863	4,881
Born in Spain	2,492	4,029
Born abroad	371	852
Europe	134	282
America	148	386
Africa	78	163
Asia and Oceania	11	21



**Victims of domestic violence by sex, Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded**

Rates per every 100,000 inhabitants

Año 2011

	Victims <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Males	Females
TOTAL	16.4	12.3	20.4
Cantabria	22.4	18.6	26.1
Andalucía	21.1	15.3	26.8
Melilla	20.4	7.5	34.0
Murcia, Región de	19.7	14.8	24.7
Comunitat Valenciana	19.3	14.5	24.1
Rioja, La	17.0	14.2	19.8
Ceuta	17.0	14.2	19.9
Extremadura	16.9	12.5	21.3
Asturias, Principado de	16.9	15.4	18.3
Castilla y León	16.8	12.9	20.8
Galicia	16.5	12.3	20.5
País Vasco	16.3	13.3	19.1
Canarias	16.2	10.8	21.5
Castilla-La Mancha	15.4	11.3	19.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	15.3	11.2	19.3
Cataluña	13.7	10.3	17.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	12.2	9.2	15.0
Balears, Illes	10.7	7.2	14.2
Aragón	10.3	8.9	11.6

<sup>1</sup>Rates calculated on the total male and female population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

The Autonomous Communities where the highest rates of victims (per 100,000 inhabitants) of domestic violence were recorded for males were Cantabria (18.6), Principado de Asturias (15.4) and Andalucía (15.3).

In the case of females, the highest rates were registered in the Autonomous City of Melilla (34.0), Andalucía (26.8) and Cantabria (26.1).

Conversely, Illes Balears (7.2) and Melilla (7.5) were the Autonomous Communities or Cities with the lowest rates of male victims, and Aragón (11.6) and Illes Balears (14.2) recorded the lowest rates in the case of female victims.

Considering the relationships between the victims and the persons reported, in 36.8% of the cases, the victims were the father or mother of the person reported, and in 23.2% of the cases, the victims were the child of the person reported.

**Persons reported for domestic violence**

76.2% of the total of 5,632 persons reported for domestic violence were males and 23.8% were females. By age, three out of four persons reported were under 45 years of age.

In analysing the rates per 100,000 persons, the greatest number of persons reported was found in the group aged 18 to 24 years old for males and 20 to 44 years old for females.

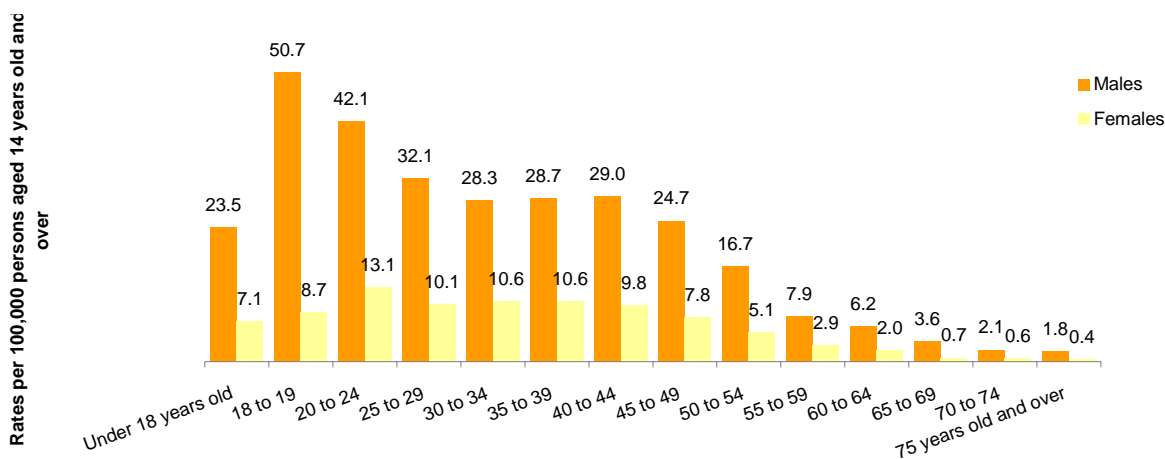
### Persons reported on domestic violence by sex and age group

Absolute values

Year 2011

	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,632</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>1,343</b>
Under 18 years old	272	212	60
18 to 19 years old	287	247	40
20 to 24 years old	726	558	168
25 to 29 years old	696	533	163
30 to 34 years old	801	592	209
35 to 39 years old	816	606	210
40 to 44 years old	755	571	184
45 to 49 years old	584	445	139
50 to 54 years old	347	265	82
55 to 59 years old	144	104	40
60 to 64 years old	99	74	25
65 to 69 years old	44	36	8
70 to 74 years old	23	17	6
75 years old and over	38	29	9

### Persons reported on domestic violence by sex and age group. Year 2011



Rates calculated on the total male and female population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

72.7% of females and 82.8% of males reported in cases of domestic violence had been born in Spain.

In the rate per 100,000 persons aged 14 years old and over, it was observed that the rate of the females reported who had been born abroad (12.1) was more than twice the rate of the females reported who had been born in Spain (5.5).

In the case of the males reported, the rate for those born abroad (23.4) was higher than the rate for those who had been born in Spain (21.2).

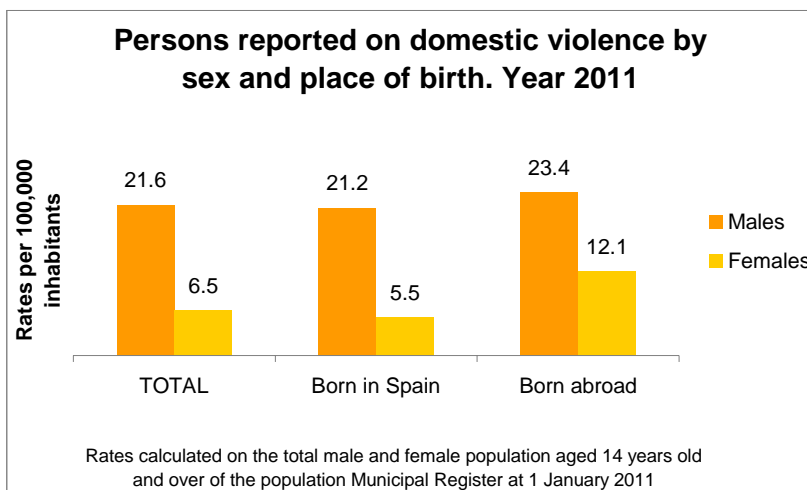
The highest rates of persons reported were registered for persons from Africa, both in the case of males (31.2) and in the case of females (21.1).

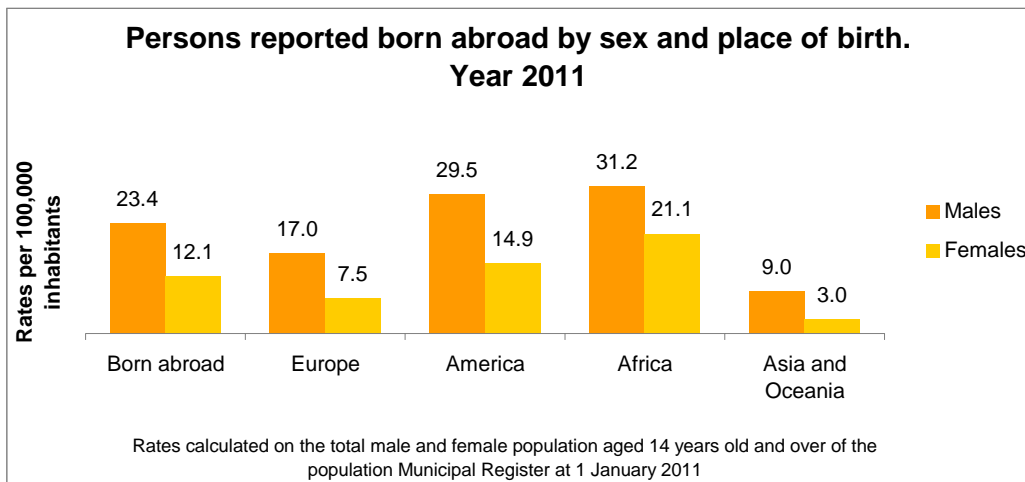
### Persons reported on domestic violence by sex and place of birth

Absolute values

Year 2011

	Males	Females
TOTAL	4,289	1,343
Born in Spain	3,551	977
Born abroad	738	366
Europe	219	93
America	299	192
Africa	202	77
Asia and Oceania	18	4





The Autonomous Communities that registered the highest rates (per 100,000 persons aged 14 years old and over) of persons reported for domestic violence were Melilla (37.6), Andalucía (29.0), Cantabria and Región de Murcia (27.4 in both) in the case of males, and Melilla (16.5) and Ceuta (9.3) and Comunitat Valenciana (8.6) in the case of females.

Conversely, Aragón, Comunidad de Madrid and Illes Balears were the Autonomous Communities with the lowest rates of persons reported, for both males and females.

**Persons reported on domestic violence by sex,  
Autonomous City and Community where the issue was  
recorded**

Rates per every 100,000 persons aged 14 years old and over  
Año 2011

	Persons reported <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL</b>	13.9	21.6	6.5
Melilla	27.3	37.6	16.5
Andalucía	17.9	29.0	7.2
Murcia, Región de	17.7	27.4	7.9
Cantabria	17.1	27.4	7.5
Ceuta	16.6	23.5	9.3
Comunitat Valenciana	16.2	24.0	8.6
Asturias, Principado de	14.8	23.1	7.2
Extremadura	14.6	24.4	4.9
Galicia	14.2	22.6	6.4
Castilla y León	14.0	21.1	6.9
Castilla-La Mancha	13.4	21.3	5.4
Canarias	13.4	21.3	5.6
Rioja, La	13.3	20.9	5.7
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	13.1	18.7	7.6
Cataluña	11.6	17.4	6.0
País Vasco	11.6	17.5	6.0
Balears, Illes	11.1	17.0	5.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	10.2	15.8	5.1
Aragón	9.5	13.7	5.2

<sup>1</sup>Rates calculated on the total male and female population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 January 2011

### **Punishable offences**

The number of punishable offences<sup>4</sup> imputed to those persons reported for domestic violence reached 6,750 in 2011. The number of punishable offences per person reported was 1.1.

Of the total number of punishable offences, 6,002 were crimes and 748 misdemeanours. The most frequent crimes were those relating to Injuries (44.9% of the crimes), Threats (25.2%) and Torture and other crimes against moral integrity (14.7%).

### **Interim measures**

12,231 interim measures were ordered<sup>5</sup> in cases of domestic violence registered during the year 2011. 76.6% were handed down to men, and 23.4% to women.

Considering the nature of the measures, 95.9% were *penal interim measures*, and 4.1% *civil interim measures*.

The most frequent penal interim measures were the prohibition of approaching given persons (36.3% of the total penal measures), the prohibition of communicating with given persons (27.4%) and conditional release (15.1%).

In turn, the most common civil interim measures were establishment of custody rights (28,5% of the total civil measures), the establishment of the visitation regime (18.8%) and the establishment of food provision rights (14.8%).

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## Methodological note

The **2011 Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence** is compiled from existing information in the Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence, whose ownership corresponds to the Ministry of Justice. Statistical use of this Register has been made by the National Statistics Institute (INE), by virtue of the Partnership Agreement signed by the two institutions on 3 July 2007.

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**Domestic Violence** is understood to be all physical or psychological violence carried out by a man or a woman, on any of the persons listed in article 173.2 of the Criminal Code (descendants, ancestors, spouses, siblings, etc.) with the exception of specific cases of gender violence.

The Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence records interim measures and protection orders relating to cases of domestic violence or gender violence, as well as data corresponding to sentences and security measures handed down as final or non-final sentences for crimes or misdemeanours.

From a conceptual point of view, the current focus of these statistics is geared towards studying the pre-trial phase of the criminal process, in particular of **cases with interim measures ordered**, whereby they provide information regarding victims and persons reported with interim measures, and not regarding convicts, sentences or final sentences handed down. Nor does the information provided consider the total number of reports submitted, but only those that have given rise to their recording in the Register as a result of the interim measures ordered.

The investigation focuses on studying cases **recorded in the Register during the course of the reference period** of the information. The information provided derives, then, from proceedings initiated, which, as a result of the interim measures ordered, were recorded in the Register in 2011.

The purpose of these statistics is to ascertain the number of victims and persons reported in cases recorded in the Register during the course of the reference year, to examine their main socio-demographic features (sex, age, place of birth, type of relationship) and provide detailed information regarding interim measures ordered and punishable offences imputed.