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**Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence**  
Year 2012

**The total number of victims of gender violence recorded in the Register<sup>1</sup> is 29,146 women, 9.6% less than in 2011**

**The rate of victims of gender violence recorded in the Register in 2012 is 142.3 per 100,000 women aged 14 years old and over**

**The total number of victims of domestic violence decreases 5.8% as compared with the previous year**

The total persons recorded in the Register as victims of gender violence or domestic violence in 2012 reached 36,641, registering a decrease of 9.2% as compared with the previous year. A total of 33,738 of them were females and 2,903 of them were males.

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

Absolute values  
Year 2012

**Gender violence**

Total Victims (females)	29,146
Total Persons Reported (males)	29,048

**Domestic violence**

Total Victims	7,298
Males	2,788
Females	4,510
Total Persons reported	5,400
Males	4,091
Females	1,309
Total Persons both Reported and Victims	197
Males	115
Females	82

Note: Results referred to cases (with interim measures ordered) registered in the Register throughout 2012.

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

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

## Gender violence

**Gender Violence** is understood to be all physical and psychological act 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

29,146 victims of gender violence (women) were registered in 2012, in cases in which interim measures had been ordered, 9.6% less as compared with the previous year.

By age group, more than half of the victims of gender violence (51.2%) were aged 25 to 39 years old, a similar figure to that registered in 2011.

### Victims of gender violence by age group

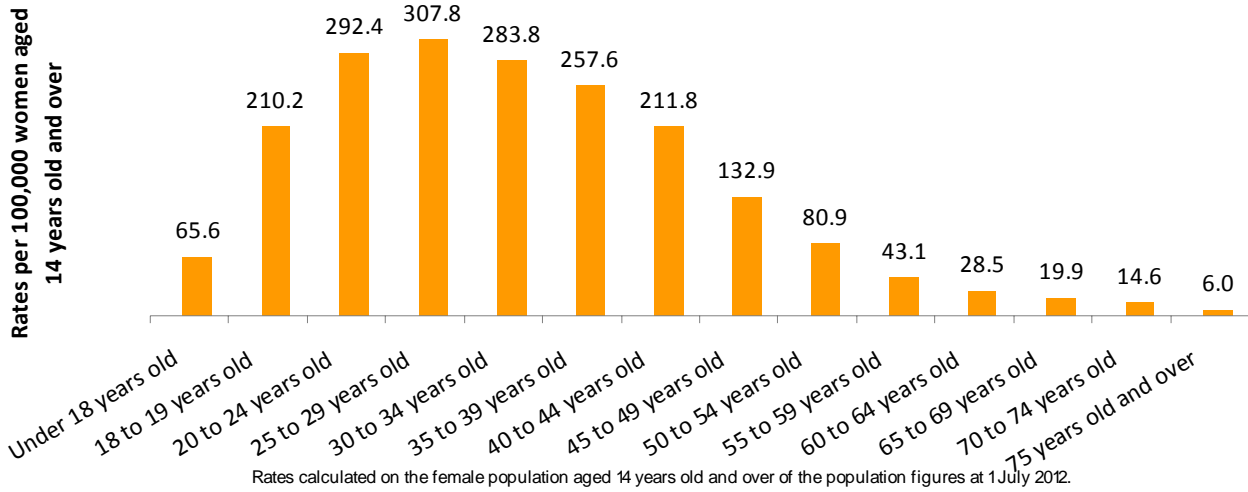
Absolute values

Year 2012

	Number of victims
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,146</b>
Under 18 years old	545
18 to 19 years old	919
20 to 24 years old	3,555
25 to 29 years old	4,559
30 to 34 years old	5,252
35 to 39 years old	5,112
40 to 44 years old	3,989
45 to 49 years old	2,399
50 to 54 years old	1,325
55 to 59 years old	604
60 to 64 years old	364
65 to 69 years old	233
70 to 74 years old	135
75 years old and over	155

The rates of victims, as compared with the total population of women, reached their peak in the bracket aged 25 to 29 years old (307.8 victims per 100,000 women aged 14 years old and over), followed by the bracket aged 20 to 24 years old (292.4) and the bracket aged 30 to 34 years old (283.8).

**Victims of gender violence by age group. Year 2012**



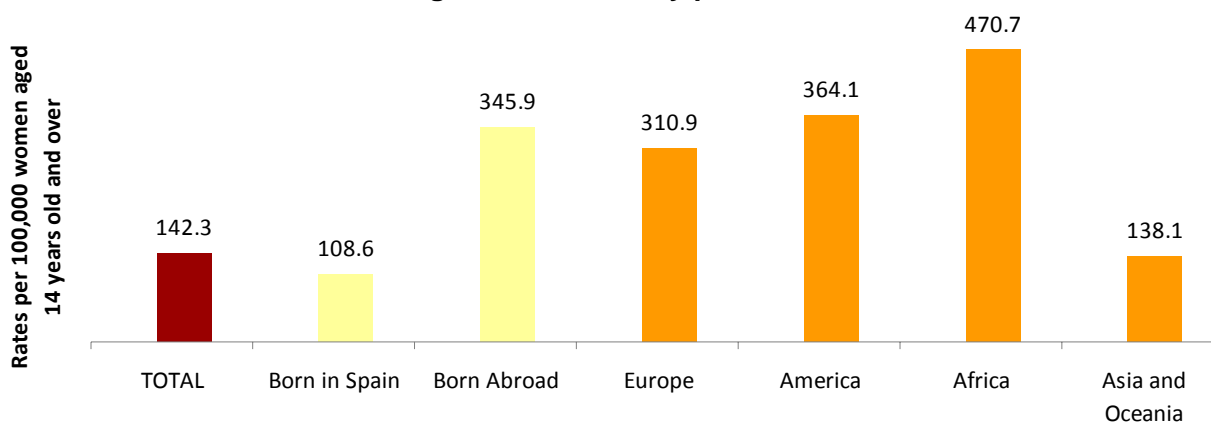
Two out of three victims of gender violence were born in Spain (65.5% of the total).

<b>Victims of gender violence by place of birth</b>	
Absolute values	
Year 2012	
	Number of victims
TOTAL	29,146
Born in Spain	19,097
Born abroad	10,049
Europe	3,495
America	4,629
Africa	1,729
Asia and Oceania	196

The rate of victims per 100,000 women aged 14 years old and over was higher in those that were born abroad (345.9) than in those born in Spain (108.6).

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

**Victims of gender violence by place of birth. Year 2012**



Rates calculated on the female population aged 14 years old and over of the population figures at 1 July 2012

By Autonomous Community, those that recorded the highest number of victims of gender violence in 2012 were Andalucía (7,161), Comunitat Valenciana (4,172) and Comunidad de

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

Absolute values

Year 2012

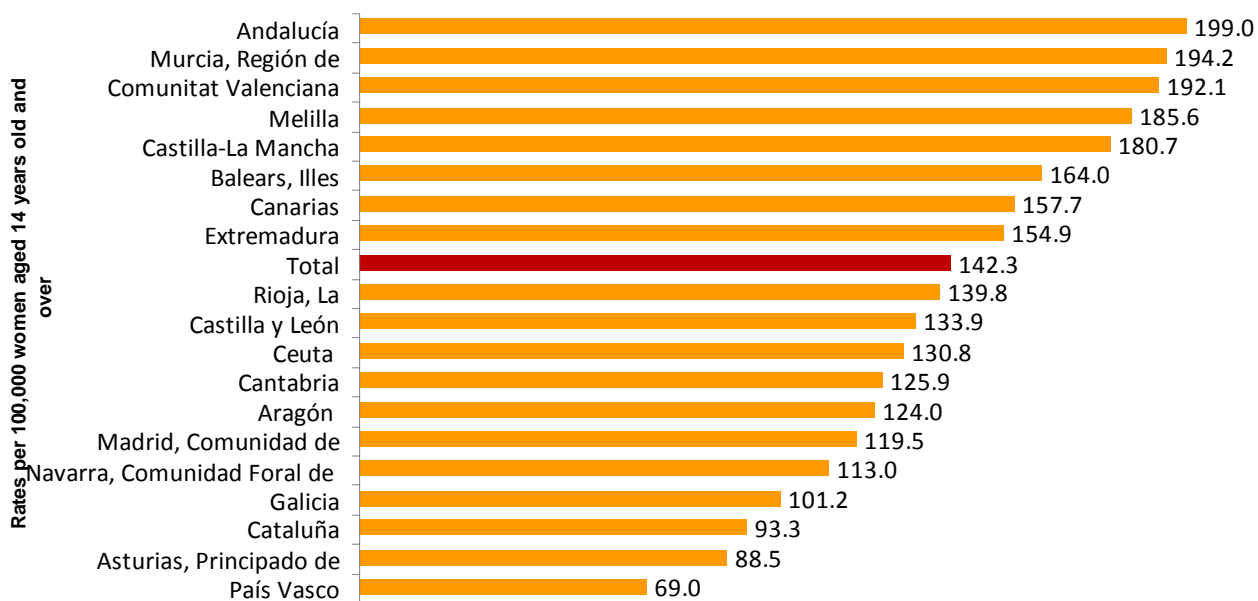
TOTAL	29,146
Andalucía	7,161
Comunitat Valenciana	4,172
Madrid, Comunidad de	3,427
Cataluña	3,038
Castilla-La Mancha	1,611
Castilla y León	1,520
Canarias	1,432
Galicia	1,294
Murcia, Región de	1,180
Balears, Illes	776
Extremadura	746
Aragón	728
País Vasco	675
Asturias, Principado de	446
Cantabria	334
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	311
Rioja, La	194
Melilla	58
Ceuta	43

Madrid (3,427).

In relative terms, Andalucía (199.0 victims per 100,000 females aged 14 years old and over), Región de Murcia (194.2) and Comunitat Valenciana (192.1) presented the highest rates.

Conversely, País Vasco (69.0) and Principado de Asturias (88.5) were the Autonomous Communities with the lowest rates of victims.

**Victims of gender violence by Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded. Year 2012**



Rates calculated on the female population aged 14 years old and over of the population figures at 1 July 2012

**Persons reported for gender violence**

29,048 males were reported in 2012 for gender violence in the cases with interim measures ordered, recorded in the Register throughout the year. This represents a decrease of 9.6% as compared with the previous year.

63.3% of the persons reported were aged 25 to 44 years old. This figure is similar to that of the previous year.

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

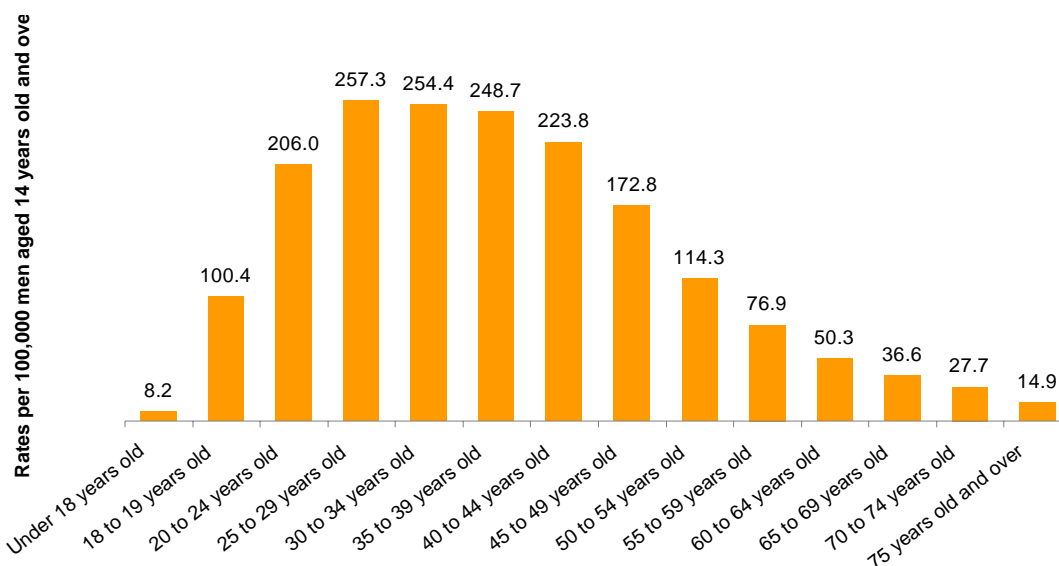
**Persons reported on gender violence by age group**

Absolute values

Year 2012

	Number of reported persons
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,048</b>
Under 18 years old	72
18 to 19 years old	466
20 to 24 years old	2,588
25 to 29 years old	3,862
30 to 34 years old	4,902
35 to 39 years old	5,223
40 to 44 years old	4,403
45 to 49 years old	3,171
50 to 54 years old	1,858
55 to 59 years old	1,044
60 to 64 years old	607
65 to 69 years old	388
70 to 74 years old	218
75 years old and over	246

**Persons reported on gender violence by age group. Year 2012**



Rates calculated on the male population aged 14 years old and over of the population figures at 1 July 2012

Two out of every three persons reported (66.6% of the total) had been born in Spain.

### Persons reported on gender violence by place of birth

Absolute values

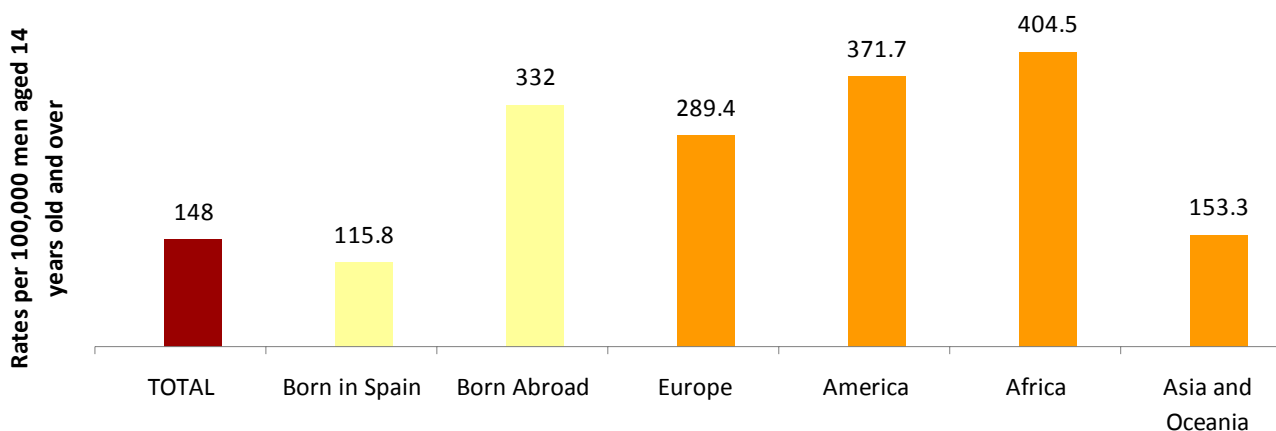
Year 2012

	Number of reported persons
TOTAL	29,048
Born in Spain	19,333
Born abroad	9,715
Europe	3,312
America	3,670
Africa	2,440
Asia and Oceania	293

The rate of persons reported per 100,000 males aged 14 years old and over was greater among those born abroad (332.0) than among those born in Spain (115.8).

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

#### Persons reported on gender violence by place of birth . Year 2012



Rates calculated on the male population aged 14 years old and over of the Municipal Register at 1 July 2012

### Relationship victim/reported person

Considering the type of relationship existing between the victim and the reported person, in 27.3% of cases, the victim and the reported person were spouses, and in 7.1%, they were ex-spouses.

In turn, in 23.3% of the cases, they kept a common law relationship, in 20.8%, they were ex-common law couples, in 8.0%, the victim was the girlfriend of the reported person, and in 11.7%, she was the ex-girlfriend of the reported person. The remaining 1.8% corresponded to couples in the process of separating.

In more than a half of the couples (50.6%) the reported person was between 20 and 39 years old and the victim was between 18 to 39 years old.

By place of birth, in 57.0% of the couples both of the partners were born in Spain, in 9.0% of the cases they were born in America and in the remaining 6.5% in other countries of the European Union.

### **Punishable offences**

33,713 punishable offences<sup>2</sup> were registered in 2012, imputed to those persons reported for cases of gender violence registered during that year, 11.8% less than in the previous year. The average number of punishable offences per person reported was 1.2.

31,129 crimes and 2,584 misdemeanours were accounted for among the total punishable offences imputed. The most frequent crimes were those relating to *Injuries* (54.8% of the crimes), *Threats* (20.2%) and *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (15.4%).

### **Interim measures**

The total interim measures ordered<sup>3</sup> and recorded in the Register for cases of gender violence in 2012 reached 89,657, 8.7% less than in the previous year.

Considering the nature of the measures, 75.0% were of a penal nature, and 25.0% 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* (32.6%) and *conditional release* (15.1%).

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* (26.0%) and the *establishment of the visitation regime* (24.3%).

## **Domestic Violence**

**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.

### **Victims of domestic violence**

7,298 victims of domestic violence were registered in 2012, representing 5.8% less than in the previous year. Among them, 61.8% were female, and 38.2% of them were male. Moreover, a total of 197 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.

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<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



Unlike with gender violence, domestic violence affected all age groups more uniformly. Among them, it is worth noting the age group under 18 years old (16.9% of the total).

In relative terms, it can be observed that cases of domestic violence were more frequent among female of 18 to 19 years old (39.8 per 100,000 females of that age group).

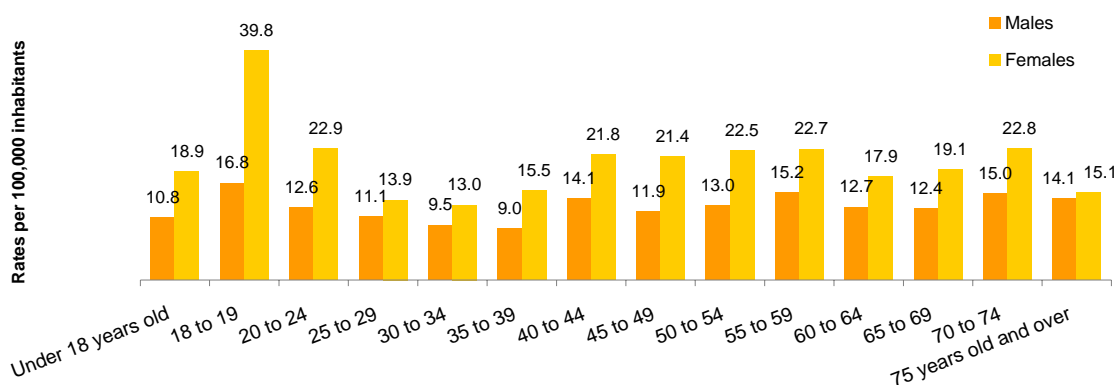
### Victims of domestic violence by sex and age group

Absolute values

Year 2012

	Total	Males	Females
TOTAL	7,298	2,788	4,510
Under 18 years old	1,230	465	765
18 to 19 years old	252	78	174
20 to 24 years old	436	158	278
25 to 29 years old	372	166	206
30 to 34 years old	425	184	241
35 to 39 years old	496	188	308
40 to 44 years old	688	277	411
45 to 49 years old	605	219	386
50 to 54 years old	579	211	368
55 to 59 years old	524	206	318
60 to 64 years old	382	153	229
65 to 69 years old	355	131	224
70 to 74 years old	329	118	211
75 years old and over	625	234	391

### Victims of domestic violence by sex and age group. Year 2012



Rates calculated on the total male and female population of the population figures at 1 July 2012

83.8% of female victims of domestic violence and 86.9% of male victims of domestic violence had been born in Spain.

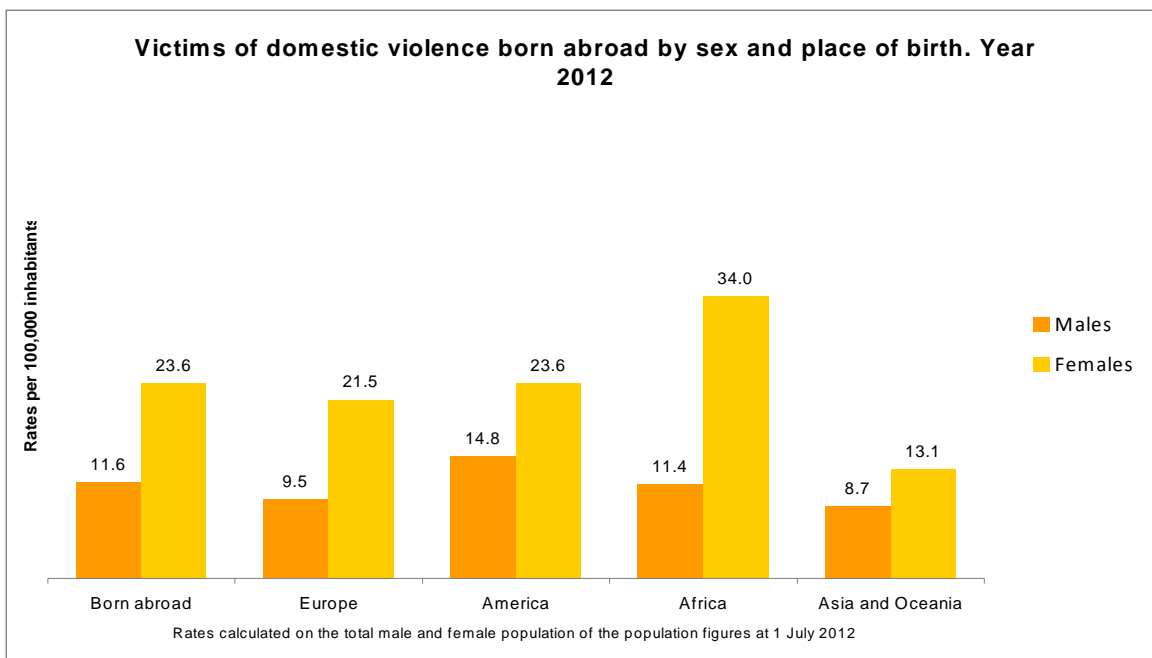
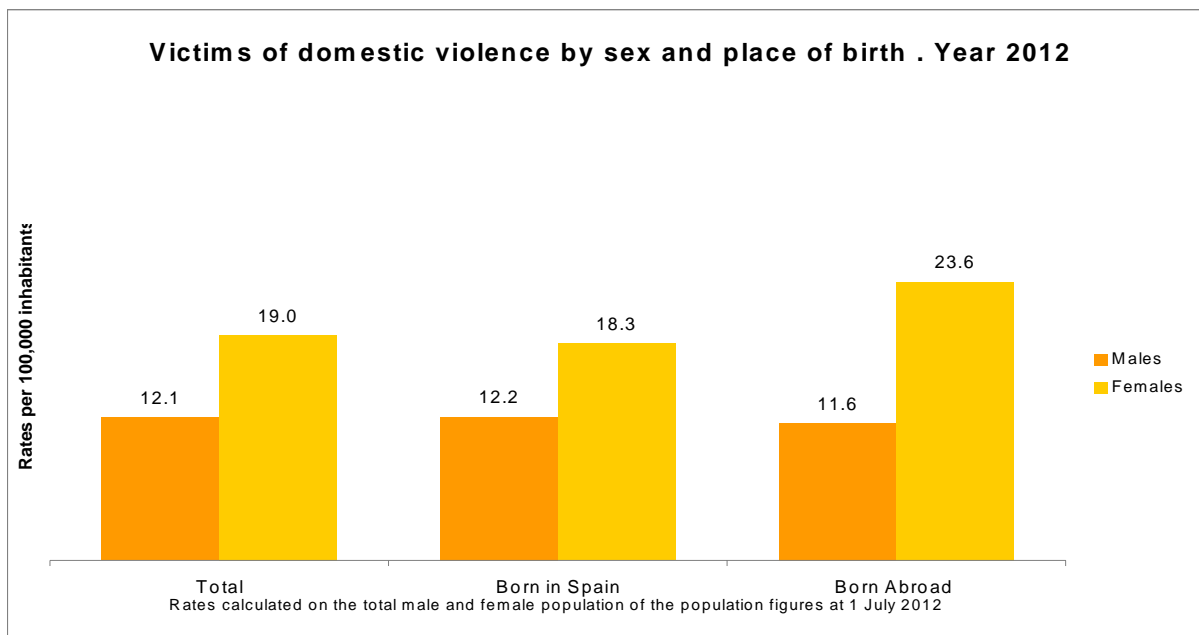
However, in relative terms (rates per 100,000 inhabitants), cases of domestic violence were more frequent among foreign females (23.6) than among Spanish females (18.3).

In the case of male victims, those born abroad presented lower rates than those born in Spain (11.6 as compared to 12.2). 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 2012

	Males	Females
TOTAL	2,788	4,510
Born in Spain	2,424	3,778
Born Abroad	364	732
Europe	116	257
America	157	317
Africa	73	136
Asia and Oceania	18	22



### Rates by Autonomous Community

By Autonomous Community, those that registered the highest rates of victims (per 100,000 inhabitants) of domestic violence in the case of males were Andalucía (15.7), Región de Murcia (15.2) and La Rioja (15.0).

Conversely, the lowest rates were registered in the Autonomous City of Ceuta (2.3) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (6.3).

In the case of females, the highest rates were registered in the Autonomous City of Melilla (35.1), La Rioja (30.5) and Cantabria (24.9). In turn, the lowest rates were recorded in Comunidad de Madrid (12.6) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (12.8).

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

Rates per every 100,000 inhabitants  
Year 2012

	Victims <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL</b>	15.6	12.1	19.0
Rioja, La	22.8	15.0	30.5
Melilla	21.8	9.4	35.1
Andalucía	19.9	15.7	24.1
Murcia, Región de	19.3	15.2	23.5
Castilla - La Mancha	19.1	14.0	24.4
Cantabria	18.6	12.1	24.9
Comunitat Valenciana	18.2	13.7	22.7
Extremadura	17.8	11.9	23.7
Castilla y León	16.9	12.7	21.1
Asturias, Principado de	16.4	14.0	18.7
Canarias	16.2	12.0	20.3
País Vasco	13.2	11.6	14.7
Ceuta	13.1	2.3	24.4
Galicia	13.0	9.6	16.2
Cataluña	12.9	10.0	15.6
Balears, Illes	12.5	10.5	14.5
Aragón	11.9	9.1	14.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	11.1	9.4	12.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	9.5	6.3	12.8

<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

### Persons reported for domestic violence

In 2012, a total of 5,400 persons were reported for domestic violence, 4.1% less than in the previous year. Among them, 75.8% were males and 24.2% 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 under 18 to 44 years old for females.

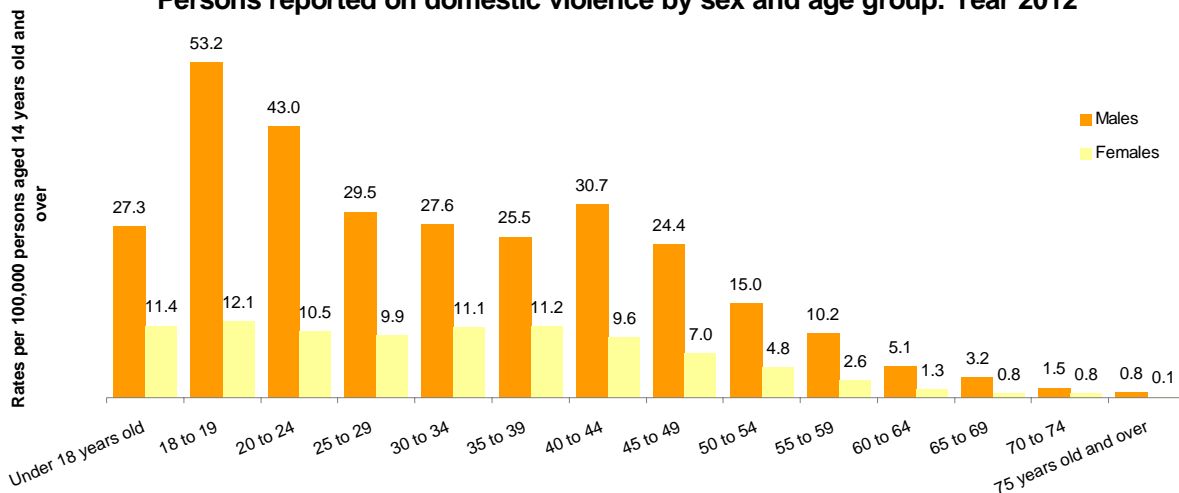
### Persons reported on domestic violence by sex and age group

Absolute values

Year 2012

	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>1,309</b>
Under 18 years old	335	240	95
18 to 19 years old	300	247	53
20 to 24 years old	668	540	128
25 to 29 years old	589	443	146
30 to 34 years old	737	531	206
35 to 39 years old	758	535	223
40 to 44 years old	784	603	181
45 to 49 years old	575	448	127
50 to 54 years old	323	244	79
55 to 59 years old	176	139	37
60 to 64 years old	77	61	16
65 to 69 years old	43	34	9
70 to 74 years old	19	12	7
75 years old and over	16	14	2

Persons reported on domestic violence by sex and age group. Year 2012



Rates calculated on the total male and female population aged 14 years old and over of the population figures at 1 July 2012

71.8% of females and 84.2% of males reported in cases of domestic violence had been born in Spain.

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

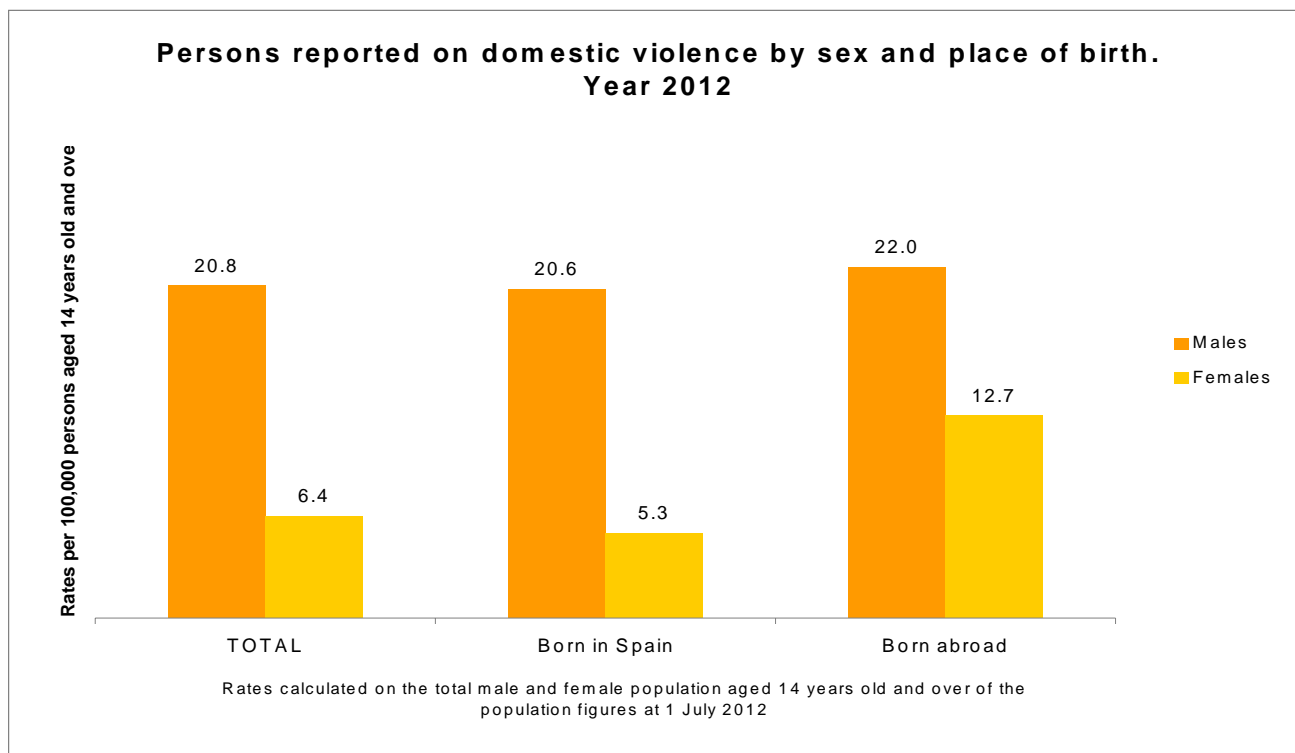
Absolute values  
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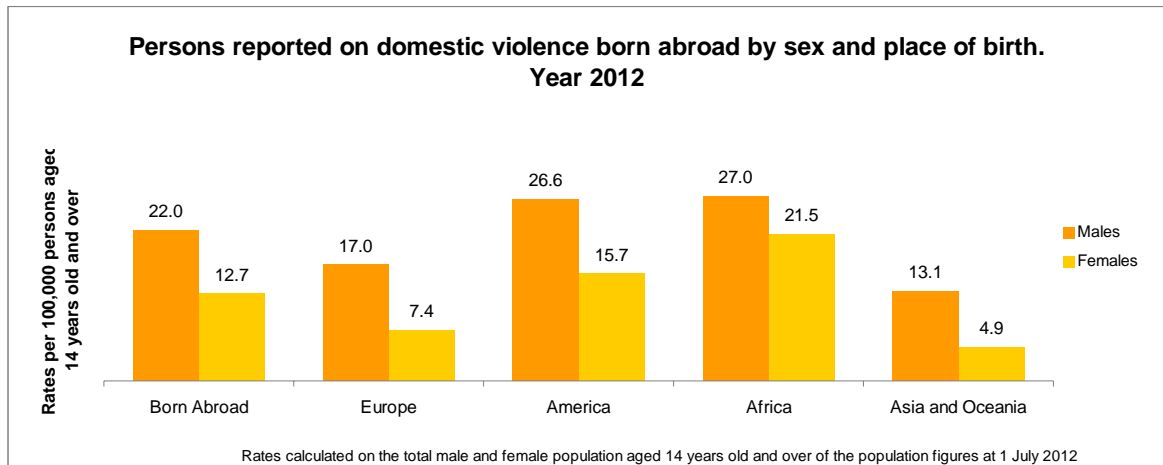
	Males	Females
TOTAL	4,091	1,309
Born in Spain	3,446	940
Born abroad	645	369
Europe	194	83
America	263	200
Africa	163	79
Asia and Oceania	25	7

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 (12.7) was more than twice the rate of the females reported who had been born in Spain (5.3).

In the case of the males reported, the rate for those born abroad (22.0) was higher than the rate for those who had been born in Spain (20.6).

The highest rates of persons reported were registered for persons from Africa, both in the case of males (27.0) and in the case of females (21.5).





### Relationship victim/reported person

Considering the type of relationship existing between the victim and the reported person, in 27.2% of cases, the victim was the mother of the reported person, in 24.0% of the cases the victims were the children and in 11.7% the victim was the father.

According to the place of birth, in 79.9% of the cases both the victim and the reported person had been born in Spain. In 4.7% of the cases they had been born in America and in 2.6% in Africa.

### Punishable offences

The number of punishable offences<sup>4</sup> imputed to those persons reported for domestic violence reached 6,328 in 2012, that is 6.3% less than in the previous year.

The number of punishable offences per person reported was 1.1, the same figure as the one registered in the previous year.

Of the total number of punishable offences, 5,593 were crimes and 735 misdemeanours. The most frequent crimes were those relating to *Injuries* (47.9% of the crimes), *Threats* (23.9%) and *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (14.3%).

### Interim measures

11,737 interim measures were ordered<sup>5</sup> in cases of domestic violence registered during the year 2012, a 4.0% less than in the previous year. 75.9% were handed down to men, and 24.1% to women.

Considering the nature of the measures, 95.7% were *penal interim measures*, and 4.3% *civil interim measures*.

<sup>4</sup> Each person reported could be imputed more than one punishable offence.

<sup>5</sup> For each case, several interim measures can be ordered.

The most frequent penal interim measures were *the prohibition of approaching given persons* (36.4% of the total penal measures), *the prohibition of communicating with given persons* (28.3%) and *conditional release* (14.9%).

In turn, the most common civil interim measures were *establishment of custody rights* (29,3% of the total civil measures), *the establishment of the visitation regime* (17.7%) and the *establishment of food provision rights* (16.7%).

## Methodological note

The **2012 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.

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 (proceedings initiated)**, 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 2012.

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.