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**Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence (SDVGV)
Year 2020**

**The number of women who were victims of gender violence
decreased by 8.4% in 2020, up to 29,215**

**The rate of victims of gender violence was 1.4 per 1,000 women
aged 14 years old and over**

The number of domestic violence victims increased by 8.2%

Cases initiated

This section provides information about victims and persons with protection orders or court-ordered interim measures recorded in the reference year in the Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence.¹

The total persons recorded as victims of gender or domestic violence in 2020 reached 37,819, 4.9% less than in 2019. Of these, 34,446 were women and 3,373 men.

**Victims and persons reported in gendered violence and domestic violence according
to sex 2016-2020 Series**

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate 2020/2019
Gender violence						
Victims (women)	28,281	29,008	31,286	31,911	29,215	-8.4
Persons reported (men)	28,201	28,987	31,250	31,805	29,135	-8.4
Domestic violence						
Victims	6,863	6,909	7,388	7,654	8,279	8.2
Men	2,574	2,596	2,792	2,906	3,197	10.0
Women	4,289	4,313	4,596	4,748	5,082	7.0
Persons reported	4,643	4,908	5,093	5,395	5,578	3.4
Men	3,342	3,590	3,696	3,885	4,028	3.7
Women	1,301	1,318	1,397	1,510	1,550	2.6
Persons reported and victims at the same time	187	217	221	192	325	69.3
Men	119	146	134	106	176	66.0
Women	68	71	87	86	149	73.3

¹ The register, owned by the Ministry of Justice, registers cases initiated on victims and those reported with protection orders or precautionary measures.

Gender violence

Gender Violence is understood as any physical or psychological act of violence (including attacks on sexual freedom, threats, coercion or arbitrary deprivation 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.

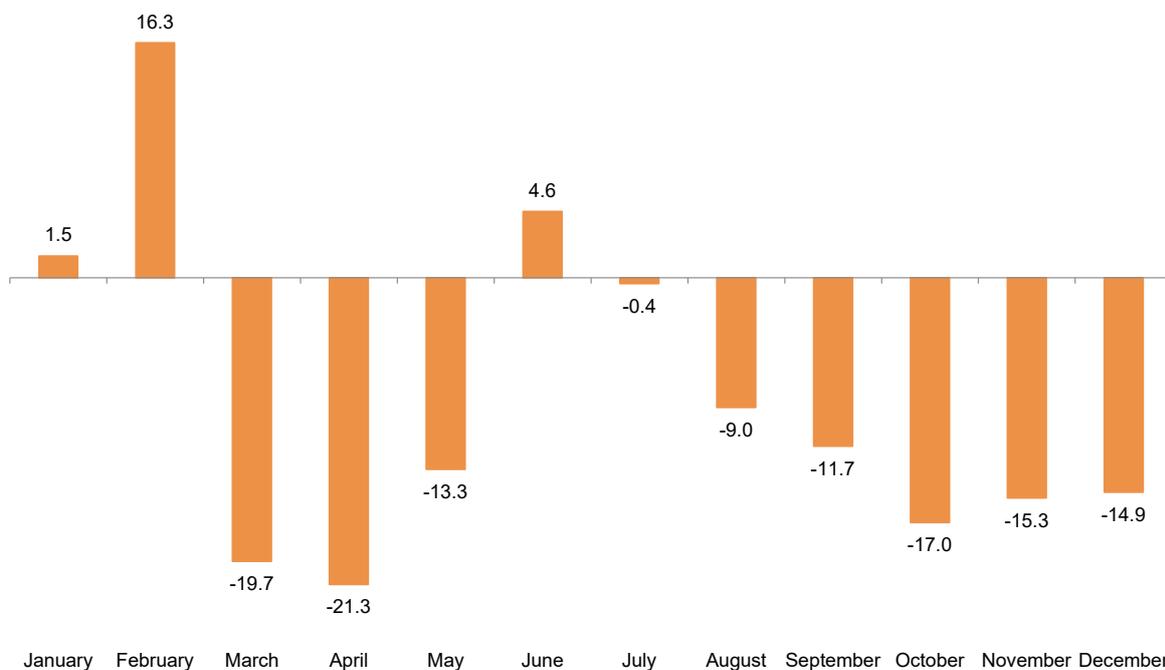
Victims of gender violence

In 2020, 29,215 women victims of gender violence were registered, in cases in which interim measures or protective orders had been issued, indicating a 8.4% decrease as compared with the previous year.

We should note that the greatest decreases in the number of female victims of gender violence were registered in the months in which mobility was restricted by the pandemic.

Victims of gendered violence by months. Year 2020

Annual variation rates (%)



Almost half of the victims of gendered violence (48.3%) were aged 30 to 44. The average age of the victims was 37.1 years old.

The greatest decrease in the number of victims in 2020 was among women under 18 years of age (-28.5%). In turn, the greatest increase was observed in women from 50 to 54 years of age (3.1%).

Victims of gendered violence by age

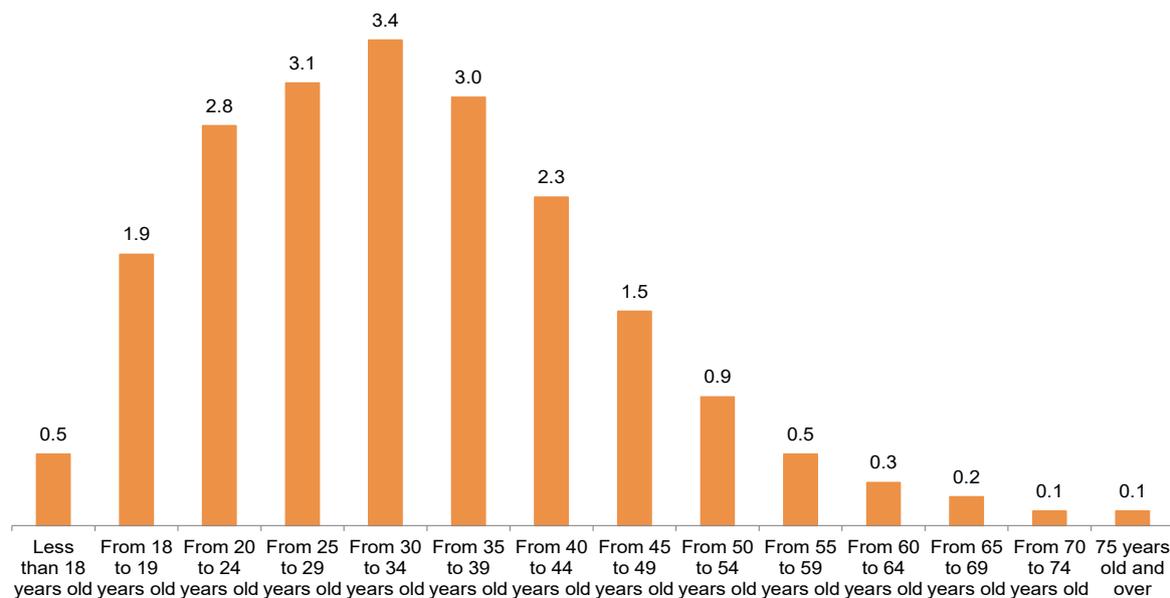
Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
TOTAL	31,911	29,215	-8.4
Less than 18 years old	719	514	-28.5
From 18 to 19 years old	1,063	884	-16.8
From 20 to 24 years old	3,605	3,208	-11.0
From 25 to 29 years old	4,506	3,900	-13.4
From 30 to 34 years old	5,113	4,638	-9.3
From 35 to 39 years old	5,407	4,959	-8.3
From 40 to 44 years old	4,759	4,521	-5.0
From 45 to 49 years old	3,157	2,963	-6.1
From 50 to 54 years old	1,696	1,749	3.1
From 55 to 59 years old	828	847	2.3
From 60 to 64 years old	444	439	-1.1
From 65 to 69 years old	246	245	-0.4
From 70 to 74 years old	178	175	-1.7
75 years old and over	190	173	-8.9

The rate of victims² was 1.4 per 1,000 women aged 14 years old and over. The highest values were reached in the age groups 30 to 34 years (3.4 victims per 1,000 women) and 25 to 29 years (3.1).

Victims of gendered violence by age Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 women aged 14 years old and over



² Rates calculated on the female population aged 14 and over using the provisional population figures as of July 1st.

Regarding place of birth³, nearly two out of every three victims of gendered violence were born in Spain (62.9% of the total), a similar proportion as last year.

Victims of gendered violence by place of birth.

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

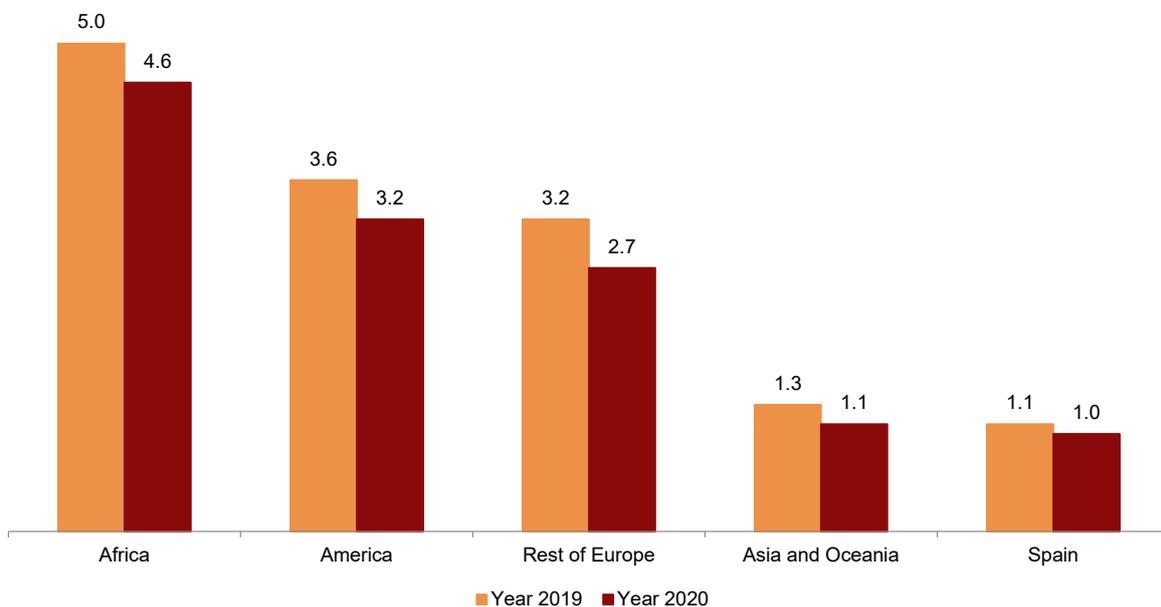
	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
TOTAL	31,911	29,215	-8.4
Born in Spain	20,126	18,379	-8.7
Born abroad	11,785	10,836	-8.1
Europe	3,586	3,045	-15.1
Africa	2,168	2,076	-4.2
America	5,765	5,476	-5.0
Asia and Oceania	266	239	-10.2

The victim rate per 1,000 women aged 14 and older was almost three times higher among women born abroad (3.1) than that among women born in Spain (1.0). In both cases the figures are similar to last year.

Among foreign-born victims, those from Africa and the Americas had the highest rates. Those of Asia and Oceania had the lowest.

Victims of gender violence by place of birth

Rates per 1,000 women aged 14 years old and over



³ The place of birth does not necessarily correspond to nationality.

Results by Autonomous Communities and Cities

The Autonomous Communities with the highest number of registered victims of gender violence in 2020 were Andalucía (6,813), Comunitat Valenciana (4,473) and Comunidad de Madrid (3,149).

In turn, the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla, and La Rioja showed the lowest rates of victims.

The largest annual increases in the number of victims occurred in the autonomous cities of Melilla y Ceuta (7.1% and 5.1%, respectively). Conversely, the greatest decreases were registered in País Vasco (-21.9%) y Aragón (-17.4%).

Victims of gendered violence by Autonomous Communities and Cities.

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

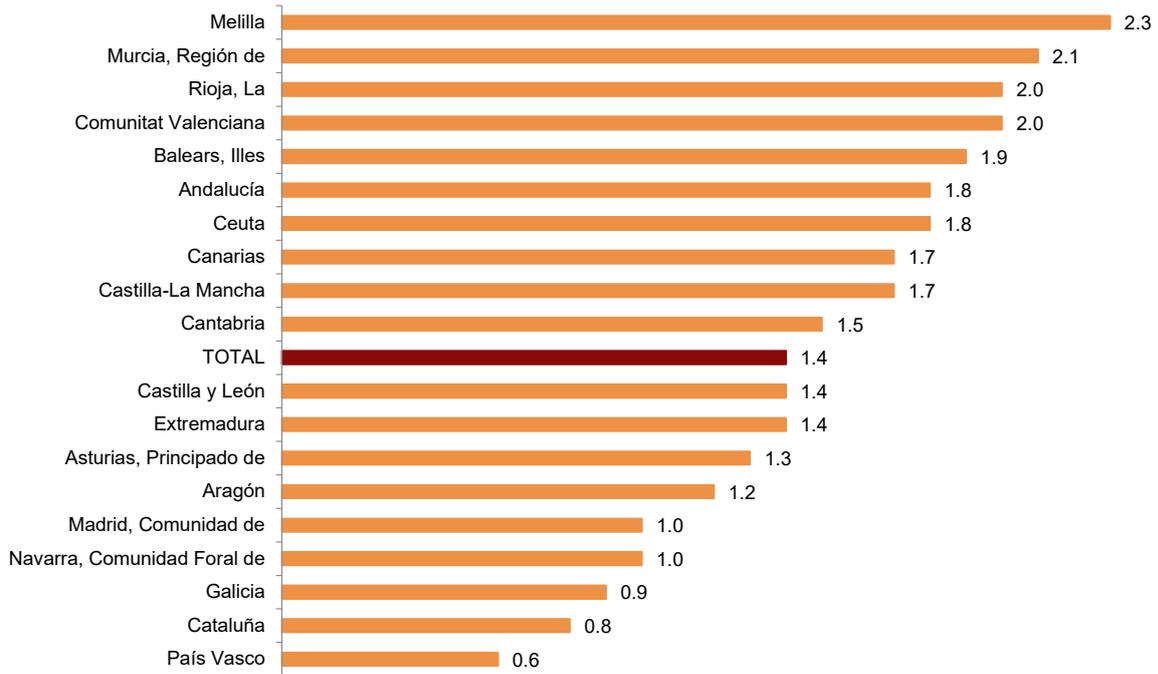
	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
TOTAL	31,911	29,215	-8.4
Andalucía	7,101	6,813	-4.1
Aragón	878	725	-17.4
Asturias, Principado de	644	622	-3.4
Balears, Illes	1,160	1,002	-13.6
Canarias	1,705	1,734	1.7
Cantabria	460	407	-11.5
Castilla y León	1,534	1,497	-2.4
Castilla-La Mancha	1,682	1,501	-10.8
Cataluña	3,253	2,848	-12.5
Comunitat Valenciana	4,909	4,473	-8.9
Extremadura	731	643	-12.0
Galicia	1,356	1,187	-12.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	3,624	3,149	-13.1
Murcia, Región de	1,400	1,343	-4.1
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	333	289	-13.2
País Vasco	716	559	-21.9
Rioja, La	296	286	-3.4
Ceuta	59	62	5.1
Melilla	70	75	7.1

In relative terms, the highest rates of registered victims of gender violence per 1,000 women aged 14 and older were recorded in the Autonomous Cities of Melilla (2.3), Región de Murcia (2.1) and La Rioja y Comunitat Valenciana (2.0 in both).

In turn, País Vasco (0.6), Cataluña (0.8) and Galicia (0.9) presented the lowest rates.

Victims of gendered violence by Autonomous Communities and Cities. Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 women aged 14 years old and over



Persons reported for gender violence

A total of 29,135 men were reported on gender violence in cases with protective orders or interim measures issued and recorded in the Register throughout the year 2020, which was 8.4% less, compared to the previous year.

Almost half of the persons reported (48.3%) were aged 30 to 44 years old. The average age of persons reported was 39.9 years old.

The greatest decreases in the number of persons reported for gender violence occurred among those under 18 years of age (-42.4%), and in the group aged 18 to 19 years of age (-21.6%).

Persons reported for gendered violence by age

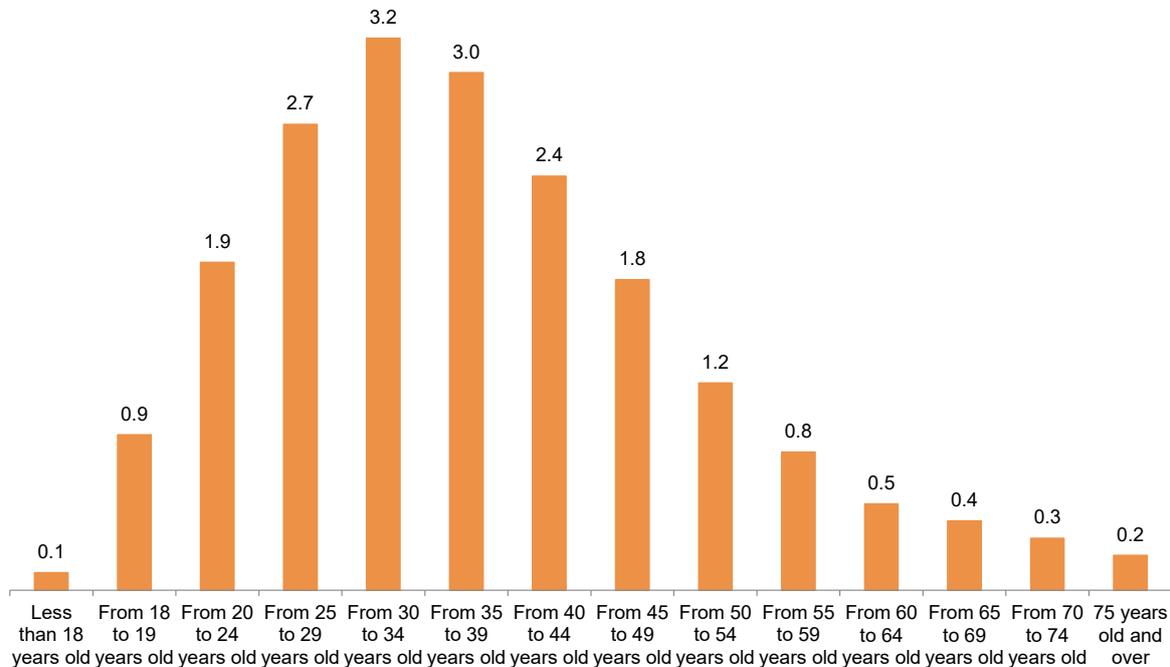
Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
TOTAL	31,805	29,135	-8.4
Less than 18 years old	125	72	-42.4
From 18 to 19 years old	578	453	-21.6
From 20 to 24 years old	2,625	2,301	-12.3
From 25 to 29 years old	3,901	3,428	-12.1
From 30 to 34 years old	4,885	4,399	-9.9
From 35 to 39 years old	5,513	4,948	-10.2
From 40 to 44 years old	5,203	4,716	-9.4
From 45 to 49 years old	3,650	3,544	-2.9
From 50 to 54 years old	2,311	2,278	-1.4
From 55 to 59 years old	1,323	1,292	-2.3
From 60 to 64 years old	721	719	-0.3
From 65 to 69 years old	400	431	7.8
From 70 to 74 years old	271	270	-0.4
75 years old and over	299	284	-5.0

The rate of those reported for gender violence⁴ was 1.5 per 1,000 men aged 14 years old and over. The rate reached its peak in the groups 30 to 34 years (3.2 reported for every 1,000 men of said age) and 35 to 39 years (3.0).

Persons reported for gendered violence by age. Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 men aged 14 years and over



By place of birth, almost two out of every three persons reported (63.7% of the total) were born in Spain.

Persons reported for gendered violence according to place of birth

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
TOTAL	31,805	29,135	-8.4
Born in Spain	20,196	18,545	-8.2
Born abroad	11,609	10,590	-8.8
Europe	3,623	3,147	-13.1
Africa	3,039	2,833	-6.8
America	4,591	4,308	-6.2
Asia and Oceania	356	302	-15.2

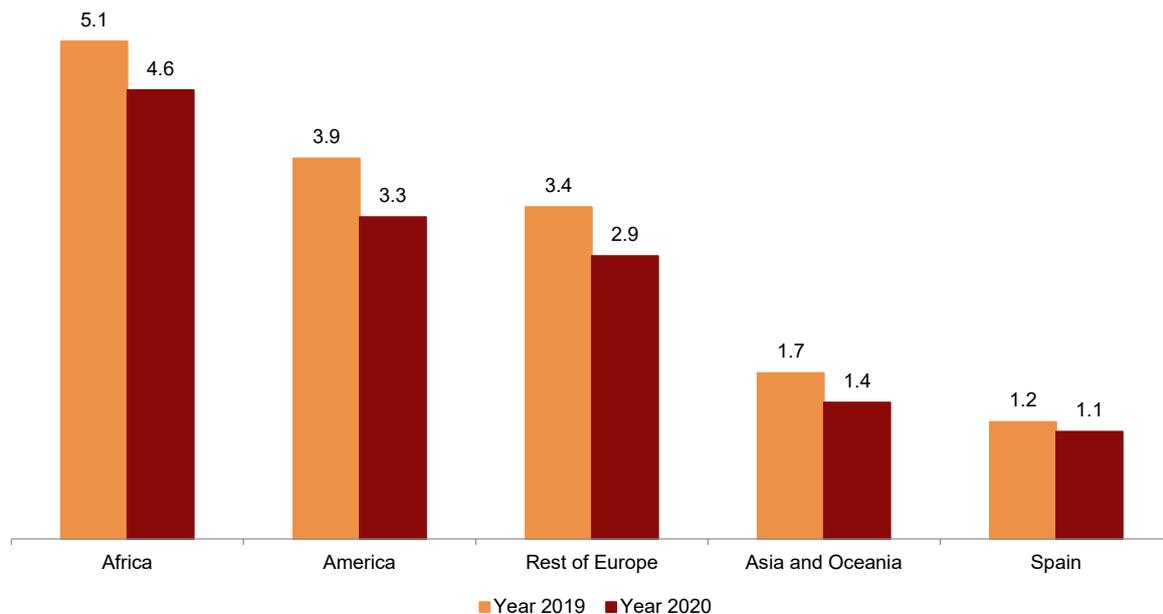
⁴ Rates calculated on the female population aged 14 and over using the provisional population figures as of July 1st.

The rate of persons reported per 1,000 men aged 14 years old and above was greater among those born abroad (3.3) than among those born in Spain (1.1).

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 for gendered violence according to place of birth

Rates per 1,000 men aged 14 years and over



Relations of the victims with the persons denounced

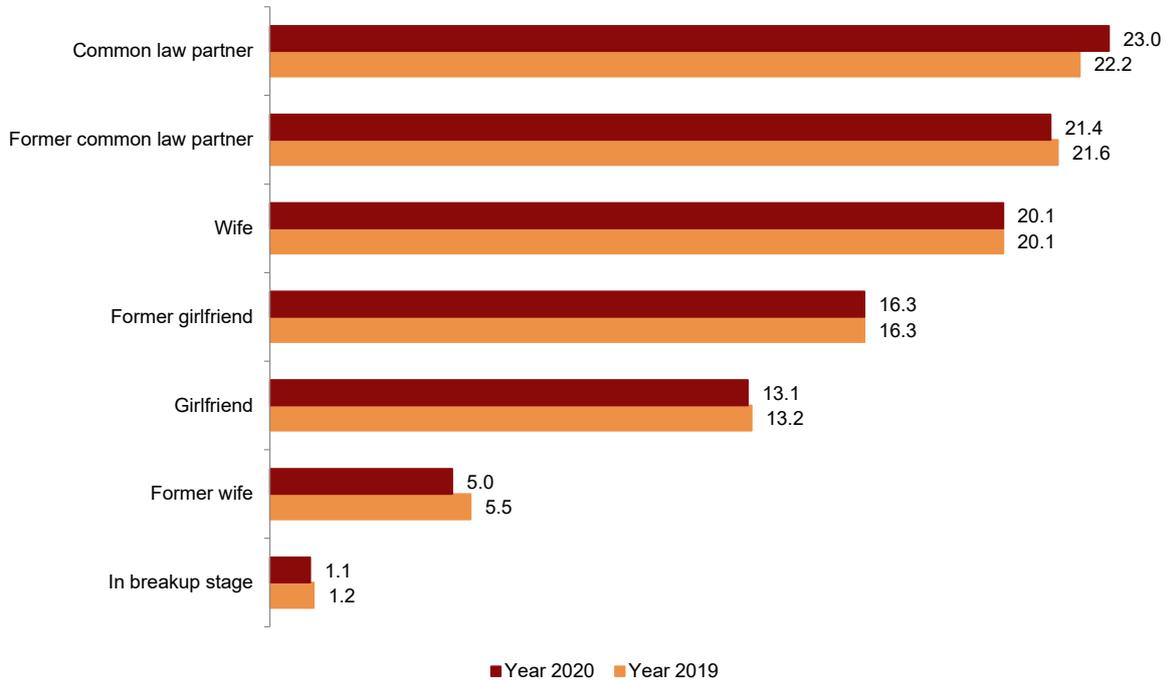
Insofar as the type of relationship between the victim and the accused, in 25.2% of cases the victims were spouses or former spouses; in 44.4% they were or had been in a civil union; 29.4% was a girlfriend or a former girlfriend; and 1.1% were in the process of separation.

Relationship of the victims with the persons reported

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

Victim	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
Common law partner	7,070	6,717	-5.0
Former common law partner	6,893	6,265	-9.1
Wife	6,409	5,879	-8.3
Former girlfriend	5,214	4,748	-8.9
Girlfriend	4,200	3,827	-8.9
Former wife	1,750	1,471	-15.9
In breakup stage	375	308	-17.9

Relationship of the victims with the persons reported
Percentages



In three out of every four couples (73.9%) the reported person and the victim were between 20 and 49 years old.

By place of birth, 53.5% of the couples were born both in Spain, 10.3% in America, and in 6.2% of cases the person reported was born in Spain and the victim in America.

Criminal offences and interim measures of gender violence

In 2020, 34,369 criminal offences⁵ were recorded, charged to persons reported for cases of gender violence registered during that year, 10.4% less than in 2019.

The average number of criminal offences per person reported was 1.2, the same as in the previous five years.

Punishable offences imputed. 2016-2020 Series

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate 2020/2019
Total	33,512	34,645	37,670	38,367	34,369	-10.4

The most frequent criminal offences were those relating to *Injuries* (51.8% of the total), *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (20.2%) and *Threats* (15.2%).

The total interim measures ordered⁶ and recorded in the Register for cases of gender violence in 2020 reached 90,912; that is, 8.2% less than in the previous year.

Considering the nature of the measures, 73.7% were of a criminal nature and 26.3% of a civil nature.

The most frequent criminal interim measures were the *prohibition of approaching given persons* (37.4% of the total), the *prohibition of communicating with given persons* (36.5%) and *conditional release* (13.4%).

Among the civil interim measures, the most frequent were the *determination of the alimony regime* (27.2% of the total), the *determination of custody rights* (26.5%) and the *determination of the visitation regime* (23.3%).

⁵ Each person reported could be charged with more than one criminal offence.

⁶ For each case, several interim measures can be ordered.

Domestic violence

Domestic Violence is understood as any 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

In 2020, 8,279 victims of domestic violence holding interim measures or protective orders were registered, representing 8.2% more than in the previous year. Among them, 61.4% were women, and 38.6% of them were men.

Victims of domestic violence by sex and age

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019		Year 2020		Variation rate	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
TOTAL	2,906	4,748	3,197	5,082	10.0	7.0
Less than 18 years old	834	1,163	939	1,217	12.6	4.6
From 18 to 19 years old	71	155	77	145	8.5	-6.5
From 20 to 24 years old	132	238	158	261	19.7	9.7
From 25 to 29 years old	118	162	134	160	13.6	-1.2
From 30 to 34 years old	128	168	126	162	-1.6	-3.6
From 35 to 39 years old	163	193	156	226	-4.3	17.1
From 40 to 44 years old	212	322	203	354	-4.2	9.9
From 45 to 49 years old	192	357	199	364	3.6	2.0
From 50 to 54 years old	222	399	255	392	14.9	-1.8
From 55 to 59 years old	196	341	221	417	12.8	22.3
From 60 to 64 years old	172	319	216	349	25.6	9.4
From 65 to 69 years old	136	251	151	250	11.0	-0.4
From 70 to 74 years old	130	229	145	285	11.5	24.5
75 years old and over	200	451	217	500	8.5	10.9

The total number of victims of domestic violence was greater than the number of persons reported, with a rate of 1.5 victims for each person reported.

Moreover, a total of 325 persons appeared as both reported persons and victims at the same time.

Unlike gendered violence, domestic violence affected all age groups more uniformly. Among them, it is worth noting the under 18 age group, with almost one in four victims (26.0% of the total).

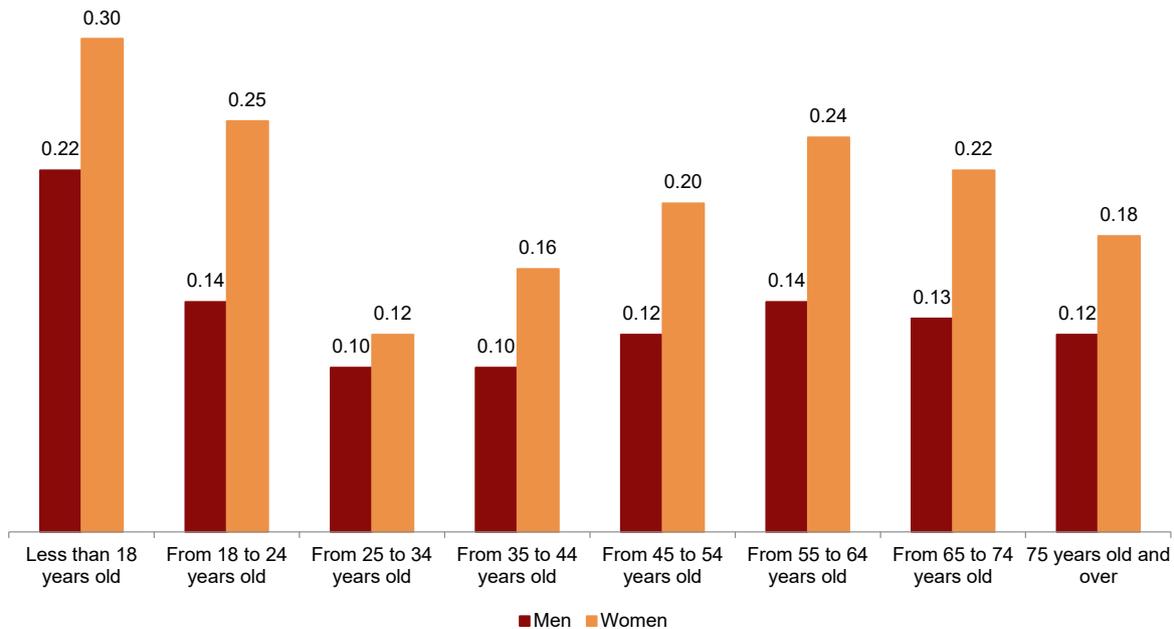
The average age of the victims was 41.4 years old.

In relative terms⁷, in matters of domestic violence, the rate of female victims was 0.21 per 1,000 women and the rate of male victims, 0.14 per 1,000 men.

The most frequent casualty rates were among those under 18 years of age, both in women (0.30) and in men (0.22).

Victims of domestic violence by sex and age Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 inhabitants



Regarding place of birth, 81.8% of women victims of domestic violence and 84.6% of men were born in Spain, similar proportions to those registered in 2019.

Victims of domestic violence by sex and place of birth.

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019		Year 2020		Variation rate	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
TOTAL	2,906	4,748	3,197	5,082	10.0	7.0
Born in Spain	2,443	3,857	2,705	4,156	10.7	7.8
Born abroad	463	891	492	926	6.3	3.9
Europe	149	273	141	263	-5.4	-3.7
Africa	123	203	101	212	-17.9	4.4
America	175	380	231	433	32.0	13.9
Asia and Oceania	16	35	19	18	18.8	-48.6

⁷ Rates calculated on the male and female population using the provisional population data as of July 1st.

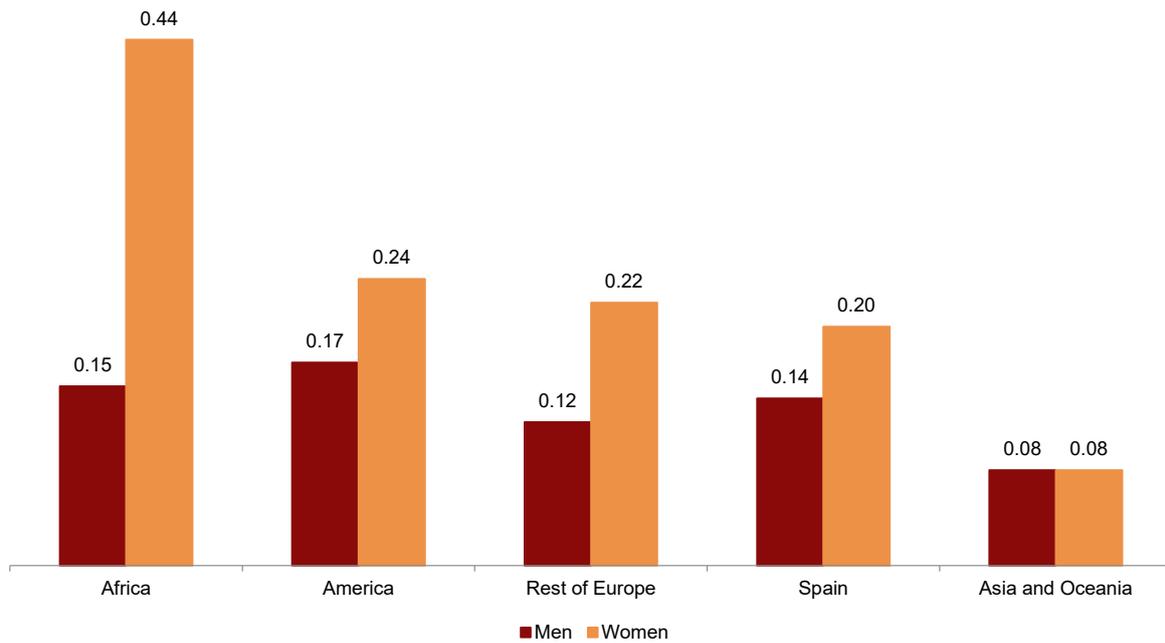
In relative terms, issues of domestic violence had a similar rate among foreign and Spanish men (both 0.14 per 1,000 inhabitants).

In the case of female victims, those born abroad presented a higher rate than those born in Spain (0.25 compared to 0.20).

The highest rates of victimhood were from Africa for women (0.44) and the Americas for men (0.17).

Domestic violence victims according to sex and place of birth Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 inhabitants



By Autonomous Community, those that registered the highest number of registered victims of domestic violence in 2020 were Andalucía (1,801), Comunitat Valenciana (1,138) and Cataluña (960). In turn, the Autonomous Cities of Melilla (24) and Ceuta (48), and Cantabria (60) showed the lowest rates of victims registered.

The greatest increases in the number of victims were registered in the Autonomous City of Melilla (380.0%), the Autonomous City of Ceuta (166.7%) and Aragón (22.1%).

In turn, the greatest decreases were in Principado de Asturias (-9.6%), La Rioja (-7.3%) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-6.2%).

Victims of domestic violence by sex, by Autonomous Communities and cities

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019		Year 2020		Variation rate	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
TOTAL	2,906	4,748	3,197	5,082	10.0	7.0
Andalucía	589	1,093	682	1,119	15.8	2.4
Aragón	54	100	77	111	42.6	11.0
Asturias, Principado de	78	140	88	109	12.8	-22.1
Balears, Illes	94	135	101	133	7.4	-1.5
Canarias	129	202	153	242	18.6	19.8
Cantabria	21	39	22	38	4.8	-2.6
Castilla y León	169	259	193	329	14.2	27.0
Castilla-La Mancha	154	232	158	249	2.6	7.3
Cataluña	363	558	364	596	0.3	6.8
Comunitat Valenciana	371	647	447	691	20.5	6.8
Extremadura	86	126	85	130	-1.2	3.2
Galicia	138	233	148	259	7.2	11.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	276	440	273	449	-1.1	2.0
Murcia, Región de	119	207	143	247	20.2	19.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	35	62	30	61	-14.3	-1.6
País Vasco	178	208	168	223	-5.6	7.2
Rioja, La	45	51	34	55	-24.4	7.8
Ceuta	5	13	23	25	360.0	92.3
Melilla	2	3	8	16	300.0	433.3

As for the rates per 1,000 inhabitants of registered victims of domestic violence, the highest rates in the case of men were recorded in the Autonomous City of Ceuta (0.54), La Rioja (0.22) and Región de Murcia and the Autonomous City of Melilla (0.19 in both cases).

In the case of females, the highest rates were registered in the Autonomous City of Ceuta (0.60) and Melilla (0.38) and in La Rioja (0.34).

Persons reported for domestic violence

In 2020, a total of 5,578 persons were reported for domestic violence, 3.4% more than in the previous year. Among them, 72.2% were men and 27.8% were women.

As with last year, there was an increase in both the percentage of men reported (3.7%) and women reported (2.6%).

By age, half of the persons reported were between 30 and 49 years of age (51.5%). The average age of persons reported was 36.6 years old.

Persons reported for domestic violence according to sex and age

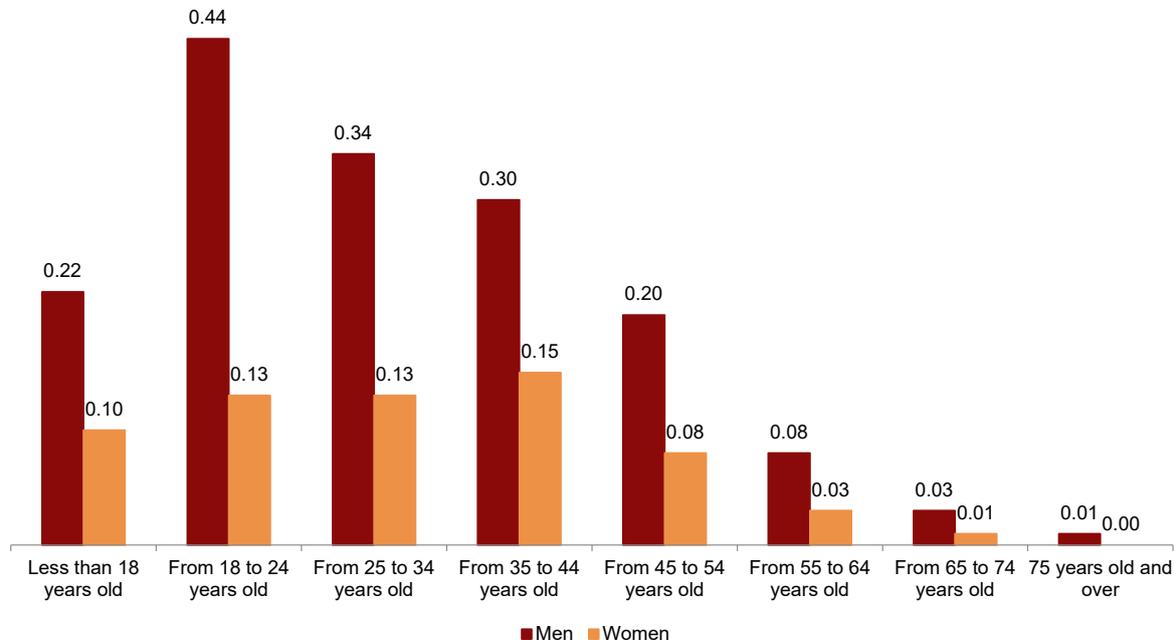
Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2019		Year 2020		Variation rate	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
TOTAL	3,885	1,510	4,028	1,550	3.7	2.6
Less than 18 years old	313	132	224	93	-28.4	-29.5
From 18 to 19 years old	213	60	239	66	12.2	10.0
From 20 to 24 years old	448	118	517	145	15.4	22.9
From 25 to 29 years old	405	154	424	142	4.7	-7.8
From 30 to 34 years old	461	199	472	192	2.4	-3.5
From 35 to 39 years old	474	251	535	266	12.9	6.0
From 40 to 44 years old	553	244	536	258	-3.1	5.7
From 45 to 49 years old	395	160	430	184	8.9	15.0
From 50 to 54 years old	292	110	329	105	12.7	-4.5
From 55 to 59 years old	172	40	177	51	2.9	27.5
From 60 to 64 years old	74	22	77	33	4.1	50.0
From 65 to 69 years old	41	10	39	9	-4.9	-10.0
From 70 to 74 years old	25	6	16	4	-36.0	-33.3
75 years old and over	19	4	13	2	-31.6	-50.0

Analysing the rates per 1,000 people, the rate of males reported was 0.20 and that of females reported, 0.07. The most frequent rates were among men aged 18 to 24 years (0.44) and among women aged 35 to 44 years (0.15).

Persons reported for domestic violence according to sex and age Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 persons aged 14 and over



By place of birth, 68.3% of women reported and 80.3% of men reported in cases of domestic violence were born in Spain.

Persons reported for domestic violence by sex and place of birth

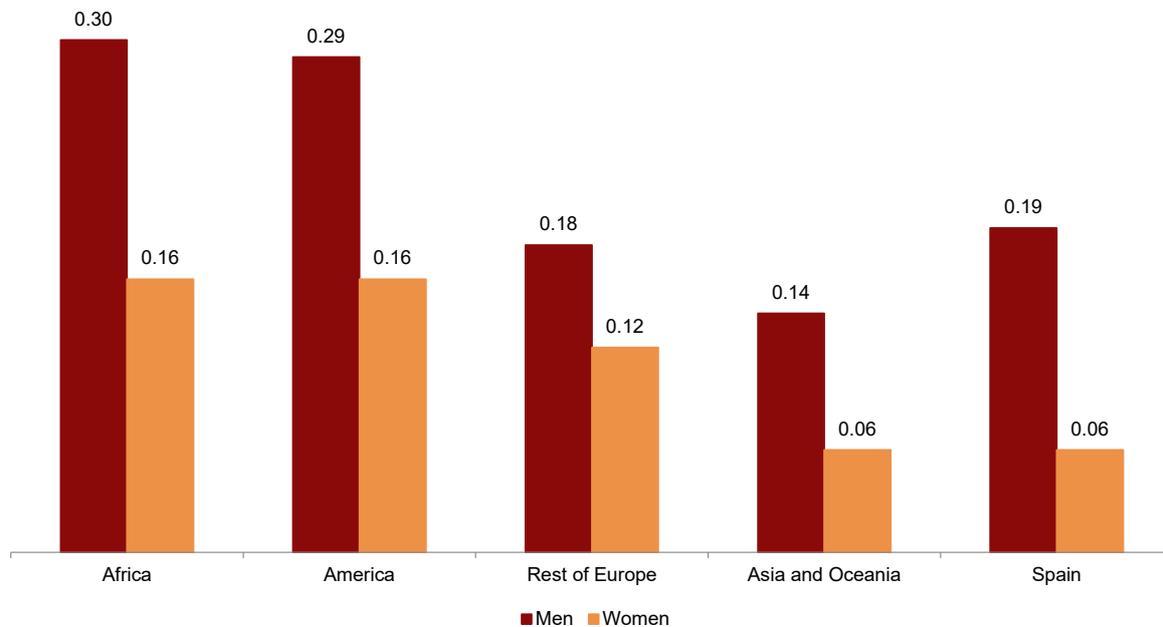
Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Año 2019		Año 2020		Variation rate	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
TOTAL	3,885	1,510	4,028	1,550	3.7	2.6
Born in Spain	3,095	1,020	3,235	1,058	4.5	3.7
Born abroad	790	490	793	492	0.4	0.4
Europe	250	138	200	132	-20.0	-4.3
Africa	189	83	188	73	-0.5	-12.0
America	330	259	373	274	13.0	5.8
Asia and Oceania	21	10	32	13	52.4	30.0

In relative terms, the rate per 1,000 persons aged 14 years old and over was higher in reported persons born abroad, particularly those born in Africa and America, in both for man and for women.

Persons reported for domestic violence by sex and place of birth. Year 2020

Rates per 1,000 persons aged 14 and over



Relationship of the victims with the persons reported

In terms of the type of relationship existing between the victim and the reported person, in 38.4% of cases the victims were the father or mother, in 29.2% the children, and in 9.9% the victim was a sibling.

Relationship of the victims with the persons reported

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

Victim	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
Father/Mother	3,099	3,377	9.0
Son/Daughter	2,377	2,567	8.0
Brother/Sister	719	867	20.6
Grandfather/Grandmother	137	123	-10.2
Grandson/Granddaughter	63	38	-39.7
Rest of relationships	1,737	1,812	4.3

According to place of birth, in 74.8% of the cases both the victim and the reported person were born in Spain, in 5.8% they were both born in America, and in 4.6% the reported person was born in America and the victim in Spain.

Criminal offences and interim measures of domestic violence

The number of criminal offences⁸ charged to persons reported for domestic violence in 2020 rose to 6,739; 5.4% more than in the previous year. The number of criminal offences per person reported was 1.2.

Punishable offences imputed. 2015-2019 series

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate 2020/2019
Total	5,570	5,832	6,028	6,392	6,739	5.4

The most frequent criminal offenses were those related to *Injuries* (49.5% of the total), *Threats* (18.9%) and *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (17.8%).

During 2020, 13,302 interim measures⁹ were ordered in registered domestic violence cases, representing an increase of 7.4% as compared with the previous year. Of these measures, 72.6% were handed down to men, and 27.4% to women.

Considering the nature of the measures, 94.4% were criminal interim measures, and 5.6% civil interim measures.

The most frequent criminal interim measures were the *prohibition of approaching given persons* (38.4% of the total), the *prohibition of communicating with given persons* (34.2%) and *conditional release* (13.3%).

In turn, the most common civil interim measures were the *determination of custody rights* (27.6% of the total), the *determination of child support* (18.7%) and the *determination of visiting rights* (16.5%).

⁸ Each person reported could be charged with more than one criminal offence.

⁹ For each case, several interim measures can be ordered.

Final judgements

This section provides information relating to final judgements in 2020 of persons convicted and acquitted corresponding to cases (with protective orders and interim measures issued) registered in the Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence in 2020 or in previous years.

This is oriented to the study of the final stage of the criminal process (proceedings in final judgement) which results in final convictions (sentences and security measures) that fall on the convicted person. Moreover, it provides results on final acquittals (persons acquitted).

In 2020, 30,616 persons convicted of gender and domestic violence were registered in the Register, 14.8% less than in 2019. Among them, 28,568 were men and 2,048 were women.

In turn, there were 4,204 persons acquitted, 27.7% less than in 2019, of which 3,835 were men and 369 were women.

Persons convicted and acquitted of gendered or domestic violence, by sex

Absolute values and variation rates (%)

Gender violence	Year 2019	Year 2020	Variation rate
Persons convicted (Men)	30,495	25,436	-16.6
Persons acquitted (Men)	5,149	3,489	-32.2
Domestic violence			
Persons convicted	5,428	5,180	-4.6
Men	3,649	3,132	-14.2
Women	1,779	2,048	15.1
Persons acquitted	662	715	8.0
Men	454	346	-23.8
Women	208	369	77.4

Duration of the cases¹⁰

With respect to cases of gender violence, seven out of ten persons (71.1%) received final judgement in less than one year. On the other hand, 16.1% of the persons received final judgement between one and two years, 7.5% between two and three years and 5.3% in three years or more.

With respect to cases of domestic violence, 67.7% of the persons received final judgement within a year, 18.8% between one and two years, 7.5% between two and three years and 5.9% in three years or more.

Persons in cases with final sentence according to duration of the case. Year 2020

Absolute Values

Gender violence	Total	Persons convicted	Persons acquitted
TOTAL	28,925	25,436	3,489
Less than 1 year	20,555	18,629	1,926
From 1 to 2 years	4,656	3,801	855
From 2 to 3 years	2,169	1,786	383
3 years and over	1,545	1,220	325

Domestic violence	Total	Persons convicted	Persons acquitted
TOTAL	5,895	5,180	715
Less than 1 year	3,993	3,675	318
From 1 to 2 years	1,111	905	206
From 2 to 3 years	441	337	104
3 years and over	350	263	87

Review and update of data

The data published today are definitive and are not subject to further revision. All results are available on INEBase.

¹⁰The duration of the case is defined as the difference between the date of final decision and the date of its initiation.

Methodological note

The Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence are obtained from the statistical use of the Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence. These statistics are compiled by the INE by virtue of a collaboration agreement signed with the Ministry of Justice, the body responsible for this register, which was signed by both institutions on 3 July 2007 and updated and renewed on 21 November 2017.

The information on gender violence and domestic violence is presented separately. The results refer to the cases initiated, with interim measures ordered, recorded in the register during the reference year. As of 2015 information is also published concerning final judgements handed down in the reference year, which correspond to cases that were recorded in the register in that year or in previous years.

The objective of this statistics is to determine the number of victims holding protective orders and interim measures and the number of persons reported in cases recorded in the register during the reference year. Since 2015, persons convicted and acquitted in final judgements handed down in the reference year are included, corresponding to cases recorded in the register in the reference year or in previous years. This allows for study of the main sociodemographic characteristics (sex, age, place of birth, type of relationship) and for detailed information to be provided on the precautionary measures ordered, the criminal offences charged, and the penalties imposed, both at the national and regional levels.

Type of operation: annual continuous statistical operation.

Population scope:

Cases Initiated: Group of persons reported aged 14 years old and over and the victims corresponding to cases with interim measures ordered, registered in the Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence during the reference period. **Final Judgements:** Group of persons acquitted and convicted through final judgement, corresponding to matters in which precautionary measures were pronounced, registered in the Central Registry for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence during the reference period.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory.

Reference period for the results: the calendar year.

Reference period of the information: dates of initiation of the case and dates of the final judgement.

Collection method: statistical use of an administrative register.

For more information, please consult both the [methodology](#) and the [standardised methodological report](#).

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