

Modernizing crime and criminal justice statistics to measure femicide

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Broad categories of killings of women and girls



Killing of women and girls Intentional homicides of women and girls Gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/feminicide) Υ Ω

Killings of women and girls = unnatural deaths of women and girls, inflicted by another person, with or without intent to cause death or serious injury.

Intentional homicides of women and girls = unlawful deaths inflicted upon women and girls with intent to cause death or serious injury

Gender-related killings of women and girls (femicide/ feminicide) = intentional homicides of women and girls with a gender-related motivation.





The challenge is to measure the *gender-related motivation* in the killings of women and girls



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Gender-related killings can occur within different perpetrator-victim relationships





Global characteristics of genderrelated motivations





Previous record of harassment/violence



Illegal deprivation of her liberty



Use of force and/or mutilation



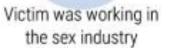
Body disposed of in a public space





Sexual violence was committed before





Victim of forms of

illegal exploitation





What next?

• Raise awareness on the framework

• Make the framework a truly global tool: bring together different stakeholders

 Work with police and other institutions to refine the recording of homicide: make the victim/perpetrator relationship + global characteristics of the gender-motivation a standard recording



What next?



- Innovation in crime statistics
 - From just an event counting to the characterization of an event
 - Make other characteristics of homicide a standard recording:
 - Victim characteristics, perpetrator characteristics, event disaggregation, context
 - Manage qualitative information

• NSO in the lead of this transformation?





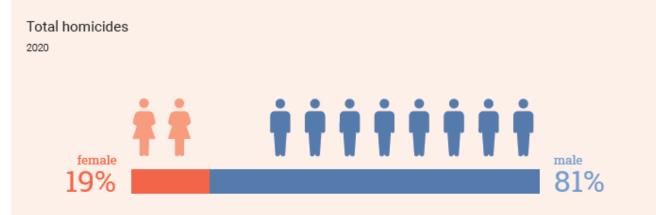
Meanwhile....Data blocks for collecting and aggregating statistics on gender-related killings

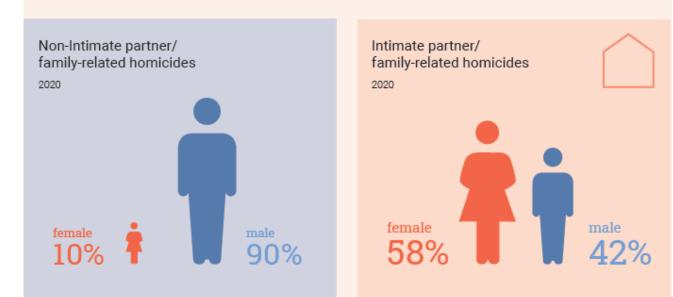




Gender dimension of homicide







Homicides within the private sphere affect both sexes, but women and girls bear the largest burden of lethal violence perpetrated within the home



Global picture in 2020





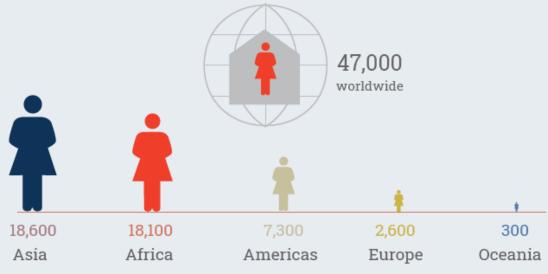
On average, a woman or girl is killed by someone in her own family every 11 minutes.



Regional picture in 2020



Total female intimate partner/family-related homicides 2020



Rates of female intimate partner/family-related homicide per 100,000 female population 2020

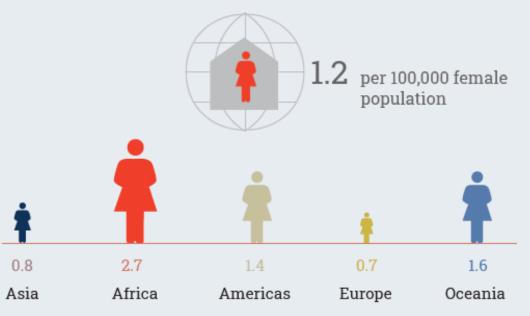
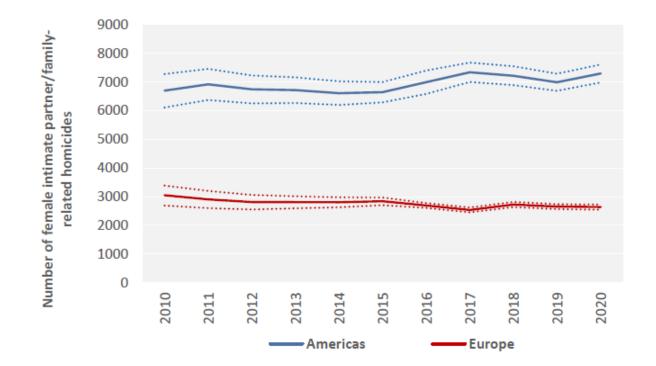
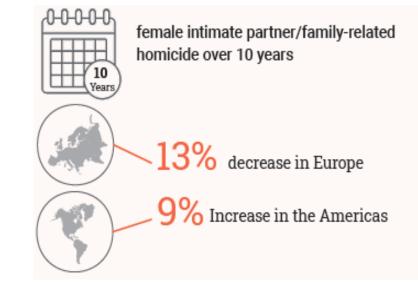






Figure 2: Trends in the total number of female victims of intimate partner/family-related homicide in the Americas and Europe (2010–2020)





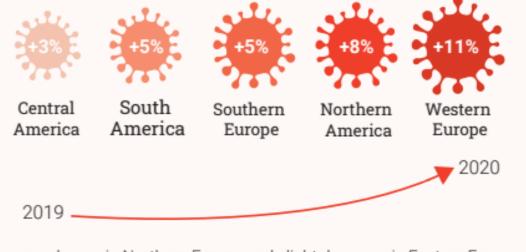
Source: UNODC estimates based on UNODC Homicide dataset.

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number of homicides of women and girls by intimate partners or other family members increased from 2019 to 2020 in almost all subregions where trends could be estimated



no change in Northern Europe and slight decrease in Eastern Europe

Increase during Covid-19 pandemic?







Further information available at:

- UNODC Data Matter 3: Killings of women and girls by their intimate partners and other family members, Global estimates 2020 (2021)
- https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/index.html
- <u>https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/research-on-gender-drugs-and-crime.html</u>
- •<u>https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/coronavirus.html</u>
- •UNODC Research Brief: <u>What crime and helpline data say about the impact of the Covid-19</u> pandemic on reported violence against women (2020)
- •<u>UNODC Global Study on Homicide 2019, Booklet on gender-related killing of women and girls</u> (2019)
- ICCS Briefing Note: Measuring violence against women and other gender issues through ICCS lenses (2017)
- International classification of crime for statistical purposes (Version 1.0) (2015)