

# Violence against women in Monaco in 2024

This publication sets out the main data relating to violence against women in Monaco during 2024. Produced at the request and with the support of the Women's Rights Committee, 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<sup>(1-3)</sup>).

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 2024

- In 2024, **60 cases of violence** against women were recorded by the Police Department, compared with 68 in 2023<sup>(4)</sup>.
- **In more than three-quarters of the cases**, the alleged perpetrator is **known** to the female victims of violence, and **almost one in three cases** involved a **partner** or **former partner**. 3 men were also victims of violence by their partner or ex-partner during the year.
- **41%** of incidents were committed in the victim's or the perpetrator's **home**.
- **63%** of these female victims are resident in the **Principality of Monaco**.
- The average age of female victims of violence is **35 years old**, and the average age of perpetrators is **44 years old**.
- **Half of the cases** of violence against women involve **physical violence** and **over a quarter** involve **sexual violence, including rape**.
- **48 complaints** and **3 incidents** were reported in relations to violence committed in 2024.



Source: Department  
of Justice - Public  
Prosecution Department

## Legal proceedings in assault cases during 2024

- According to information from the Public Prosecution Department, **32 proceedings** were initiated in 2024 for cases of violence against women, compared with 35 in 2023.
- These proceedings involved **physical violence** in **58%** of cases, **sexual violence, including rape** in **26%** and harassment in **16%**.
- To date, **4 convictions** have been handed down, and **6** of the cases opened in 2024 have been **dismissed**. Of 35 cases opened in 2023, 8 convictions have been handed down and 13 cases have been dismissed.



Source: Princess Grace Hospital

## Victims of violence recorded at Princess Grace Hospital in 2024

- In 2024, **150 women** admitted to the hospital said that they had suffered violence during the year (146 in 2023), **74%** of which was **physical abuse**, **25% psychological violence** and **6% sexual violence, including rape**.
- The average age of victims is **36 years old**.
- **39** of these women, or **more than a quarter**, live in **Monaco**.



Source: Victims of Criminal Offences Help Association (AVIP)

## Victims of violence who contacted the Victims of Criminal Offences Help Association (AVIP) in 2024

- **45 women** victims of violence contacted the association in 2024, including 38 in relation to incidents which occurred during the year (41 and 27 for 2023, respectively). 2 men also contacted the association in 2024, compared with 5 last year.
- **Almost two-third** of the women received by the association live in **Monaco**.
- The average age of the female victims was **43 years old**.
- In **almost half the cases**, the violent acts against women were committed by the **victim's partner or former partner** (no similar cases reported for male victims).
- **51%** of the cases of violence recorded against women received by the AVIP in 2024 involved **psychological violence**, **44% physical violence**, **33% harassment**, **31% economic violence** and **18% sexual violence, including rape**.



Source: Department of Social Welfare and Social Services

## Victims of violence recorded by Department of Social Welfare and Social Services in 2024

- The Department of Social Welfare and Social Services recorded **6 cases** of violence against women in 2024 (10 in 2023), including 5 by a partner or ex-partner. **Two-thirds** of the cases involved **psychological violence, economic violence and/or harassment**.



## 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) 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).
- (4) The number published for 2023 in January 2024 has been revised upwards due to late reporting and new cases reported by the Police Department in 2024 for acts committed in 2023. For the same reasons, the figure for 2024 is also likely to increase during the year.



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