

Annual Report of General Prosecutor's Office

Types of GBV

- ✓ Intimate Partner Violence
- ✓ Rape
- ✗ Sexual Assault (excl. rape)
- ✗ Sexual Harassment
- ✗ Stalking

* The report discusses the general criminal traits observed in the judicial system; since 2008 it emphasises criminal behaviour within the family, consistent with the provisions of the penal code which treats acts of violence within the family as an aggravating circumstance. The statistical products of interest to the present study are: Number of Rape cases prosecuted and convicted; with divisions- minors as offenders; incidents of rape by family members out of which minor victims; Total number of prosecutions of crimes against personhood within the family: homicide battery causing death battery assault according to family relations: victims-parents victims -children/minor among the total number spouse other family member.

Used as indicator

- Yes
 - ✓ Monitoring (trend data)
 - ✓ Evaluation
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Data available on

Victim

Background information

- Age
- Sex
- Nationality
- ID
- Name
- Ethnicity
- Marital status
- Dependants

Relationship with perpetrator

- Yes

Perpetrator

- This statistical product does not collect information on Perpetrator

Incident

Incident

Other content:

Data on victims of certain VAW incidents: Family Violence Victims of family violence - total number Victims of family violence (minors)- total number (it worth noting that over 70% of the victims of family violence are minors); for this statistical product, data is presented with a sub indicator family ties; there's no reference to the gender/sex of either the victim or the aggressor moreover under the rubric "family violence", several crimes are listed - all crimes fall under "crimes against person" but include - homicide, rape, battery, assault; to give an example to illustrate the way in which family violence is presented in this administrative product: Victims of family violence (spouses)..total out of which Number of victims of homicide Number of victims of 2nd degree murder Number of victims of assault and aggravated assault Number of victims of assault leading to death Number of victims of battery Total number of defendants sent to trial for family violence Data on Rape Number of Crimes...; number of rape crimes leading to the death of the victim; Total number of offenders. Out of which minors.

Criminal statistics on sexual violence

Criminal statistical data included

- Yes

Additional information: In the annual report total number/per year prosecutions for rape; minors prosecuted for rape; Data of sexual violence within the family are also presented; such as total number of rape cases by a family member - family relationship - parent; children; spouses; brothers/sisters other family member; data presented is not sex segregated;

Characteristics

Reference period

1 year

Frequency of updating

BiAnnually

Validation

- Yes

Additional information: The statistical products presented in the annual reports of the General Prosecutors Office are based on the statistical applications/reporting templates offered by ECRIS Prosecutor (so the case management software has a central application used for statistical purposes); the statistics application is administered by the General Prosecutors Office and uses the information from the entire prosecution system stored in the case management application; validation relies mostly on the validation feature of the software; basically cross-checking fields; errors if certain fields are not completed or are incorrect;

Compilation

Statistical products of the annual report bulletin compiled from one data set (ECRIS Prosecutor) collected at two different moments in time; one in July- August and the second one in February; these two periods of data collection make it so that data not included in the first round of reporting can be later added;

Quality assurance process

Brief description:

In the case of VAW incidents of interest to the present study, the prosecutor's office investigates upon the receipt of an official complaint from the victim; the only exceptions are cases ending with the death of the victim; cases of rape by multiple persons; cases intimate partner violence (or family violence) leading to attempted murder; Otherwise both rape as well as IPV have to be reported by the victim either to the police or to the prosecutor's office; Upon receipt of the complaint, the police together with the prosecutor's office begin the investigation and solicit statements from witnesses and party at fault; At this point the complaint has already assigned a registration number with Police Authorities; if the complaint is redrawn then the police/judicial investigation stops and the info/ police record ion the suspected aggressor is maintained for a period of time; When the investigation is over, the prosecutor decides to pursue court action or to drop the case; if the first option is chosen then the file with the police number is assigned a new number registered by ECRIS data courts; Annual statistic use the ECRIS software to produce statistical situations upon request

Accuracy

✘ No information available

Reliability

Good. I think the statistical product is quite reliable concerning the tabulation of incidents; initially estimated data generally corresponds to subsequent statistics; moreover the entire procedure is computerized and statics are generated based upon the case management software data; errors intervene mostly through delays in reporting

Timeliness

Good. This is an annual statistical product; at most, in the current infrastructure it can be generated twice a year; however the time gap in between the incident, the data availability and the statistical product is quite large; while annual views offer a good round picture of a phenomena, for purposes of raising awareness or getting a snapshot of VAW in Romania, there needs to be more intermediate ways to generate data; moreover, while data is collected in a sex segregated way the product on "family violence" does not give on single detail as to the sex of the victim or of the offender although this would be crucial in order to understand violence against women; Moreover using family violence as a lump product including in an undifferentiated manner both cases of child abuse/child neglect together with cases of spousal abuse makes it difficult to understand the dynamics of IPV, domestic violence against women;

Comparability

- Geographical
 - Over time
 - None
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Current developments

- No information available
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External link

- Yes

Links: Police; Border Patrol; Ministry of Justice; Courts of different instances; prosecutor's offices of different instances; EUROJUST;

Website

Link to website



Metadata

ORGANISATION: General Prosecutor's Office

TYPE OF ORGANISATION: PUB

SECTOR: Justice

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