Violence against children

Data collected in FRA’s EU-wide violence against women survey

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FRA surveys – age and sex-disaggregated data

  - 2008: 23,500 respondents (27 EU Member States) – immigrants and ethnic minorities (incl. Roma) – random sample
  - 2016: 25,200 respondents (28 EU Member States) – immigrants and ethnic minorities (incl. Roma) – random sample

  - 2011: 14,925 Roma and 7,278 non-Roma households (11 EU Member States) – random sample
  - 2019: Interviews with Roma and Travellers in six EU Member States

- **Survey on discrimination and hate crime against Jewish people (2012, 2018)**
  - 2012: 6,000 respondents (8 EU Member States) – online
  - 2018: 16,500 respondents (13 EU Member States) – online

- **LGBTI Survey (2012, 2019)**
  - 2012: 93,500 LGBT respondents (28 EU Member States) – online
  - 2019: 140,000 LGBTI respondents (28 EU Member States + North Macedonia and Serbia – online

- **Violence against women survey (2012)**
  - 42,000 women (28 EU Member States) – random sample

- **Fundamental rights survey (2019)**
  - 2019: 35,000 respondents, general population (28 EU Member States + North Macedonia)
Starting point for developing the survey

- Request of the Council of the EU

‘Calls for the collection and compilation by the FRA of reliable, comparable statistics on all grounds of discrimination, […] including comparative data on violence against women within the EU […]’
FRA survey on VAW – Objectives

➢ Reliable and comparable data on women’s experiences of violence
  • For the first time covering the EU

➢ Data with policy utility
  • For the development of policies at the European, regional, and national level
Data needs

Indicators:
• UN Statistics Division / UNECE indicators
• Council of the EU indicators (1999)
• OHCHR indicators
• Sustainable Development Goals and Indicators (Agenda 2030)

Other data needs:
• CEDAW comments to the Member States
• CoE Convention on preventing and combating VAW and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) – GREVIO
• CoE recommendation 2002(5)
• European Parliament resolutions on VAW
SDG indicators measured in the survey

- **SDG 5.2.1**: Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age

- **SDG 5.2.2** Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence

- **SDG 16.1.3**: Proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months

- **SDG 16.2.3**: Proportion of young women and men aged 18-29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18
Preparatory activities

• Stakeholder consultations in 2010 to identify the key issues that the survey should cover

• Survey expert consultations in 2010–2012 to develop the survey methodology that can be applied in all 27 EU MS and Croatia

• Pre-test study in six EU MS in 2010–2011 (cognitive interviews and focus groups discussions to inform questionnaire development)
Full-scale survey in 2012

- Random (probability) sample of 42,000 women in EU-28
- 18-74 years of age
- One respondent per household
- Face-to-face interviews
- Average length each interview 50 mins
- Based on a standardised questionnaire
- Female interviewers with specialised training
Survey project roadmap

1. Desk research
2. Stakeholder consultations
3. Call for tender
4. Sample design
5. Selection and training of interviewers
6. Translations
7. Drafting the fieldwork documentation
8. Questionnaire design
9. Programming the questionnaire
10. Piloting
11. Finalisation of the questionnaire
12. Data collection
13. Communicating the results
14. Drafting the research outputs
15. Data analysis
16. Data cleaning, editing and weighting
Survey content – in brief

• Physical, sexual and psychological violence (including stalking and sexual harassment)
• Violence by partners and non-partner
• Prevalence and incidence of violence
• Consequences – injuries, time off work, use of services and assessment of help received, reporting
  – Incl. whether children in the home were aware of the violence
• Victimisation before the age of 15
  – Physical violence (6 items), sexual violence (5 items), psychological violence (3 items) + self-completion questionnaire
  – Prevalence & frequency of incidents, perpetrators
• Rights awareness, knowledge of services
Physical, sexual, psychological violence before the age of 15

• How often did an adult who was 18 years or over do the following to you?
  – Slap or pull you by the hair so that it hurt
  – Hit you very hard so that it hurt
  – Kick you very hard so that it hurt
  – Beat you very hard with an object such as a stick, cane or belt
  – Stab or cut you with something

• How often did an adult who was 18 years or over do the following to you, when you did not want them to?
  – Expose their genitals to you
  – Make you pose naked in front of any person in photographs, video or an internet webcam
  – Touch your genitals or breasts against your will
  – Make you touch their private parts – genitals or breasts
  – Force you to have sexual intercourse

• How often did an adult family member do the following to you?
  – Say that you were not loved
  – Say that they wished you had never been born
  – Threaten to abandon you or throw you out of the family home
  – Threaten to hurt you badly or kill you
Results – EU-28

Before the age of 15:

- 33 % of women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an adult
- 12 % of women have experienced some form of sexual violence by an adult
- Perpetrators: physical violence 55 % father, 46 % mother (women could indicate experiencing violence by more than one perpetrator, but for sexual violence 97 % of victims indicated that the perpetrator was a man (or men).
Thank you!

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