



Factsheet – Statistical activity and published results

Survey on the Prevalence of Gender-Based Violence

Description

The Survey on the Prevalence of Gender-Based Violence is a survey on individuals conducted for the first time in 2027 and repeated in five-year cycles. Its main objective is to determine the extent to which the Swiss population is affected by gender-based violence and other forms of interpersonal violence. It thus fulfils the requirement under the Istanbul Convention to conduct population-based surveys at regular intervals to assess the prevalence of and trends in violence against women and domestic violence, and also sheds light on the 'dark figures' of unreported violence. The survey is based on Eurostat's 'EU survey on gender-based violence and other forms of inter-personal violence', and thus allows comparisons with other EU and EFTA countries.

Published figures:

Prevalence of various forms of violence, disaggregated by sex: psychological (including economic), physical and sexual violence between former or current spouses or partners; sexual harassment, physical and sexual violence outside the partnership; stalking. Context information on the frequency, severity and consequences of the violence. Contact with the police, specialised support services, health services and trusted persons. Sociodemographic and other personal characteristics of the respondents and their partners. Prevalence of violence and other indicators broken down by personal characteristics of respondents and their partners.

Methodology

Methodology used:

Sample survey of persons whose addresses are randomly taken from the sample register of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO). This register contains data from the official registers of persons, namely the population registers of the communes and cantons.

The survey covers all members of Switzerland's permanent resident population regardless of sex and who are aged between 18 and 74, live in private households and have Swiss citizenship or a B or C residence permit.

It is a mixed-mode (online/telephone) survey. The online survey is the preferred option. The letter dispatch, survey and hotline are outsourced.

The target net sample size is 28 000 persons.

Variables used:

Around 200 variables feed into the above-mentioned indicators (see 'Published figures').

Survey date/period:

Initial survey in first half of 2027, repeated every five years.

Survey of the prevalence of different forms of violence over three time periods: Lifetime since adolescence, last five years, last 12 months.

Periodicity:

Every five years.

Degree of regionalisation:

	Switzerland.
	Data linkage: Statistics of Population and Households (STATPOP); Business and Enterprise Register (BER); Old Age and Survivors' Insurance Register (OASI register of the Central Compensation Office CCO)
Revision policy	Methodological and content-related revisions are examined in preparation for each of the five-year survey cycles.
Legal basis	Ordinance on the Organisation of Federal Statistics (Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics (SR 431.011)) Istanbul Convention (SR 0.311.35)
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