



Fact sheet – Statistical activity and published results

Victim Support Statistics

Description

The Victim Support Statistics (OHS) provide information on counselling services provided by cantonal victim support centres to the victims of crimes and their loved ones. They also offer insights into the compensation and reparations provided by the competent cantonal authorities in accordance with the Federal Act on the Provision of Support to Victims of Crime (VSA).

The OHS encompass information on the victims and their family members, the provision of free support services and their financing, the relationship between the alleged perpetrator and the victim and the offences concerned.

Since 2017, the OHS has also provided insights into support provided to eligible persons under the Federal Act on Compulsory Social Measures and Placements prior to 1981 (CSMPA).

Methodology

Methodology used:

Exhaustive survey of:

- Victim support services recognised by the cantons
- Cantonal authorities for compensation and reparations

Characteristics recorded:

Counselling at victim support services:

- Year
- Canton in which the support services are based
- Sociodemographic characteristics of the victims or their loved ones (age group at time of counselling, sex, place of residence, nationality)
- Person receiving counselling
- Details of the counselling service (length, number of consultations)
- Status of claimant (victim, relative)
- Existence of criminal proceedings
- Offence committed
- Information on the alleged perpetrator(s) (sex, age group, number of persons, relationship)
- Support services provided
- Type of funding offered

Compensation and reparations:

- Year of closure of the claim
- Canton
- Socio-demographic characteristics of the claimant (year of birth, sex, place of residence, nationality, status of the claimant)
- Offence committed
- Information on the alleged perpetrator(s) (sex, age group, number of persons, relationship)
- Information on the submission of the claim (with or without support, date of claim submission and closure, closure of criminal proceedings)
- Amount and type of compensation received by the victim or relative: compensation (incl. advanced payments) and reparations
- Grounds for the rejection of the claim
- Existence of criminal proceedings

Survey date / period:

Since 2000

Periodicity:

Annual

	Degree of regionalisation: Switzerland, cantons
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