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**Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence**  
Year 2013

**The total number of victims of gender violence holding protective orders or interim measures recorded in the Register<sup>1</sup> is 27,122 women, 6.9% less than in 2012**

**The rate of victims of gender violence holding protective orders or interim measures recorded in the Register in 2013 is 132.6 per 100,000 women aged 14 years old and over**

**The rate of victims of gender violence holding protective orders or interim measures decreases 3.3% as compared with the previous year**

The Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence provides information about defendants and victims holding protective orders and interim measures, issued in the year of reference and registered in the *Central Register for the protection of victims of domestic and gender violence*, owned by the Ministry of Justice.

It does not include data about people convicted by a judgement which has the force of *res judicata* nor about the total number of lodged complaints, but only about those which have been registered due to the further undertaking of interim measures.

The total persons recorded in the Register as victims of gender violence or domestic violence in 2013 reached 34,376, registering a decrease of 6.2% as compared with the previous year. A total of 31,612 of them were females and 2,764 of them were males.

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<sup>1</sup> Central Register for the protection of victims of domestic and gender violence where those victims holding protective or restraining orders are registered. Belonging to the Ministry of Justice.

**Victims (holding protective orders or interim measures) and persons reported on gender or domestic violence by sex**

Absolute value

Year 2013

<b>Gender violence</b>	
Total Victims (females)	27,122
Total People Reported (males)	27,017
<b>Domestic violence</b>	
Total Victims	7,060
Males	2,635
Females	4,425
Total Persons reported	5,037
Males	3,790
Females	1,247
Total persons reported who are victims at the same time	194
Males	129
Females	65

Note: Results referred to matters issuing protective orders or interim measures registered during 2013. Source: Statistical mining of the Central Register for

**Gender violence**

Gender Violence is understood to be all physical and psychological act of violence (including attacks on sexual freedom, threats, coercion or arbitrary denying of freedom) carried out against a woman by a man who is or has been her spouse, or who is or has been linked to her by a similar sentimental relationship, even if without cohabitation.

**Victims of gender violence**

27,122 victims of gender violence (women) were registered in 2013, in cases in which interim measures had been ordered, 6.9% less as compared with the previous year.

By age group, more than half of the victims of gender violence (49.9%) were aged 25 to 39 years old, a similar figure to that registered in 2012. The average age of the victims was 36.2 years old.

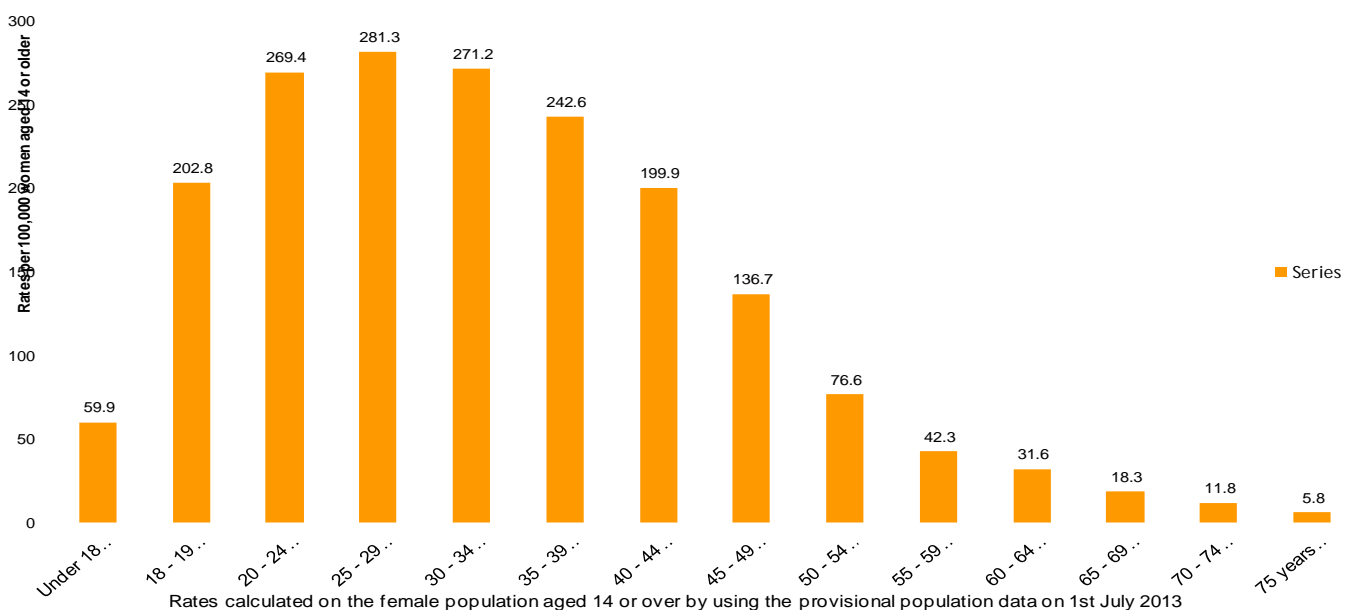
**Victims of gender violence holding protective orders or interim measures by age group**

Absolute values.  
Year 2013

	Number of victims
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,122</b>
Younger than 18 years old	499
18 - 19 years old	856
20 - 24 years old	3,186
25 - 29 years old	3,960
30 - 34 years old	4,780
35 - 39 years old	4,799
40 - 44 years old	3,774
45 - 49 years old	2,495
50 - 54 years old	1,272
55 - 59 years old	610
60 - 64 years old	406
65 - 69 years old	221
70 - 74 years old	112
75 years old and older	152

The rates of victims, as compared with the total population of women, reached their peak in the bracket aged 25 to 29 years old (281.3 victims per 100,000 women aged 14 years old and over), followed by the bracket aged 30 to 34 years old (271.2) and the bracket aged 20 to 24 years old (269.4).

**Victims of gender violence holding protective orders or interim measures by age group. Year 2013**

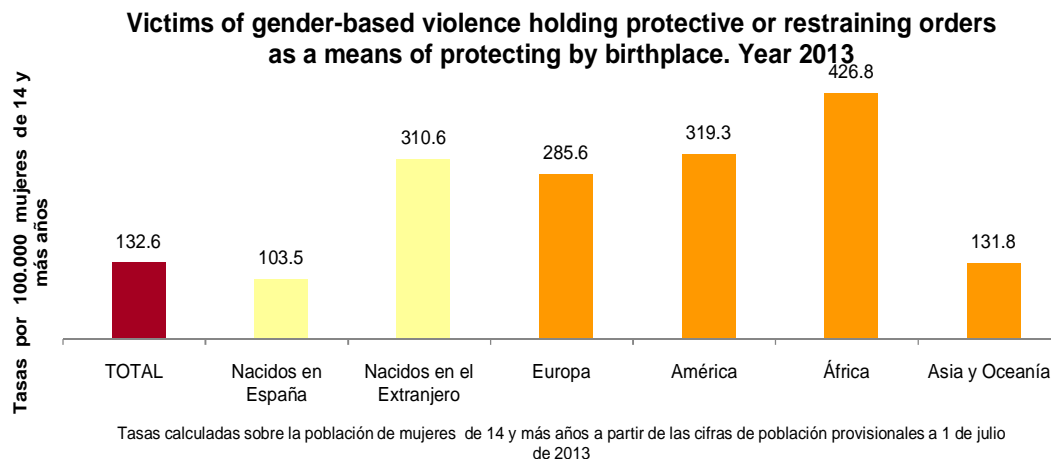


Regarding birthplace, two out of three victims of gender violence were born in Spain (67.0% of the total victims).

<b>Victims of gender-based violence holding protective or restraining orders as a means of protecting by birthplace</b>	
Year 2013	
	Number of victims
TOTAL	27,122
Born in Spain	18,175
Born outside Spain	8,947
Europe	3,181
America	4,001
Africa	1,574
Asia and Oceania	191

The victims rate per 100,000 women aged 14 and older was three times higher among women born outside Spain (310.6) than that among women born in Spain (103.5)

Among the victims born outside Spain, the highest rates were registered among those born in Africa and America, while the lowest were registered among those women born in Asia and Oceania.



By Autonomous Community, Andalucía (6,800), Comunitat Valenciana (3,857) and Comunidad de Madrid (3,036) registered the highest rates of registered victims in 2013.

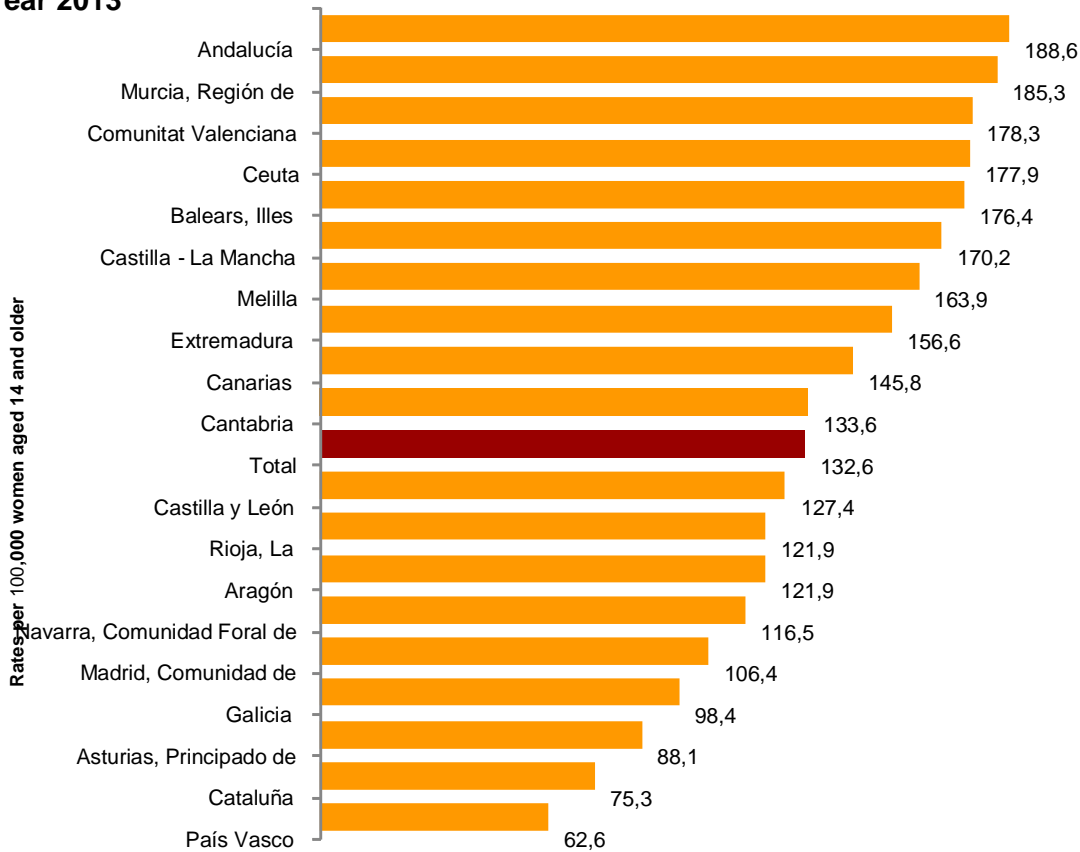
**Victims of gender violence holding protective or restraining orders as a mean of protection by Autonomous cities and communities where the issue was registered**

Absolute value.	Year 2013
TOTAL	27,122
Andalucía	6,800
Comunitat Valenciana	3,857
Madrid, Comunidad de	3,036
Cataluña	2,444
Castilla-La Mancha	1,510
Castilla y León	1,437
Canarias	1,341
Galicia	1,253
Murcia, Región de	1,131
Balears, Illes	844
Extremadura	753
Aragón	713
País Vasco	610
Asturias, Principado de	441
Cantabria	353
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	320
Rioja, La	168
Ceuta	59
Melilla	52

In relative terms, Andalucía (188.6 victims per 100,000 females aged 14 and older), Región de Murcia (185.3) and Comunitat Valenciana (178.3) registered the highest rates.

Conversely, País Vasco (62.6) and Cataluña (75.3) were the Autonomous Communities with the lowest rates of victims.

**Victims of gender violence holding protective or restraining orders as a mean of protection by Autonomous cities and communities where the issue was registered. Year 2013**



Rates calculated on the basis of the female population aged and older by using the provisional population figures, dated on 1st July 2013

**Persons reported on gender violence**

27,017 males were reported in 2013 on gender violence in the cases with protective or interim orders and recorded in the Register throughout the year. This represents a decrease of 7.0% as compared with the previous year.

Half of the persons reported (50.1%) were aged 30 to 44 years old. The average age of the persons reported was 39.2 years old.

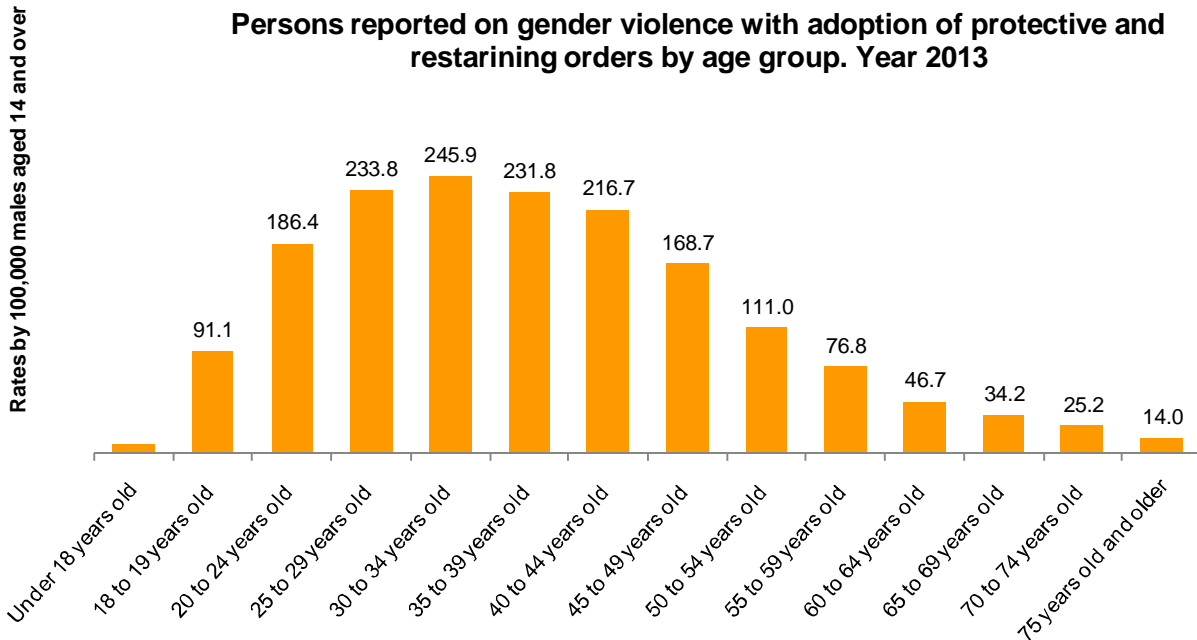
In relative terms (rates per 100,000 males aged 14 years old and over), the highest rate of persons reported corresponded to those same age group (245.9 persons reported per 100,000 males aged 14 and over), followed by the 25-29 (233.8) and the 35-39 (231.8) years old groups.

**Persons reported on gender violence with adoption of protective or restraining orders as to mean of protection by age groups.**

Absolute values.

Year 2013

	Number of persons reported
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,017</b>
Under 18 years old	76
18 to 19 years old	409
20 to 24 years old	2,282
25 to 29 years old	3,309
30 to 34 years old	4,445
35 to 39 years old	4,816
40 to 44 years old	4,267
45 to 49 years old	3,130
50 to 54 years old	1,831
55 to 59 years old	1,072
60 to 64 years old	567
65 to 69 years old	374
70 to 74 years old	205
75 years old and older	234



Rates calculated on a basis of the male population aged 14 and over by using the population figures dated on 1st July 2013

By birthplace, two out of every three persons reported (68.3% of the total) had been born in Spain.

**Persons reported on gender violence with adoption of protective or restraining orders by birthplace**

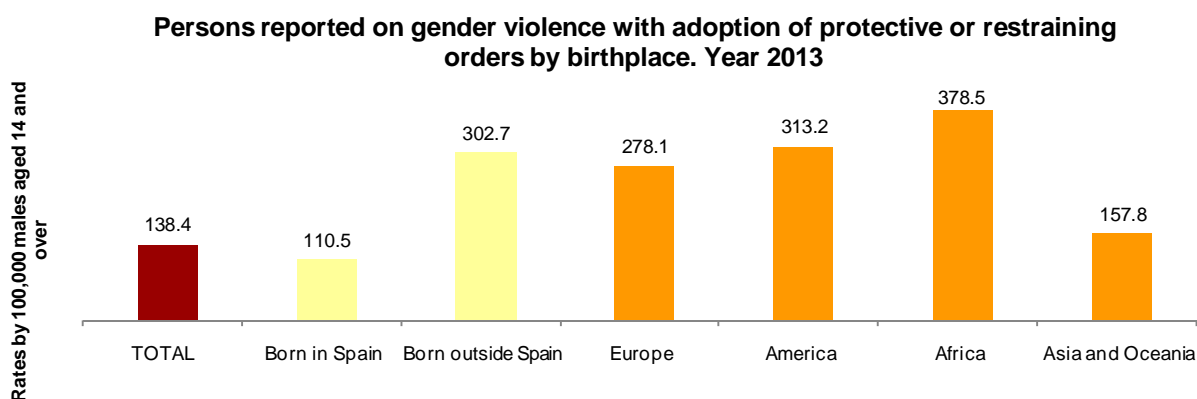
Absolute value.

Year 2013

	Number of persons reported
TOTAL	27,017
Born in Spain	18,447
Born outside Spain	8,570
Europe	3,098
America	3,017
Africa	2,168
Asia and Oceania	287

The rate of persons reported per 100,000 males aged 14 years old and over was greater among those born abroad (302.7) than among those born in Spain (110.5).

Within those born abroad, the highest rates of reported persons corresponded to those born in Africa and America. The lowest rates were recorded among those born in Asia and Oceania.



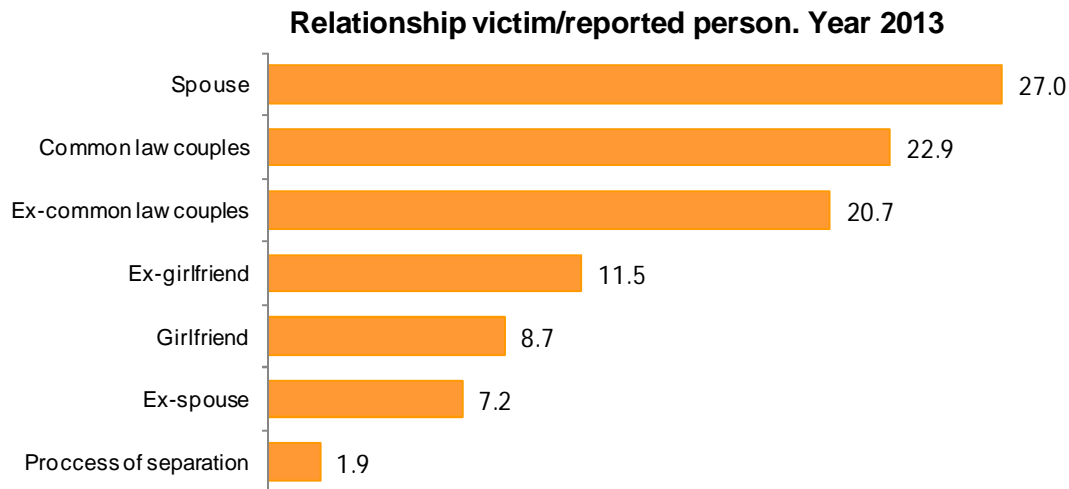
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**Relationship victim/reported person**

Regarding the type of relationship existing between the victim and the reported person, in 27.0% of the cases, the victim and the reported person were spouses, and in 7.2%, they were ex-spouses.

In turn, in 22.9% of the cases, they kept a common law relationship, in 20.7%, they were ex-common law couples.





In seven out of every 10 couples (70.6%) the reported person was between 25 and 49 years old and the victim was between 20 and 49 years old.

By birthplace, 58.3% were couples whose partners were born both in Spain, 7.8% were couples whose partners were born both in America and 6.4% were couples whose partners were born both in other countries of the European Union.

### **Punishable offences**

31,375 punishable offences<sup>2</sup> were registered in 2013, imputed to those persons reported for cases of gender violence registered during that year, 6.9% less than in the previous year. The average number of punishable offences per person reported remained the same than in 2013, that is, 1.2.

28,824 crimes and 2,551 misdemeanours were accounted for among the total punishable offences imputed. The most frequent crimes were those relating to *Injuries* (56.7% of the crimes), *Threats* (19.6%) and *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (14.5%).

### **Interim measures**

The total interim measures ordered<sup>3</sup> and recorded in the Register for cases of gender violence in 2013 reached 82,805, that is, 7.6% less than in the previous year.

Considering the nature of the measures, 75.4% were of a penal nature, and 24.6% were of a civil nature.

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<sup>2</sup> Each person reported could be imputed more than one punishable offence

<sup>3</sup> For each case, several interim measures can be ordered

The most frequent penal interim measures were the *prohibition of approaching given persons* (35.1% of the total penal measures), the *prohibition of communicating with given persons* (33.0%) and *conditional release* (15.3%).

Among the civil interim measures, the most frequent ones were the *establishment of custody rights* (26.2% of the total civil measures), the *establishment of food provision rights* (26.1%) and the *establishment of the visitation regime* (24.3%).

## Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence is understood to be all physical or psychological violence carried out by a man or a woman, on any of the persons listed in article 173.2 of the Criminal Code (descendants, ancestors, spouses, siblings, etc.) with the exception of specific cases of gender violence.

### Victims of domestic violence

7,060 victims of domestic violence holding interim measures or protective orders were registered in 2013, representing 3.3% less than in the previous year. Among them, 62.7% were female, and 37.3% of them were male. Moreover, a total of 194 persons appeared as both reported persons and victims at the same time.

The total number of victims of domestic violence was greater than the number of persons reported, with a rate of 1.4 victims for each person reported, the same that the previous year.

Unlike the gender violence, domestic violence affected all age groups more uniformly. Among them, it is worth noting the age group under 18 years old (17.1% of the total). The average age of the victims was 43.4 years old.

In relative terms, it can be observed that cases of domestic violence were more frequent among females of 18 to 19 years old (34.8 per 100,000 females of that age group).

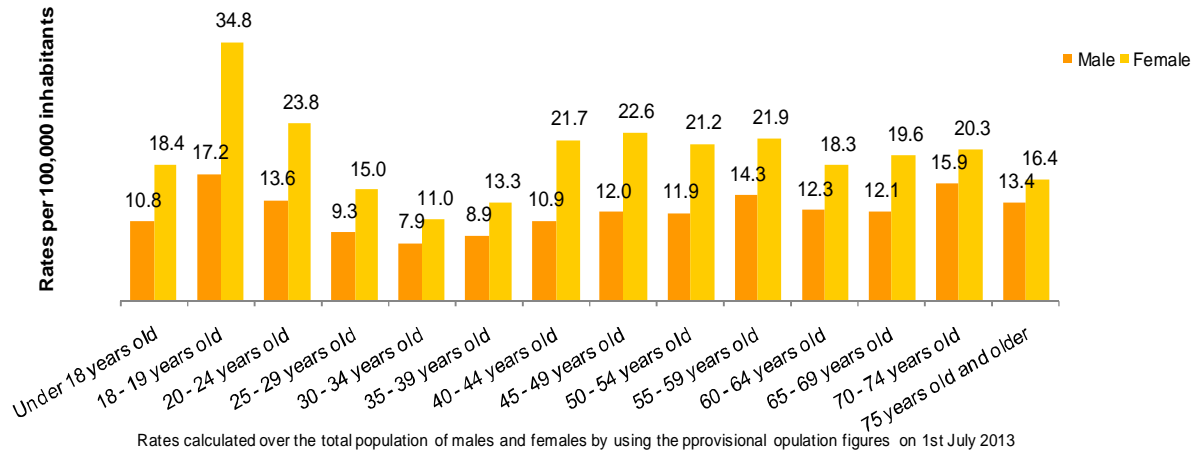
### Victims of domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex and age group

Absolute values

Year 2013

	Total	Male	Female
<b>TOTAL</b>	7,060	2,635	4,425
Under 18 years old	1,209	465	744
18 to 19 years old	224	77	147
20 to 24 years old	449	167	282
25 to 29 years old	343	132	211
30 to 34 years old	337	143	194
35 to 39 years old	449	185	264
40 to 44 years old	624	214	410
45 to 49 years old	635	222	413
50 to 54 years old	549	197	352
55 to 59 years old	515	199	316
60 to 64 years old	384	149	235
65 to 69 years old	368	132	236
70 to 74 years old	322	129	193
75 years old and older	652	224	428

**Victims of domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex and age groups. Year 2013**



84.9% of female victims of domestic violence and 86.8% of male victims of domestic violence were born in Spain.

However, in relative terms (rates per 100,000 inhabitants), cases of domestic violence were more frequent among foreign females (21.9) than among Spanish females (18.2).

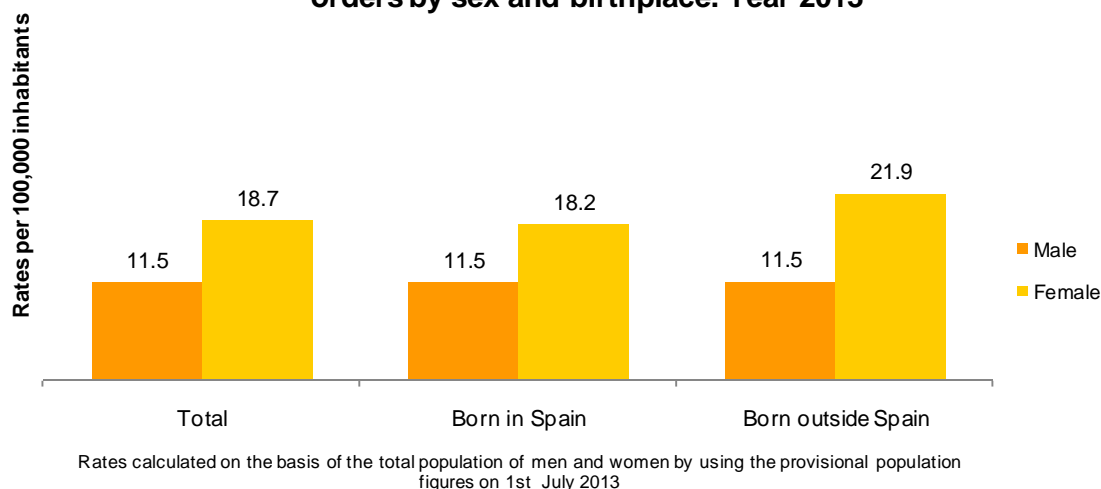
In the case of male victims, those born abroad presented the same rate as those born in Spain (11.5). The highest rates of victims were those from America in the case of males, and from Africa in the case of females.

**Victims of domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex and birthplace**

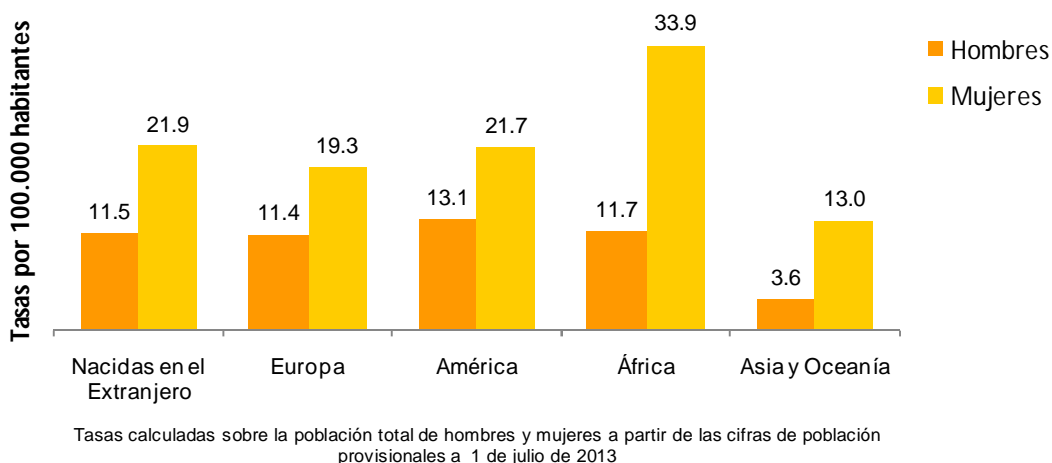
Absolute value  
Year 2013

	Male	Female
TOTAL	2,635	4,425
Born in Spain	2,288	3,756
Born outside Spain	347	669
Europe	134	227
America	135	285
Africa	71	135
Asia and Oceania	7	22

**Victims of domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex and birthplace. Year 2013**



**Victims of domestic violence born outside Spain holding protective or restraining orders by sex and birthplace. Year 2013**



**Rates by Autonomous Community**

By Autonomous Community, those that registered the highest rates of victims (per 100,000 inhabitants) of registered domestic violence regarding males were the Autonomous City of Melilla (16.4), Comunitat Valenciana and Andalucía (registering both 15.1).

Conversely, the lowest rates were registered in the Autonomous City of Ceuta (2.3), Aragón (7.7) and Comunidad de Madrid (7.9).

Regarding females, the highest rates were registered in La Rioja (25.1), the Autonomous City of Melilla (24.6) and Extremadura (24.3).

In turn, the lowest rates were recorded in the Autonomous City of Ceuta (9.7), Comunidad de Madrid (13.1) and Cataluña (13.5).

**Victims of domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex, by Autonomous City and Community where the issue was recorded**

Rates per every 100,000 inhabitants  
Year 2013

	Victims <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL</b>	15.1	11.5	18.7
Melilla	20.4	16.4	24.6
Comunitat Valenciana	19.6	15.1	24.1
Andalucía	19.6	15.1	24.0
Rioja, La	19.3	13.4	25.1
Extremadura	19.1	13.9	24.3
Asturias, Principado de	17.8	11.8	23.3
Castilla y León	17.6	13.8	21.3
Castilla-La Mancha	16.8	12.0	21.7
Cantabria	16.3	14.9	17.6
Galicia	15.0	11.6	18.2
Canarias	14.4	9.2	19.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	14.3	10.8	17.8
Murcia, Región de	14.3	10.9	17.7
Balears, Illes	12.7	8.4	17.1
País Vasco	12.4	10.8	14.0
Cataluña	11.0	8.5	13.5
Aragón	10.7	7.7	13.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	10.6	7.9	13.1
Ceuta	5.9	2.3	9.7

<sup>1</sup>Rates calculated on the total male and female population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 July 2013

**Persons reported for domestic violence**

In 2013, a total of 5,037 persons were reported for domestic violence, 6.7% less than in the previous year. Among them, 75.2% were males and 24.8% were females.

By age, nine out of ten persons reported were under 50 years old. The average age of the persons reported was 35.5 years old.

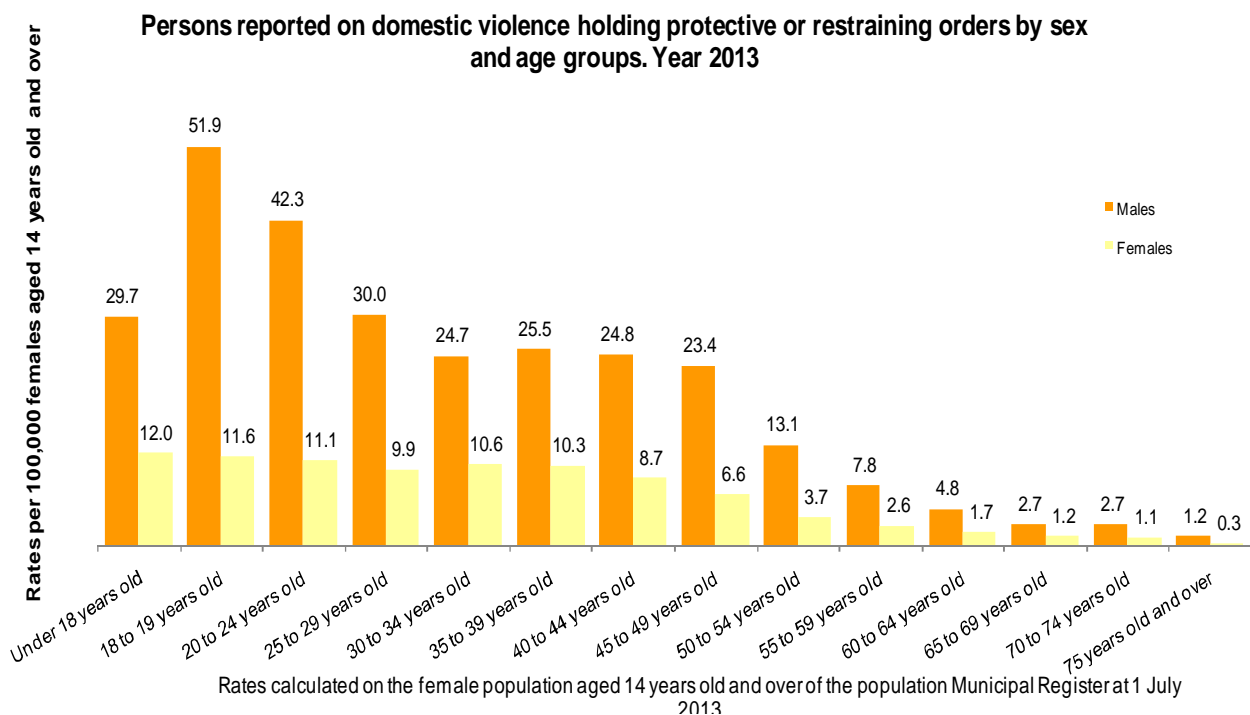
The analysis of the rates per 100,000 persons showed that the greatest number of persons reported was found in the group aged under 24 years old, for both males and females.

**Persons reported on domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex and age groups**

Absolute values

Year 2013

	Total	Males	Females
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,037</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>1,247</b>
Under 18 years old	362	262	100
18 to 19 years old	282	233	49
20 to 24 years old	649	518	131
25 to 29 years old	565	425	140
30 to 34 years old	632	446	186
35 to 39 years old	733	529	204
40 to 44 years old	653	488	165
45 to 49 years old	555	434	121
50 to 54 years old	277	216	61
55 to 59 years old	146	109	37
60 to 64 years old	80	58	22
65 to 69 years old	44	30	14
70 to 74 years old	32	22	10
75 years old and older	27	20	7



By birthplace, 73.0% of females and 84.3% of males reported in cases of domestic violence had been born in Spain.

**Persons reported on domestic violence holding protective or restraining orders by sex and place of birth**

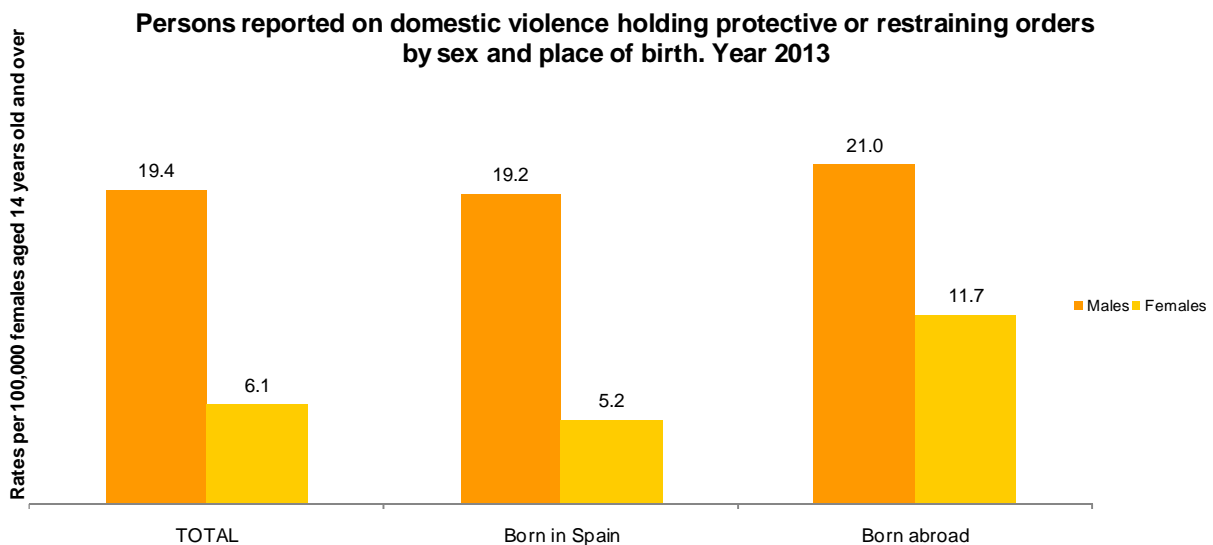
Absolute values  
Year 2013

	Males	Females
TOTAL	3,790	1,247
Born in Spain	3,196	910
Born abroad	594	337
Europe	194	89
America	225	170
Africa	150	66
Asia and Oceania	25	12

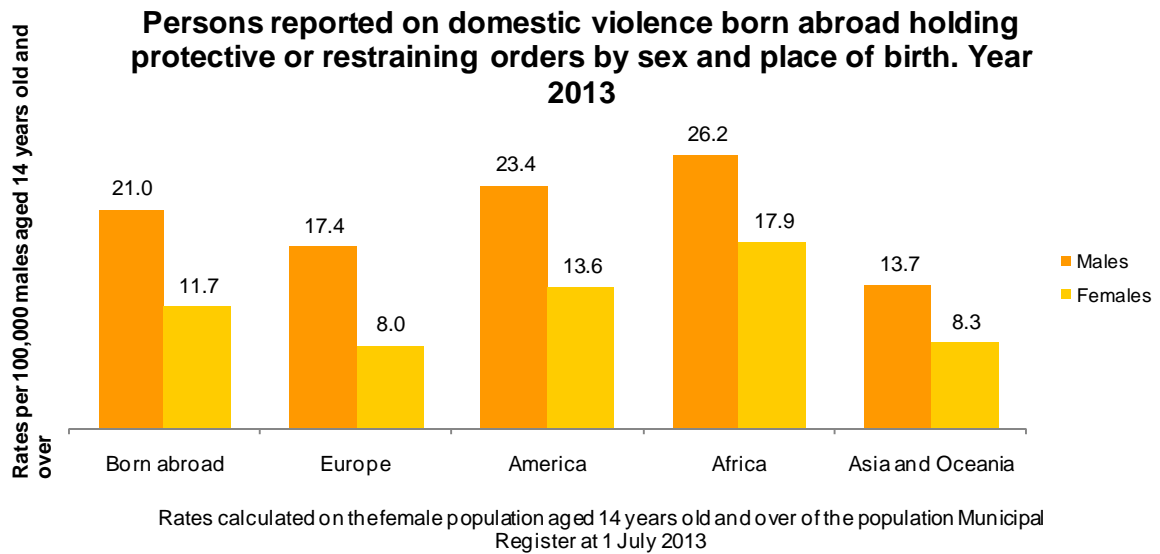
In the rate per 100,000 persons aged 14 years old and over, it was observed that the rate of the females reported who had been born abroad (11.7) was more than twice the rate of the females reported who had been born in Spain (5.2).

In the case of the males reported, the rate for those born abroad (21.0) was higher than the rate for those who had been born in Spain (19.2).

The highest rates of persons reported were registered for persons from Africa, both in the case of males (26.2) and in the case of females (17.9).



Rates calculated on the female population aged 14 years old and over of the population Municipal Register at 1 July 2013



### Relationship victim/reported person

Considering the type of relationship existing between the victim and the reported person, in 29% of cases, the victim was the mother of the reported person, in 22.8% of the cases the victims were the children and in 12.3% the victim was the father.

According to the place of birth, in 79.8% of the cases both the victim and the reported person had been born in Spain. In 4.2% of the cases they had been born in America and in 2.5% in other countries of the European Union.

### Punishable offences

The number of punishable offences<sup>4</sup> imputed to those persons reported for domestic violence reached 5,923 in 2013, that is 6.4% less than in the previous year.

The number of punishable offences per person reported was 1.2.

Of the total number of punishable offences, 5,145 were crimes and 778, misdemeanours.

The most frequent crimes were those relating to *Injuries* (49.7% of the crimes), *Threats* (23.0%) and *Torture and other crimes against moral integrity* (14.2%).

### Interim measures

11,041 interim measures were ordered<sup>5</sup> in cases of domestic violence registered during the year 2013, 5.9% less than in the previous year. 76.0% were handed down to men, and 24.0% to women.

<sup>4</sup> Each person reported could be imputed more than one punishable offence.

<sup>5</sup> For each case, several interim measures can be ordered.



Considering the nature of the measures, 96.1% were *penal interim measures*, and 3.9% *civil interim measures*.

The most frequent penal interim measures were *the prohibition of approaching given persons* (35.4% of the total penal measures), *the prohibition of communicating with given persons* (28.4%) and *conditional release* (15.5%).

In turn, the most common civil interim measures were *establishment of custody rights* (28.9% of the total civil measures), *the establishment of the visitation regime* (16.4%) and the *establishment of food provision rights* (15.0%).

## Methodological note

The **2012 Statistics on Domestic Violence and Gender Violence** is compiled from existing information in the Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence, whose ownership corresponds to the Ministry of Justice. Statistical use of this Register has been made by the National Statistics Institute (INE), by virtue of the Partnership Agreement signed by the two institutions on 3 July 2007.

The Central Register for the Protection of Victims of Domestic and Gender Violence records interim measures and protection orders relating to cases of domestic violence or gender violence, as well as data corresponding to sentences and security measures handed down as final or non-final sentences for crimes or misdemeanours.

From a conceptual point of view, the current focus of these statistics is geared towards **studying the pre-trial phase of the criminal process (proceedings initiated)**, in particular of **cases with interim measures ordered**, whereby they provide information regarding victims and persons reported with interim measures, and not regarding convicts, sentences or final sentences handed down. Nor does the information provided consider the total number of reports submitted, but only those that have given rise to their recording in the Register as a result of the interim measures ordered.

The investigation focuses on studying cases **recorded in the Register during the course of the reference period** of the information. The information provided derives, then, from proceedings initiated, which, as a result of the interim measures ordered, were recorded in the Register in 2012.

The purpose of these statistics is to ascertain the number of victims and persons reported in cases recorded in the Register during the course of the reference year, to examine their main socio-demographic features (sex, age, place of birth, type of relationship) and provide detailed information regarding interim measures ordered and punishable offences imputed.