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Information from Sweden on the topic of the prevention of femicide or gender-related killings

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention and The National Board of Health and Welfare are commissioned by the Government to provide information in this area.

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention is in charge of providing Sweden's official crime statistics. The Council publishes annual information on the number of confirmed cases of lethal violence, including the total number of cases where the victim was a woman, and if the circumstances of the homicide is-caused by domestic violence.

The National Board of Health and Welfare has a legal duty (Act 2007: 606) to conduct investigations on children who have lost their lives as the result of a crime and adults who have lost their lives as the result of a crime by someone next-of kin or previously next-of-kin. In both cases, a prerequisite for investigation is the establishment of a likely connection between the crime and the child's or adult's need for protection. The aim of the law is to provide the government with helpful information on how to take further actions in order to prevent violence against children and intimate partner violence. Each investigation is initiated by the police or prosecutor who have a legal duty to report to the board in cases of legally binding judgement in this area. The National Board of Health and Welfare has so far published five investigations - the latest report (<https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/Lists/Artikelkatalog/Attachments/20860/2018-1-37.pdf>) includes data from 2016-2017.

Since the first of January 2019 the Act has changed to also include cases of gross violation of domestic violence against children and adults. This change seeks to progress more information in severe cases and be more efficient with measures.

Data on gender-related killings in Sweden the last three years (2016-2019):

Year	Total number of intentional killings/homicides irrespective of gender	Total number women/men (W/M) killed by intimate partners	Total number of women/men killed by a family member	Other gender related killings women/men
2016	106	W18 / NA	NA	NA
2017	113	W10 / NA	NA	NA
2018	108	W22 / M 4	NA	NA
2019	No available data	No available data	No available data	No available data

In 2018, seven (7) children (under 18 years) was killed. Four (4) girls and three (3) boys.