

Violence against Women (VAW)

Multiple Consequences

3149

Incidents of VAW



869

Women Killed

1401

Victims of Sexual Assault

1218

Women Injured

2646

Arrested for Perpetrating VAW

586

Victims of Domestic Violence

Divisional Distribution of VAW Incidents (by population nexus)

Division	Incident	Rate by pop*	Rank	Death	Rate by pop*	Rank	Injury	Rate by pop*	Rank	Sexual Assault	Rate by pop*	Rank
Barisal	299	3.59	1 st	70	0.84	1 st	133	1.60	1 st	123	1.48	1 st
Chattogram	561	1.92	4 th	150	0.51	4 th	228	0.78	5 th	256	0.88	5 th
Dhaka	790	1.59	8 th	242	0.49	5 th	299	0.60	7 th	364	0.73	8 th
Khulna	354	2.26	3 rd	100	0.64	3 rd	116	0.74	6 th	165	1.05	2 nd
Mymensingh	216	1.90	5 th	44	0.39	8 th	92	0.81	3 rd	102	0.90	4 th
Rajshahi	461	2.49	2 nd	148	0.80	2 nd	178	0.96	2 nd	181	0.98	3 rd
Rangpur	287	1.82	7 th	74	0.47	6 th	95	0.60	7 th	129	0.82	7 th
Sylhet	181	1.85	6 th	41	0.42	7 th	77	0.79	4 th	81	0.83	6 th

*Rate in per 100000 populations (Projected)

- In terms of number of incidents regarding violence against women, Dhaka holds the number one position.
- However, in terms of population Barisal holds the top spot regarding violence against women.
- Population wise, Barisal also secured the top spot in terms of sexual assault against women.
- Dhaka has the highest number of sexual assault (364) against women in 2019.
- Again Dhaka has the highest number of death incidents (242) in 2019.
- Population wise, Barisal has the highest injury rate in 2019.
- Bangladesh holds second position among the most gender equal countries in Asia in 2019 according to World Economic Forum's gender gap index.
- However, the lived reality of women regarding violence against women (VAW) or Gender-based violence sharply contradicts with this great achievement.
- Females are dying more than males by suicide in Bangladesh.
- According to BRAC 77 percent perpetrators for violence against women are family members- husbands, fathers, father-in-laws, brothers, uncles.

Suicide

BPO records the total female suicide in 2019



In 2018, BPO found, 53.86% of the total suicides in Bangladesh were reportedly committed by women.

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Key motivations:

- Domestic violence
- Dowry
- Rejection in love
- Infidelity by spouse
- Examination results
- Financial issues
- Physical/Mental sickness