



The County Administrative Board of Östergötland's Swedish Expert Team

Calls to the national helpline during the period 13 March 2014 through 30 September 2020



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4,072 cases/ 4,896 individuals

Cases pertain to:

Specific individuals - 65 percent

Women with children - 14 percent

Siblings - 8 percent

Other - 13 percent

An additional 2,168 individuals were mentioned during the conversations (for whom their possible vulnerability is unclear). These are children of a vulnerable woman or siblings of a vulnerable child. At least 66 percent of them are under the age of 18.



Number of cases and vulnerable persons per year

	2014*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**	Total
Number of cases	187	298	455	600	959	1,019	554	4,072
<i>Number of cases average/month</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>52</i>
Number of vulnerable persons	255	443	619	798	1,081	1,054	646	4,896

* as of 13 March

** through 30 September



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Vulnerable person's gender and age

Gender

80 percent girls/women

13 percent boys/men

7 percent unknown

Age

At least 55 percent of them are under the age of 18.



Perpetrators

Most have been victim of several different perpetrators, such as:

- Children and adolescents victimized by parents, siblings and relatives (or their partner's family).
- Women victimized by their husband/ex-husband, their husband's relatives or their own relatives/children.

For all victims, the following applies:

- For at least 66 percent their parents were the perpetrators
- For at least 17 percent their siblings were the perpetrators
- For at least 15 percent, their husband/ex-husband, boyfriend/ex-boyfriend (a few cases, wife/ex-wife) was the perpetrator.
- For at least 16 percent their siblings were the perpetrators.



Type of violence or abuse

Many have been subjected to several types of violence or abuse.

The most common (often in combination with another type) are:

- Physical violence: At least 34 percent (1,657 individuals)
- Sexual violence*: At least 6 percent (217 individuals)
- Fear of/plans for a child marriage/forced marriage or a child marriage/forced marriage that has been carried out: 19 percent (945 individuals) (of that number, 191 were subjected to a forced marriage/child marriage).
- Abduction/being detained abroad against their will or risk/threat of being abducted: 13 percent (613 individuals) (Of that number, 357 individuals were abducted/detained abroad against their will).

* as of 2017



Type of violence or abuse, cont.

- Threat or fear of being killed: 10 percent (501 individuals)
- Female genital mutilation/risk of female genital mutilation: 262 girls/women (7 percent of the girls/women), of which
 - Consequences of female genital mutilation – 80 girls and women
 - Fear that they will be subjected to female genital mutilation – 113 girls
 - Suspicion that female genital mutilation has occurred – 64 girls

In addition, many of these individuals were subjected to **physical violence, threats, control and limitations**. These types of violence and abuse are not always, however, revealed specifically in all cases, since the focus is frequently on things of an even more serious nature, such as physical violence, risk of forced marriage or that a person has been abducted.



	2014*	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020**	Total
Child marriage and forced marriage (fear of, planned, carried out)	61	93	119	139	220	204	109	945
- <i>on average per month</i>	6	8	10	12	18	17	12	12
Abducted/detained abroad (fear of, planned, carried out)	15	41	62	67	148	164	116	613
- <i>on average per month</i>	2	3	5	6	12	14	13	8
Female genital mutilation (fear of, suspicion of, consequences of)	23	52	17	17	59	68	26	262
- <i>on average per month</i>	2	4	1	1	5	6	3	3

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Those who called the helpline

	Number	%
Social services	2,258	55.5 %
School/preschool (<i>of which preschool: 25</i>)	753	18.5 %
Police	194	4.8 %
Healthcare (including youth services)	157	3.9 %
Other authorities *	147	3.6 %
Non-profit organisations	171	4.2 %
Vulnerable people/their relatives	100	2.5 %
Other **	292	7.2 %
TOTAL	4,072	100 %



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* e.g. Swedish Public Employment Service, Swedish Migration Agency, Barnahus, Swedish Tax Agency, Swedish Prison and Probation Service, Public Prosecutor

** e.g. foster homes, residential care homes for children and young persons, guardians, employers, students, politicians, journalists, attorneys, unclear

Cases per county

County	Number of cases	% of cases
Västra Götaland	685	16.8 %
Skåne	386	9.5 %
Östergötland	280	6.9 %
Stockholm	220	5.4 %
Gävleborg	189	4.6 %
Dalarna	173	4.3 %
Jönköping	172	4.2 %
Värmland	155	3.9 %



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Cases per county, cont.

County	Number of cases	% of cases
Västernorrland	143	3.5 %
Kronoberg	139	3.4 %
Södermanland	136	3.3 %
Norrbottn	135	3.2 %
Västmanland	123	3.0 %
Kalmar	122	3.0 %
Västerbotten	91	2.2 %
Halland	89	2.2 %



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Cases per county, cont.

County	Number cases	of	% of cases
Jämtland		88	2.2 %
Uppsala		87	2.1 %
Örebro		64	1.6 %
Gotland		55	1.3 %
Blekinge		46	1.1 %
Unclear		494	12.1 %
TOTAL		4,072	100 %



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