



# The County Administrative Board of Östergötland's Swedish Expert Team

Calls to the national helpline during 2020



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# Calls during January through September 2020

554 cases/ 646 individuals

Cases pertain to:

Specific individuals - 59 percent

Women with children - 12 percent

Siblings - 12 percent

Other - 17 percent

An additional 312 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 60 percent of them are under the age of 18.



# Number of cases per month during 2020

Month	Number of cases
January	73
February	72
March	79
April	41
May	63
June	53
July	34
August	61
September	78



# Vulnerable person's gender and age

## **Gender**

80 percent girls/women

13 percent boys/men

7 percent unknown

## **Age**

At least 62 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.

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## **For all victims, the following applies:**

- For at least 75 percent their parents were the perpetrators.
- For at least 21 percent their siblings were the perpetrators
- For at least 16 percent, their husband/ex-husband, boyfriend/ex-boyfriend (a few cases, wife/ex-wife) was the perpetrator.
- For at least 24 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: 42 percent (271 individuals)
- Fear of/plans for a child marriage or a child marriage that has been carried out: 8 percent (54 children). (of that number, 13 were subjected to a child marriage).
- Fear of/plans for a forced marriage or a forced marriage that has been carried out: 9 percent (55 individuals). (of that number, 11 were subjected to a forced marriage).
- Cases of abduction/being detained abroad against their will or risk/threat of being abducted: 18 percent (116 individuals). (Of that number, 82 individuals were abducted/detained abroad against their will).



# Type of violence or abuse, cont.

- Threat or fear of being killed: 11 percent (69 individuals).
- Cases of female genital mutilation: 5 percent of the girls/women (26 girls/women)
- Sexual violence (past or present) 7 percent (48 individuals)

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.



## Those who called the helpline

	Number	%
Social services	296	53.4 %
School/preschool ( <i>of which preschool: 2</i> )	90	16.2 %
Police	29	5.2 %
Healthcare (including youth services)	24	4.3 %
Other authorities *	26	4.7 %
Non-profit organisations	27	4.9 %
Vulnerable people/their relatives	11	2.0 %
Other **	51	9.2 %
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>100 %</b>



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\* e.g. public prosecutors, Barnahus, Resurscentrum

\*\* e.g. shelters, students, journalists attorneys, private individuals



# Cases per county

County	Number cases	of	% of cases
Västra Götaland	101		18.2 %
Skåne	63		11.4 %
Stockholm	39		7.0 %
Östergötland	31		5.6 %
Gävleborg	27		4.9 %
Norrbottn	24		4.3 %
Västerbottn	19		3.4 %
Västernorrland	19		3.4 %



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## Cases per county, cont.

County	Number of cases	% of cases
Dalarna	18	3.3 %
Kronoberg	17	3.1 %
Uppsala	17	3.1 %
Värmland	16	2.9 %
Kalmar	15	2.7 %
Södermanland	15	2.7 %
Jönköping	12	2.2 %
Gotland	11	2.0 %



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## Cases per county, cont.

County	Number cases	of	% of cases
Halland		11	2.0 %
Örebro		10	1.8 %
Västmanland		8	1.4 %
Blekinge		6	1.1 %
Jämtland		4	0.7 %
Unclear		71	12.8 %
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