

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EMERGENCY HOTLINE DECEMBER 2021 DATA AND ANALYSIS REPORT

FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS OF TURKEY (TKDF)
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Report for December 2021

The domestic violence emergency hotline that is administered by the Federation of Women's Associations of Turkey **had received a total of 647 calls between 1-31 December 2021**. Compared to the previous month, it is seen that there has been an **increase of almost 50% in the number of calls.**

170 incident tickets have been created for these calls.

101 people have applied about **domestic violence**.

73 calls are related with domestic violence **acts of the spouses**.

Legal consultancy has been provided for **108 calls**.

48 calls have been directed **to the police**.

28 calls for refuge requests.

10 of the calls are emergency cases, which **required urgent response**.

Majority of the calls are received from İstanbul, 62 calls, with an increase of 51 percent in the total number of calls compared to last month. İstanbul is followed by **Aydın, Adıyaman, Mardin and İzmir** with 22, 17, 16, and 10 calls respectively. Apart from these cities, the order of cities from which calls were made to the hotline from most to least is as follows: Kocaeli, Ankara, Adana, Antalya, Manisa, Balıkesir, Tekirdağ, Bursa, Mersin, Şanlıurfa, Ağrı, Bilecik, Eskişehir, Hatay, Kayseri, Konya, Nevşehir, Siirt, Karabük, Amasya, Çanakkale, Gaziantep, Giresun, Hakkari, Kars, Kastamonu, Kırklareli, Malatya, Ordu, Samsun, Zonguldak and Düzce.

The distribution of the calls by districts in the province of İstanbul, where most calls are received, is as follows in descending order: Ataşehir, Başakşehir, Tuzla, Şişli, Kadıköy, Kartal, Esenyurt, Sancaktepe, Bahçelievler, Bağcılar, Küçükçekmece, Gaziosmanpaşa, Sarıyer, Ümraniye, Beykoz, Çekmeköy, Maltepe, Pendik, Şile, Arnavutköy, Bakırköy, Beylikdüzü, Büyükçekmece, Esenler, Eyüp, Kağıthane and Sultangazi. **Distribution of the calls among cities and districts shows that regardless of the development levels and socio-economic conditions, domestic violence reports were received from many different cities and districts.**



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The total number of calls received by the domestic violence hotline **since 15 October 2007 is 82.253.**

The Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline is a hotline that receives a significant number of reports about domestic violence not only from Turkey but also from abroad. By this time, calls from **Germany, France, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Netherlands, Australia, America, Syria, Switzerland, Iran, Tunisia, England, Sweden, Romania, Libya, Japan, Ukraine, Georgia, Kenya, Canada, Kazakhstan, Greece, China, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Cyprus were received** reporting violence to the emergency hotline.

Survivors of the cases that have been reported to the emergency hotline **in December are aged between 2 to 80.** Calls show that **9 out of 10 people exposed to domestic violence are women (91.8%).** In the remainder, children at home make up the majority of victims of violence. **Percentage of men reported as survivor of domestic violence is 2.7%.**

The majority of reported violence cases are psychological and physical violence cases (psychological violence 38.78% and physical violence 32.24%). Apart from these types of violence, **15.51% of reported violence is social violence, 8.57% is economic violence and 4.9% is sexual violence. It should be noted here:** Although it is possible and relatively easy to conceptually distinguish between the types of violence while analyzing, this is not so easy in real life. In most cases, several forms of violence take place together. However, **one or two of them stand out from the other because of their profound effects on the survivor and are mentioned by the person in question.** At the same time, types of violence other than physical violence may be unknown. Even if different types of violence are known, it may be that every situation is not considered as urgent and serious enough to make a report and ask for help in that regard.

Calls to the Domestic Violence Emergency Hotline **show that women are most often subjected to violence by the men closest to them.** Incoming calls show that violence comes from the spouses and/or other family members with whom women share their lives in the home, which is assumed to be the safest place. **According to December data, spouses constitute the largest group of aggressors reported in domestic violence with a rate of 59.2%.** Spouses are followed by **other family members with a rate of 19.2%.** In the family, the father, family in general, the person's own family, mother, older sister, boy, older brother and daughter are reported as perpetrators of violence. **In addition to this situation, the reports show that women are also exposed to violence by people other than their husbands and their first-degree relatives.** Even without a marriage bond, women are exposed to the violence of men with whom they are in an emotional relationship or whom they want to end their emotional relationship with. In the reports, the women stated that they were subjected to violence by their current partners, previous spouses, former boyfriends, and engaged/spoken partners. **Apart from these, neighbors, spouse's family, other relatives and even employers were also mentioned among the aggressors in the reports of violence that came to the emergency hotline.**

