

# The phenomenon of domestic violence in the Albanian reality

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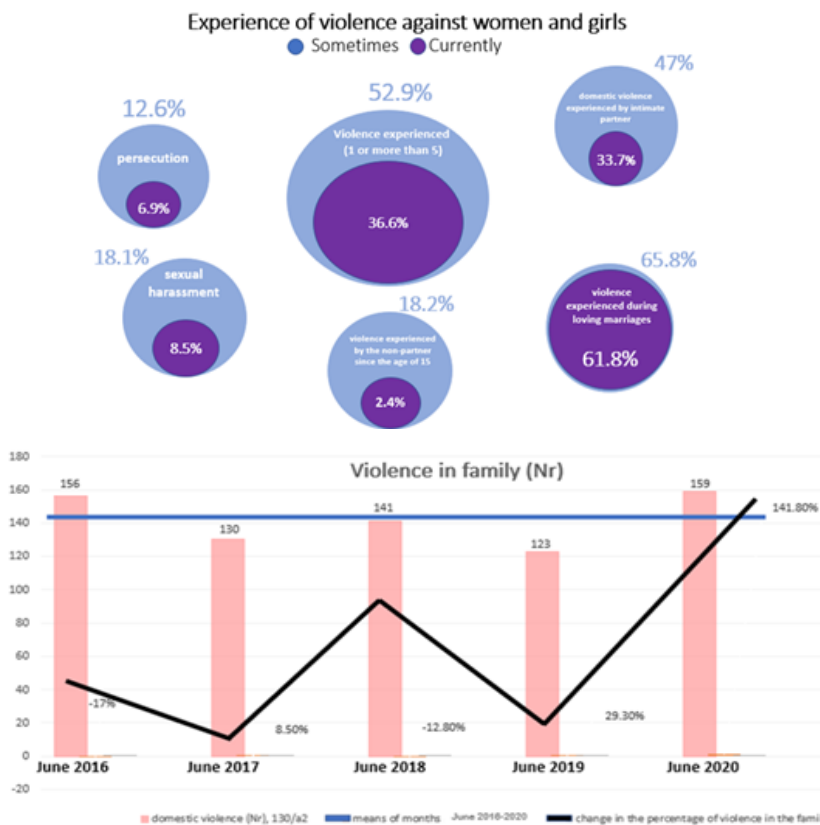
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The purpose of this paper is to present a detailed overview of the phenomenon of violence in Albanian society based on the figures of the last 7 years. To achieve this goal, primary and secondary information were obtained such as studies of the Albanian Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), Police Directorates, local directorates, NGOs, interviews, etc.

Referring to data from our country, according to official information at the Albanian State Police, during the period March 2020-April 2021, a total of 5,603 cases of violence and 8 homicides were identified and treated, of which 5 are women.

Based on this evidence, our paper will focus on the unique characteristics of violence against women, in their intimate relationships, as they represent 95% of domestic violence cases.



*National Survey on Violence against Women and Girls in Albania 2018 to measure the nature and extent of five different types of violence against women: domestic violence perpetrated by an intimate partner, violence during a love affair, violence by a non-partner, sexual harassment or stalking, as well as some social norms related to violence against women and girls.*

## Conclusions

- ⇒ There has also been an increase in the number of courts that have issued protection orders for victims of domestic violence.
- ⇒ Violence is still considered today as a phenomenon that takes place "behind closed doors".
- ⇒ Economic empowerment of women is one of the basic conditions for reducing gender-based violence.
- ⇒ Gender integration should be part of all social, economic and political policies in Albania

In June 2020 there was an increase of 25.2 percent compared to May 2020.