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Réponse de la Suisse au questionnaire de la Rapporteuse spéciale sur la violence contre les femmes, ses causes et conséquences, au sujet du fémicide

The Swiss Police crime statistics (PCS) includes the number of offences known to and recorded by the police, as well the injured and accused persons. The Swiss Criminal Code treats homicide in articles 111-113 and 116. Based on this, the PCS provides the number of completed and attempted homicides, as well as the recorded persons who have been injured and accused. The injured and accused persons are further disaggregated by sex and age groups. In addition, a distinction is made as to whether a homicide has occurred in the context of domestic violence (i.e. within a current or former partnership, parent-child relationship or other family relationship between injured and accused person).

Based on the PCS, it is however, not possible to derive the motives or reasons for the homicide. According to the definition of the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS), femicide is the intentional killing of a woman for misogynous or gender-based reasons. Whether such reasons were decisive for the act cannot be determined based on the statistics provided. Moreover, femicide as such does not exist as a separate crime according to Swiss criminal law. As a result, not all requests of information can be fully answered. The PCS can only indicate the number of victims of homicides by sex, age group and the relationship between injured and accused person. These figures are published on the homepage of the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) and are listed in the table below.

Victims of completed homicide (art. 111-113/116, SCC) recorded by the police, Switzerland, 2009-2017

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total intentional homicide victims	51	52	46	45	57	41	57	45	45
a) male victims	24	26	23	28	25	17	27	20	25
b) female victims	27	26	23	17	32	24	30	25	20
whose victims aged 0 to 17	10	6	4	4	3	4	9	2	0
a) male victims	3	4	1	0	X	2	6	X	0
b) female victims	7	2	3	4	X	2	3	X	0
whose victims are killed by intimate partner or family member	25	26	27	22	23	23	36	19	21
a) male victims	9	7	6	8	5	6	14	1	4
b) female victims	16	19	21	14	18	17	22	18	17

X: Not indicated for data protection reasons (numbers between 1 and 3)

Source: FSO - Police Crime Statistics (PCS)

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