

# Impact of Gender-Based Violence Cases in Bolívar, Colombia 2023

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## Objectives

This study aims to measure the impact of gender-based violence (GBV) cases in the Department of Bolívar in 2023, examining the prevalence, distribution, and types of violence reported with a specific focus on Cartagena.

## Results

In 2023, 36.9% of GBV cases reported in Bolívar were registered in Cartagena. The rate of sexual violence in Cartagena was slightly lower than the departmental rate, with 60.0 cases per 100,00 inhabitants compared to Bolívar's 60.8 per 100,000 inhabitants. Specific findings in Cartagena for 2023 include 756 cases of physical violence, 631 cases of sexual violence, 81 cases of neglect and abandonment, 57 cases of psychological violence. These figures indicate significant occurrences of various forms of GBV, highlighting the critical areas needing intervention.

## Methods

The study employs a descriptive analysis of data collected from the public health surveillance system (SIVIGILA) and other relevant sources. The data encompasses reported cases of physical, sexual, psychological violence, and neglect or abandonment from January to December 2023. The analysis compares the incidence rates between Cartagena and the rest of Bolívar to identify patterns and disparities.

## Conclusions

The analysis reveals a substantial prevalence of GBV in Bolívar, with Cartagena accounting for a significant proportion of cases. Despite Cartagena having a marginally lower rate of sexual violence compared to the rest of Bolívar, the high number of physical and sexual violence cases underscores the urgent need for targeted public health strategies. Comprehensive measures should include increased support services for survivors, preventive education programs, and stronger enforcement of legal protections to mitigate the impact of GBV and enhance the well-being of affected individuals.

