

Gender-based violence in Rio Grande do Norte (2019 a 2021)

Vital Strategies and the State Secretariat of Public Health (Sesap) of Rio Grande do Norte have partnered to conduct a study on gender-based violence in the state. Through data matching methodology, it was possible to cross records of the same person in different health and public security systems and identify risk factors for the aggravation of violence.

The databases used were: Notifiable Diseases and Conditions Information System (SINAN-Violência), Mortality Information System (SIM), Hospital Information System (SIH/SUS) and police reports from the State Secretariat of Public Security and Social Defense (Sesed).

SINAN Notification
2010-2022

32.495

By sex

Female

Male

11.189

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With self-inflicted injury

5.984

Girls and women with a
notification of violence

15.317

Matched Databases - Linkage analysis

Study of trajectories

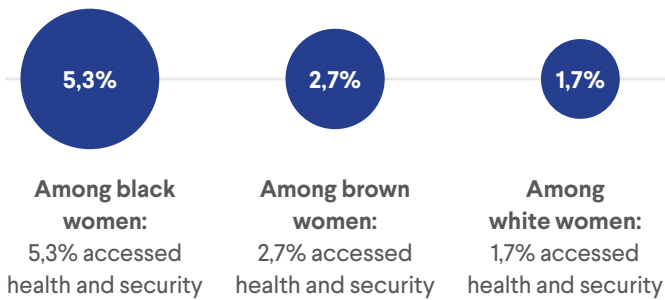
The matching of databases from different sources, involving different areas of government, enables an intersectoral look at women victims of violence. The methodology makes it possible to trace the trajectory of women between different public services.

Missed opportunities

Among women with a notification of violence, 1.84% (136 women) have a death record in the SIM or in a police report.

Registration of police reports for women with a notification of violence (SINAN)

Black women access health and security services more frequently, while other women tend to access only one of the gateways of public services that confront violence.

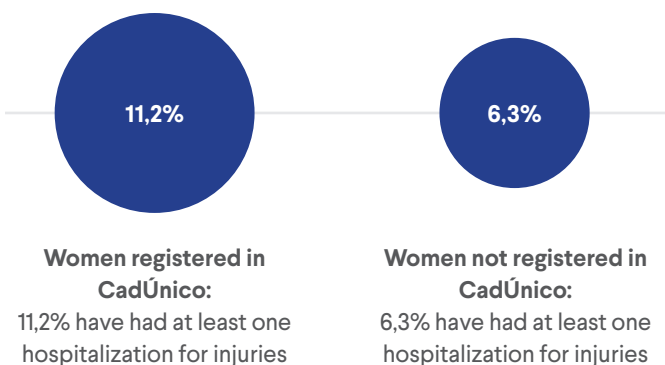


Ratio of Odds

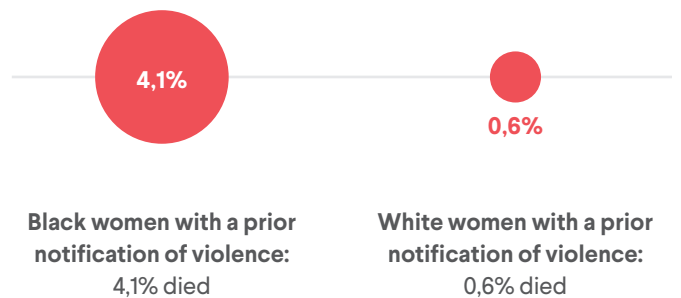
Women with a notification of violence in SINAN, when compared to the total population of women without one, are:



Hospitalization for injury among women registered in CadÚnico (Unified Registry for Social Services)



Deaths by race/color of victim



Violence against women and intersectorality: possible paths from data analysis

Based on the analyses, Vital Strategies Brazil and the State Secretariat of Public Health (Sesap) of Rio Grande do Norte organized intersectoral workshops, bringing together professionals from health, security, social assistance, education, justice and other areas that assist and monitor women in situations of violence in the state.

Plan of Action

The discussions and exchanges of experiences resulted in a plan of action with strategic points for the improvement of the network of services for girls and women in situations of violence in Rio Grande do Norte. Among them:

- Broadening the scope of the Grupo de Trabalho Cultura de Paz (a governmental working group for the promotion of a culture of peace) to improve the flow of evidence collection in cases of sexual violence;
- Sensitization of primary care professionals to the identification and reporting of cases of violence against women;
- Expand partnerships and fundraising strategies for the agenda;
- Create Referral Center and follow-up of referrals;
- Facilitate and expand women's access to the protective measures of the Judiciary system;
- Define a new protocol for rape evidence collection and chain of custody in order to humanize care for victims and ensure the collection and analysis of evidence to identify the aggressor

Intersectoral workshops



On the first day, data were presented and professionals from different government sectors were invited to talk about intersectoral work and possibilities for improving the quality of public data.



On the second day, workshops were held with the technical teams for discussions on how to improve the flow of care for women victims of violence and how to improve intersectoral dialogues.



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