BELGIUM



Population: 11 060 095

(\$) Gross national income per capita: US\$ 44 810

Income group: High

Income inequality: 32.97

ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE									
National action plans				National social and educational policies					
Interpersonal violer Youth violence Sexual violence	nce NO NO YES	Child maltreatment Intimate partner violend Elder abuse	YES ce YES YES	Housing polices to de-concentrate poverty –					
Firearms		•		Alcohol					
Laws to regulate civilian access			YES	Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol) 11					
Mandatory background check			YES	Patterns of drinking score LEAST RISKY ●②③④⑤ MOST RISKY					
Handguns/long guns/ automatic weapons			YES/YES/YES	Excise taxes Beer: YES Wine: YES Spirits: YES					
Carrying firearms in public			YES						
Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use			YES						
LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE									

LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE							
No response/don't know – Limited ①	Partial 2	Full 😉 Kl	Y No response/ don't know — Once/few tim	ies 🛈	Larger scale 2		
Child maltreatment laws		Enforcement	Child maltreatment prevention programmes		Implementation		
Legal age of marriage (male/female)	18 / 18		Home visiting	YES	①2		
Against child marriage	YES	123	Parenting education	YES	02		
Against statutory rape	YES	123	Training to recognise / avoid sexually				
Against female genital mutilation	YES	123	abusive situations	YES	①2		
Ban on corporal punishment (all settings)	YES1 (NO)	①2 3		•			
Youth violence laws			Youth violence prevention programmes				
Against weapons on school premises	YES	123	Pre-school enrichment	_	_		
Against gang or criminal group membership	YES	_	Life skills and social development training	YES	① 2		
			Mentoring	YES	①2		
			After-school supervision	_	_		
			School anti-bullying	YES	02		
Intimate partner violence laws			Intimate partner violence prevention programmes				
Against rape in marriage	YES	① ②⑤	Dating violence prevention in schools	YES	02		
Allowing removal of violent spouse from home	YES	128	Microfinance and gender equity training	NO	_		
			Social and cultural norms change	YES	1) 2		
Sexual violence laws			Sexual violence prevention programmes				
Against rape	YES	① ②⑤	School and college programmes	YES	①2		
Against contact sexual violence without rape	YES	① ②⑤	Physical environment changes	_	_		
Against non-contact sexual violence	YES	128	Social and cultural norms change	YES	①2		
Elder abuse laws			Elder abuse prevention programmes				
Against elder abuse	YES	126	Professional awareness campaigns	YES	02		
Against elder abuse in institutions	YES ¹		Public information campaigns	YES	02		
			Caregiver support	YES	02		
			Residential care policies	YES	①2		
VICTIM LAWS			VICTIM SERVICES				
Providing for victim compensation	YES	① ② ❸	Adult protective services	YES	02		
Providing for victim legal representation	YES	①② ❸	Child protection services	YES	① ②		
3 1			Medico-legal services for sexual violence	YES	Ű 2		
			Mental health services	YES	02		

DATA ON VIOLENCE

National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence e YES Intimate partner violence YES

Mechanism of homicide	Trends in homicides				
Unknown 29% Sharp force 12% Blunt force 2% Strangulation 2% Burn 5%	1.4 1.2 1.4 1.2 1.4 1.2 1.2 1.4 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2				

Reported homicides (2011) N= 72, Rate= 0.65/100 000 (–% M, –% F)

Youth violence YES

Sources. Mechanism: General Directorate for Public Health/ Reported homicides: Police

Child maltreatment YES1

Source: Police

Elder abuse YES1

Sexual violence YES

¹ Subnational.