UN: 129 women and girls killed daily by partners or kin in 2025

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News

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Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Killed by partner/family (2025)	about 47,000 (129 a day)
All intentional killings of women and girls	about 78,000
Previous estimate (2024)	about 50,000 (137 a day)
By region (2025)	Africa 22,100; Asia 15,100; Americas 7,400; Europe 2,100; Oceania 300
Women's share of homicide victims	19% worldwide; 60% of them killed in the private sphere, against 11% of male victims
Data base	Statistics from 122 countries and territories

Background

- The count has stayed between 45,000 and 51,000 for several years: femicide is falling more slowly than overall homicide. The real number is likely higher because of under-reporting.
- UNODC is based in Vienna. UN Women was created in 2010 by merging four UN bodies and is based in New York. In India, the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) publishes "Crime in India".

Tamil Nadu link: Tamil Nadu Police's "Kaavalan – SOS" mobile app lets women in danger send an alert with their location to the police.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. As per the UN, on average how many women and girls were killed each day in 2025 by partners or family members?

A) 100

B) 140

C) 129

D) 137

Answer: C – Explanation: About 47,000 in 2025 (five an hour); the previous estimate was 137 a day (about 50,000). 60% of killings of women are by family; for men it is 11%.

2. Which two UN bodies released this femicide estimate?

A) UNODC and UN Women

B) UNDP and WHO

C) ILO and UNHCR

D) UNFPA and UNICEF

Answer: A – Explanation: Released for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 Nov). UN Women was formed in 2010 by merging four bodies and is based in New York.

3. Which region had the highest number of women killed by partners or family in 2025?

A) Europe

B) Asia

C) Americas

D) Africa

Answer: D – Explanation: Africa had about 22,100. Under-reporting means the true number is probably higher.

4. Where is the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) headquartered?

A) Rome

B) Nairobi

C) Geneva

D) Vienna

Answer: D – Explanation: Vienna also hosts the IAEA and UNIDO; Nairobi has UNEP; Rome has FAO. In India, NCRB publishes 'Crime in India'.

5. Which Tamil Nadu Police app lets women in danger send an alert with their location?

A) Himmat

B) SHE Teams

C) Kaavalan – SOS

D) Sakhi

Answer: C – Explanation: Himmat is Delhi Police's app; SHE Teams is Telangana's women-safety unit; Sakhi is the One Stop Centre scheme.