

FEMICIDE

Femicide is the most dramatic expression of violence against women. According to official data from the region's countries compiled by the Gender Equality Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean of ECLAC, **1,903** women were murdered because of their gender in fifteen Latin American countries and three Caribbean nations in 2014.

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Latin American countries passed legislation between 2008 and 2015

Total femicides | Absolute number - 2014



14 have **femicide** or **feminicide** laws
Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru

2 **aggravated homicide** for gender reasons
Argentina and Venezuela

The countries with the highest rates in the region are:
Honduras, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala

The majority of femicides correspond to murders that originate in relationships among couples.

Recommendations

- Improve administrative records to learn the real number of femicides in all the region's countries
- Foster programs to prevent all forms of violence against women to avoid femicide
- Allocate economic resources to preventing violence and providing reparations to victims