

DOCUMENTING CRIMES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WAR IN KOSOVO



KEY FINDINGS:

KRCT, IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS (**CPWR, MEDICA KOSOVA, AND MEDICA GJAKOVA**), HAS COLLECTED DATA FROM 1400 SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING THE WAR IN KOSOVO

KRCT - 445 cases

Medica Kosova - 254 cases

CPWR - 291 cases

Medica Gjakova - 410 cases

No. of cases

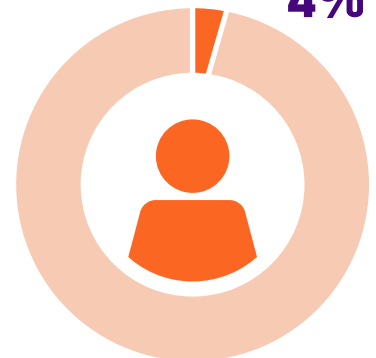
Since the beginning of the documentation process in 2019 until 2025, **1,400** cases of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo have been documented.

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Of the documented cases, **4%** of the victims belong to non-majority communities (1 Serb, 6 Bosnian, 34 Roma, 13 Ashkali, 2 Egyptians).

NUMBER OF CASES

Non-majority communities
4%



Albanian
96%

Gender

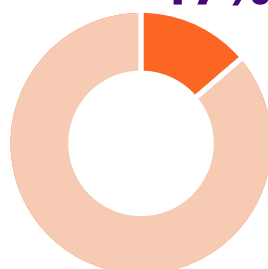


Of the **1,400** documented cases, **1,300 (93%)** are women and girls, and **100 (7%)** are men and boys.

AGE WHEN THE EVENT OCCURED

17% of the cases involve children who were under the age of **18** when they experienced sexual violence.

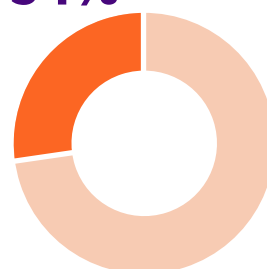
Minors
17%



Adults
83%

PLACE WHERE THE EVENT OCCURED

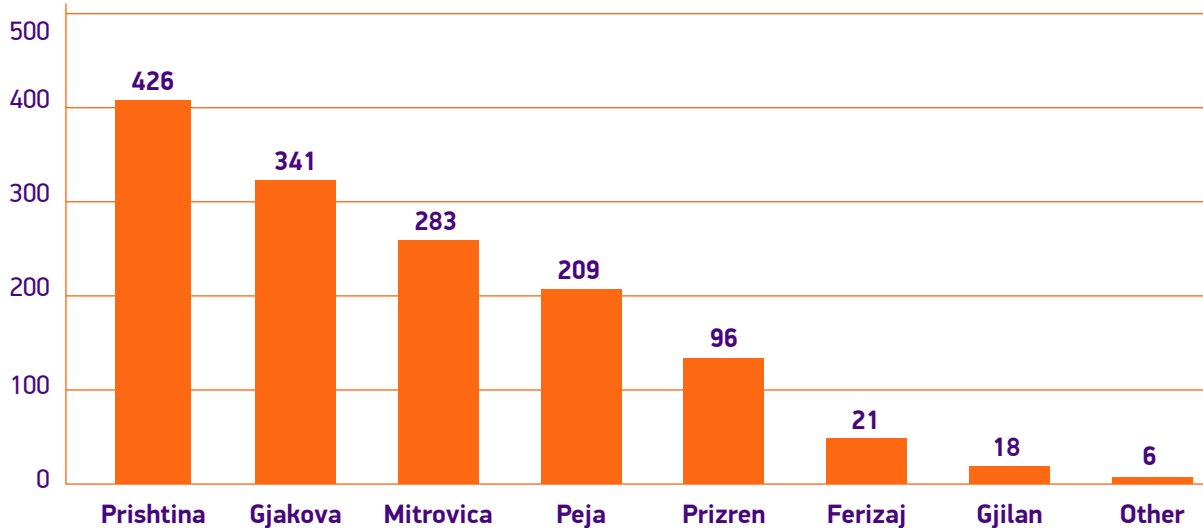
Urban
34%



Rural
66%

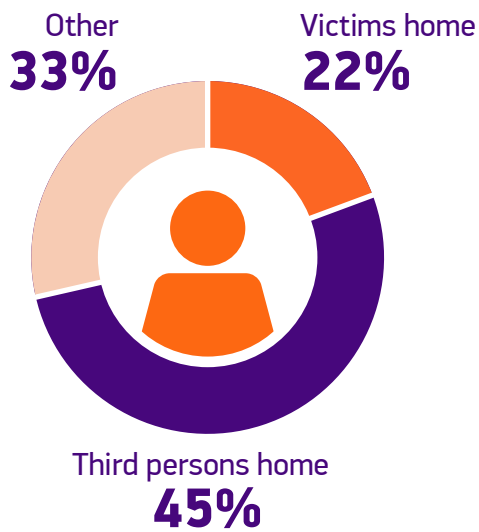
War-time rapes occurred more frequently in rural areas than in cities, with **66%** of the cases taking place in rural areas and **34%** in urban areas.

REGION WHERE THE EVENT OCCURRED



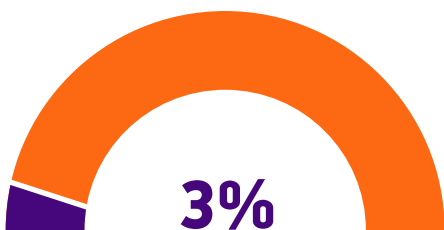
The Prishtina region accounts for **30%** of all documented cases, while the remaining **70%** occurred in other regions of Kosovo.

EXACT LOCATION OF THE EVENT



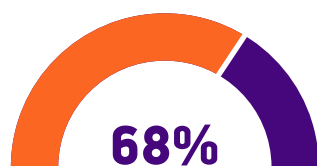
Most rapes occurred in the victim's own home, representing **22%** of the documented cases. In **45%** of the cases, the assaults took place in houses where victims were temporarily accommodated, while **33%** occurred in other locations such as streets, schools, police stations, prisons or detention centers, and other similar sites.

MULTIPLE EVENTS 3%



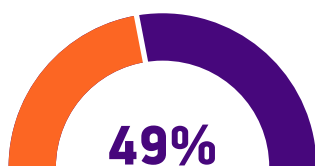
Of the **1,400** documented cases of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo, **39** individuals experienced sexual violence on multiple occasions, under varying circumstances such as different locations, different perpetrators, or in different regions.

NUMBER OF PERPETRATORS



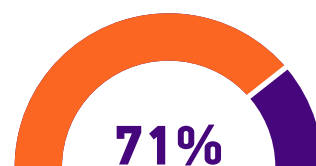
In **68%** of documented cases more than one perpetrator participated.

FORM OF RAPE



Group raping occurred in **49%** of cases.

WITNESSESES OF THE EVENT



Relatives of victims were witness in **71%** of cases where raping took place.

VICTIM'S STATUS (AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT)



99% of the victims of sexual violence during the war in Kosovo were civilians.

IDENTITY OF THE PERPETRATOR



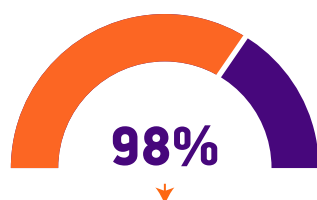
In **8%** of the cases, the victims recognized the perpetrators or had contextual knowledge of them.

FORM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

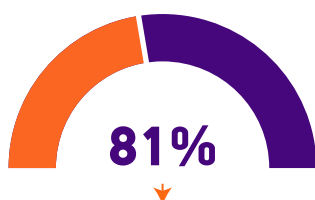


Rape, as a form of sexual violence, was used in **98%** of the cases.

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES AS A RESULT OF RAPE



Sexual violence resulted in psychological effects in **98%** of cases, and in **81%** of documented instances, victims also suffered physical injuries.



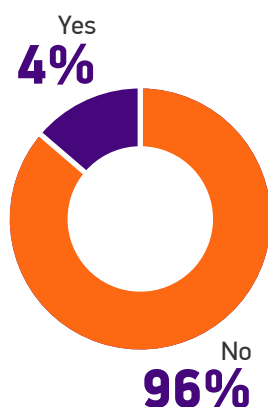
RECOGNITION OF THE STATUS "VICTIM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE"



In **90%** of documented cases, victims applied for official recognition of their status as "victims of sexual violence"

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Out of **1,400** documented cases Only **4%** presented their cases to justice institutions



PREGNANCY RESULTING FROM RAPE



During the war in Kosovo, **55** victims of sexual violence became pregnant, and in nine documented cases, the victims carried the pregnancies and gave birth.



Among **1,400** documented cases, **471** victims sustained injuries to their genital organs.

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