**COLOMBIA**

**Population:** 47,704,427  
**Gross national income per capita:** US$ 7,010  
**Income group:** Middle  
**Income inequality:** 55.91

### ACTION PLANS, POLICIES AND LAWS RELEVANT TO SEVERAL TYPES OF VIOLENCE

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### LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

#### Child maltreatment laws

- **Legal age of marriage (male/female)**: 18/18
- **Against child marriage**: NO
- **Against statutory rape**: NO
- **Against female genital mutilation**: NO
- **Ban on corporal punishment (all settings)**: YES (YES)

#### Youth violence laws

- **Against weapons on school premises**: YES
- **Against gang or criminal group membership**: YES

#### Intimate partner violence laws

- **Against rape**: YES
- **Allowing removal of violent spouse from home**: YES

#### Sexual violence laws

- **Against rape**: YES
- **Against contact sexual violence without rape**: YES
- **Against non-contact sexual violence**: YES

#### Elder abuse laws

- **Against elder abuse**: YES
- **Against elder abuse in institutions**: YES

### VICTIM LAWS

- **Providing for victim compensation**: YES
- **Providing for victim legal representation**: YES

### VICTIM SERVICES

- **Adult protective services**: NO
- **Child protection services**: YES
- **Medico-legal services for sexual violence**: YES
- **Mental health services**: YES

### DATA ON VIOLENCE

**National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence**

- **Child maltreatment**: YES
- **Youth violence**: YES
- **Intimate partner violence**: YES
- **Sexual violence**: YES
- **Elder abuse**: YES

**Mechanism of homicide**

- **Firearm**: 78%
- **Blunt force**: 1%
- **Other**: 5%
- **Sharp force**: 16%

**Reported homicides (2012)**: N= 15742, Rate= 34/100,000 (≈ % M, ≈ % F)

**Trends in homicides**

- **Rate per 100,000 population**
- **Year**

Sources: [Direccion de Epidemiologia y Demografia](http://www.dres.gob.co)  
Source: Police

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