COSTA RICA

Population: 4,805,295
Gross national income per capita: US$ 8,850
Income group: Middle
Income inequality: 50.73

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

National action plans
- Interpersonal violence: YES
- Youth violence: NO
- Sexual violence: YES
- Firearms: YES
- Against elder abuse: YES
- Against non-contact sexual violence: YES
- Against child marriage: YES
- Youth violence: NO
- Intimate partner violence: YES
- Elder abuse: NO
- Guns to regulate civilian access: YES
- Mandatory background check: YES
- Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons: YES/YES/YES
- Carrying firearms in public: YES
- Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use: NO

National social and educational policies
- Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling: YES
- Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty: NO
- Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol): 5.4
- Patterns of drinking score: LEAST RISKY
- Excise taxes: Beer: YES
- Wine: YES
- Spirits: YES

Alcohol

LAWs AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

Child maltreatment laws
- Legal age of marriage (male/female): 15/15
- Against child marriage: YES
- Against statutory rape: YES
- 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 in marriage: 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: NO
- Providing for victim legal representation: YES

Victim services
- Adult protective services: NO
- Child protection services: YES
- Medical-legal services for sexual violence: YES
- Mental health services: YES

DATA ON VIOLENCE

National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence

Mechanism of homicide

Firearm 63%
Sharp force 19%
Blunt force 9%
Strangulation 5%
Other 4%

Reported homicides (2012) N= 407, Rate= 8.8/100,000 (87.7% M, 12.3% F)

Trends in homicides

Sources: Mechanism: Judiciary; Reported homicides: VR

DATA COLLECTION

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