BELGIUM

Population: 11 060 095
Gross national income per capita: USD 44 810
Income group: High
Income inequality: 32.97

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

National action plans

- Interpersonal violence: NO
- Child maltreatment: YES
- Alcohol: YES
- Against statutory rape: YES
- Elder abuse: YES

National social and educational policies

- Incentives provided for high-risk youth to complete schooling: YES
- Housing policies to de-concentrate poverty: –

Alcohol

- Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol): 11

LAWS AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES BY TYPE OF VIOLENCE

Child maltreatment laws

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

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: YES
- Providing for victim legal representation: YES

VICTIM SERVICES

- Adult protective services: YES
- 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: 10%
- Sharp force: 12%
- Strangulation: 2%
- Burn: 5%

Trends in homicides

Reported homicides (2011) N = 72, Rate = 0.65/100 000 (~ % M, ~ % F)

Sources: Mechanism: General Directorate for Public Health; Reported homicides: Police

Subnational.