

## Dear Madam

The Government has decided that an enquiry into the safety of adult women is to be carried out in Sweden. We, the body charged with conducting the enquiry, are a research team based at Uppsala University and we have commissioned Statistics Sweden (Statistiska Centralbyrån, SCB) to distribute and collect a questionnaire pertaining to the issues involved. This will be the first major study to make an analysis of women's experiences.

SCB has taken a random sample of 10 000 women aged 18-64 from the central population register, and your name is one of those selected.

You are requested kindly to complete the questionnaire and return it to SCB in the envelope supplied as soon as possible. No stamp is needed. Responding to the questionnaire is voluntary, but it is important that persons selected do reply if the results of the study are to be reliable. For statistical reasons we are unable to substitute anyone else in place of a person selected for the study.

Do not feel intimidated by the length of the questionnaire. It is much shorter than it seems, as many of the questions do not apply to everyone. Some questions may be difficult or painful to answer, but it is only by obtaining the responses of women themselves that we can gain knowledge of women's situation. Please do respond, even if you feel that many of the questions are not relevant to your life.

Before filling in the questionnaire please read the instructions on the next page, where you will also find information about what will be done with your answers. A separate information sheet is enclosed with details of organisations concerned with women's safety issues.

If you have any queries or comments to make about the questionnaire, please telephone 0200-22 00 33. Your call will be free of charge.

Any questions you may have regarding the way this enquiry is conducted will be answered by SCB, telephone 019 – 17 60 00. Ask for Inga-Britt Svalstedt or Marie Löfling.

We thank you in advance for taking part.

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## What will be done with your answers?

Receipt of your completed questionnaire will be noted by SCB, after which your name, address and other identity details will be destroyed. Everyone working on the study is bound by professional secrecy.

SCB will assemble the answers in a computer file and hand it to us. The file will contain no identity details; thus you as a respondent will be entirely anonymous. The completed questionnaires, with no identification other than a serial number, will be handed to us for processing of open answers.

If you are willing to take part in a follow-up interview you may indicate this on page 32 of the questionnaire. If you do this, your response will be de-identified when the interview is completed. SCB will notify your response to the research team (ourselves) along with your name and address to enable us to contact you. Your answers will always be treated as confidential.

The results will be published in a research report in such a form as to render it impossible to recognise individual persons. The report will be compiled by the research team at Uppsala University and will be published about halfway through the year 2000.

## How to complete the questionnaire

Read the instructions for each question before entering your answers. It is a good idea to look through the entire questionnaire before filling it in.

Your answers will be recorded mechanically. It is therefore important to keep the following in mind when answering questions.

Use a **pencil or ballpoint pen**. Indicate your answer by means of a **cross in the box** adjacent to the alternative which you consider correct.

Examples:

Yes

No

If you mark the wrong box and wish to change to another alternative, fill up the incorrect box completely and indicate the correct one.

Examples:

Yes

No

Sometimes you are asked to indicate figures. Write the figures as clearly as possible **inside the frame**.

Examples: 19

If you want to write more text than there is room for along the dotted lines provided, you may do so, but **do not write too close to the boxes**.

**1. How many persons are there in your household?**

*Household means people who live and eat together and/or use their incomes jointly. Include yourself.*

persons

**2. Who else belongs to your household besides yourself?**

*You may select more than one alternative:*

- W My husband or cohabitant partner
- W My children by my partner
- W My own children
- W My partner's own children
- W My own or my partner's parents
- W Other persons
- W No one else; I live alone

**3. How many children are there in your household?**

- W Number of children aged 07
- W Number of children aged 7-14
- W Number of children aged 15-18

**4. What is the highest stage of education which you have completed?**

- W I have not completed compulsory schooling
- W Compulsory schooling (elementary school, comprehensive school, nine-year school)
- W Secondary schooling (junior secondary school, girls' school, upper secondary school, folk high school)
- W University/College without a degree
- W University/College with a degree

**5. What is your occupation?**

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**6. What is your monthly income after tax?**

*Income includes salary, sickness benefit, pension, student grant and unemployment benefit*

*State the approximate amount*

- W Not more than 5 000 SEK
- W 5 001 – 10 000 SEK
- W 10 001 – 15 000 SEK
- W 15 001-20 000 SEK
- W More than 20 000 SEK

**7. What is your present employment status?**

- W Full-time employee (35 hours a week or more)
- W Part-time employee (less than 35 hours a week)
- W Self-employed farmer
- W Other self-employment
- W On parental leave
- W Unemployed
- W Retired
- W On long-term sick leave (more than 3 months)
- W On temporary disability pension
- W Student
- W Looking after the home
- W Other; please specify

**8. In which year were you born?**19 **9. Where were you born?**

- W Sweden
- W Another Nordic country
- W Another European country
- W Africa
- W Asia
- W North America
- W Latin America
- W Australia
- W Don't know

**10. Where were your parents born?**Your mother

- W Sweden
- W Another Nordic country
- W Another European country
- W Africa
- W Asia
- W North America
- W Latin America
- W Australia
- W Don't know

Your father

- W Sweden
- W Another Nordic country
- W Another European country
- W Africa
- W Asia
- W North America
- W Latin America
- W Australia
- W Don't know

**11. How would you describe your state of health? Would you say that it is...**

- W excellent
- W very good
- W good
- W fairly good
- W poor
- W very poor

**12. Are there things you cannot do at home, at work or at school because of functional disorder/disability or long-term health problems?**

- W Yes
- W No → *Go to question 14*

**13. What is the functional disorder/disability or long-term health problem which restricts your activities?**

**14. In the last month, have you suffered much, little or not at all from the following?**

	<u>Much</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
- Headaches	W	W	W
- Recurrent pain in other parts of the body	W	W	W
- Stomach trouble	W	W	W
- Numbness or weakness of arms or legs	W	W	W
- Palpitation of the heart or irregular heartbeat	W	W	W
- Nausea or vomiting	W	W	W
- Dizziness	W	W	W
- Shakiness of the hands	W	W	W
- Heavy perspiration without having exerted the body	W	W	W

**15. In the last month, have you had the following symptoms?**

	<u>Much</u>	<u>Little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
- Over-exertion	W	W	W
- Impaired memory or impaired concentration	W	W	W
- Weakness or tiredness	W	W	W
- Sleeplessness	W	W	W
- Nervousness or tension	W	W	W
- Irritability	W	W	W
- Depression	W	W	W
- A feeling of everything becoming too much for you	W	W	W

**16. How often do you engage in the following recreational activities?**

	<i>Every week</i>	<i>1-3 times a month</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Never</i>
- Visiting friends, relatives or acquaintances	W	W	W	W
- Charitable or other voluntary work	W	W	W	W
- Cultural activities or entertainments (cinema, concert, theatre etc.)	W	W	W	W
- Dancing or going out with friends	W	W	W	W
- Studying (e.g. through an educational association) or any other hobbies (e.g. music)	W	W	W	W
- Physical exercise or sport	W	W	W	W

**17. In the last month, how many times have you used alcohol and/or drugs?**

Alcohol  
(except low-alcohol and medium-strength beer);

- W Every day
- W 2-3 times a week
- W 1-2 times a week
- W Once a fortnight
- W Once
- W Never
- W Don't know/Don't remember

Drugs

- W Every day
- W 2-3 times a week
- W 1-2 times a week
- W Once a fortnight
- W Once
- W Never
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**18. In the last month, have you taken medication in order to sleep, calm your nerves or relieve depression?**

*Select one alternative or more*

- W Yes, in order to sleep
- W Yes, in order to calm my nerves
- W Yes, to relieve depression
- W No, I do not use medication in order to sleep, calm my nerves or relieve depression → *Go to question 20*

**19. Name the medication used****20. When it is dark and you are walking home alone, how do you feel?**

- W Very worried
- W A little worried
- W Not worried at all
- W I never walk home alone when it is dark because I am afraid of violence
- W I never walk home alone when it is dark
- W Don't know

**21. How worried are you in case a family member/relative may employ violence towards you?**

- W Very worried
- W A little worried
- W Not worried at all
- W I have no family
- W Don't know

**22. How worried are you in case you may be raped by an unknown man?**

- W Very worried
- W A little worried
- W Not worried at all
- W Don't know

**23. Have you prepared yourself for possible violent situations by...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
- carrying an object on your person capable of being used in self-defence or to call for help	W	W
- thinking about how to act in a violent situation	W	W
- attending a course in self-defence	W	W

Below are some questions about your experiences of *harassment* by men with whom you do *not* have and have not had a sexual relationship (for example friends, relatives, colleagues and unknown men).

ALL QUESTIONS REFER TO EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER YOUR FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY

**24. Many women receive unwanted attentions from men. Has it ever happened that a man with whom you do not have and have not had a sexual relationship has ...**

*Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response*

	In the last		Earlier	
	twelve months			
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- made indecent or obscene telephone calls to you?	W	W	W	W
- exposed himself indecently to you?	W	W	W	W
- made you feel uneasy by commenting on your body or private life, or by making sexual allusions?	W	W	W	W
- made you feel uneasy by asking you out several times and not taking no for an answer?	W	W	W	W
- leaned over you, come too close or forced you into a corner in a way that made you feel uncomfortable?	W	W	W	W
- acted in a way that you felt to be sexually threatening?	W	W	W	W
- followed you in a way that frightened you?	W	W	W	W
- given you to understand that it might be bad for you in your job or your studies if you did not agree to have sex with him?	W	W	W	W

**25. If you have experienced any of the above, who was/were the man/men in question?**

*You may select more than one alternative*

- W Superior at work/supervisor/teacher
- W Work colleague/fellow-student/fellow-pupil
- W Client/customer/patient
- W Doctor/psychologist/clergyman
- W Father or stepfather
- W Brother or stepbrother
- W Son/stepson
- W Grandfather
- W Other relative
- W Friend
- W Acquaintance/neighbour
- W Someone unknown
- W Someone else; state who....

Below are some questions about various kinds of *threats, physical violence* and *sexual abuse*. The questions still refer only to men with whom you do *not* have and have *not* had a sexual relationship

ALL QUESTIONS REFER TO EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER YOUR FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY

**26. Has any man with whom you do not have and have not had a sexual relationship ever...**

Place a cross in one box for “In the last twelve months” and one for “Earlier”, i.e. two boxes completed for each response

	In the last twelve months		Earlier	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
-forced you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
-tried to force you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
-forced you or tried to force you into any form of sexual activity when you were unable to defend yourself, e.g. because you were asleep or under the influence of drugs?	W	W	W	W
-touched you in a sexual way against your will, e.g. by grabbing, holding, kissing or hugging you?	W	W	W	W
-subjected you to physical violence ( <i>physical violence</i> means e.g. being struck on the face or body, being pushed, forced against a wall, kicked, held in order to be struck, bitten, cut with a knife or shot)?	W	W	W	W
-threatened face to face to harm you physically?	W	W	W	W
-threatened by telephone or letter to harm you physically?	W	W	W	W

If you have never experienced any of the situations specified in question 26, please proceed to question 33.

**27. How many times have you experienced the situations specified in question 26?**

<u>In the last twelve months</u>	<u>Earlier</u>
W Once	W Once
W 2-10 times	W 2-10 times
W 11-50 times	W 11-50 times
W More than 50 times	W More than 50 times
W Don't know/Don't remember	W Don't know/Don't remember
W Never	W Never

**28. Which of the alternatives specified in question 26 happened most recently?**

- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                            |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------------------|---|
| W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W                          | W |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Don't know /Don't remember |   |

**29. When did this happen?**

- W Less than a year ago
- W 1-5 years ago
- W 6-10 years ago
- W More than 10 years ago

**30. Where were you the last time it happened?**

- W At my home
- W At someone else's home
- W In the courtyard or stairway of a block of flats
- W At school or at work
- W At a restaurant or dance hall
- W In a car
- W On public transport, e.g. a bus
- W In some other indoor location
- W In a street, square or other public place
- W In a park or wood
- W In some other outdoor location
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**31. Who was/were the man/men who harassed you on the last occasion?**

- W Superior at work/supervisor/teacher
- W Work colleague/fellow-student/fellow-pupil
- W Client/customer/patient
- W Doctor/psychologist/clergyman
- W Father or stepfather
- W Brother or stepbrother
- W Son/stepson
- W Grandfather
- W Other relative
- W Friend
- W Acquaintance/neighbour
- W Someone unknown
- W Someone else; state who....

**32. Where were you when it last happened?**

- W In Sweden, in my then home district
- W In Sweden, in a place other than my home district
- W Abroad

*The following questions (33-39) refer to threats, physical violence etc on the part of boyfriends and other men with whom you have or have had a sexual relationship but have not been married to or lived with.*

*If you have never had such a relationship, please proceed to question 40.*

**REMEMBER THAT ALL QUESTIONS REFER TO EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER YOUR FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY**

**33. Has a man with whom you have or have had a sexual relationship, but have not been married to or lived with ever...**

*Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response*

	<b>In the last twelve months</b>		<b>Earlier</b>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- used pornography in a way that you felt was unpleasant or offensive	W	W	W	W

**34. Has any man with whom you have or have had a sexual relationship but have not been married to or lived with ever...**

*Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response*

	<b>In the last twelve months</b>		<b>Earlier</b>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- forced you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
- tried to force you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
- forced you or tried to force you into any form of sexual activity when you were unable to defend yourself, e.g. because you were asleep or under the influence of drugs?	W	W	W	W
- touched you in a sexual way against your will, e.g. by grabbing, holding, kissing or hugging you?	W	W	W	W
- subjected you to physical violence?	W	W	W	W
- threatened face to face to harm you physically?	W	W	W	W
- threatened by telephone or letter to harm you physically?	W	W	W	W

If you have *never* experienced *any* of the situations specified in question 34, please proceed to the instructions at question 40.

**35. How many times have you experienced the situations specified in question 34?**

In the last twelve months

- W Once
- W 2-10 times
- W 11-50 times
- W More than 50 times
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W Never

Earlier

- W Once
- W 2-10 times
- W 11-50 times
- W More than 50 times
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W Never

**36. Which of the alternatives specified in question 34 happened most recently?**

- |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |                               |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | W | Don't know<br>/Don't remember |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |   |   |                               |

**37. When did it happen?**

- W Less than a year ago
- W 1-5 years ago
- W 6-10 years ago
- W More than 10 years ago

**38. Where did it happen?**

- W At my own home
- W At someone else's home
- W In the courtyard or stairway of a block of flats
- W At school or at work
- W At a restaurant or dance hall
- W In a car
- W On public transport, e.g. a bus
- W In some other indoor location
- W In a street, square or other public place
- W In a park or wood
- W In some other outdoor location
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**39. Where were you when it happened?**

- W In Sweden, in my then home district
- W In Sweden, at a location other than my home district
- W Abroad

*The following questions (40-79) refer to marriage or cohabitation with a man.*

**40. What is your present civil status?**

- W Unmarried and not cohabiting with a man
- W Married, living with my husband
- W Cohabiting with a man
- W Married but living apart from my husband
- W Divorced/separated from a former male partner
- W Non-cohabitant partner
- W Widow

**41. How many men have you been married to or cohabited with?**

*Include your present husband/cohabitant partner*

men

*The questions which follow refer to your present marriage or cohabitant relationship. If you are not currently married or cohabiting but used to be, please proceed to question 62. If you have never been married to or cohabiting with a man, please proceed to the instructions at question 80.*

**42. How long has your present marriage/cohabitant relationship lasted?**

*Please state number of years and months  
If more than two years, please state number of years only*

years    and     months

**43. In what year was your present husband/cohabitant partner born?**

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**44. How would you describe the relationship between you and your present husband/ cohabitant partner?**

- W Very good
- W Good
- W Satisfactory
- W Not so good
- W Bad
- W Very bad

**45. What is your present husband's/cohabitant partner's present employment status?**

- W Full-time employee (*35 hours a week or more*)
- W Part-time employee (*less than 35 hours a week*)
- W Self-employed farmer
- W Other self-employed
- W On parental leave
- W Unemployed
- W Retired
- W On long-term sick leave (more than 3 months)
- W Student
- W Looking after the home
- W Other; please specify

**46. What is your present husband's/cohabitant partner's occupation?**

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**47. What is the highest stage of education that your present husband/ cohabitant partner has completed?**

- W He has not completed compulsory schooling
- W Compulsory schooling (elementary school, comprehensive school, nine-year school)
- W Secondary schooling (junior secondary school, upper secondary school, folk high school)
- W University/College without a degree
- W University/College with a degree
- W Other. Please specify.....

**48. Where was your present husband/cohabitant partner born?**

- W Sweden
- W Another Nordic country
- W Another European country
- W Africa
- W Asia
- W North America
- W Latin America
- W Australia
- W Don't know

**49. Where were your present husband's/cohabitant partner's parents born?**

- | <u>His mother</u>          | <u>His father</u>          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| W Sweden                   | W Sweden                   |
| W Another Nordic country   | W Another Nordic country   |
| W Another European country | W Another European country |
| W Africa                   | W Africa                   |
| W Asia                     | W Asia                     |
| W North America            | W North America            |
| W Latin America            | W Latin America            |
| W Australia                | W Australia                |
| W Don't know               | W Don't know               |

**50. How often does your present husband/cohabitant partner drink alcohol and/or use drugs?**

- | <u>Alcohol</u><br>(except for low-alcohol<br>and medium-strength beer) | <u>Drugs</u>                 |
|--|------------------------------|
| W Every day  | W Every day                  |
| W 2-3 times a week   | W 2-3 times a week           |
| W 1-2 times a week   | W 1-2 times a week           |
| W Once a month or so   | W Once a month or so         |
| W Every other month  | W Every other month          |
| W Once a year or so  | W Once a year or so          |
| W Never during the past year   | W Never during the past year |
| W Never  | W Never                      |
| W Don't know   | W Don't know                 |

**51. Place a cross in the box(es) for any one or more of the following descriptions applying to your present husband/cohabitant partner.**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
He is jealous and wants to know whom you have met and what you have been doing	W	W
He calls you disparaging names	W	W
He makes you feel inferior and useless	W	W
He often provokes a quarrel when you are going to see relatives or friends	W	W
He forbids you to see relatives or friends	W	W
He does not let you make decisions about money or buy things you want	W	W
He forbids you to work outside the home	W	W
He threatens to harm your children	W	W
He deliberately damages your belongings or things you like	W	W
He threatens to harm himself if you leave him	W	W

**52. Has your present husband/cohabitant partner ever...**

Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response

	<b>In the last twelve months</b>		<b>Earlier</b>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- used pornography in a way that you felt was unpleasant or offensive	W	W	W	W

**53. Has your present husband/cohabitant partner ever...**

Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response

	<b>In the last twelve months</b>		<b>Earlier</b>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- forced you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
- tried to force you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
- forced you or tried to force you into any form of sexual activity when you were unable to defend yourself, e.g. because you were asleep or under the influence of drugs?	W	W	W	W
- touched you in a sexual way against your will, e.g. by grabbing, holding, kissing or hugging you?	W	W	W	W

**54. Has your present husband/cohabitant partner ever been violent towards you in any of the following ways?**

Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response

	In the last twelve months		Earlier	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- Thrown something at you which could have injured you	W	W	W	W
- Pushed you, held you or dragged you	W	W	W	W
- Punched you, struck you with a hard object or kicked you	W	W	W	W
- Throttled you or tried to suffocate you	W	W	W	W
- Banged your head against something	W	W	W	W
- Threatened you with or used a knife, firearm or any other weapon	W	W	W	W
- Been violent in any other way; please specify...	W	W	W	W

If you have never experienced any of the situations specified in questions 53 and 54, please proceed to the instructions at question 62.

**55. How many times has your present husband/cohabitant partner subjected you to any of the experiences specified in questions 53 and 54?**

In the last twelve months		Earlier	
W	Once	W	Once
W	2-10 times	W	2-10 times
W	11-50 times	W	11-50 times
W	More than 50 times	W	More than 50 times
W	Don't know/Don't remember	W	Don't know/Don't remember
W	Never	W	Never

**56. When was the first time your present husband/cohabitant partner subjected you to some form of violence (threats, physical violence or sexual abuse)?**

- W Less than a year ago
- W More than a year ago
- W 2 years ago
- W 3-4 years ago
- W 5-6 years ago
- W 7-10 years ago
- W More than 10 years ago
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**57. When was *the last time* your husband/cohabitant partner did this?**

- W During the last month
- W 2-3 months ago
- W 4-6 months ago
- W 7-11 months ago
- W One year ago
- W 2 years ago
- W 3-4 years ago
- W 5-10 years ago
- W More than 10 years ago
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**58. Were you threatened or subjected to physical violence or sexual abuse by your present husband/cohabitant partner before you got married or moved in together?**

- W Yes
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**59. If you have been pregnant by your present husband/cohabitant partner, did he subject you to any form of *threats* while you were pregnant?**

- W Yes, but the threats began before the pregnancy
- W Yes, the threats began during the pregnancy
- W No, but the threats began before the child was one year old
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I have never been pregnant by my present husband/cohabitant partner

**60. If you have been pregnant by your present husband/cohabitant partner, did he subject you to any form of *physical violence or sexual abuse* while you were pregnant?**

- W Yes, but the violence began before the pregnancy
- W Yes, the violence began during the pregnancy
- W No, but the violence began before the child was one year old
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I have never been pregnant by my present husband/cohabitant partner

**61. If you have children, (whether by your present husband/cohabitant partner or not), have any of them ...**

	Yes	No	Don't know /Don't remember
- seen or heard your husband/cohabitant partner behave violently towards you?	W	W	W
- been subjected to violence by your husband/cohabitant partner?	W	W	W
- been subjected to any form of sexual abuse by your husband/cohabitant partner?	W	W	W

*If your present relationship is the first time you have been married or cohabiting, please proceed to the instructions at question 80.*

*Questions 62-79 refer to former husbands/cohabitant partners.*

**62. Place a cross in the box(es) for any one or more of the following descriptions applying to a former husband/cohabitant partner of yours**

	Yes	No
- He was jealous and wanted to know whom you had met and what you had been doing	W	W
- He called you disparaging names	W	W
- He made you feel inferior and useless	W	W
- He often provoked a quarrel when you were going to see relatives or friends	W	W
- He forbade you to see your relatives or friends	W	W
- He did not let you make decisions about money or buy things you wanted	W	W
- He forbade you to work outside the home	W	W
- He threatened to harm your children	W	W
- He deliberately damaged your belongings or things you liked	W	W
- He threatened to harm himself if you left him	W	W

**63. Has a former husband/cohabitant partner ever...**

*Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response*

	<b>In the last twelve months</b>		<b>Earlier</b>	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- used pornography in a way which you felt to be unpleasant or offensive?	W	W	W	W

**64. Has a former husband/cohabitant partner ever...**

Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response

	In the last twelve months		Earlier	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- forced you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
- tried to force you into any form of sexual activity by threatening you, holding you or hurting you in any way?	W	W	W	W
- forced you or tried to force you into any form of sexual activity when you were unable to defend yourself, e.g. because you were asleep or under the influence of drugs?	W	W	W	W
- touched you in a sexual way against your will, e.g. by grabbing, holding, kissing or hugging you?	W	W	W	W

**65. Has a former husband/cohabitant partner ever behaved violently towards you in any of the following ways?**

Place a cross in one box for "In the last twelve months" and one for "Earlier", i.e. two boxes completed for each response

	In the last twelve months		Earlier	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
- Threatened to injure you physically	W	W	W	W
- Thrown something object at you which could have injured you	W	W	W	W
- Pushed you, held you or dragged you	W	W	W	W
- Punched you, struck you with a hard object or kicked you	W	W	W	W
- Throttled you or tried to suffocate you	W	W	W	W
- Banged your head against something	W	W	W	W
- Threatened you with or used a knife, firearm or other weapon	W	W	W	W
- Behaved violently in some other way; please specify.....				

If you have never been subjected by a former husband/cohabitant partner to the kind of physical/sexual violence or threats described in questions 64 and 65, please proceed to the instructions at question 80.

The following questions concern your most recent past relationship (marriage or cohabitation) in which you were subjected to threats, violence or sexual abuse. Thus, do not include your present relationship, even if in this relationship you are being subjected to violence and threats.

**66. How many times have you been subjected by your former husband/cohabitant partner to the abuses specified in questions 64 and 65?**

<u>In the last twelve months</u>	<u>Earlier</u>
W Once	W Once
W 2-10 times	W 2-10 times
W 11-50 times	W 11-50 times
W More than 50 times	W More than 50 times
W Don't know/Don't remember	W Don't know/Don't remember
W Never	W Never

**67. Did your former husband/cohabitant partner subject you to any form of threats, physical violence or sexual abuse before you got married or moved in together?**

- W Yes
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**68. If you have been pregnant by your former husband/cohabitant partner, did he subject you to any form of threats during your pregnancy?**

- W Yes, but the threats began before the pregnancy
- W Yes, the threats began during the pregnancy
- W No, but the threats began before the child was one year old
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I have never been pregnant by my former husband/cohabitant partner

**69. If you have been pregnant by your former husband/cohabitant partner, did he subject you to any form of *physical violence or sexual abuse* during the pregnancy?**

- W Yes, but the violence began before the pregnancy
- W Yes, the violence began during the pregnancy
- W No, but the violence began before the child was one year old
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I have never been pregnant by my former husband/cohabitant partner

**70. Since you and your former husband/cohabitant partner divorced or separated, has he...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know/ Don't remember</u>
- threatened you face to face or over the telephone?	W	W	W
- come to your home against your will?	W	W	W
- waited for, waylaid or followed you?	W	W	W
- subjected you to physical or sexual violence?	W	W	W

**71. Has your former husband/cohabitant partner ever subjected you to threats, violence or harassment of the kinds specified in question 70 in connection with access to or contact with your children by that husband/cohabitant partner, or on occasions when you/he have been collecting or handing over the children?**

W I have no children by my former husband/cohabitant partner → Please proceed to question 73

W No

W Yes. Please place a cross in the appropriate box/boxes to specify which of the alternatives

in question 70 you have experienced	W	W	W	W
	1	2	3	4

W Don't know/Don't remember

**72. If you have children, have any of your children...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know/ Don't remember</u>
- seen or heard your former husband/cohabitant partner behave violently towards you?	W	W	W
- been subjected to violence by your former husband/cohabitant partner?	W	W	W
- been subjected to any form of sexual abuse by your former husband/cohabitant partner?	W	W	W

**73. What is the highest stage of education that your former husband/cohabitant partner has completed?**

- W He has not completed compulsory schooling
- W Compulsory schooling (elementary school, comprehensive school, nine-year school)
- W Secondary schooling (junior secondary school, upper secondary school, folk highschool)
- W University/College without a degree
- W University/College with a degree
- W Other. Please specify.....

**74. What was your former husband's/cohabitant partner's occupation while you were married/cohabiting?**

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**75. Where was your former husband/cohabitant partner born?**

- W Sweden
- W Another Nordic country
- W Another European country
- W Africa
- W Asia
- W North America
- W Latin America
- W Australia
- W Don't know

**76. Where were your former husband's/cohabitant partner's parents born?**

- | <u>His mother</u>          | <u>His father</u>          |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| W Sweden                   | W Sweden                   |
| W Another Nordic country   | W Another Nordic country   |
| W Another European country | W Another European country |
| W Africa                   | W Africa                   |
| W Asia                     | W Asia                     |
| W North America            | W North America            |
| W Latin America            | W Latin America            |
| W Australia                | W Australia                |
| W Don't know               | W Don't know               |

**77. During the last month you were living together, how often did your former husband/cohabitant partner drink alcohol and/or use drugs?**

- | <u>Alcohol (except low-alcohol and medium-strength beer)</u> | <u>Drugs</u>                |
|--|-----------------------------|
| W Every day  | W Every day                 |
| W 2-3 times a week   | W 2-3 times a week          |
| W 1-2 times a week   | W 1-2 times a week          |
| W Every fortnight  | W Every fortnight           |
| W Once   | W Once                      |
| W Never  | W Never                     |
| W Don't know/Don't remember                                  | W Don't know/Don't remember |

**78. When did you separate for good?**19 **79. How long had your relationship lasted?***Please state number of years and months**If it lasted more than two years, please state number of years only* years and  months**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REFER TO EVERY INCIDENT OF VIOLENCE AND/OR THREATS TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED BY ANY MAN AFTER YOUR FIFTEENTH BIRTHDAY.***If you have no experiences of a man subjecting you to threats, violence or sexual abuse, please proceed to the instructions at question 102.***80. Have you ever been physically injured as a result of physical violence or sexual abuse?***One or more alternatives may be selected*

- W No physical injuries → *Please proceed to question 86*
- W Bruises, grazes
- W Wounds
- W Pulled muscle, rupture or dislocation of joint(s)
- W Fracture
- W Broken tooth
- W Miscarriage
- W Internal injuries
- W Concussion
- W Bodily ache/pain
- W Other injury; please specify.....

**81. Did you consult a doctor about your injuries?**

- W No, since they were only minor → *Please proceed to question 86*
- W No, but I should have → *Please proceed to question 86*
- W Yes, I saw a doctor or nurse but was not admitted to hospital
- W Yes, I was admitted to hospital

**82. Did you tell the person treating you that the cause of your injuries was violence by a man?**

- W Yes
- W No

**83. Were you satisfied with the treatment you received?**

- W Very satisfied
- W Fairly satisfied
- W Not so satisfied
- W Dissatisfied

**84. Did you experience any of the following problems in your contacts with the medical service?**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
- The staff made light of your case or seemed uninterested	W	W
- You received little information as to other possibilities of obtaining support and help	W	W
- The staff broke their professional secrecy obligation	W	W
- Any other problem, please specify.....		

**85. Has an affidavit regarding your injuries ever been issued during your contacts with the medical service?**

- W Yes
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**86. How have your experiences affected you? Do you think that they have resulted in any of the following?**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
- Fear	W	W
- Feelings of shame	W	W
- Feelings of guilt	W	W
- Anger or hatred	W	W
- Depression	W	W
- Tiredness and listlessness	W	W
- Poor self-esteem	W	W
- Sleeplessness or nightmares	W	W
- Difficulties in concentrating		
- Difficulties in relationships with men	W	W
- Difficulties during gynaecological examinations	W	W
- Difficulties at work or with studies	W	W
- Other problems; please specify.....		
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*To be able to estimate the prevalence of violence against women, it is important to find out whether women report violent incidents to the police. The questions which follow refer to your most recent experience of violence and whether you reported it to the police.*

**87. What was the most recent type of violence/abuse to which you were subjected?**

- W A man exposed himself indecently to me
- W An unknown man touched me in a sexual way against my will
- W Attempted rape by an unknown man
- W Rape by an unknown man
- W Attempted rape by a man with whom I have or have had a sexual relationship
- W Rape by a man with whom I have or have had a sexual relationship
- W Some other type of sexual abuse by a man with whom I have or have had a sexual relationship
- W Attempted rape by another man whom I know
- W Rape by another man whom I know
- W Some other type of sexual abuse by another man whom I know
- W Physical violence by an unknown man
- W Physical violence by a man with whom I have or have had a sexual relationship
- W Physical violence by another man whom I know
- W Threats by an unknown man
- W Threats by a man with whom I have or have had a sexual relationship
- W Threats by another man whom I know
- W Other; please specify...

**88a. Where were you when this happened?**

- W At my own home
- W At someone else's home
- W In the courtyard or stairway of a block of flats
- W At school or at work
- W At a restaurant or dance hall
- W In a car
- W On public transport, e.g. a bus
- W In some other indoor location
- W In a street, a square or other public place
- W In a park or wood
- W In some other outdoor location
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**88b. In which country did it happen?**

- W In Sweden
- W Abroad

**89. When did it happen?**

- W Less than a year ago
- W 1-5 years ago
- W 6-10 years ago
- W More than ten years ago

**90. Did you report the incident to the police?**

- W Yes → *Please proceed to question 92*
- W No, but the police found out about the incident in some other way
- W No

**91. If you *did not* report the incident to the police, what was the main reason for not doing so?**

*Select one alternative only*

- W I did not think the police would believe me
- W I did not think the police would be able to do anything
- W I thought the incident was too trivial
- W I was ashamed or had feelings of guilt
- W I was afraid the perpetrator might take revenge
- W I did not want the police to get involved
- W I did not want the perpetrator to go to prison
- W Other reason, please specify...
- W Don't know/Don't remember

*If you have never been in contact with the Swedish police as a result of having been subjected to violence, threats or sexual abuse, please proceed to the instructions at question 95*

*The following questions refer to your experience of contact with the Swedish police.*

**92. When was the last time you were in contact with the police as a result of having been subjected to violence, threats or sexual abuse?**

- W Less than a year ago
- W 1-5 years ago
- W 6-10 years ago
- W More than ten years ago

**93. How satisfied were you with the way the police handled your case?**

- W Very satisfied
- W Satisfied
- W Not so satisfied
- W Dissatisfied

**94. Did you experience any of the following problems in your contacts with the police?**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
- The police did not make sufficient effort to solve the crime	W	W
- The police made light of your case or seemed uninterested	W	W
- You received little information as to other possibilities of obtaining support and help	W	W
- The police blamed you for what had happened	W	W
- Any other problem, please specify.....		

*Questions 95-101 refer to your most recent marriage/cohabitant relationship in which threats, physical violence or sexual abuse occurred. (This includes your present marriage/cohabitant relationship, if applicable.)*

*If you have never been subjected to threats, violence or sexual abuse by a husband/cohabitant partner, please proceed to question 102.*

**95. Have you ever sought assistance from any of the following services? If so, were you satisfied with the help you received?**

	No	Yes and satisfied with the help received	Yes but dissatisfied with the help received
- Women's refuge	W	W	W
- Victim support	W	W	W
- Social emergency service	W	W	W
- Social welfare secretary	W	W	W
- Lawyer	W	W	W
- Family counselling	W	W	W
- Psychiatrist	W	W	W
- Other medical service	W	W	W
- Other service, please specify.....			

**96. If you have never sought assistance from any of the services mentioned in question 95, what was your main reason for not doing so?**

*Select one alternative only*

- W I did not know where to apply for help
- W There were no such services available
- W The waiting lists were too long
- W I thought the incident was too trivial
- W I felt ashamed
- W I was afraid I would be treated as if it were my own fault
- W No one would have believed me
- W My husband/cohabitant partner prevented me
- W I was afraid of losing the children
- W I did not want to end the relationship
- W I did not want or did not need help
- W Other reason; please specify...
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**97. Have you ever left your husband/cohabitant partner or been separated from him because of his threats, physical violence or sexual abuse?**

- W No → *Please proceed to question 102*
- W Yes, I moved out
- W Yes, he moved out → *Please proceed to question 99*

**98. If you moved out, where did you stay?**

*One or more alternatives may be selected*

- W With friends/relatives
- W In a new home
- W At a women's refuge
- W At a social services hostel
- W At a hotel or the like
- W Other place; please specify...

**99. Did you resume cohabitation?**

- W Yes
- W No → *Please proceed to question 101*

**100. If you resumed cohabitation, what was the main reason?***Select one alternative only*

- W My husband/cohabitant partner promised to change
- W Financial reasons
- W I had nowhere to go
- W For the sake of the children
- W I was ashamed to divorce/separate
- W I wanted to give it another try
- W I still loved him
- W Other reason, please specify.....

**101. If you did not resume cohabitation, what was the main reason?***Select one alternative only*

- W My husband's/cohabitant partner's violence towards me or the children
- W I wanted to lead my own life
- W My husband/partner wanted a divorce/separation
- W I found a new partner
- W I wanted the children to have a better life
- W My husband/cohabitant partner died
- W I did not love him anymore
- W Other reason; please specify.....

*The following questions apply to EVERYONE***102. Was your father/stepfather ever violent towards your mother/stepmother?**

- W Yes
- W No
- W I had no father/stepfather
- W I had no mother/stepmother
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**103. Was your *present* husband's/cohabitant partner's father/stepfather ever violent towards his partner or any other member of the family?**

- W Yes
- W No
- W My husband/cohabitant partner had no father/stepfather
- W I have no husband/cohabitant partner
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**104. Did anyone subject you to physical violence before you turned fifteen years of age?**

	Yes	No	Don't know /Don't remember
- Father/stepfather	W	W	W
- Mother/stepmother	W	W	W
- Brother	W	W	W
- Sister	W	W	W
- Other family member, please specify.....	W	W	W
- Friend or acquaintance	W	W	W
- Someone unknown	W	W	W

**105. Before you turned fifteen, did any man ever...**

	Yes	No	Don't know /Don't remember
- Act in a way which you felt to be sexually threatening?	W	W	W
- Force you into any form of sexual activity?	W	W	W
- Try to force you into any form of sexual activity?	W	W	W

**106. After you turned fifteen, did any man ever get you to take part in some form of sexual activity although you did not really want to?**

- W Yes
- W No → *Please proceed to question 109*
- W Don't know/Don't remember

**107. Who was it who got you to do this?**

*Select all those applicable*

- W Boyfriend
- W Husband/cohabitant partner
- W Chance acquaintance
- W Other, please specify.....

**108. How many times has this happened?**

<u>In the last twelve months</u>	<u>Earlier</u>
W Once	W Once
W 2-10 times	W 2-10 times
W 11-50 times	W 11-50 times
W More than 50 times	W More than 50 times
W Don't know/Don't remember	W Don't know/Don't remember
W It has never happened	W It has never happened

**109. Have any of your children been subjected to violence by a partner of yours?**

- W Yes, by a former husband/cohabitant partner
- W Yes, by my present husband/cohabitant partner
- W Yes, by a boyfriend/chance acquaintance
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I do not have any children

**110. Have any of your children been subjected to sexual abuse by a partner of yours?**

- W Yes, by a former husband/cohabitant partner
- W Yes, by my present husband/cohabitant partner
- W Yes, by a boyfriend/chance acquaintance
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I do not have any children

**111. If you have been subjected to rape, attempted rape or sexual abuse, were there ever two or more perpetrators?**

- W Yes
- W No
- W Don't know/Don't remember
- W I have not been subjected to rape, attempted rape or sexual abuse

**112. Have you ever...**

- |                         | Yes | No |
|-------------------------|-----|----|
| - attempted suicide?    | W   | W  |
| - contemplated suicide? | W   | W  |

**113. Have you ever...**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
- taken part in sexual activity for money?	W	W
- posed for pornography for money, for example by being photographed or videotaped?	W	W
- worked at a so-called porno club?	W	W

*We would also like to ask you if you would consider taking part in a follow-up to this questionnaire. This is irrespective of whether or not you have experienced violence or other abuse. Your anonymity is of course still guaranteed, but the research team making this study may contact you. You may at any point change your mind and terminate your participation.*

**114. Would you consider taking part in a follow-up to this questionnaire?**

- W Yes, I would consider taking part
- W No, it is too painful
- W No, I do not have time
- W No, I am not interested
- W No; other reason; please specify.....
- W No

**115. Finally we would like to ask you what advice you would give to a woman who is being subjected to violence**

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**Thank you for taking part.**

We of the research team greatly appreciate your having taken the time and trouble to assist in this survey.

If you have any questions, if the questions in the survey bring something to mind which you would like to discuss, or if you wish to contact us for any other reason, please telephone 0200-22 00 33. Your call will be free of charge.

The enclosed folder gives information on a number of organisations and authorities which provide support to vulnerable women. Feel free to keep the folder when you return the completed questionnaire.

*Once again, thank you for your help.*



## ***Preliminaries to the study***

### **Pilot studies**

Three pilot studies were made of the questionnaire. One of the pilot groups consisted of women of multicultural background. The aim was to test the relevance of the questions and the language and readability of the questionnaire. The second pilot group comprised women of different ages and diverse professional and geographic/demographic background. With this group the aim was to test the relevance of the questions, the length of the questionnaire and the degree of difficulty of the instructions. Finally, a pilot test was made on a group possessing professional qualifications in violence and/or gender theory. The aim was to obtain their opinions on the sequencing and positioning of the questions, the wording of the instructions, the length and level of difficulty of the questionnaire, and whether any of the questions could be considered to violate personal integrity.

### **Reference group**

A reference group was involved in the project. It met twice, in October 1998 and May 1999. Its members were Eckart Kühlhorn, of the National Council for Crime Prevention (*Brottsförebyggande Rådet, BRÅ*), Britta Bjelle, Director-General of the Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority (*Brottsoffermyndigheten*), Associate Professor Bo Lewin of Uppsala University, Professor Maud Eduards of Stockholm University, Professor Gunnel Gustafsson of Umeå

University and Professor Sven-Olof Isacson of Lund University. The grounds for appointment of the reference group's members were their expertise in the use of statistical methods and/or their familiarity with the research field of violence against women.

At the group's first meeting the preliminary draft of the questionnaire was discussed in general terms. At the second meeting the questionnaire was presented in a finished version which had been tested on two of the pilot groups. The purpose of this meeting was for the research team to obtain the reference group's views on the questionnaire. The members representing BRÅ were critical of the structure and length of the questionnaire. The essence of their criticism was that the questionnaire did not provide any scope for analysing the number of occurrences of each type of abuse separately, since the question about how many times the respondent had been subjected to violence referred to several different kinds of act; see questions 27, 35, 55 and 66.

BRÅ also criticised the length of the questionnaire. It was felt that this would have a drastic effect on the percentage of responses. For the rest, the reference group's overall opinion of the questionnaire was favourable. The opinions expressed by the reference group resulted in valuable linguistic alterations and changes to the response options.

### **The Finnish prevalence study**

The research team paid a visit to Statistics Finland (*Statistikcentralen*) in Helsinki and also to Minna Piispa and Markku Heiskanen, who had worked together on the Finnish study entitled Faith, Hope and Battering. The discussions focused mainly on practical issues with regard to the design of the questionnaire and the Finnish team's experience of the compilation procedure. Parts of our questionnaire are based on the Finnish one, and the contacts we have had with the Finnish research team during the course of our work have been most valuable, particularly because their experiences enabled us to improve our questionnaire at a number of crucial points. One example of a specific change was the decision to reduce the age-range of the respondent group from women aged 18-80 to women aged 18-64, which was taken because in the Finnish study the dropout of women aged 65-plus was very large.<sup>1</sup> Another example was the addition of a question asking respondents whether they would consider taking part in a follow-up to the study. The discussions at the meeting also confirmed the importance of making the questionnaire relatively easy to understand.

### **Contact with respondents**

Information about the study was provided on the cover of the questionnaire, along with a freephone 0200 number which respondents could call with questions about the questionnaire.

Collection of the data was undertaken in cooperation with Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska Centralbyrån, SCB*). The continuation sheet gave a telephone

number to SCB which respondents could call with questions about the way the survey was being conducted. A total of 120 telephone calls were received via the 0200 number between 1 October 1999 and 15 January 2000.

Of these, 59 were to the effect that the women concerned did not wish to respond to the questionnaire. Eleven of the calls were made by men on behalf of the women concerned. The remaining callers enquired about anonymity and the way in which the target population was sampled. In some instances the purpose of the call was to state that the person to whom the questionnaire was addressed was living abroad temporarily, and in a few others it was to advise that the woman in question had a severe mental disability making it impossible for her to participate. There were other cases involving women whose impaired vision made it impossible for them to read the questionnaire. Only three calls concerned interpretation of the questions.

Those calling to state their unwillingness to take part in the study gave varying reasons: one woman felt that the questionnaire did not reflect her experiences since only one question was about sexual abuse in childhood; 16 women thought the questions were private and concerned matters which ought not to be enquired into; 21 women stated lack of time to be the reason. Five of the male callers stated that the woman did not speak Swedish and therefore could not answer, four men called to say that the woman did not wish to participate, and two men said that the woman "did not have those problems" and therefore did not intend to respond.

### Practical implementation

The Population and Welfare Unit (Consumption, Opinion and Civic Influence Programme) of Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska Centralbyrån, SCB*) conducted the sampling procedure for the questionnaire (10 000 randomly selected women aged 18-64 living in Sweden) and also distributed, reminded, collected and scanned the responses.

SCB assisted in designing the questionnaire form (SCB being responsible for the layout), sampling the target population, collecting the data, recording the responses and compiling a file of the results. The target population of this study was persons aged 18-64 resident in Sweden. At the time of sampling there were 2 642 563 women of the relevant age group.

SCB's register of total population (RTB) was used as the sampling frame. Ten thousand persons born during the period 1935-1980 were selected with the same selection probability. Not only the variables elicited via the questionnaire but also the year of birth, marital status, county and municipality codes from SCB's population register were entered into the register of responses.

Distribution of questionnaires to the persons selected began on 15 October, and a thank-you and reminder card was sent on 27 October. A first reminder and new questionnaire were despatched on 10 November followed by a second reminder and new questionnaire on 1 December. The cutoff date for collection of the data was 27 January 2000. By that time 6 926 responses had been received (117 women had died or emigrated, making an effective sample of 9 883 women). The total dropout was thus 2 957, corresponding to a response rate of 70.1 per cent.

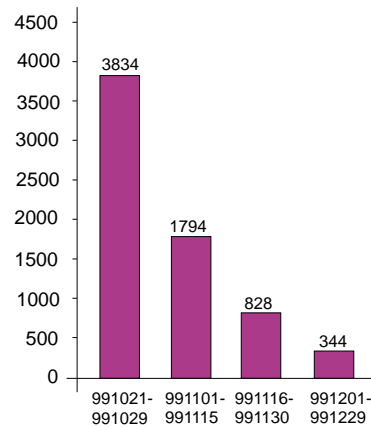


Fig. Number of responses to the questionnaire received during October, November and December 1999. (Frequency)

## **Ethical scrutiny**

In matters of violence towards women, methodological and ethical questions cannot be separated. Accordingly it was important that women participating in the study should be given full and correct information on such matters as the manner in which their responses to questions would be handled and the fact that taking part in the survey was voluntary.

One vital ethical problem when postal questionnaires are sent to women's homes is that the questionnaire will be received by some women who are still cohabiting with abusing men. We considered that the questionnaire might be "neutralised" by giving it certain external attributes, such as despatching the questionnaire in SCB's envelopes, using the University logo on the questionnaire and discussing the safety of women on the first page of the questionnaire while abstaining from the word "violence".

Another ethical problem concerns the difficult and painful memories which the questionnaire may reawaken among women. In spite of the complete information given to the respondent, it may be difficult for a woman to foresee the emotional reactions to which participation in the study can give rise. In other words, it is an ethical problem in itself that the actual filling in of the questionnaire may be a very painful process.

We considered that this problem might be mitigated by enclosing with the questionnaire a list of telephone numbers to all women's refuges in Sweden and

sundry other organisations offering advice and/or support to people in crisis. We also gave a 0200 number which women could call if they wished to enquire about or comment on the questionnaire. Two women called to talk over memories which had been aroused by the questionnaire.

Despite violence to women being a difficult subject, this does not mean that a woman questioned about her experiences necessarily finds herself negatively affected. Filling in the questionnaire *may* also function as an opportunity for the respondent to put a name to her experiences and systematise them. The results of the pilot studies confirmed that these reactions occurred.

The study was scrutinised from the ethical standpoint by the ethical committee of the Swedish Council for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (*Humanistisk- Samhällsvetenskapliga Forskningsrådets etikkommitté*). The whole of the material was placed at the disposal of the committee: description of the organisation of the study, background material, complete questionnaire, letter of introduction and the Finnish questionnaire. After requesting certain supplementary background information, the ethical committee approved the study in May 1999.

## Method

### Data collection

One important aim of the study was to describe Swedish women's experiences of male violence. We therefore decided to base the survey on a very large sample (N=10 000), enabling us to obtain a sufficiency of data on female subgroups in Swedish society as well. This was also one of the reasons for selecting a postal questionnaire as the method for collecting the data.

A survey study of violence to women was carried out in Finland in 1997.<sup>2</sup> We studied the design of the Finnish questionnaire and adapted that of the Swedish one so as to facilitate comparisons between the two countries. The questionnaire consists of 115 questions grouped in sections according to the type of relationship existing or formerly existing between the woman and man concerned.

Collection of the data was carried out in cooperation with Statistics Sweden (*Statistiska Centralbyrån, SCB*). The responses received were codified and recorded by SCB by means of a scanner. It was not possible to process open-ended responses in the present report. When scanning the data, mechanical checks of the variables were made and errors corrected. By the time collection of the data was complete, 6 926 replies had been received, signifying a response rate of 70.1 per cent. Bearing in mind the length of the questionnaire form and the sensitive nature of the questions, the

response frequency must be considered high. The identity number had been torn off the incoming replies in 56 instances. Although these respondents could not be identified in the sample file, they are included in the final response file. The reasons for dropout are specified in Table 1.

	Number	%
Sampl	10 000	100,0
Excess coverage (dead, emigrated)	117	1,0
Effective sample	9 883	100,0
Responses recieved	6 926	70,1
Dropout	2 957	29,9
Reason for dropout:		
No response/Returned to sender	2 677	27,1
Refusal	218	2,2
Impediment/illness	34	0,3
Language difficulties	16	0,2
Secret/protected address	12	0,1

Table 1. Sample and reasons for dropout

### External and internal dropout

Because SCB supplied background information (age, marital status, county, citizenship and country of birth) for both respondents and non-respondents, it was possible to make a dropout analysis comparing the two groups. Two  $X^2$  tests were carried out to discover whether and how dropout had influenced the effective sample. The first one is the *goodness-of-fit test* to estimate how representative the respondents are of the sample as a whole (see the left-hand column of Table 3). The significance level was set at .001 and the test shows that the only significant

differences to be found between the respondents and the original sample are in respect of the *citizenship* and *country of birth* variables.

A second test, the  $X^2$  test of independence, was carried out in order to assess whether the various categories of background variables show independence in their propensity to respond (right-hand column of Table 2). Here too the significance level was set at .001, and again, the test shows that the only significant differences of response rate to be found between the categories of variables relate to the *citizenship* and *country of birth* variables. As may be seen from Table 2, women born in Sweden had the highest response rate, followed in diminishing order by women born in the Nordic countries, Europe and other countries.

Regarding the internal dropout, that is, non-response to individual questions in the questionnaire, we decided to include this in the percentage figures for all questions.<sup>3</sup> Part of the reason for this is that we feel that information would be lost if these answers were excluded from the reporting. Because this is the first comprehensive study of men's violence to women in Sweden and the aim is to produce a description of the situation that is as correct as possible, we feel that even a refusal to answer is productive of information, for example concerning the delicacy of certain questions. Moreover, we have no good reason to believe that had the non-respondents in fact responded, their answers would have corresponded with the distribution of the respondents' answers. Thus we consider that to exclude the non-responses would be a dubious proceeding.

## Weighting

The final sample was weighted in order to correct the bias in response rates found in the citizenship and country of birth variables. However, the weighting had to be based on the *country of birth* variable, since this was the only variable included in the questionnaire itself. The weighting coefficients were calculated on the basis of the distribution in the total sample, with the result that women born in Sweden were weighted down while women born in the Nordic countries, Europe and other countries were weighted up.

Table 2 (p.133) shows the result of the *goodness-of-fit* test for the other background variables after weighting based on the country of birth variable. As the table shows, there are no significant differences between the original sample and the effective sample.

## Quality control

Since the questionnaire consists of a number of different sections specifying different types of relationship between women and men, the respondent replies to the questions in each section only if special conditions applying to that section are met. For example, questions 42-61 apply only to women who were in a matrimonial or cohabitant relationship at the time of data collection.

In order to ascertain how well the respondents had understood the instructions relating to these questions and sections, a quality-control check was made consisting of linking and matching such conditional variables (e.g. marital status) with questions from the various sections. This check showed that in almost

all sections with specified conditions, there was a small number of women who responded despite their not satisfying the conditions.

To correct these errors, all questions in the various sections were recoded so that women who had responded without satisfying the conditions were coded as “inappropriate response”, and these, along with other women who did not satisfy the conditions, were then defined as dropout in the various sections. We can only speculate as to the reason for these errors in the response file. They may possibly have been caused by linguistic difficulties on the part of the respondents or insufficient clarity or visibility in the instructions.

### Association and significance

Since the main aim of the survey is to describe women in Sweden and their experiences of male violence, we have chosen in principle not to present any coefficients of association in the report. A sample of this size (N=6 926) means that even minimal differences in the distributions of the variables are significant, so that practically all associations between the variables in the data become significant. Only significant associations are presented in the report.

Table 2 Goodness-of-fit after weighting for country of birth

	Sample (N=10 000)	Respondents (N=6 870 <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Age 1</b>	$\chi^2 = 1.102$ df = 4 p = .894	
18-24	1355	932
25-34	2251	1528
35-44	2226	1514
45-54	2290	1607
55-64	1878	1288
<b>Marital status</b>	$\chi^2 = 6,940$ df = 3 p = .074	
Married	4572	3249
Unmarried	3975	2660
Divorced	1258	832
Widowed	195	129
<b>Region<sup>2</sup></b>	$\chi^2 = 0,234$ df = 2 p = .889	
Götaland	4680	3215
Svealand	4042	2768
Norrland	1270	886
<b>Region+Storstad<sup>3</sup></b>	$\chi^2 = 1,302$ df = 5 p = .935	
Stockholm	2219	1502
Malmö+Skåne	1176	789
Gtbg+V. Götal	1683	1161
Götaland	1821	1265
Svealand	1823	1266
Norrland	1270	886

<sup>1</sup> Because of rounding errors, the variables sometimes do not add up to exactly 6 870.

<sup>2</sup> In eight cases, county was not specified, so that N= 9 992 for this variable. A broad breakdown by counties has been made here to facilitate comparisons.

<sup>3</sup> The counties with metropolises have been segregated here from the broad breakdown by counties.

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Table 3. Dropout analysis of background variables

	Sample (N=10 000)	Respondents (N=6 870 <sup>1</sup> )	Response %	No response %
<b>Age 1</b>	$\chi^2 = 1.601$ df = 4 p = .809		$\chi^2 = 5.116$ df = 4 p = .276	
18-24	1355	929	68.6	31.4
25-34	2251	1526	67.8	32.2
35-44	2226	1503	67.5	32.5
45-54	2290	1606	70.1	29.9
55-64	1878	1306	69.5	30.5
<b>Age 2</b>	$\chi^2 = 2,018$ df = 4 p = .732		$\chi^2 = 6.448$ df = 4 p = .168	
18-29	2468	1690	68.5	31.5
30-39	2260	1514	67.0	33.0
40-49	2189	1503	68.7	31.3
50-59	2255	1588	70.4	29.6
60-64	828	575	69.4	30.6
<b>Marital status</b>	$\chi^2 = 5,063$ df = 3 p = .167		$\chi^2 = 16.177$ df = 3 p = .001	
Married	4572	3224	70.5	29.5
Unmarried	3975	2697	67.8	32.2
Divorced	1258	820	65.2	34.8
Widowed	195	129	66.2	33.8
<b>Region<sup>2</sup></b>	$\chi^2 = 1.857$ df = 2 p = .395		$\chi^2 = 5.942$ df = 2 p = .051	
Göteborg	4680	3219	68.8	31.2
Svealand	4042	2743	67.9	32.1
Norrland	1270	908	71.5	28.5
<b>Region + Storstad<sup>3</sup></b>	$\chi^2 = 5,278$ df = 5 p = .383		$\chi^2 = 16.892$ df = 5 p = .005	
Stockholm	2219	1467	66.1	33.9
Malmö+Skåne	1176	785	66.8	33.2
Gtbg+V. Götbl	1683	1156	68.7	31.3
Göteborg	1821	1278	70.2	29.8
Svealand	1823	1276	70.0	30.0
Norrland	1270	908	71.5	28.5
<b>Medborgarskap</b>	$\chi^2 = 42,682$ df = 3 p = .000		$\chi^2 = 136.364$ df = 3 p = .000	
Swedish	9332	6533	70.0	30.0
Nordic	225	134	59.6	40.4
European	207	112	54.1	45.9
Other	236	91	38.6	61.4
<b>Country of birth</b>	$\chi^2 = 71.082$ df = 3 p = .000		$\chi^2 = 227.098$ df = 3 p = .000	
Sweden	8592	6131	71.4	28.6
Nordic country	429	260	60.6	39.4
Europe	435	233	53.6	46.4
Other	544	246	45.2	54.8

<sup>1</sup> Since 56 of the respondents could not be linked to the sample files, the number of respondents is slightly underrepresented in the dropout analysis (N=6 870 instead of 6 926).

<sup>2</sup> In eight cases, county was not specified, so that N=9 992 for this variable. A broad breakdown by counties has been made here to facilitate comparisons.

<sup>3</sup> The counties with metropolises have been segregated here from the broad breakdown by counties.

## ***Tables***

## APPENDIX 5

Table 1. Women subjected to violence at least once since fifteenth birthday, by women's background variables as applicable. Calculated for all women (N= 6 926).

Total subjected to violence		Yes	No/ No response	Number	Total%
<b>Age</b>	18-24	51.5	48.5	934	100.0
	25-34	48.2	51.8	1536	100.0
	35-44	51.5	48.5	1530	100.0
	45-54	44.0	56.0	1620	100.0
	55-64	36.0	64.0	1304	100.0
	No response	66.7	33.3	3	100.0
<b>Education</b>	No compulsory schooling	43.3	56.7	65	100.0
	Compulsory schooling	39.9	60.1	1354	100.0
	Secondary schooling	46.3	53.7	3197	100.0
	University, no degree	53.3	46.7	506	100.0
	University, with degree	49.1	50.9	1757	100.0
	No response	30.0	70.0	47	100.0
<b>Occupation</b>	Wage- or salary-earner	43.8	56.2	4005	100.0
	Self-employed	51.3	48.7	195	100.0
	Parental leave	45.7	54.3	267	100.0
	Unemployed	53.9	46.1	378	100.0
	Retired	34.6	65.4	328	100.0
	Sick-leave/disability pension	49.5	50.5	218	100.0
	Student	54.3	45.7	819	100.0
	Looking after home	36.3	63.7	67	100.0
	Other	46.5	53.5	152	100.0
	No response	50.4	49.6	496	100.0
<b>Income</b>	< 5000	48.2	51.8	730	100.0
	5001-10000	45.5	54.5	2984	100.0
	10001-15000	45.0	55.0	1941	100.0
	15001-20000	48.2	51.8	673	100.0
	> 20000	49.6	50.4	316	100.0
	No response	45.0	55.0	283	100.0
<b>Country of birth</b>	Sweden	46.0	54.0	5902	100.0
	Other Nordic country	52.6	47.4	295	100.0
	Europe	41.9	58.1	299	100.0
	Africa	69.2	30.8	42	100.0
	Asia	41.1	58.9	238	100.0
	North America	63.6	36.4	18	100.0
	Latin America	47.8	52.2	75	100.0
	No response	45.6	54.4	57	100.0
<b>Marital status</b>	Unmarried	43.9	56.1	1374	100.0
	Married	42.5	57.5	3245	100.0
	Cohabiting	49.8	50.2	1581	100.0
	Divorced	67.1	32.9	459	100.0
	Widowed	41.1	58.9	117	100.0
	No response	44.2	55.8	150	100.0
<b>Family situation</b>	Lone with children < 7 years	42.6	57.4	253	100.0
	Lone with children > 7 years	49.7	50.3	415	100.0
	Lone without children	46.7	53.3	150	100.0
	Married with children < 7 years	46.4	53.6	690	100.0
	Married with children > 7 years	46.6	53.4	1053	100.0
	Married without children	41.7	58.3	322	100.0
	Cohab. with children < 7 years	48.4	51.6	330	100.0
	Cohab. with children > 7 years	51.3	48.7	497	100.0
	Cohab. without children	53.1	46.9	168	100.0

Table 2. Women subjected to violence by former husband or cohabitant partner at least once, by women's background variables as applicable. Calculated for women who have been married or cohabiting (N=2 755).

Subjected to violence by former husband/cohabitant partner		Yes	No	No response	Number	Total%
<b>Age</b>	18-24	32.7	65.0	2.3	374	100.0
	25-34	35.7	62.6	1.7	608	100.0
	35-44	36.7	61.8	1.4	613	100.0
	45-54	36.2	60.8	2.9	639	100.0
	55-64	33.5	64.1	2.4	519	100.0
	No response		100.0		2	100.0
<b>Education</b>	No compulsory schooling	44.0	52.6	3.4	29	100.0
	Compulsory schooling	35.0	62.4	2.6	549	100.0
	Secondary schooling	36.2	61.6	2.2	1252	100.0
	University, no degree	32.2	66.7	1.1	197	100.0
	University, with degree	34.6	63.4	2.0	714	100.0
	No response	13.1	86.9		15	100.0
<b>Occupation</b>	Wage- or salary-earner	35.8	62.1	2.0	1628	100.0
	Self-employed	30.5	64.8	4.6	83	100.0
	Parental leave	28.1	68.9	3.1	108	100.0
	Unemployed	39.3	59.4	1.3	151	100.0
	Retired	31.1	67.1	1.8	115	100.0
	Sick-leave/disability pension	37.5	62.5		85	100.0
	Student	36.7	60.7	2.6	335	100.0
	Looking after home	50.3	49.7		21	100.0
	Other	34.7	63.3	1.9	49	100.0
	No response	29.7	67.6	2.7	179	100.0
<b>Income</b>	< 5000	33.0	64.2	2.7	291	100.0
	5001-10000	35.9	62.2	1.9	1155	100.0
	10001-15000	35.2	62.6	2.2	787	100.0
	15001-20000	34.7	62.5	2.8	257	100.0
	> 20000	34.9	62.9	2.1	141	100.0
	No response	35.8	63.4	.8	123	100.0
<b>Country of birth</b>	Sweden	35.5	62.4	2.1	2333	100.0
	Other Nordic country	35.8	60.0	4.2	133	100.0
	Europe	29.0	69.2	1.9	130	100.0
	Africa	36.4	63.6		18	100.0
	Asia	44.2	55.8		85	100.0
	North America	33.3	66.7		5	100.0
	Latin America	17.6	76.5	5.9	28	100.0
	No response	25.0	75.0		24	100.0
<b>Marital status</b>	Unmarried	42.8	53.5	3.7	558	100.0
	Married	27.6	70.8	1.6	859	100.0
	Cohabiting	32.0	66.3	1.6	770	100.0
	Divorced	49.7	48.0	2.3	425	100.0
	Widowed	16.0	82.8	1.2	82	100.0
	No response	38.9	59.5	1.6	60	100.0
<b>Family situation</b>	Lone with children < 7 years	41.4	55.6	2.9	98	100.0
	Lone with children > 7 years	46.6	49.6	3.8	178	100.0
	Lone without children	54.1	44.3	1.6	61	100.0
	Married with children < 7 years	34.4	63.9	1.7	184	100.0
	Married with children > 7 years	35.9	62.6	1.5	270	100.0
	Married without children	20.3	78.6	1.1	85	100.0
	Cohab. with children < 7 years	26.9	72.5	.6	153	100.0
	Cohab. with children > 7 years	28.3	70.0	1.7	240	100.0
	Cohab. without children	37.5	59.4	3.1	92	100.0

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Table 3. Women subjected to violence by present husband or cohabitant partner at least once, by women's background variables as applicable. Calculated for women who have been married or cohabiting (N= 4 771).

Subjected to violence by former husband/cohabitant partner		Yes	No	No response	Number	Total%
<b>Age</b>	18-24	12.5	83.4	4.2	604	100.0
	25-34	8.8	87.7	3.4	1086	100.0
	35-44	10.4	85.7	3.9	1100	100.0
	45-54	10.9	84.7	4.4	1084	100.0
	55-64	10.6	82.4	7.0	895	100.0
	No response		50.0	50.0	2	100.0
<b>Education</b>	No compulsory schooling	12.9	81.1	6.0	43	100.0
	Compulsory schooling	12.6	82.5	4.8	917	100.0
	Secondary schooling	10.0	85.7	4.3	2189	100.0
	University, no degree	7.7	88.1	4.1	350	100.0
	University, with degree	10.1	84.9	4.9	1237	100.0
	No response	16.8	77.6	5.6	34	100.0
<b>Occupation</b>	Wage- or salary-earner	10.7	84.7	4.6	2768	100.0
	Self-employed	10.3	87.5	2.2	131	100.0
	Parental leave	12.1	83.3	4.6	187	100.0
	Unemployed	13.1	80.9	5.9	256	100.0
	Retired	7.7	86.0	6.2	215	100.0
	Sick-leave/disability pension	8.7	86.5	4.8	155	100.0
	Student	10.2	85.9	3.9	560	100.0
	Looking after home	14.3	83.6	2.1	45	100.0
	Other	12.8	83.4	3.8	100	100.0
	No response	7.9	87.8	4.3	353	100.0
<b>Income</b>	< 5000	10.0	86.8	3.1	484	100.0
	5001-10000	11.0	84.2	4.8	2055	100.0
	10001-15000	9.6	86.0	4.4	1368	100.0
	15001-20000	11.4	84.6	4.0	463	100.0
	> 20000	10.0	82.0	8.0	218	100.0
	No response	10.1	85.3	4.6	183	100.0
<b>Country of birth</b>	Sweden	10.5	85.0	4.5	4065	100.0
	Other Nordic country	11.6	85.5	2.9	192	100.0
	Europe	9.2	85.1	5.7	211	100.0
	Africa	31.3	62.5	6.3	26	100.0
	Asia	7.8	88.2	3.9	166	100.0
	North America	14.3	85.7		11	100.0
	Latin America	8.8	85.3	5.9	55	100.0
	No response	9.3	83.7	7.0	43	100.0
<b>Family situation</b>	Married with children < 7 years	8.8	86.8	4.4	674	100.0
	Married with children > 7 years	10.1	85.5	4.4	1029	100.0
	Married without children	9.5	86.7	3.8	315	100.0
	Cohab. with children < 7 years	13.2	82.1	4.7	330	100.0
	Cohab. with children > 7 years	13.9	83.1	3.0	497	100.0
	Cohab. without children	9.8	83.9	6.3	168	100.0

Table 4. Women subjected to violence by boyfriend, by women's background variables as applicable. Calculated for women who have or have had a boyfriend (N=5 261).

Subjected to violence by boyfriend		Yes	No	No response	Number	Total %
<b>Age</b>	18-24	19.5	77.6	3.0	751	100.0
	25-34	18.0	78.8	3.1	1256	100.0
	35-44	16.5	77.7	5.8	1213	100.0
	45-54	11.8	79.7	8.6	1187	100.0
	55-64	7.7	82.6	9.8	853	100.0
	No response		100.0		1	100.0
<b>Education</b>	No compulsory schooling	19.2	59.8	20.9	38	100.0
	Compulsory schooling	12.4	76.0	11.6	927	100.0
	Secondary schooling	15.5	79.5	5.0	2425	100.0
	University, no degree	20.2	75.4	4.3	413	100.0
	University, with degree	13.3	82.4	4.3	1426	100.0
	No response	15.0	72.9	12.1	32	100.0
<b>Occupation</b>	Wage- or salary-earner	12.3	81.9	5.8	3058	100.0
	Self-employed	13.5	79.1	7.3	157	100.0
	Parental leave	16.8	80.3	3.0	217	100.0
	Unemployed	23.8	68.7	7.5	280	100.0
	Retired	11.1	75.1	13.8	197	100.0
	Sick-leave/disability pension	22.4	68.1	9.5	151	100.0
	Student	19.5	77.5	3.0	677	100.0
	Looking after home	5.6	76.1	18.3	41	100.0
	Other	17.7	73.8	8.5	123	100.0
	No response	18.5	75.8	5.8	361	100.0
<b>Income</b>	< 5000	16.5	75.3	8.2	548	100.0
	5001-10000	16.6	77.4	6.0	2183	100.0
	10001-15000	13.0	81.5	5.5	1520	100.0
	15001-20000	14.0	82.3	3.7	548	100.0
	> 20000	10.3	84.3	5.4	268	100.0
	No response	11.7	75.6	12.7	195	100.0
<b>Country of birth</b>	Sweden	14.6	79.9	5.4	4526	100.0
	Other Nordic country	15.8	75.4	8.9	225	100.0
	Europe	11.9	80.1	8.0	214	100.0
	Africa	27.8	55.6	16.7	29	100.0
	Asia	11.9	76.2	11.9	165	100.0
	North America	44.4	55.6		15	100.0
	Latin America	28.1	53.1	18.7	52	100.0
	No response	13.9	83.3	2.8	36	100.0
<b>Marital status</b>	Unmarried	15.8	78.0	6.1	1044	100.0
	Married	14.8	79.1	6.2	2463	100.0
	Cohabiting	14.1	79.6	6.3	1197	100.0
	Divorced	13.6	82.6	3.8	358	100.0
	Widowed	12.3	81.9	5.9	91	100.0
	No response	18.8	74.9	6.3	109	100.0
<b>Family situation</b>	Lone with children < 7 years	16.7	78.3	5.0	206	100.0
	Lone with children > 7 years	16.1	77.9	5.9	328	100.0
	Lone without children	17.3	79.5	3.3	118	100.0
	Married with children < 7 years	17.0	78.4	4.6	557	100.0
	Married with children > 7 years	15.4	77.2	7.4	834	100.0
	Married without children	15.5	82.2	2.3	251	100.0
	Cohab. with children < 7 years	15.8	81.9	2.3	256	100.0
	Cohab. with children > 7 years	14.4	79.9	5.8	379	100.0
	Cohab. without children	9.3	85.7	5.0	136	100.0

APPENDIX 5

Table 5. Women subjected to violence by men with whom they have not had a sexual relationship, by women's background variables as applicable. Calculated for all women (N=6 926).

Subjected to violence by former husband/cohabitant partner		Yes	No	No response	Number	Total%
<b>Age</b>	18-24	34.4	62.8	2.8	934	100.0
	25-34	31.6	64.5	3.9	1536	100.0
	35-44	34.8	60.1	5.1	1530	100.0
	45-54	27.7	66.3	6.0	1620	100.0
	55-64	19.4	69.8	10.7	1304	100.0
	No response	66.7		33.3	3	100.0
<b>Education</b>	No compulsory schooling	21.9	50.0	28.1	65	100.0
	Compulsory schooling	22.6	66.9	10.4	1354	100.0
	Secondary schooling	29.2	66.4	4.4	3197	100.0
	University, no degree	41.3	54.9	3.8	506	100.0
	University, with degree	32.5	63.4	4.1	1757	100.0
	No response	16.6	60.2	23.2	47	100.0
<b>Occupation</b>	Wage- or salary-earner	26.8	68.2	5.0	4005	100.0
	Self-employed	36.4	59.7	3.9	195	100.0
	Parental leave	28.6	66.0	5.4	267	100.0
	Unemployed	31.9	58.2	9.9	378	100.0
	Retired	21.6	65.7	12.7	328	100.0
	Sick-leave/disability pension	35.7	56.3	8.0	218	100.0
	Student	38.3	58.8	2.9	819	100.0
	Looking after home	12.6	73.9	13.5	67	100.0
	Other	32.2	62.2	5.6	152	100.0
	No response	37.1	54.8	8.1	496	100.0
<b>Income</b>	< 5000	32.6	61.9	5.6	730	100.0
	5001-10000	28.0	66.0	6.1	2984	100.0
	10001-15000	28.6	66.5	4.9	1941	100.0
	15001-20000	35.0	61.1	3.9	673	100.0
	> 20000	33.3	61.3	5.5	316	100.0
	No response	27.1	57.7	15.2	283	100.0
<b>Country of birth</b>	Sweden	29.5	65.7	4.8	5902	100.0
	Other Nordic country	36.1	55.3	8.6	295	100.0
	Europe	24.8	64.6	10.6	299	100.0
	Africa	42.3	34.6	23.1	42	100.0
	Asia	22.6	63.7	13.7	238	100.0
	North America	54.5	45.5		18	100.0
	Latin America	32.6	52.2	15.2	75	100.0
	No response	31.6	57.9	10.5	57	100.0
<b>Marital status</b>	Unmarried	28.2	65.3	6.6	1374	100.0
	Married	29.2	65.2	5.7	3245	100.0
	Cohabiting	29.5	64.8	5.7	1581	100.0
	Divorced	34.1	60.4	5.5	459	100.0
	Widowed	33.6	60.9	5.5	117	100.0
	No response	31.7	64.1	4.2	150	100.0
<b>Family situation</b>	Lone with children < 7 years	28.7	66.3	5.0	253	100.0
	Lone with children > 7 years	29.1	66.4	4.4	415	100.0
	Lone without children	32.4	63.0	4.6	150	100.0
	Married with children < 7 years	32.7	63.7	3.6	690	100.0
	Married with children > 7 years	31.1	64.6	4.4	1053	100.0
	Married without children	28.3	69.0	2.7	322	100.0
	Cohab. with children < 7 years	30.1	65.1	4.8	330	100.0
	Cohab. with children > 7 years	30.6	64.6	4.8	497	100.0
	Cohab. without children	31.6	64.2	4.2	168	100.0

Table 6. Women subjected to sexual harassment at least once, by women's background variables as applicable. Calculated for all women (N=6 926).

Subjected to sexual harassment		Yes	No	No response	Number	Total %
<b>Age</b>	18-24	63.6	33.5	2.8	934	100.0
	25-34	64.1	33.6	2.3	1536	100.0
	35-44	60.9	35.0	4.1	1530	100.0
	45-54	51.0	43.5	5.5	1620	100.0
	55-64	40.2	50.2	9.5	1304	100.0
	No response	66.7		33.3	3	100.0
<b>Education</b>	No compulsory schooling	33.3	42.6	24.1	65	100.0
	Compulsory schooling	40.0	49.7	10.3	1354	100.0
	Secondary schooling	55.5	40.9	3.6	3197	100.0
	University, no degree	70.8	26.4	2.8	506	100.0
	University, with degree	65.4	32.1	2.5	1757	100.0
	No response	32.6	40.4	27.0	47	100.0
<b>Occupation</b>	Wage- or salary-earner	55.3	40.7	4.0	4005	100.0
	Self-employed	58.4	40.1	1.5	195	100.0
	Parental leave	59.0	37.7	3.4	267	100.0
	Unemployed	53.9	36.9	9.1	378	100.0
	Retired	39.6	47.6	12.8	328	100.0
	Sick-leave/disability pension	51.9	37.9	10.2	218	100.0
	Student	64.5	32.6	2.9	819	100.0
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<b>Income</b>	< 5000	52.8	40.5	6.6	730	100.0
	5001-10000	53.9	41.1	5.0	2984	100.0
	10001-15000	57.4	38.9	3.7	1941	100.0
	15001-20000	61.0	35.4	3.6	673	100.0
	> 20000	69.0	27.8	3.1	316	100.0
	No response	44.4	42.9	12.7	283	100.0
<b>Country of birth</b>	Sweden	56.5	39.6	3.9	5902	100.0
	Other Nordic country	59.8	34.2	6.0	295	100.0
	Europe	46.3	41.1	12.6	299	100.0
	Africa	57.7	23.1	19.2	42	100.0
	Asia	43.2	46.6	10.3	238	100.0
	North America	90.9	9.1		18	100.0
	Latin America	50.0	30.4	19.6	75	100.0
	No response	54.4	35.1	10.5	57	100.0
<b>Marital status</b>	Unmarried	55.7	38.8	5.5	1374	100.0
	Married	55.3	39.8	4.9	3245	100.0
	Cohabiting	56.1	39.3	4.6	1581	100.0
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