



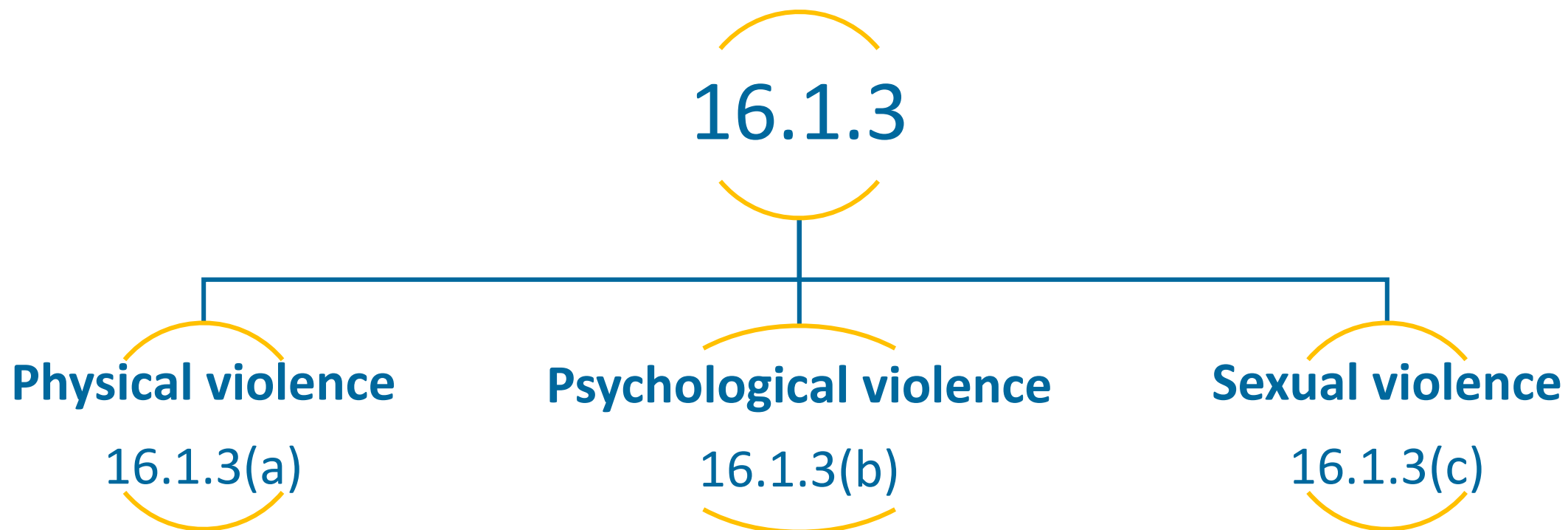
# SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

## Indicator 16.1.3

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Proportion of population subjected to (a) physical violence, (b) psychological violence and (c) sexual violence in the previous 12 months



# Measurement of SDG Indicator 16.1.3



Acts of violence are **heavily underreported to the authorities (hidden/dark figure of crime)**. This indicator needs to be based on data collected through **sample surveys** of the adult population, namely **VICTIMIZATION SURVEYS**.



$$16.1.3 (a) = \frac{\text{Number of survey respondents victim of physical violence}}{\text{Total number of survey respondents}}$$

Same approach for 16.1.3(b) and 16.1.3(c)

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**separate indicators** should be computed, one **for each type of violence**



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# Definitions\*

## Physical Violence

*Intentional or reckless application of physical force inflicted upon the body of a person*  
**(ICCS 02011)**

- Serious physical assault
- Minor physical assault
- Serious physical threats
- Robbery with the use of force

## Psychological Violence

*Any act intended to induce fear or emotional distress*  
**(ICCS 0208)**

Though, there is as yet no consensus at the international level of the precise definition of psychological violence.

- Acts of intimidation
- Threatening expressions/words
- Illegal restraint
- Damage of personal property
- Acts against pets

## Sexual Violence

*Unwanted sexual act or attempt to obtain a sexual act without valid consent or with consent as a result of intimidation, force, fraud, coercion, threat, deception, abuse of power or position, use of drugs or alcohol, or position of vulnerability*  
**(ICCS 0301)**

- Rape with force
- Rape without force
- Attempted rape
- Statutory rape
- Physical sexual assault

\* Based on the **International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes ICCS** (UNODC; 2015).

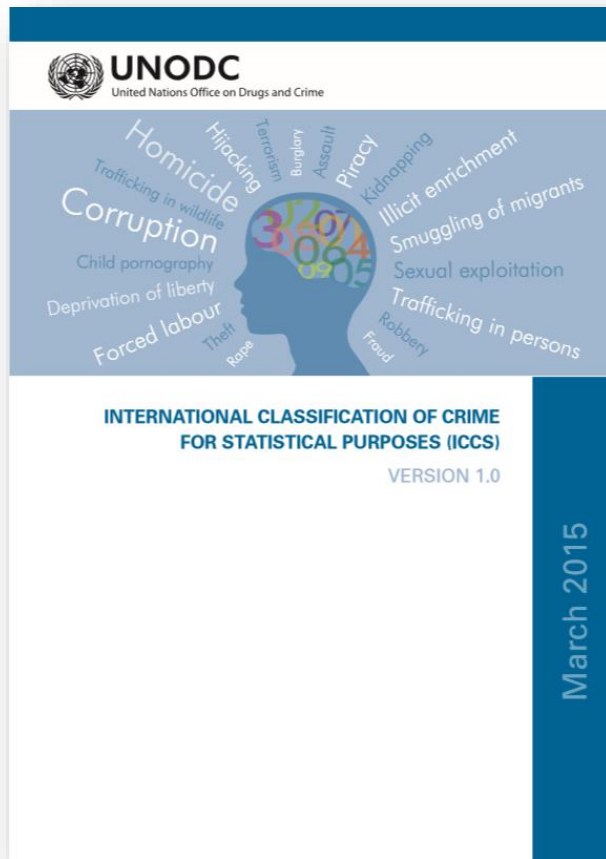
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# International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)

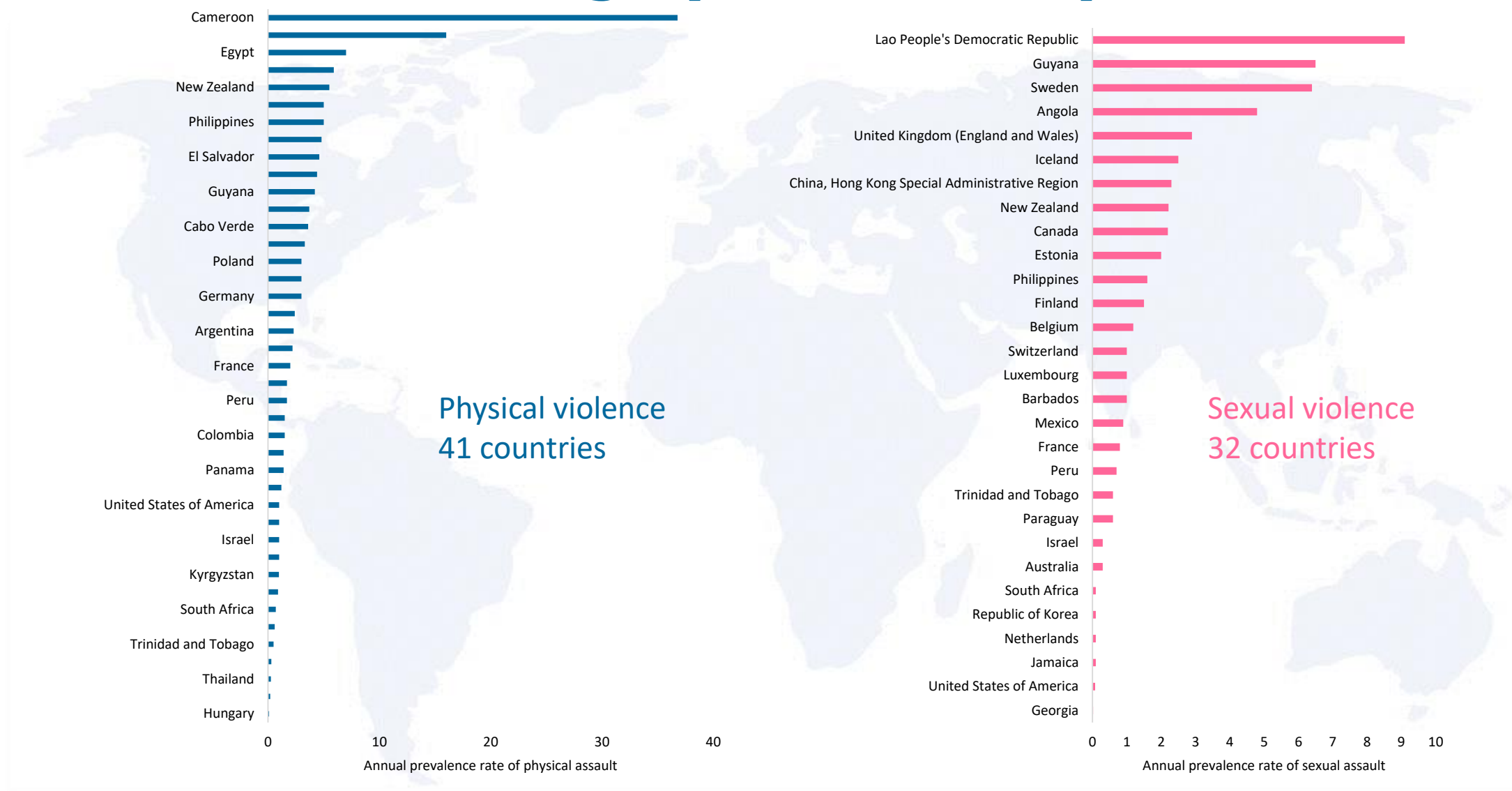


- ❖ Is a **methodological tool** that provides a comprehensive framework for producing statistics on crime and criminal justice.
- ❖ ICCS groups crimes in a systematic way to:
  - Build an **exhaustive statistical framework** covering all crimes to facilitate their analysis
  - Improve **comparability** between countries and regions
  - Improve **data consistency** among sources and through time.
- ❖ **Countries should rely on the ICCS** to identify which criminal acts can be attributed to each type of violence.

# Example of Sexual Violence in the ICCS

SECTION 03		INJURIOUS ACTS OF A SEXUAL NATURE	
<b>0301</b>	<b>Sexual Violence</b> Unwanted sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, or contact or communication with unwanted sexual attention without valid consent or with consent as a result of intimidation, force, fraud, coercion, threat, deception, use of drugs or alcohol, or abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability.	+	<b>Inclusions:</b> Apply all inclusions listed in 03011 - 03012  <b>Exclusions:</b> Acts of abuse of a position of vulnerability, power or trust, or use of force or threat of force, for profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the prostitution or sexual acts of a person (0302); coercion (0205); prostitution offences, pornography offences and other acts against public order sexual standards such as incest not amounting to rape and exhibitionism (0802); assaults and threats (0201); slavery and exploitation not amounting to injurious acts of a sexual nature (0203); TIP for sexual exploitation (02041); harassment and stalking (0208)
<b>03011</b>	<b>Rape</b> Sexual penetration without valid consent or with consent as a result of intimidation, force, fraud, coercion, threat, deception, use of drugs or alcohol, abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability, or the giving or receiving of benefits. <sup>80</sup>	+	<b>Inclusions:</b> Apply all inclusions listed in 030111 - 030119
		-	<b>Exclusions:</b> Apply all exclusions listed in 0301
<b>030111</b>	<b>Rape with force</b> Sexual penetration without valid consent inflicted upon a person with force. - Sexual penetration as defined in footnote 80.	+	<b>Inclusions:</b> Sexual penetration with physical force
		-	<b>Exclusions:</b> Statutory rape (030113); apply all exclusions listed in 03011
<b>030112</b>	<b>Rape without force</b> Sexual penetration without valid consent inflicted upon a person without force. - Sexual penetration as defined in footnote 80.	+	<b>Inclusions:</b> Deception to procure sex; drug-facilitated rape; non-consensual sexual penetration without physical force
		-	<b>Exclusions:</b> Statutory rape (030113); apply all exclusions listed in 03011
<b>030113</b>	<b>Statutory rape</b> Sexual penetration with or without consent with a person below the age of consent, or with a person incapable of consent by reason of law. - Sexual penetration as defined in footnote 80.	+	<b>Inclusions:</b> Sexual intercourse with a person below the age of consent; sexual intercourse with a person incapable of consent
		-	<b>Exclusions:</b> Apply all exclusions listed in 03011

# Current Data Coverage (2006 – 2018)

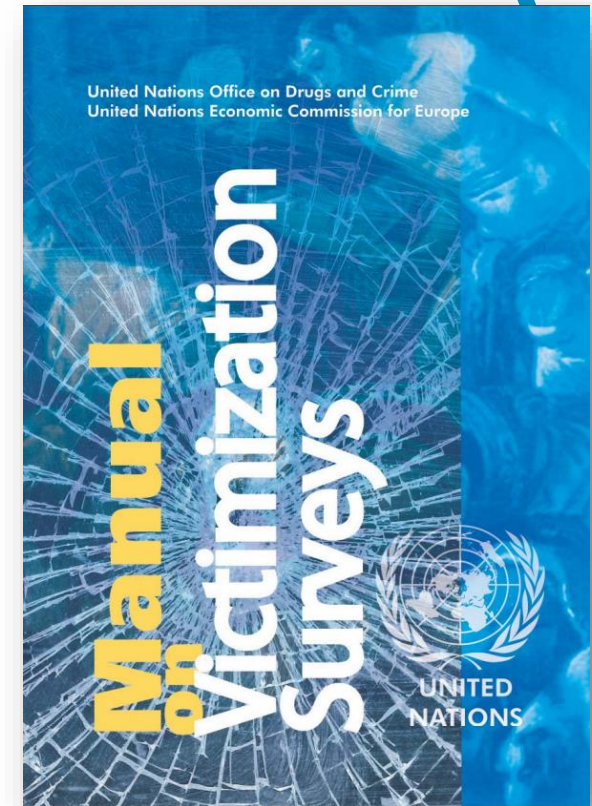


Source: United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of the Criminal Justice System (UN-CTS)  
 For more information, visit: [www.dataunodc.un.org](http://www.dataunodc.un.org)

# Increase Data Coverage






## Victimization Surveys (CVS)

- Countries should **invest** in victimization surveys
- Surveys should be **carried out on a regular basis** to monitor progress
- Victimization surveys can **produce data for other SDG indicators**:
  - 16.1.4 (perception of safety)
  - 16.3.1 (crime reporting)
  - 16.5.1 (bribery)
  - 11.7.2 (physical and sexual harassment)
- Victimization surveys are **the only way to uncover the hidden figure of crime** (not reported to the police or competent authorities)
- Victimization surveys also **enable analysis of violence** according to other socio-economic characteristics of the victims
- **Manual on Victimization Surveys** to guide countries who are embarking on such journey for the first time
- UNODC also provides **technical assistance** to implement victimization surveys





# Challenges

-  Not all experiences of violence are captured in general victimization surveys
-  Victimization surveys are restricted to adults of certain age. Children, for example, are usually excluded
-  Dedicated surveys on violence are limited to selected population groups such as women, children or elderly and they are not able to portray the level of violence in the entire population
-  Many countries do not carry out victimization surveys at all or they do so on a less regular basis
-  Difficulty in monitoring trends in certain parts of the world

# Additional references

- [UNODC and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)
- [UNODC Data Portal](#)
- The United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems ([UN-CTS](#))
- Manual for the Development of a System of Criminal Justice Statistics (UNECE, 2003)  
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- International classification of crimes for statistical purposes -ICCS (UNODC, 2015)  
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- ICCS briefing note on gender issues – [English](#)
- Manual on victimization surveys (UNODC, 2010) – [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#), [Russian](#)
- Latin America and the Caribbean Crime Victimization Survey Initiative (LACSI) – [English](#), [Spanish](#)
- UNODC-INEGI Center of Excellence's [Atlas on victimization surveys](#)
- United Nations Statistical Division [Metadata link](#) for SDG indicator 16.1.3

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