

## **The profile of the victim of rape of vulnerable children in Brazil**

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### **Resumo**

This summary presents the partial results of the research conducted on the incidence of the crime of rape of vulnerable children, based on data presented by the Brazilian Yearbook of Public Security for 2019, 2020 and 2021. The research intended to make visible the profile of the victim of rape of vulnerable in Brazil. An analysis of the results of the Yearbooks mentioned above was carried out with regard to the situations of sexual violence against children and adolescents, focusing on the incidence of the following aspects: age, sex, the relationship of the victim with the author of the violence and the location where the violence occurred. Researches point to the gravity of the physical and emotional consequences left on people who, still in the process of intense development, go through situations of sexual violence. Those findings establish the link between this submission and the theme of this conference and reiterate the importance of research on the subject of sexual abuse of children and adolescents. The reality of the underreporting of data on sexual abuse of children and adolescents is well known and may have cultural and/or structural causes, but it is still necessary to analyse the data. For this reason, the emphasis that is given to the results refers to the percentages presented in the Yearbooks and not to the absolute numbers. As a preliminary result of the research carried out, it was found that in 2019 the data indicate that 63.8% of the cases of rape in Brazil occurred against children and adolescents under the age of 14 and, in the 2020 and 2021 Yearbooks, it was found that approximately 80% of the cases were against girls under the age of 13, with the highest incidence between the ages of 10 and 13. Regarding the place where the sexual violence takes place, the younger the child, irrespective of gender, the greater the chances that the rape will be carried out within the victim's home. The 2019 yearbook indicates that rape is an intrafamily crime, being 75.9% of the perpetrators acquainted with the child, whereas the 2021 yearbook indicates that the rape occurred within the home of 70.4% of children aged 0 to 4 years, of 69.3% of children aged 5 to 9 years and of 64.9% of children aged 10 to 13 years. Based on the data from the Yearbooks studied, the numbers

presented are sufficient to demonstrate that we are facing a serious security and public health problem. Furthermore, when seeking to understand the phenomenon of sexual abuse of children and adolescents, it becomes clear that the profile of the child and adolescent remains practically stable, that is, the victims of rape of vulnerable persons in Brazil are generally girls under 13 years of age, the vast majority of them know their aggressors, and the younger the child, the greater the chance that the aggressor is within their own home.