

# Intimate partner violence during Covid-19 in Finland, preliminary findings

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# Data

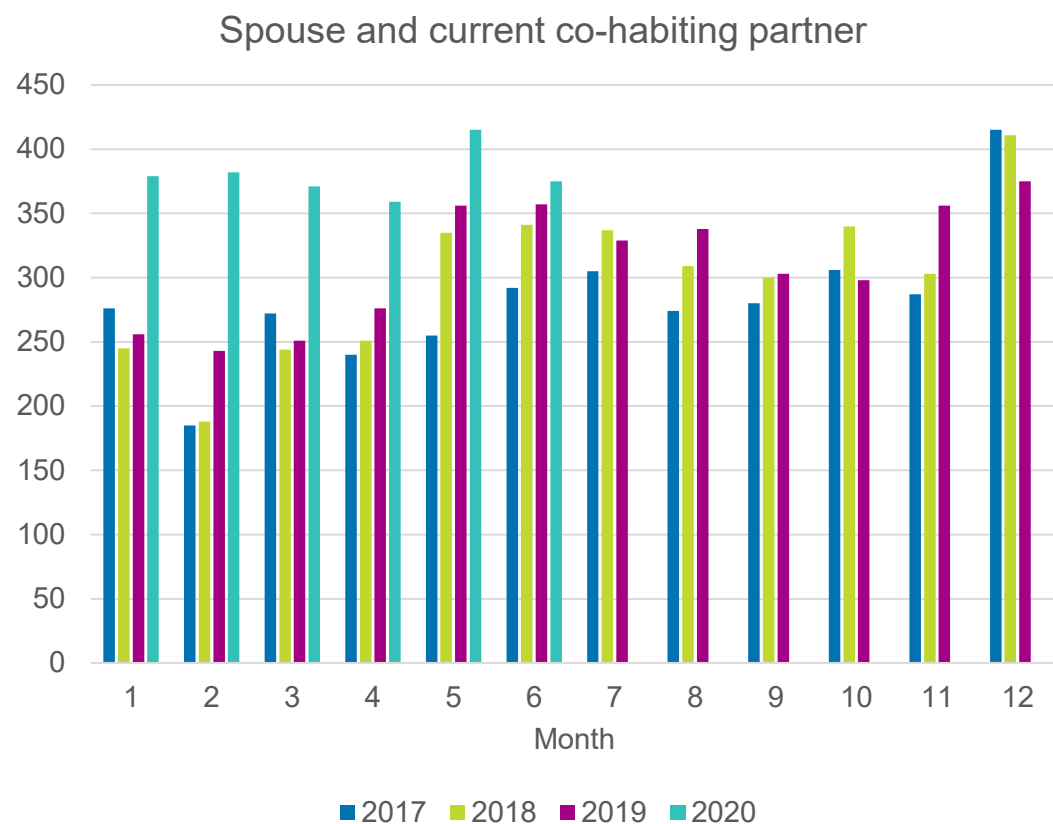
- Offences reported to the police 2017-2020 January-June preliminary data
- Police doesn't record relationship between victim and person suspected
- Police data is combined with Statistics Finland register data with marital and residential information
- IPV (Intimate partner violence): victim is married to the suspect, they are cohabiting parents, they have been married, they have cohabited together during previous year or they have a child together

# Assault offences in private residences



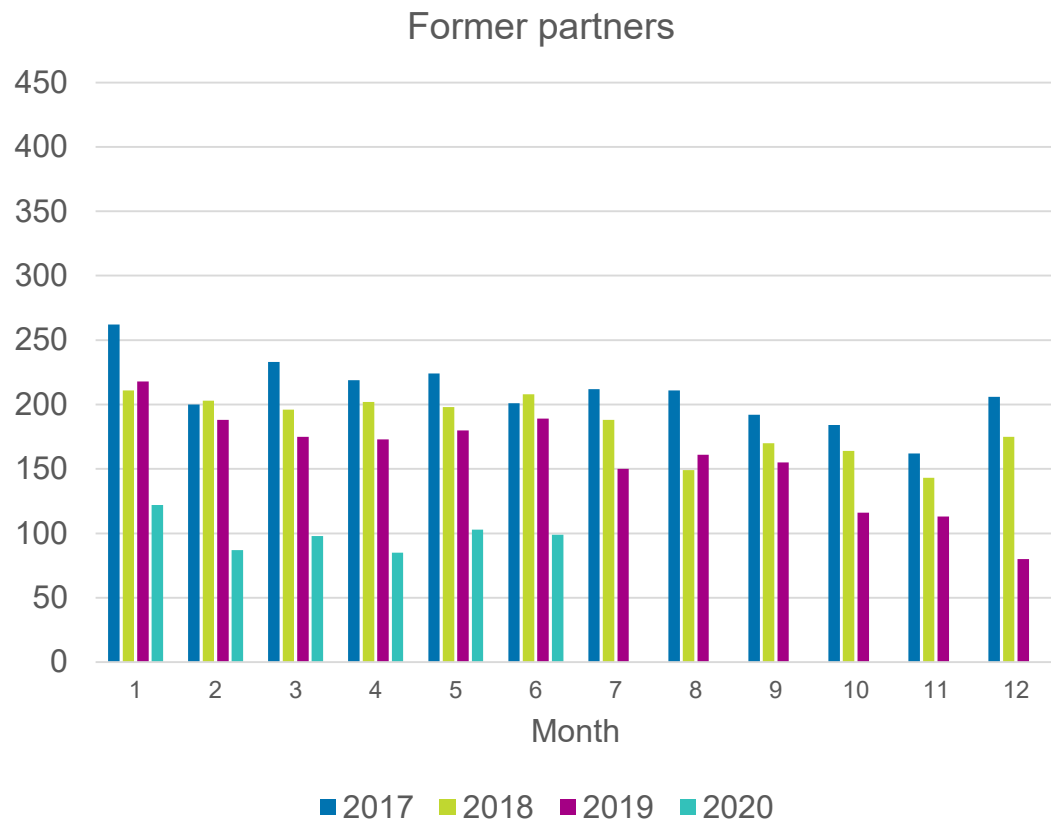
- First half of 2020 total 7,300
  - The highest since 2012
- 10 per cent increase 2020q1 compared to 2019q1
- 3 per cent decrease 2020q2 compared to 2019q2

# IPV: current partners



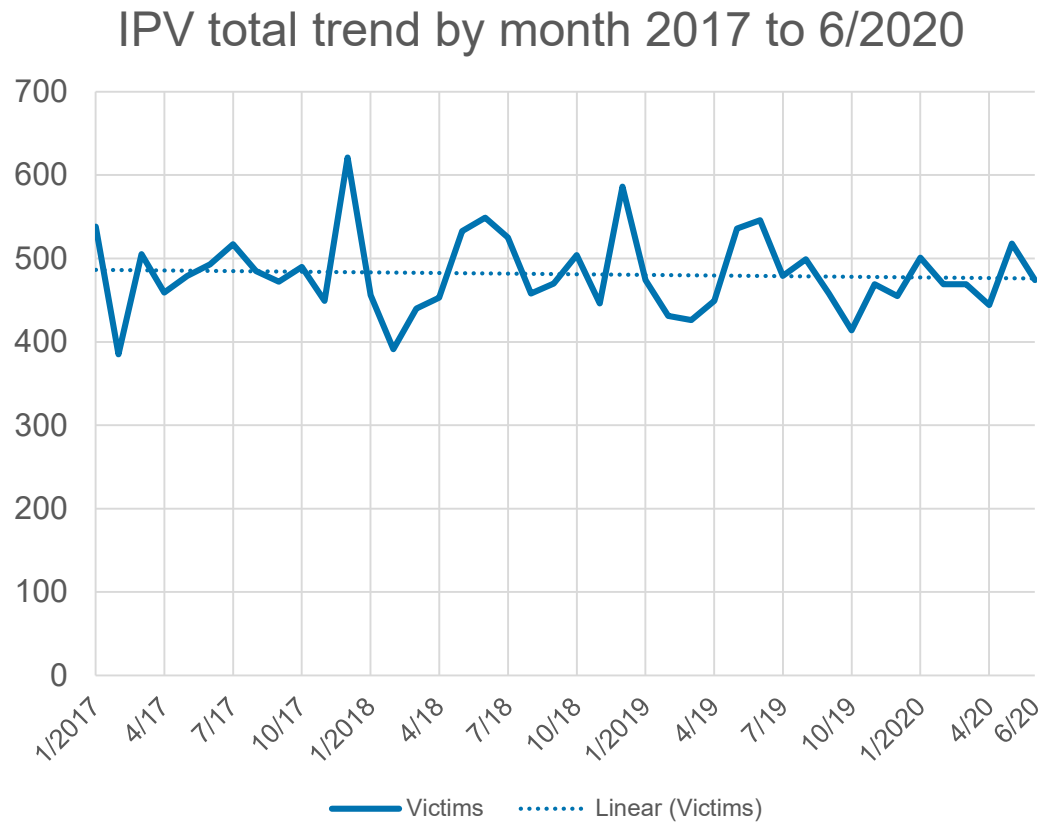
- 2020 January-June: total 2,280 reported offences
- 31 per cent increase compared to 2019
- However, the increase was 51 per cent in the first quarter and 16 per cent in second
- → higher increase before "lockdown"
- Between cohabiting partners 60 per cent increase
- Between married couples 10 per cent increase

# IPV: former partners



- 600 offences in 2020, 47 per cent less than in 2019
- Number of offences will increase when the register data for 2020 is used
- Usually the share of former partners is over 30 per cent, now it was only 20 per cent

# IPV total trend



- No trend?
- 80 % of victims are women
- Victims report to police more easily?
- The possibility that lockdown has increased IPV but less cases are reported to the police?  
→ the growth in actual IPV could be even more than reported



# Thank you!

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