

Supplementary Materials for

Child homicide perpetrators worldwide – a systematic review

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Table 1: Data information and estimates by region and country for child homicides by parents

Country	Data type	Years covered	Age group	Total homicides by parents	% mothers	% fathers	% Stepparents	% Stepmothers	% Stepfathers
High Income Countries									
Australia ²⁻⁴	National	2004-2007	<15	80	41,25	58,75	–	–	–
Canada ^{5,6}	National	1974-2005	<12	990	36,66	36,66	6,45	0,64	5,88
Chile ⁷	Local	1998-2009	Not stated	98	67,35	32,65	–	–	–
Denmark ⁸	National	2000-2005	<18	29	20,69	79,31	–	–	–
England & Wales ⁹	National	1997-2004	<18	278	36,69	63,31	–	–	–
Estonia ¹⁰	National	2001-2005	<15	1	0,00	100,00	–	–	–
Finland ¹¹	National	1996-2015	<18	97	57,73	40,21	2,06	1,03	1,03
France ¹²	Local	1991-2008	<16	52	44,44	50,00	1,85	0,00	1,85
Germany ¹³	Local	1985-1994	<17	16	68,75	25,00	6,25	–	–
Hungary ¹⁴	Local	1960-2005	<18	219	84,02	15,98	–	–	–
Iceland ¹⁵	National	1989-2016	<18	3	66,67	33,33	–	–	–
New Zealand ¹⁶	National	1990-1999	<1	21	38,10	61,90	–	–	–
Norway ¹⁷	Local	1985-2009	<18	18	27,78	72,22	–	–	–
Switzerland ¹⁸	National	2005-2014	<18	76	51,32	47,37	–	–	–
US ¹⁹	National	1976-2007	<18	12915	45,85	45,05	8,24	0,87	7,37
Asia									
China ²⁰	Local	1989-1998	<18	60	63,33	25,00	11,67	3,33	8,33
Fiji ²¹	National	1982-1994	<18	50	72,00	26,00	–	–	–
Indonesia ²²	Local	2007-2011	<18	2	100	0,00	–	–	–
Japan ²³	Local	1994-1998	<15	18	66,67	19,05	–	–	–
Korea ²⁴	National	2006-2013	<20	181	54,70	45,30	–	–	–
Malaysia ²⁵	Local	1985-1991	<18	13	30,77	69,23	–	–	–
Singapore ²⁶	National	1991-2000	<18	11	63,64	36,36	–	–	–
Taiwan ²⁷	National	2001-2010	<18	119	65,55	34,45	–	–	–
Americas									
Costa Rica ²⁸	National	2003-2011	<14	23	17,39	65,22	17,39	0,00	17,39
Trinidad Tobago ²⁹	National	2000-2005	<15	15	13,33	60,00	26,67	6,67	20,00
Low and Middle Income Europe									
Serbia ³⁰	Local	1991-2005	<15	34	75,00	25,00	6,25	3,13	3,13
Turkey ³¹	National	1995-2000	<18	93	45,83	42,71	5,21	–	–
Africa									
Guinea ³²	Local	2003-2007	<16	20	65,00	35,00	–	–	–

Senegal ³³	Local	1968-1994	Not stated	33	100,00	0,00	–	–	–
South Africa ³⁴	National	2009	<18	395	77,22	14,94	7,85	–	–
Tanzania ³⁵	Local	2005	<15	2	100,00	0,00	–	–	–
Eastern Mediterranean									
Egypt ³⁶⁻³⁸	Local	1996-2010	<18	90	14,77	48,86	38,64	14,77	23,86
Malta ³⁹	National	1998-2015	<18	1	0,00	100,00	–	–	–

Table 2: Data information and estimates by country for homicides for all children under 18, under 1, neonaticides and adolescents

Country	Data type	Years covered	Age group	N of total homicides	% by parents	% by mothers	% by fathers	% by other family members	% by acquaintances	% by stranger	% by unknown
All perpetrators											
High income countries											
Australia ²⁻⁴	National	2004-2007	<15	94	85,11	35,11	50,00	2,13	7,45	2,13	1,06
Canada ^{6,40,41}	National	2001-2005	<12	186	66,67	25,27	23,66	4,84	4,84	2,15	8,60
Denmark ⁸	National	2000-2005	<18	38	76,32	15,79	60,53	–	–	–	13,16
France ^{12,42}	Local	1990-2008	<16	151	66,23	27,81	36,42	2,65	7,28	1,32	21,85
Finland ^{11,43}	National	1970-1994, 1996-2015	<18	550	36,55	42,36	27,82	1,27	13,09	0,00	1,82
Germany ¹³	Local	1985-1994	<17	25	64,00	44,00	16,00	0,00	12,00	0,00	24,00
Hungary ¹⁴	National	1990-2015	<18	1147	59,46	–	–	9,68	16,39	6,63	9,76
Iceland ¹⁵	National	1989-2016	<18	5	60,00	40,00	20,00	0,00	0,00	40,00	0,00
Isle of Man ⁴⁴	National	2000-2015	<18	2	0,00	–	–	0,00	100,00	0,00	0,00
Japan ²³	Local	1994-1998	<15	23	91,30	60,87	17,39	0,00	0,00	8,70	0,00
Netherlands ⁴⁵	National	1998	<15	17	70,59	–	–	0,00	5,88	0,00	17,65
New Zealand ¹⁶	National	1990-1999	<14	87	73,56	–	–	–	–	–	–
Norway ¹⁷	Local	1985-2009	<18	28	64,29	17,86	46,43	7,14	14,29	21,43	0,00
Portugal ⁴⁶	Local	2004-2009	<18	17	52,94	47,06	5,88	5,88	11,76	0,00	29,41
Sweden ^{47,48}	National	1971-1980, 1990-1996, 2002-2008	<15	286	76,92	–	–	1,40	9,09	0,00	1,40
Switzerland ¹⁸	National	2005-2014	<18	104	73,08	37,50	34,62	7,69	11,54	1,92	9,62
UK ⁴⁹⁻⁵²	National	1991-2010	<16	1497	64,20	–	–	6,75	1,00	11,09	8,75
US ^{19,53,54}	National	1976-2013	<18	69386	18,62	8,54	8,39	8,04	31,27	10,06	32,01
East Asia and Pacific Region											
China ²⁰	Local	1989-1998	<18	253	23,72	15,02	5,93	5,93	35,57	35,97	1,58
Fiji ⁵⁵	National	1982-1994	<15	61	80,33	60,66	19,67	3,28	1,64	13,11	0,00
Malaysia ²⁵	Local	1985-1991	<18	30	46,67	13,33	30,00	10,00	10,00	0,00	26,67
Singapore ²⁶	National	1991-2000	<18	14	78,57	50,00	28,57	7,14	14,29	0,00	0,00
Taiwan ²⁷	National	2001-2010	<18	193	61,66	40,41	21,24	0,00	26,94	8,29	11,92
Americas											
Costa Rica ²⁸	National	2003-2011	<14	76	30,26	5,26	19,74	43,42	26,32	0,00	43,42
Indonesia ²²	Local	2007-2011	<18	8	25,00	25,00	0,00	0,00	62,50	12,50	0,00
Trinidad Tobago ²⁹	National	2000-2005	<15	45	33,33	4,44	20,00	–	–	–	31,11
Low and middle income Europe											
Estonia ¹⁰	National	2001-2005	<15	7	14,29	0,00	14,29	0,00	14,29	0,00	71,43

Serbia ³⁰	Local	1991-2005	<15	46	69,57	52,17	17,39	4,35	0,00	8,70	15,22
Turkey ⁵⁶	Local	1998-2007	<18	18	16,67	11,11	5,56	0,00	44,44	27,78	11,11
Africa											
Guinea ³²	Local	2003-2007	<16	75	26,67	17,33	9,33	–	–	–	0,00
South Africa ³⁴	National	2009	<18	1018	38,80	29,96	5,80	7,76	38,11	3,83	11,49
Tanzania ³⁵	Local	2005	<15	24	8,33	8,33	0,00	0,00	0,00	12,50	79,17
Eastern Mediterranean											
Egypt ³⁶⁻³⁸	Local	1996-2010	<18	457	10,50	2,84	9,41	1,09	64,33	0,88	8,75
Malta ⁵⁷	National	1998-2105	<18	4	25,00	0,00	25,00	50,00	75,00	0,00	0,00
Girls											
England & Wales ^{49,51}	National	1991-2010	<16	645	66,67	–	–	5,27	0,00	9,77	8,99
Finland ¹¹	National	1996-2015	<17	45	64,44	20,00	42,22	6,67	24,44	6,67	0,00
Hungary ¹⁴	National	1995-2015	<18	509	58,35	–	–	6,48	15,52	6,48	9,82
Iceland ¹⁵	National	1989-2016	<18	2	100,00	50,00	50,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Switzerland ¹⁸	National	2005-2014	<18	48	72,92	41,67	31,25	4,17	12,50	4,17	2,08
US ⁵⁴	National	1980-2013	<17	20180			36,51 ^t		28,35	6,52	28,61
Brazil ⁵⁸	Local	1997	10-19	5	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	60,00	40,00	0,00
South Africa ³⁴	National	2009	<18	363	57,58	45,45	7,44	6,34	24,24	3,58	8,82
Palestine ⁵⁹	Local	2000-2001	<19	3	0,00	0,00	0,00	33,33	0,00	0,00	66,67
Boys											
England & Wales ^{49,51}	National	1991-2010	<16	799	63,20	–	–	5,88	0,00	11,76	9,51
Finland ¹¹	National	1996-2015	<18	45	64,44	28,89	33,33	4,44	24,44	4,44	0,00
Hungary ¹⁴	National	2015	<18	638	60,34	–	–	7,21	10,82	6,74	9,72
Iceland ¹⁵	National	1989-2016	<18	3	33,33	33,33	0,00	0,00	0,00	66,67	0,00
Switzerland ¹⁸	National	2005-2014	<18	55	72,73	34,55	38,18	1,82	7,27	0,00	16,36
US ⁵⁴	National	1980-2013	<18	42471			20,92 ^t		32,18	11,71	35,19
Brazil ⁵⁸	Local	1997	10-19	52	0,00	0,00	0,00	5,77	11,54	65,38	17,31
South Africa ³⁴	National	2009	<18	651	28,26	21,35	4,92	8,76	46,08	3,99	13,06
Children under 1											
High income countries											
Australia ⁶⁰	Local	1991-2005	<1	37	72,97	–	–	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Canada ⁵	National	2001-2002	<1	25	80,77	58,34	41,67	0,00	0,00	0,00	19,23
Denmark ⁶¹	Local	1983-2007	<1	5	100,00	–	–	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
England & Wales ⁶²	National	1995-2002	<1	298	77,85	44,83	48,28	–	0,00	5,03	0,00
Finland ^{11,43}	National	1970-1994, 1996-2015	<1	65	100	78,83	19,24	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
France ¹²	Local	1991-2008	<1 month	16	50,00	75,00	25,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	50,00
New Zealand ¹⁶	National	1990-1999	<1	25	84,00	38,10	61,90	–	0,00	0,00	16,00

Scotland ⁵²	National	2000-2010	<1	27	77,78	–	–	11,11	0,00	0,00	11,11
Switzerland ¹⁸	National	2005-2014	<1	28	85,71	75,00	20,83	3,57	3,57	0,00	7,14
US ⁵³	National	1976-1994	<1	4670		72,12 ^t			13,43	12,01	13,43
US ¹⁹	National	1976-2007	<1	5194*	–	50,37	46,38	–	–	–	–
East Asia and Pacific Region											
Indonesia ²²	Local	2007-2011	<1	2	100,00	100,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Taiwan ²⁷	National	2001-2010	<1	41	92,68	76,32	23,68	0,00	0,00	0,00	7,32
Low and middle income Europe											
Serbia ⁶³	Local	1920-1980	<1	13*	–	84,62	15,38	–	–	–	–
Turkey ³¹	National	1995-2000	<1	27*	–	70,37	29,63	–	–	–	–
Africa											
South Africa ⁶⁴	National	2009	<1	337	71,81	95,87	4,13	2,97	1,19	0,00	24,04
Tanzania ³⁵	Local	2005	<1	21	9,52	100,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	90,48
Neonaticide											
Austria ⁶⁵	Local	1996-2004	<24h	5*	–	100,00	0,00	–	–	–	–
Chile ⁷	Local	1998-2009	<24h	30*	–	93,33	6,67	–	–	–	–
Denmark ⁸	National	2000-2005	<1 month	4*	–	75,00	25,00	–	–	–	–
Finland ⁶⁶	National	1970-1994	<24h	56*	–	92,86	0,00	–	–	–	–
France ^{67,68}	Local	1996-2000	<24h	32*	–	100,00	0,00	–	–	–	–
Germany ⁶⁹	National	1997-2006	<24h	150	62,00	98,92	1,08	0,00	0,00	0,00	36,00
US ⁷⁰	Local	1992-2009	<24h	55*	–	100,00	0,00	–	–	–	–
Fiji ²¹	National	1982-1994	<24h	21	100,00	100,00	0,00	–	0,00	0,00	0,00
Serbia ³⁰	Local	1991-2005	<24h	10	80,00	100,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	20,00
Romania ⁵⁷	Local	1993-2003	<24h	72	100,00	100,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Adolescents											
High income											
Denmark ⁶¹	Local	1983-2007	11-15	5	40,00	–	–	0,00	0,00	60,00	0,00
Hungary ¹⁴	National	1990-2015	14-17	216	15,74	–	–	7,87	39,35	20,83	6,94
Switzerland ¹⁸	National	2005-2014	10-17	36	55,56	19,45	36,12	0,00	16,67	0,00	16,67
US ⁵⁴	National	1981-2013	12-17	34023		8,43 ^t			36,86	14,48	40,24
East Asia and Pacific Region											
Taiwan ²⁷	National	2001-2010	13-17	48	6,25	6,25	0,00	0,00	60,42	29,17	2,08
Indonesia ²²	Local	2007-2011	15-17	2	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	100,00	0,00	0,00
Americas											
Brazil ⁵⁸	Local	1997	10-19	68	0,00	0,00	0,00	4,41	13,24	0,00	13,24
Africa											
South Africa ^{71,72}	Local	2001-2007	15-19	195	0,00	0,00	0,00	3,08	43,08	41,54	12,31

Eastern Mediterranean											
Palestine ⁵⁹	Local	2000-2001	15-19	3	0,00	0,00	0,00	33,33	0,00	0,00	66,67
Malta ³⁹	National	1998-2015	15-17	3	33,33	0,00	33,33	0,00	66,67	0,00	0,00

* Total is for parental homicides only

† refers to homicides by a family member only and therefore not included into the calculation

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