



Shelters for victims of domestic violence 2021

Numbers of customers declined at shelters for victims of domestic violence in past two years

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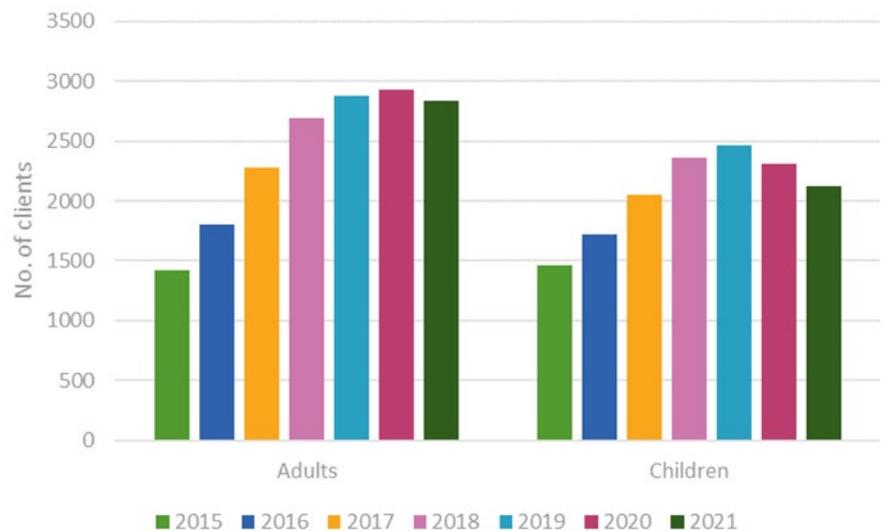
- The number of clients in the shelters for victims of domestic violence dropped by 5 % (with 281 clients) in 2021.
- The overall trend is attributable to declines in both underage and adult clients. The number of underage clients in the shelters went down by 191, and for adults the decline was 91.
- Number of days spent in the shelters altogether during the year was 84 462. On average one client spent 17 days in a shelter.
- Of customers aged 15 and older, 44 percent came to a shelter at their own initiative. Of the customers, 28 percent had been directed to a shelter through social services.

A total of 4 964 clients used the services of shelters for victims of domestic violence in 2021. Of these, 57 per cent were adults and 43 per cent were children. Of the adults, 91 per cent were female and 9 per cent were male.

In 2021 the number of clients declined by five percent compared with 2020. The number of both adult clients and underage clients declined. Before the coronavirus epidemic, the number of clients had grown each year from 2015, but the epidemic put a stop to this trend and the numbers now went down for a second year running.

In 2021, there were in total 29 shelters for victims of domestic violence in Finland. The shelters could accommodate 211 families or clients that come alone. Shelter services are state-funded special services defined in legislation for people who have experienced acts or threatened acts of domestic violence.

Figure 1. Number of clients in shelters for victims of domestic violence 2015–2021.



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Appendix table 1. Days spent in the shelter and number of family places 2018-2021

Shelter	2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Days spent in the shelter	Familyplaces						
Eksoten turvakoti, Imatra	941	4	918	4	1038	4	494	4
Essoten turvakoti, Mikkeli	1 743	7	1 637	7	1 077	7	1 536	7
Etelä-Pohjanmaan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	1 389	7	1 651	7	2 462	7	2 451	7
Kainuu / Oulun ensi- ja turvakodin etäyksikkö	315	1	285	1	207	1	282	1
Kanta-Hämeen perhetyö ry	1 876	7	3 751	7	2 388	7	3 384	7
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Jyväskylä	3 430	5	3 448	7	3 898	7	4 023	7
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Äänekoski			1 222	7	2540	7	1602	7
Kokkolan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	2 260	5	1 823	5	936	5	1 465	5
Kymsoten turvakoti, Kotka	923	3	1 253	7	2862	7	1949	7
Kuopion kaupungin turvakoti	3 136	5	3 475	5	2 240	5	3 130	5
Lahden ensi- ja turvakoti ry	2 386	5	2 240	5	2 130	5	2 025	5
Lapin ensi- ja turvakoti ry	1 610	7	1 707	7	1 873	7	1 993	7
Oulun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	5 654	8	4 973	8	4 299	10	4 278	10
Paasikiven Nuorisokylän säätiö, Kerava					2 375	7	2 472	7
Perhekuntoutus- ja turvakoti Villa Familia, Raasepori	1 825	4	1 924	4	1 750	4	1 288	4
Porin turvakoti Esikko	2 298	7	2 513	7	2 831	7	1 911	7
Porvoon kaupungin turvakoti	3 474	9	3 251	9	2 906	9	3 907	9
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Pellas	3 229	7	4 262	7	4 290	7	4 011	7
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Haaga	6 908	11	7 106	11	6 665	11	5 737	11
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Toukola	4 067	7	4 786	7	3 354	7	2 849	7
Raahen ensi- ja turvakoti ry	699	5	971	5	1065	5	846	5
Siun soten turvakoti, Joensuu	2 122	7	2 491	7	2 189	7	1 718	7
Sophie Mannerheimin turvakoti, Helsinki	4 842	7	4 698	7	3 586	7	3 371	7
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Hämeenkatu	4 239	9	5 120	9	4 099	9	4 572	9
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Mutkakatu	5 597	8	4 665	8	4 446	8	4 220	8
Turun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	4 308	10	4 853	10	6 093	10	4 670	10
Turvakoti Mona, pääkaupunkiseutu	5 442	10	9 175	14	7 892	14	7 040	14
Vaasan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	1 602	6	1 980	6	1 165	6	905	6
Vantaan turvakoti ry	5 781	8	6 230	14	6 490	14	6 333	14
Total	82 096	179	92 408	202	89 146	211	84 462	211

Appendix table 2. Clients in shelter 2017-2021

Shelter	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Eksoten turvakoti, Imatra	61	78	93	84	58
Essoten turvakoti, Mikkeli	197	130	101	123	101
Etelä-Pohjanmaan ensi- ja turvakoti ry		130	185	189	141
Kainuu / Oulun ensi- ja turvakodin etäyksikkö	18	26	35	26	23
Kanta-Hämeen perhetyö ry		106	198	189	175
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Jyväskylä	195	187	199	192	200
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Äänekoski			78	128	132
Kokkolan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	135	161	130	85	131
Kymsoten turvakoti, Kotka	120	87	121	142	110
Kuopion kaupungin turvakoti	214	169	201	144	165
Lahden ensi- ja turvakoti ry	228	238	209	170	120
Lapin ensi- ja turvakoti ry	173	120	118	107	123
Oulun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	365	388	336	296	281
Paasikiven Nuorisokylän säätiö, Kerava				183	195
Perhekuntoutus- ja turvakoti Villa Familia, Raasepori	99	100	110	110	84
Porin turvakoti Esikko	183	199	191	179	175
Porvoon kaupungin turvakoti	202	218	192	139	143
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Haaga	374	376	336	275	279
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Pellas		153	190	172	199
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Toukola	86	184	171	206	157
Raahen ensi- ja turvakoti ry	72	82	65	99	86
Siun soten turvakoti, Joensuu	162	174	165	128	126
Sophie Mannerheimin turvakoti, Helsinki	161	235	262	200	188
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Hämeenkatu		277	302	230	240
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Mutkakatu	288	297	230	252	260
Turun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	263	318	334	344	256
Turvakoti Mona, pääkaupunkiseutu	264	235	343	335	266
Vaasan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	197	148	178	124	78
Vantaan turvakoti ry	264	247	281	393	471
Total	4 321	5 063	5 354	5 244	4 963

Appendix table 3. Clients referred to another shelter due to lack of space 2017-2021

Shelter	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Eksoten turvakoti, Imatra	0	2	1	4	0
Essoten turvakoti, Mikkeli	0	0	0	0	0
Etelä-Pohjanmaan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	-	0	0	1	13
Kainuu / Oulun ensi- ja turvakodin etäyksikkö	-	9	20	8	23
Kanta-Hämeen perhetyö ry	-	22	59	7	44
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Jyväskylä	193	140	88	59	30
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Äänekoski	-	-	0	14	4
Kokkolan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	0	10	4	4	3
Kymsoten turvakoti, Kotka	0	0	0	2	0
Kuopion kaupungin turvakoti	8	64	131	42	84
Lahden ensi- ja turvakoti ry	124	98	58	55	12
Lapin ensi- ja turvakoti ry	0	0	0	0	0
Oulun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	29	74	126	65	36
Paasikiven Nuorisokylän säätiö, Kerava				9	11
Perhekuntoutus- ja turvakoti Villa Familia, Raasepori	53	51	44	25	24
Porin turvakoti Esikko	0	0	19	0	4
Porvoon kaupungin turvakoti	25	8	9	12	0
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Pellas	-	149	236	93	115
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Haaga	326	285	247	55	5
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Toukola	116	198	167	40	17
Raahen ensi- ja turvakoti ry	1	0	0	0	1
Siun soten turvakoti, Joensuu	0	8	15	6	1
Sophie Mannerheimin turvakoti, Helsinki	72	180	150	47	66
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Hämeenkatu	-	30	107	37	76
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Mutkakatu	245	125	227	88	199
Turun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	33	19	40	51	28
Turvakoti Mona, pääkaupunkiseutu	134	157	127	64	100
Vaasan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	0	0	2	5	0
Vantaan turvakoti ry	355	257	194	17	2
Total	1 723	1 905	2 071	810	898

Appendix table 4. Available family places, no. Of days when the shelter is full and occupancy rate 2021

Shelter	Available family places	No. of Days when the shelter is full	Occupancy rate
Eksoten turvakoti, Imatra	3,3	2	19 %
Essoten turvakoti, Mikkeli	4,6	3	35 %
Etelä-Pohjanmaan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	3,4	26	51 %
Kainuu / Oulun ensi- ja turvakodin etäyksikkö	0,5	165	45 %
Kanta-Hämeen perhetyö ry	2,3	71	67 %
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Jyväskylä	1,6	103	77 %
Keski-Suomen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Äänekoski	4	15	39 %
Kokkolan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	2,6	13	48 %
Kymsoten turvakoti, Kotka	2,4	26	66 %
Kuopion kaupungin turvakoti	0,9	172	83 %
Lahden ensi- ja turvakoti ry	1,9	44	60 %
Lapin ensi- ja turvakoti ry	3,9	16	45 %
Oulun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	2,5	78	75 %
Paasikiven Nuorisokylän säätiö, Kerava	2,4	40	66 %
Perhekuntoutus- ja turvakoti Villa Familia, Raasepori	1,9	67	53 %
Porin turvakoti Esikko	2,9	21	59 %
Porvoon kaupungin turvakoti	5,5	8	39 %
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Pellas	1,3	109	82 %
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Haaga	2,8	62	75 %
Pääkaupungin turvakoti ry, Toukola	1,6	71	77 %
Raahen ensi- ja turvakoti ry	3,2	18	35 %
Siun soten turvakoti, Joensuu	3,3	33	53 %
Sophie Mannerheimin turvakoti, Helsinki	1,3	110	81 %
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Hämeenkatu	1,2	167	87 %
Tampereen ensi- ja turvakoti ry, Mutkakatu	1	192	88 %
Turun ensi- ja turvakoti ry	2,9	51	71 %
Turvakoti Mona, pääkaupunkiseutu	2,5	72	82 %
Vaasan ensi- ja turvakoti ry	4,8	0	20 %
Vantaan turvakoti ry	5,8	18	58 %
All shelters, average	2,7		60 %

	Women		Men		Gender other		Gender not known		Children		Girls		Boys		Child, gender other		Child, gender not known		Total	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
Somali	19	9	-	2															19	11
Arabian	154	148	40	11															194	159
Kurdish	27	27	2	1			1												30	25
Thai	66	36	4	-															70	36
Other	319	308	64	32															383	340
How many adults arrived in the shelter alone?	958	1 038	115	128		2	2	-											1075	1168

Underage children accompanying the client in the shelter

0-3 years											373	344	435	357			1	1	809	702
4-6 years											243	233	229	232					472	465
7-10 years											246	227	249	206					495	433
11-14 years											163	161	164	133					327	294
15-17 years											63	74	60	58				1	123	133
Total																			2226	2027

Underage children not accompanying the client in the shelter

0-3 years											144	130	122	102			12	17	278	249
4-6 years											78	73	79	94	1		5	7	163	174
7-10 years											102	114	91	99			4	4	197	217
11-14 years											120	104	78	88			4	11	203	204
15-17 years											65	75	52	65			2	4	110	144
Total																			960	988

Under aged clients that have come alone to the shelter

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What kind of violence has the client experienced?

Physical violence	1 832	1 778	155	140		2					128	99	158	116			1		2269	2136
Psychological violence	2 348	2 302	182	186		1	1	-			241	209	252	205					3024	2904
Sexual violence	518	491	14	8		2					13	10	1	5					546	517
Threat of violence	1 926	1 927	166	165		1	1	-			182	206	180	175					2455	2475
Economic abuse	913	872	72	54		1					23	17	11	13			1		1019	958
Negligence*	254	320	13	14							58	79	48	72					373	485
Cultural or religious violence	392	357	24	30							23	24	19	16			1		458	428
Persecution	647	574	36	47							25	34	36	43					744	698
Exposed to violence	811	650	73	40							480	434	433	409			15	3	1777	1551
Chemical violence*	43	79	3	-							5	-	4	3					55	82
Honour-based violence*	192	142	10	8							5	7	4	4			1		211	162
Other form of violence	252	174	13	8							2	10	10	9					277	201
No data	32	32	3	2							52	73	62	67			1		149	175

How long has the violence continued?

less than one month	135	153	21	23															156	176
1-12 months	579	593	59	74		2													638	669
1-2 years	373	380	42	28															415	408
2-5 years	511	437	44	51															555	488
more than 5 years	691	678	64	56		2	1	-											756	736
No data	487	449	90	71				1											577	521
Missing data																			30	10

Who has/have been violent towards the client?

Spouse or cohabiting partner	1 689	1 607	129	129		2					3	2	1	1					1822	1740
Former spouse or cohabiting partner	443	451	12	12							1	2	1	2					457	467
Dating partner	186	181	9	3								1	2	2					195	187
Former dating partner	96	121	4	2		1					3	5		2					103	131
Parent (mother, father, step-mother, step-father)	129	112	34	27		1	1	-			951	881	984	873			1		2099	1895
Child or step-child	68	58	15	13							-	3	2	6					85	80
Other family member or relative	132	145	16	26							56	44	40	36					244	251
Other (e.g. In situations comparable to domestic violence)	68	92	22	27							9	28	7	30					106	177
Perpetrator is someone else than aforementioned*	62	53	11	9							6	11	8	7						80
No data	20	13	3	2							7	18	9	11					39	44

Women		Men		Gender other		Gender not known		Children		Girls		Boys		Child, gender other		Child, gender not known		Total	
2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021

Gender of the perpetrator.																					
Female	118	143	161	162								55	48	37	60			1		371	413
Male	2 715	2 575	79	71		3	1	-				977	921	1 015	904			29		4 787	4 474
No data	51	27	9	12								8	14	12	9					80	63

Are the client and the perpetrator living together?																					
Yes	1 667	1 528	154	143		3														1 821	1 674
No	822	928	65	80			1	-												888	1 008
No data	205	140	23	14																228	154

On whose initiative did the client seek shelter services?																					
Own initiative	1 172	1 173	114	126		3	1	-												1 287	1 302
Parent	45	64	37	22																82	86
Other relative or friend	148	129	13	14																161	143
Social welfare	744	775	81	74																825	849
Health care	112	121	8	13																120	134
Police	160	155	12	10																172	165
Emergency response centre	5	5	-	-																5	5
Helpline	30	15	1	2																31	17
Organizer of teaching and education*	15	17		2																15	19
Other	159	119	9	14																168	133
No data	178	114	30	17																208	132
Missing data																				7	3

Earlier stays in shelters.																					
First time in a shelter	1 469	1 402	196	177		3	1	-												1 666	1 582
1 previous stay	554	519	48	53			1													602	573
2 previous stays	187	174	10	16																197	190
3 or more previous stays	298	343	9	17																307	360
No data	258	238	44	26																302	265

Has a police report been made on the violence experienced by the client?																					
Yes	803	742	51	40			1													854	783
No	1 599	1 599	157	165			2													1 756	1 766
No data	272	255	24	22																297	277
Missing data																				22	12

Reports on the child's situation																							
No need												80	135	115	117						195	252	
Contact in accordance with the Social Welfare Act														111	110							221	
Child welfare notification												856	690	876	687	1					1 733	1 377	
Police report*												52	48	54	44					10	2	116	94
Preliminary child welfare notification*												3								16	11	19	11
Notification of need of social services*												13	96	11	88						24	184	
Contact to the social service authorities*												115	111	126	110						241	221	
No data												16	14	11	11						27	25	

How long did the client stay in the shelter? The question applies to clients who have left the shelter.																						
1-3 days	711	700	85	75																	796	776
4-6 days	402	399	34	56			1														436	456
7-13 days	544	496	58	47																	602	543
14-30 days	581	530	69	54																	650	586
31-60 days	376	388	43	43																	419	431
more than 60 days	89	79	8	5																	97	84
Missing data																					66	112

Client's residence after leaving the shelter.																						
The same residence as before	1 020	1 043	79	94																	1 100	1 137
New residence	640	573	48	51																	688	624
Friends' or relatives' residence	246	250	24	17			2														270	269
Another shelter	92	98	4	6																	96	104
Other residential arrangement within social welfare	153	148	26	11																	179	159

	Women		Men		Gender other		Gender not known		Children		Girls		Boys		Child, gender other		Child, gender not known		Total		
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	
Other	83	47	5	5																88	52
No data	461	442	56	56		1														517	499

Are the client and the perpetrator living together after the client's stay in the shelter?

Yes	525	534	44	58																	569	592
No	1 648	1 573	137	129		1	1														1786	1703
No data	522	488	61	53		2															583	543

* There are changes in the question or the answering options. Numbers aren't fully comparable with previous years. Changes made are explained in the quality description of the statistical report (in Finnish).