



Ending domestic abuse

Every quarter SafeLives collects data from Maracs across the UK. This data is published annually at Police Force level, with the latest annual release available on [our website](#). Key national figures are also reported quarterly on the [SafeLives website](#), and every quarter Maracs can access more detailed data for their own Marac, Police Force, region and Most Similar Force group.

To help spread the word about what information is available, each quarter we will be producing a short brief focusing on one area of the data we collect.

Marac data Q3 2019: Children in the household

What we collect: Maracs provide us with a figure for the total number of children associated with all cases discussed at each meeting. This means we have information about the number of children linked to discussions at Marac, but do not know how many clients have children.

What the data tells us:

- In October 2018 to September 2019 there was a total of 127,513 children associated with the 100,956 cases discussed at Maracs.
- Although it is not possible to know how many children are associated with repeat cases (and therefore counted twice), removing the adult repeat rate (31%) allows us to estimate that there were more than 85,000 individual children associated with Marac cases over the year.
- The ratio of children to cases is 13 children to every 10 cases. While we cannot know how this breaks down into the number of cases with children or number of children per client, it is in line with our [Insights Idva dataset](#), in which 66% of clients had children, with an average of 2 children each.
- The ratio of children to cases varied across Maracs, with only 6 children to every 10 cases at the lowest end, and 23 children to every 10 cases at the highest end.

Trends in the data: The rate of children to cases has remained very consistent as the number of cases has increased over the years, with a national rate of 13 children to every 10 cases in each of the last four years.

Contact Marac@SafeLives.org.uk if you are a Marac Chair or Coordinator and would like help accessing your data.