

## Index on Torture - 93.77

### Facts and Assessments. 2019 - 2020



Population - 2 962 500  
**Prison population (convicted)** - 1204  
 under investigation - 1017  
**Detained** - no data  
 Law enforcement budget 75 057 935 37 000 AMD

#### Judgments documenting the problem of torture

Judgments and decisions of international bodies documenting the problem of torture and ill-treatment	-
Judgments of Armenian courts	4
Judgments excluding evidence obtained under torture	No data

#### Criminalization of torture and ill-treatment

Explicit prohibition of torture in criminal law	Yes
Criminalization of acts falling within the definition of torture	<b>Articles 309 and 341 of the Criminal Code</b>
Criminalization of torture as prescribed by international treaties	Yes. Article <b>309.1.</b> of the Criminal Code

#### Government body investigating allegations of torture and ill-treatment

There is a body authorized to investigate torture	Yes
Number of investigators	No data (available upon request)
Investigator workload	No data
Investigating body's jurisdiction	Not only torture cases. The proportion of torture cases is unknown
Institutional independence of the investigating body	Partial. Investigators rely on resources provided by other law enforcement agencies
Geographic coverage	Created only at the national level
Budget	Covers essential costs
Number of complaints of torture and ill-treatment	No data (available upon request)
Number of criminal cases initiated	99

#### Ratification of relevant international treaties

Relevant conventions	Yes
Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2002)	Yes
Istanbul Protocol	Partially implemented in national legislation

#### Procedural guarantees (norms)

Documenting the actual detention start time	Yes. In practice, the time of drawing up a detention record, rather than the actual detention start time, gets documented
Lawyer notification at the actual detention start time	Yes, a detainee can request a lawyer's presence before the detention protocol is formalised. But this requirement is not always observed in practice.
Family notification	Yes, before the detention protocol is formalised. But this requirement is not always observed in practice.
Medical examination	No

#### Preventive mechanisms

Independent external review mechanism	Yes
Video surveillance	Yes, but not everywhere
Access to, and safekeeping of video evidence	Unsatisfactory

