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The European Statistical Office (Eurostat) collects statistics on crime in the Member States annually on voluntary basis, focusing on criminal offences as set out in the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS)¹. Data on police-recorded offences are disseminated in the Eurostat database². However, separate data on the number of criminal offences or number of victims of knife attacks are not available. More information on the annual crime data collection is available on the Eurostat website³.

Insights can be drawn from the EU Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT), issued annually by the EU Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol). The TE-SAT provides a situational overview of terrorist-related incidents, including the number of terrorist attacks, arrests, convictions, and penalties for terrorist offences, as reported by Member States to Europol.

While the TE-SAT may include references to stabbing as a modus operandi in terrorist attacks when such information is reported by Member States, its scope is strictly limited to terrorism-related incidents. Therefore, it does not cover all knife attacks against individuals. The TE-SAT reports are publicly accessible via Europol's website for further consultation⁴.

¹ <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/statistics/iccs.html>

² https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/crim_off_cat/default/table?lang=en&category=crim.crim_off

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/crime/overview>

⁴ <https://www.europol.europa.eu/publications-events/main-reports/eu-terrorism-situation-and-trend-report>