



BELIZE CRIME OBSERVATORY

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STATISTICAL REPORT

2025

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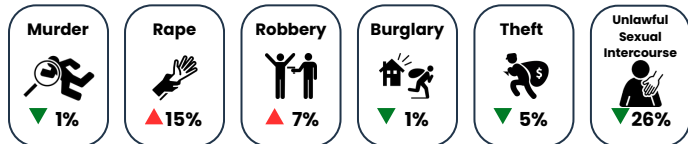
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Crime at a glance

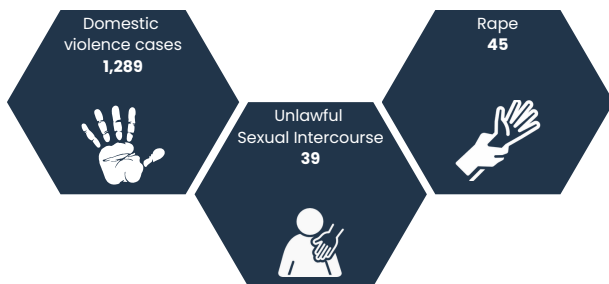
MAJOR CRIMES

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- During 2025, majority of the categories of major crimes recorded a decrease except for Robbery and Rape.



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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ROAD TRAFFIC FATALITIES

- In 2025, there were 88 fatal road traffic accidents.
- During 2025, the vehicle type that recorded the largest count of vehicles involved in fatal road traffic accidents were motorcycles accounting to 38%.

DROWNINGS

- In 2025, there were 38 drowning incidents recorded. This represents an increase of 73% compared to the previous year.

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MURDERS/MURDERS IN BELIZE CITY

- The murder rate for 2025 is 21.8 victims per 100,000 population. During 2025, there were 91 murders recorded by the Belize Police Department. Murders decreased by 1% when compared to 2024.
- During 2025, Belize City's murder rate reported an increase when compared to 2024. This is 20.9 murder victims per 100,000 population higher than 2024.



MISSING PERSONS

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- In 2025, 5 in 10 missing persons were females. While the number of female missing persons decreased, male missing persons increased.

INCARCERATION

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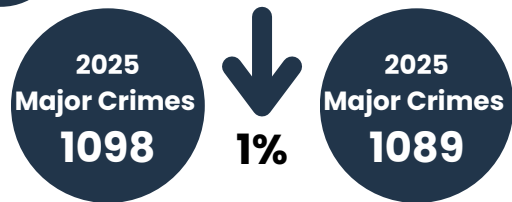
SUICIDES

- In 2025, there were 34 suicides recorded. This represents an increase of 26% compared to the previous year.
- The number of suicides increased for both males and females in 2025; however, the male victims of suicide were 9 percentage points less when compared to 2024.

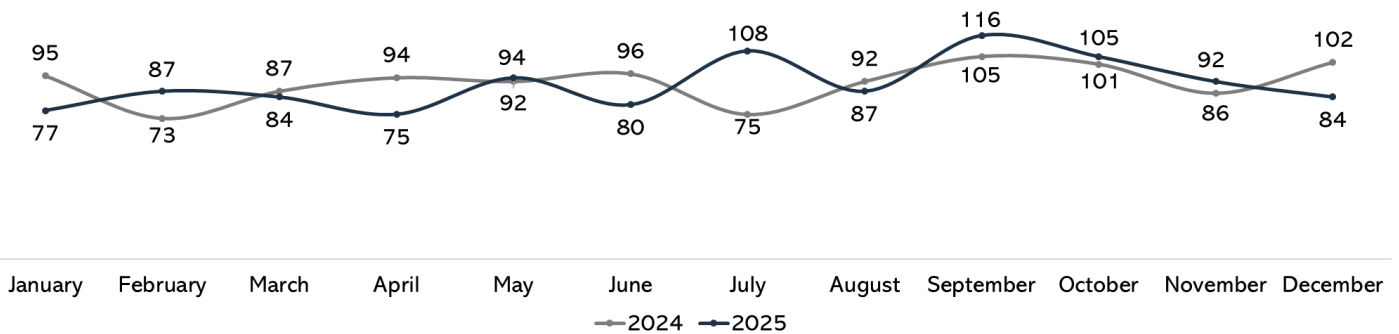


Major Crimes

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Total number of major crimes by month (2024 vs. 2025)



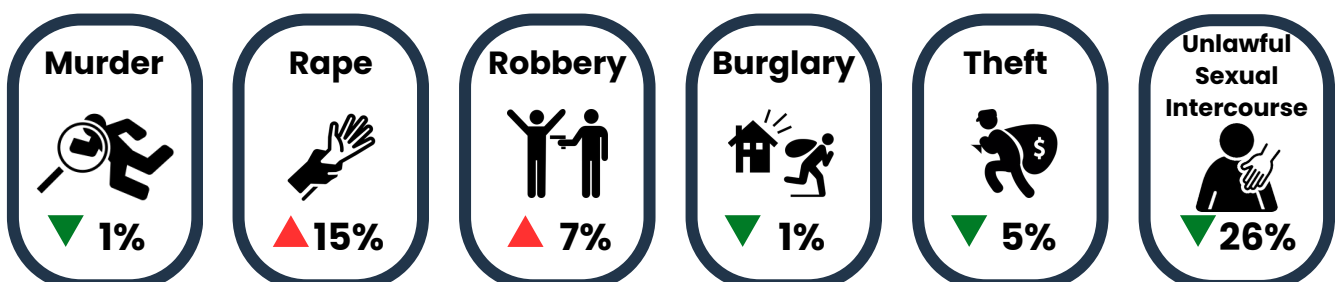
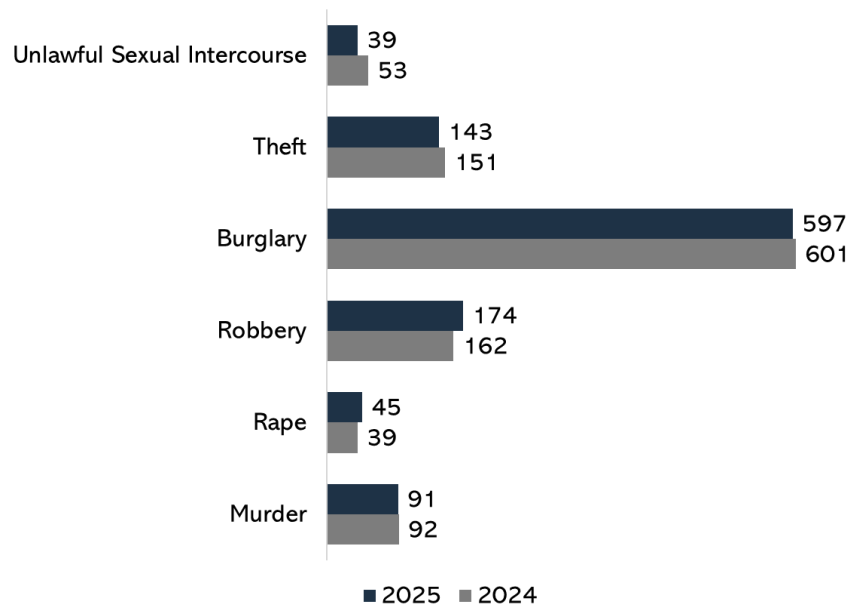
Major Crimes fluctuated throughout the entire year. The greatest decrease in major crimes for 2025 was recorded in April, with a decrease of 20% (19 less reports). Meanwhile, July recorded the largest increase, with 44% (33 more reports)

Total number of major crimes by category

During 2025, majority of the categories of major crimes recorded a decrease except for Robbery and Rape.

Robbery and Rape increased by 7% (12) and 15% (6), respectively, compared to 2024.

Burglary accounted for 55% of the major crimes. There was a decrease of 1% in burglary reports. This is 4 fewer Burglary records compared to 2024.



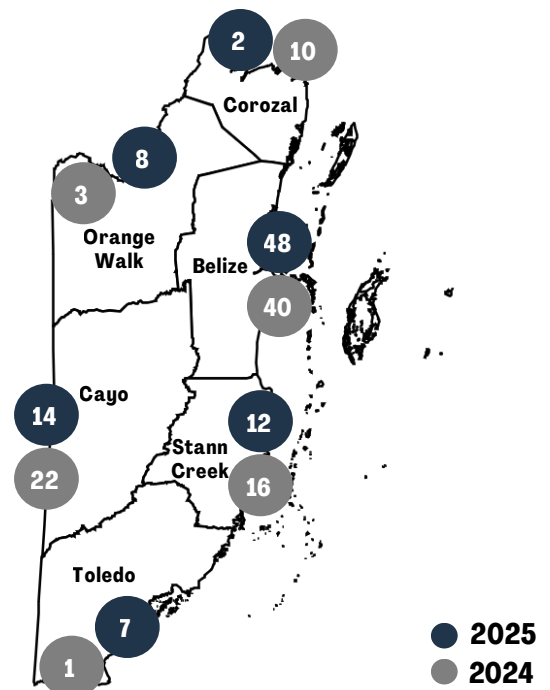
Murders

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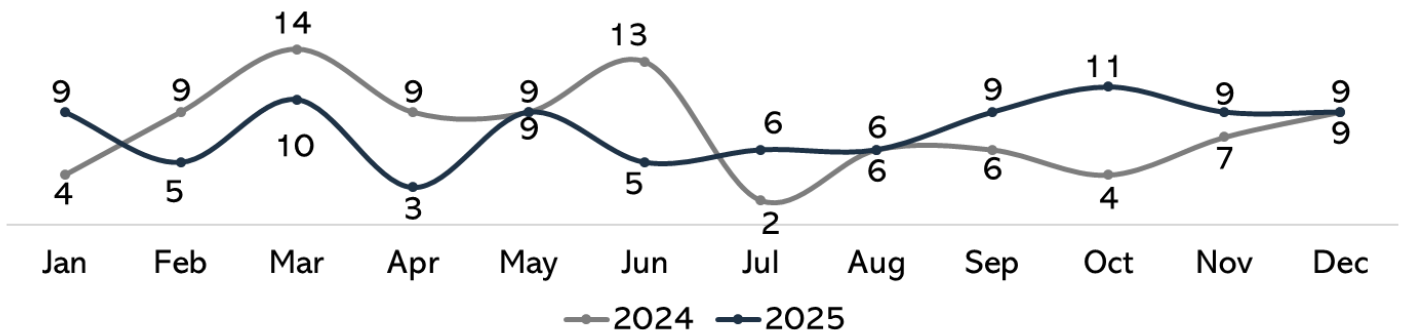
In 2025, the Belize District accounted for 53% of the murder incidents recorded; the Cayo District accounted for 15%; the Stann Creek District accounted for 13%; the Orange Walk District accounted for 9%; the Toledo District accounted for 8% of the murder incidents; and the the Corozal accounted for 2% .

There was a drastic increase in the Toledo and Orange Walk Districts, of 600% and 167%, respectively, when compared to 2024. Note that a State of Emergency took effect on May 6, 2025, in parts of the Belize and Cayo Districts. This SOE ran for a period of 30 days, concluding in June 6, 2025. This policy decision could be the leading factor that contributed to the shift in Murders during that period.

Murder incidents by district

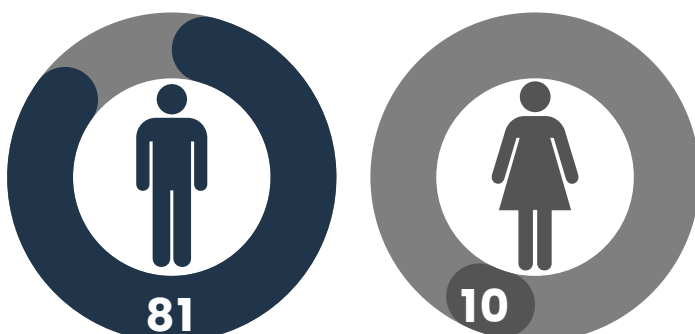


Total number of murders by month (2024 vs. 2025)



The month with the greatest number of murder victims reported from January to December 2025 was October, with 11 murders. October also accounted for a large increase of 175% (7). However, July reported the largest increase in murders for 2025, with a 200% (4) increase.

Murder victims by sex

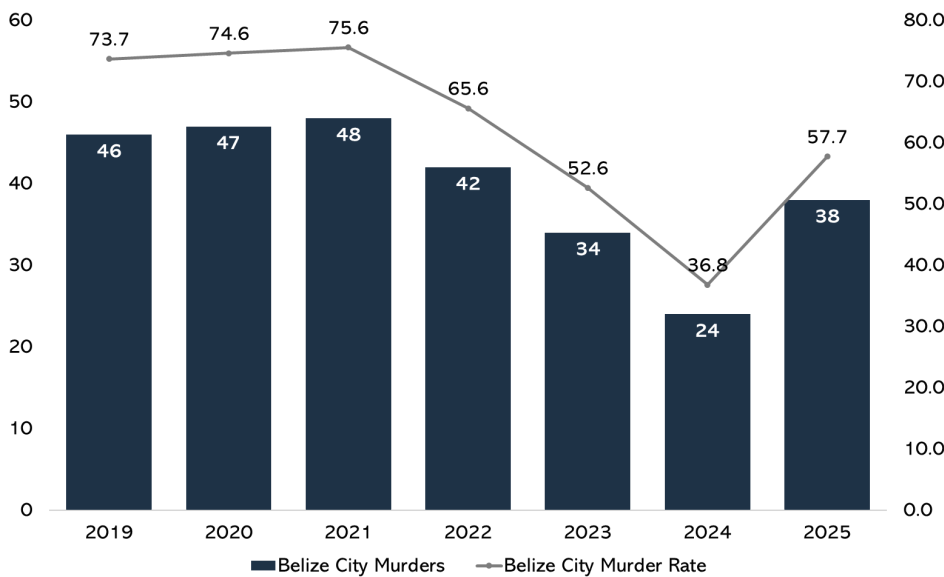


During 2025, there were 81 male victims and 10 female victims of murder.



Murders in Belize City

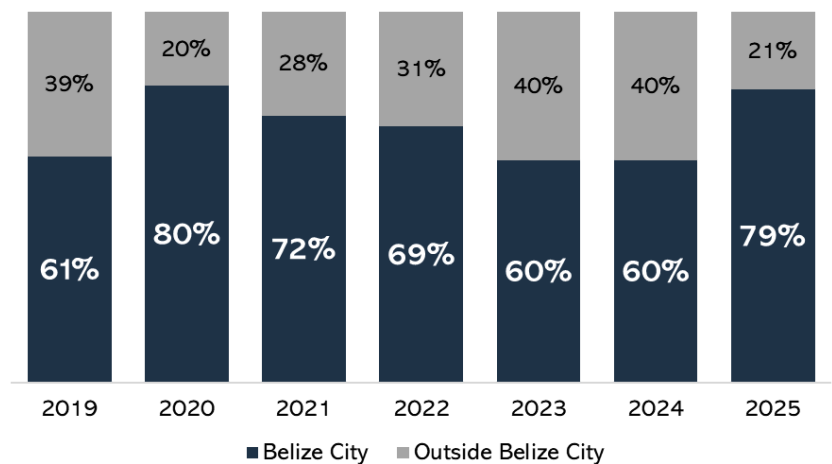
Murder rate in Belize City (2019–2025)



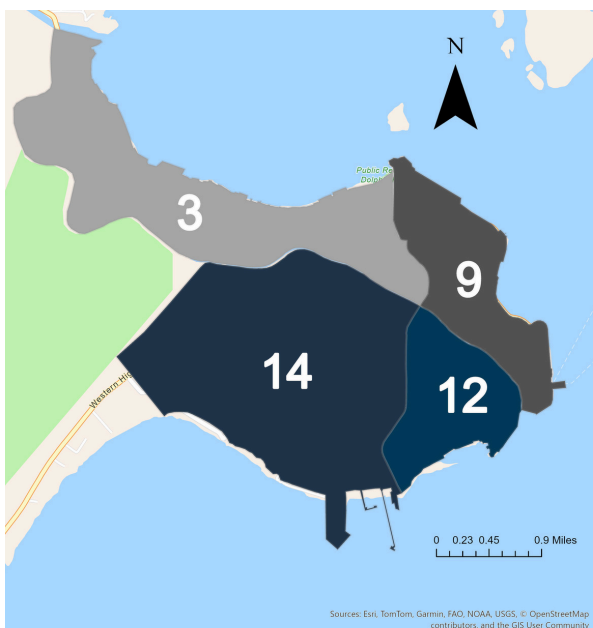
During 2025, Belize City's murder rate reported an increase when compared to 2024. This is 20.9 murder victims per 100,000 population higher than 2024.

Total Percentage of Murders in Belize City (2019–2025)

During 2025, 79% of the Belize District murders were recorded in Belize City, while 21% of the murders were recorded outside Belize City, representing a decrease of 19 percentage points for murders recorded outside Belize City and an increase of 19 percentage points for murders recorded in Belize City compared to 2024.



Total Belize City Murders by precinct



In 2025, police recorded 14 murders in Precinct 2. This represents 37% of the murders recorded in Belize City.

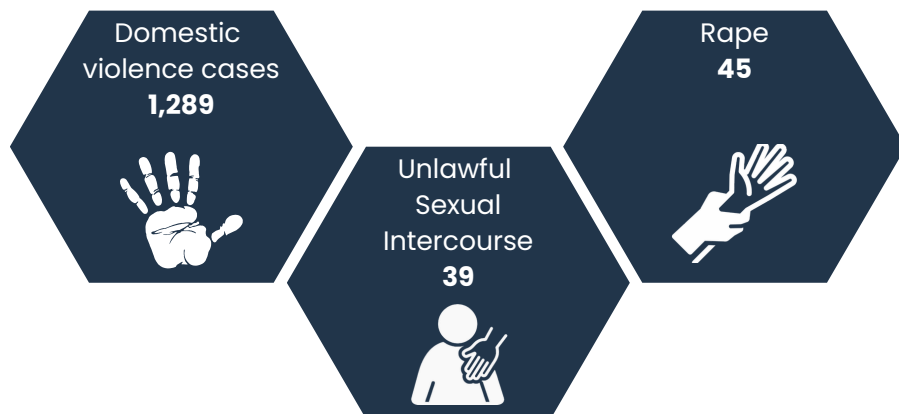
In Precinct 1, there were 12 murders recorded, which accounted for 32%.

In Precinct 3 there were 9 murders recorded, while Precinct 4 recorded 3 murders during 2025.



Gender-Based Violence

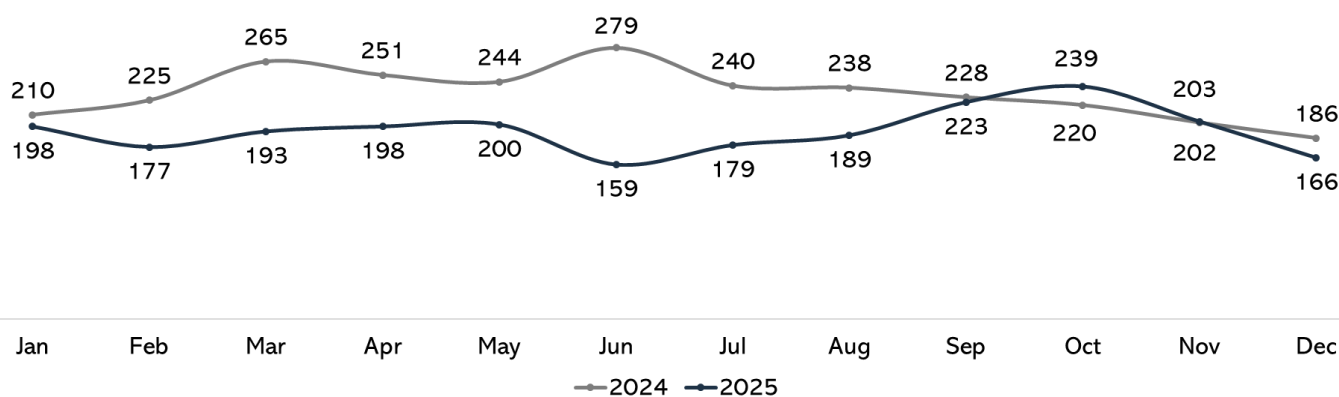
Gender-Based Violence cases by selected categories



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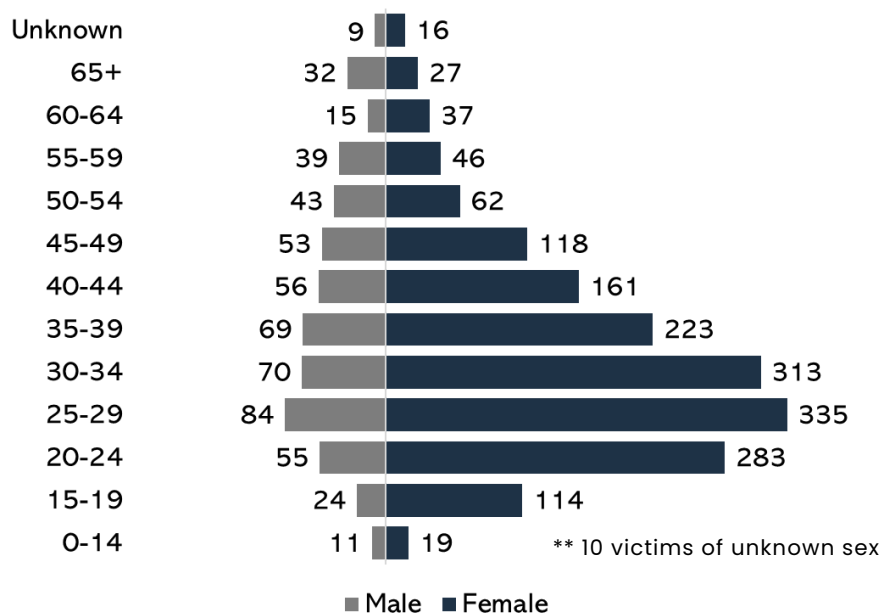
Note: Not all domestic violence reports result in cases

Domestic Violence reports by month (2024 vs. 2025)



A total of 2,324 Domestic Violence reports were filed during 2025. This was a decrease of 17% relative to 2024, with a total of 464 fewer reports in 2025. October and November reflected an increase of 9% (19) and 0.5% (1), respectively. June accounted for the largest decrease compared to the same period in 2024, with 43% (120 less reports).

Domestic Violence reports by age group and sex (2025)



During 2025, approximately 8 in 10 reports were filed by females.

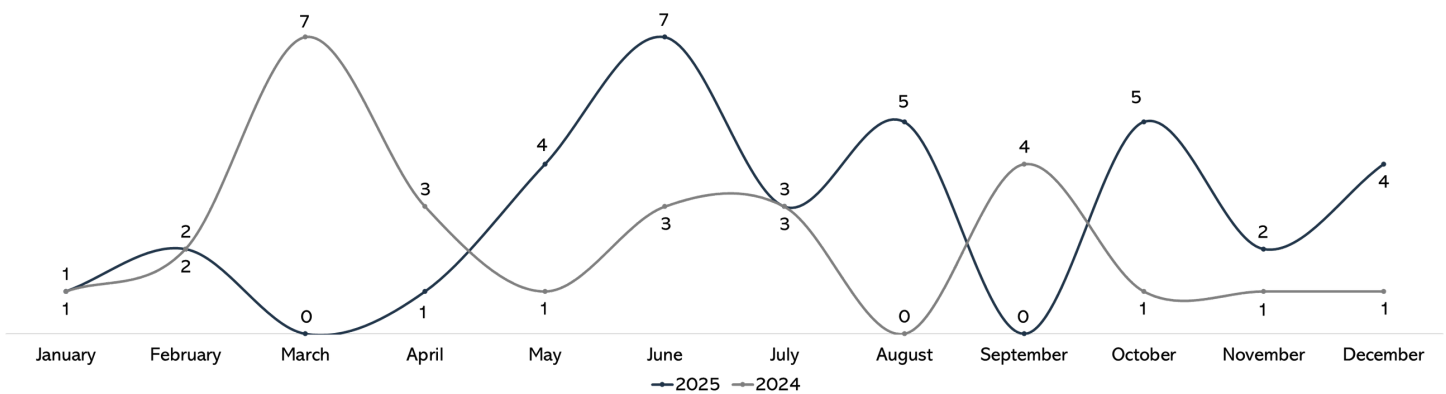
Most reports were filed by females aged 20 to 39 years, which accounted for 66% (1,154) of the female complainants.

Meanwhile, for males, the largest percentage of Domestic Violence male complainants were between the ages of 20 and 49 years. This accounted for 69% (387) of the male complainants.



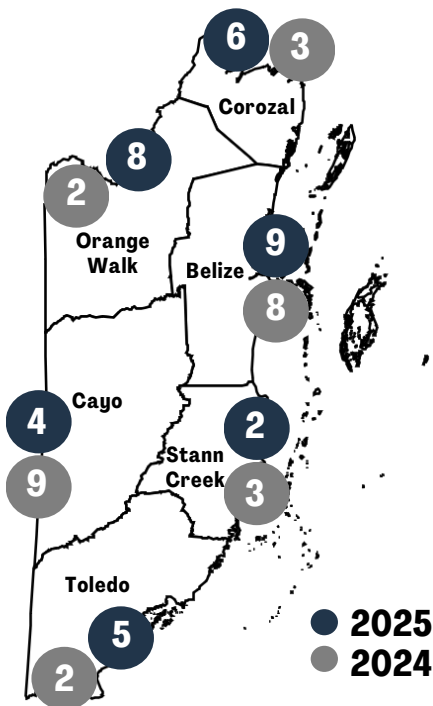
Suicides

Total number of suicides by month (2024 vs. 2025)



In 2025, there were 34 suicides recorded. This represents an increase of 26% (7 more suicides) compared to the previous year. March and September reported 0 suicides in 2025. June 2025 reported the largest count of suicides with an increase of 133% (4 more suicides).

Total number of suicides by district (2024 vs. 2025)



In 2025, the Belize and Orange Walk Districts accounted for the largest count of suicides (9 and 8, respectively). The Belize District increased by 13% (1 more suicide), while the Orange Walk District increased by 300% (6 more suicides).

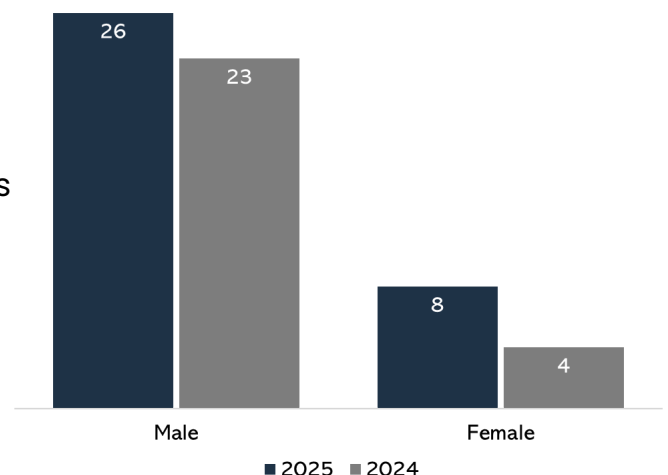
The Corozal and Toledo Districts also reported an increase of 100% (3 more suicides) and 150% (3 more suicides), respectively.

The Cayo and Stann Creek Districts reported a decrease in suicides with 56% (5 less suicides) and 33% (1 less suicide), respectively.

Total number of suicides by sex

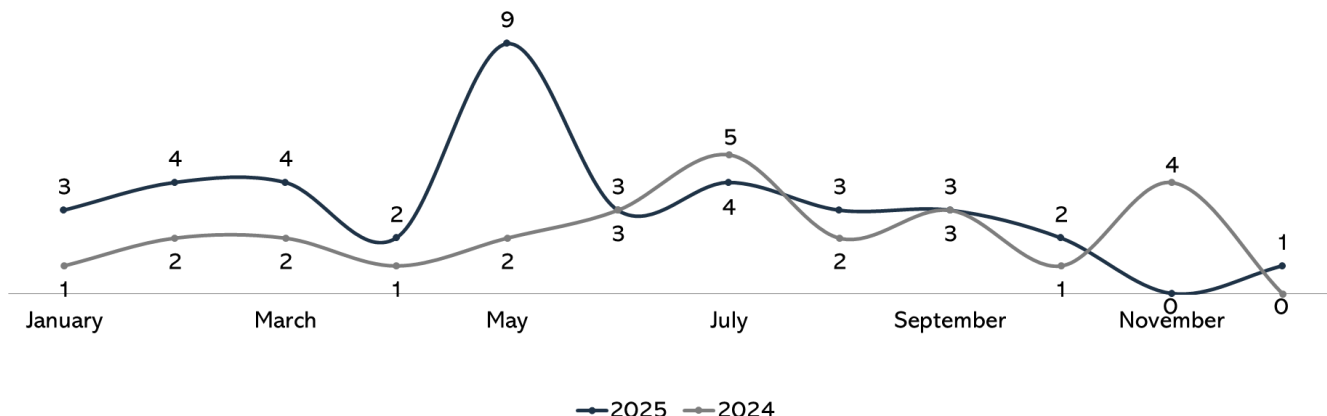
During 2025, 26 of the victims of suicide were males. This accounted for 76% of suicides.

The number of suicides increased for both males and females in 2025; however, the male victims of suicide were 9 percentage points less when compared to 2024, where males accounted for 85% of the deaths by suicide.



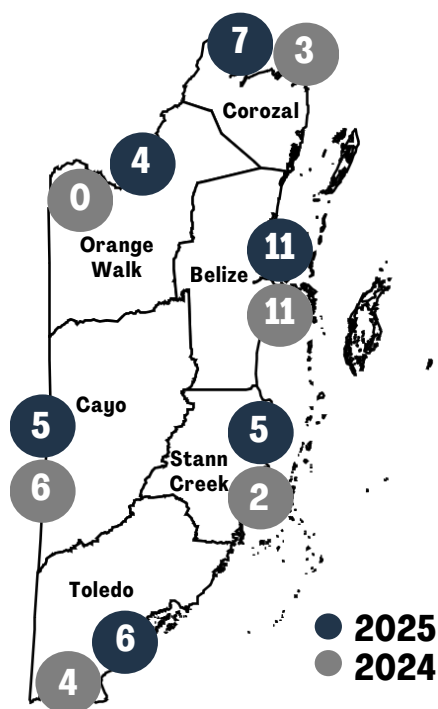
Drownings

Total number of drownings by month (2024 vs. 2025)



In 2025, there were 38 drowning incidents recorded. This represents an increase of 46% (12 more drowning incidents) compared to the previous year. May observed the largest count of drowning incidents in 2025 with 9 incidents. This was also an increase of 350% (7 more drowning incidents) when compared to the same period in 2024.

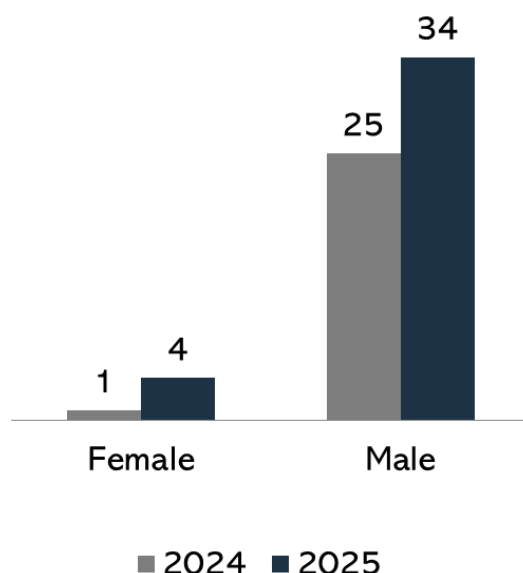
Total number of suicides by district (2024 vs. 2025)



In 2025, the Belize District accounted for the largest number of drowning incidents (11 drowning incidents). This represents no change compared to 2024.

All districts with exception of the Cayo District reported an increase in drowning incidents.

Total number of suicides by sex



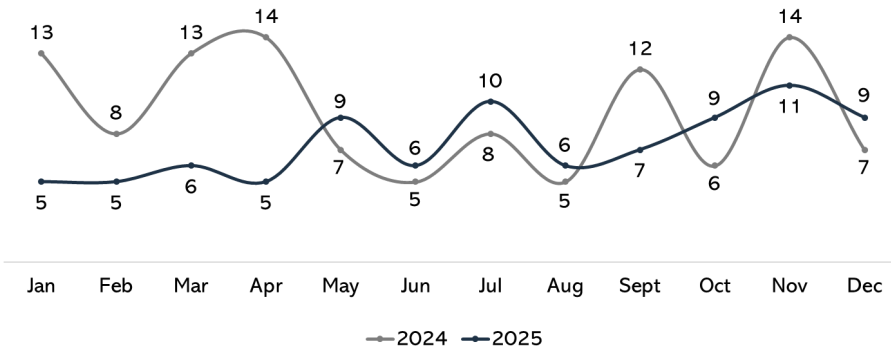
During 2025, 89% of the victims of drownings were males (34 drowning incidents).

Male victims of drowning decreased by 7 percentage points when compared to 2024 where males accounted for 96% of the victims of drowning.



Road Traffic Fatalities

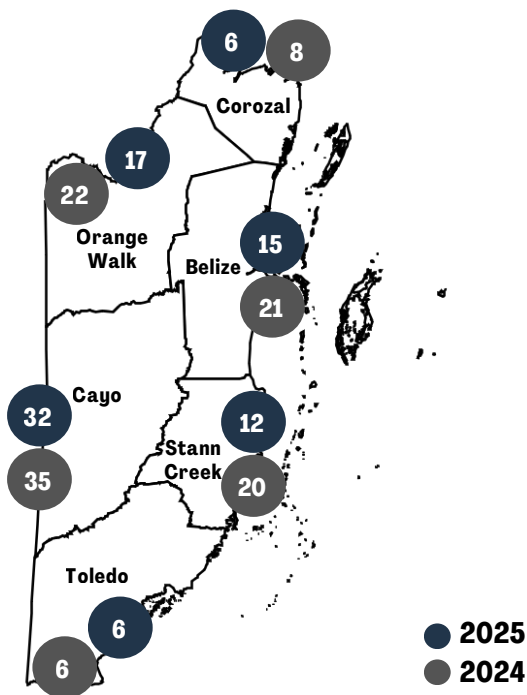
Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by month (2024-2025)



In 2025, there were 88 fatal road traffic accidents. July recorded the largest count of fatal road traffic accidents, with 10. October recorded the largest increase of fatal road traffic, with 50% (3). Meanwhile, April recorded the largest decrease, with 64% (9).

Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by district

The Cayo District recorded the largest count (32) of fatal road traffic accidents in 2025, followed by the Orange Walk District with 17 fatal road traffic accidents. The Toledo District (6) recorded the least fatal road traffic accidents for the year 2025.

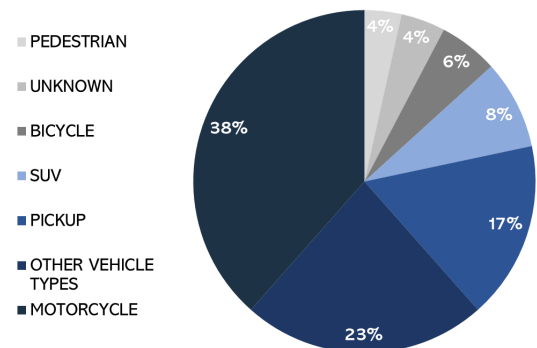


Road Traffic Fatalities by victim sex



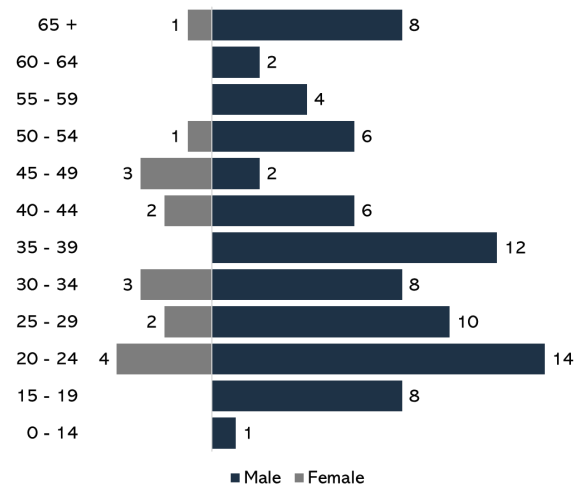
Males accounted for the majority of the victims of fatal road traffic accidents.

Fatal Road Traffic Accidents by Mode of Transportation



During 2025, the vehicle type that recorded the largest count of vehicles involved in fatal road traffic accidents were motorcycles accounting to 38%.

Road Traffic Fatalities by age group and sex



The age group with the largest count of male victims was 20 to 24 years of age (14).



Incarceration



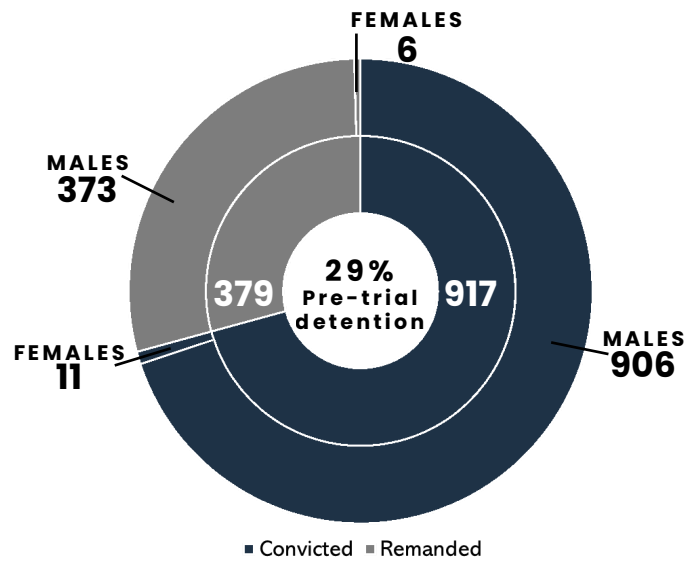
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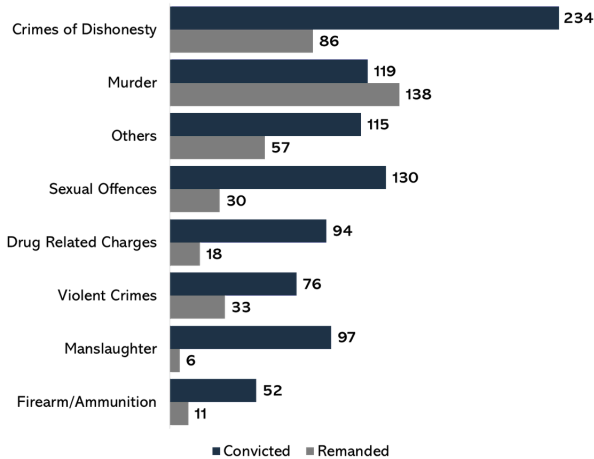
Number of inmates remanded and convicted

As of 31st December 2026, there were 1,296 inmates at the Belize Central Prison, of whom 917 were convicted and 379 were remanded.

Of the convicted inmates, 906 were males and 11 were females. Of the remanded inmates, 373 were males and 6 were females.



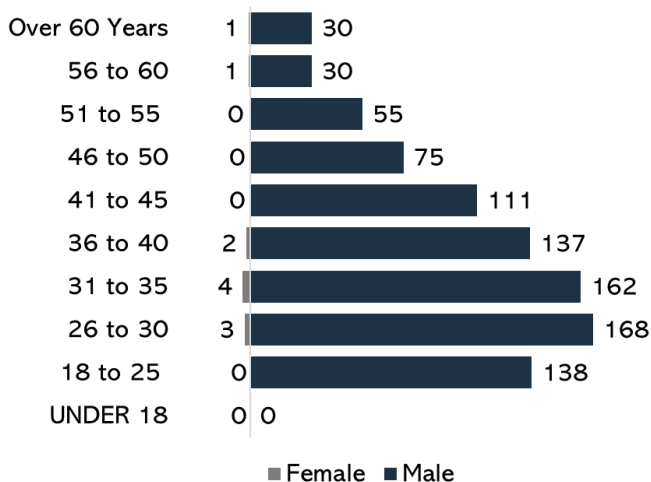
Incarceration by offences



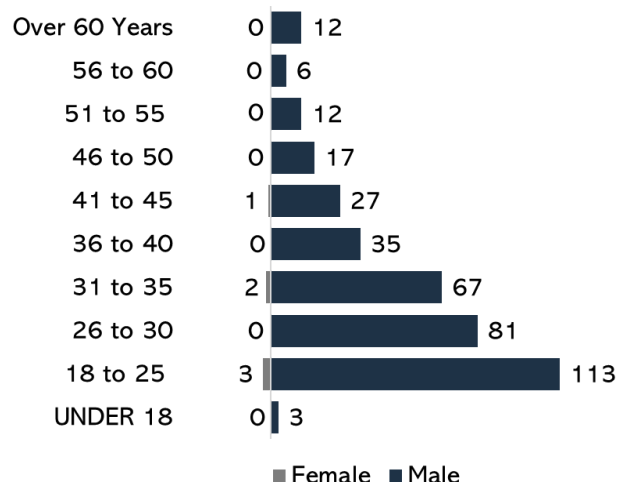
In 2026, inmates were most commonly remanded or convicted for crimes of dishonesty, murder and sexual offences.

There were 320 inmates remanded or convicted for crimes of dishonesty, 257 inmates remanded or convicted for murder, and 160 inmates remanded or convicted for sexual offences.

Convicted (left) and Remanded (right) inmates by sex and age group



79% (716) of the convicted males were between the ages of 18 and 45 years. 82% (9) of the convicted females were between 26 and 40 years.

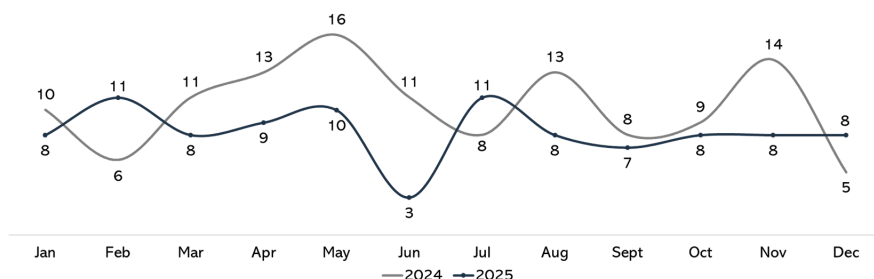


70% (261) of the remanded males were between the ages of 18 and 35 years. Whereas 83% (5) of the remanded females were between the ages of 18 and 35 years.



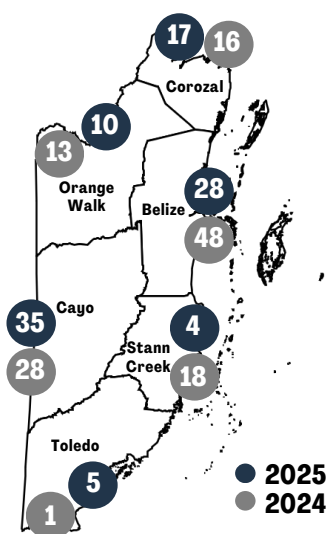
Missing Persons

Total number of missing persons by month (2024 vs. 2025)



In 2025, there were 99 missing persons. This represents a decrease of 20% when compared to the previous year. June and November accounted for the largest decreases of missing persons reports recorded for 2025.

Total number of missing persons by district (2024 vs. 2025)



In 2025, the Cayo District accounted for largest count of missing persons reports, with 35% (35). It also reported an increase of 5%(7) in comparison with 2024.

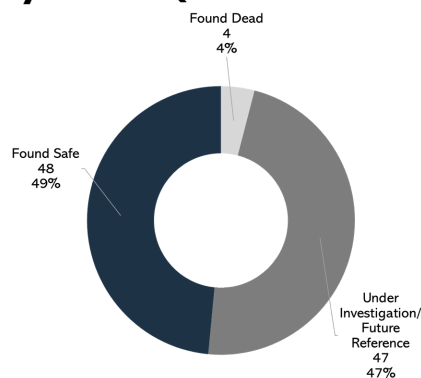
The Stann Creek District accounted for the least count of missing persons, representing 4% (4).

Total number of missing persons by sex



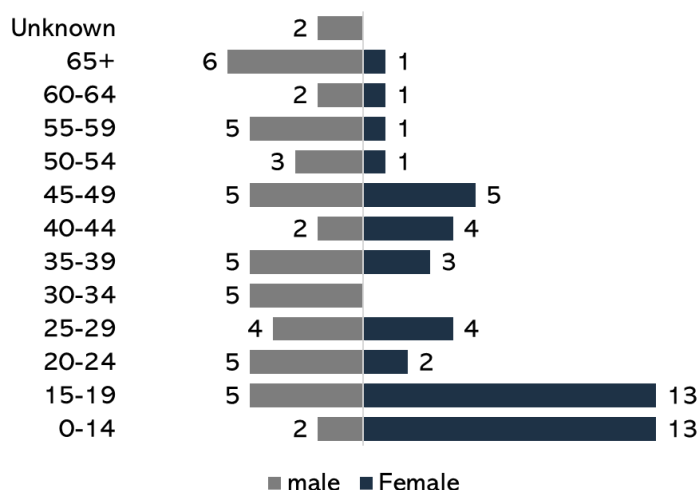
In 2025, 5 in 10 missing persons were males. While the number of female missing persons decreased, the number of male missing persons increased.

Total number of missing persons by status (2024 vs. 2025)



During 2025, 49% of the missing persons were found safe, 47% are under investigation, and 4% were found dead.

Total number of missing persons by age and sex (2025)



The largest percentage of female missing persons were between 0 and 19 years old. Meanwhile, for males, there was not one single age group that dominated the population.





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Data sources: Belize Police Department through the Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center, Belize National Forensic Science Service, Belize Central Prison (Kolbe Foundation), Statistical Institute of Belize

Any future revisions will be noted in subsequent reports

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