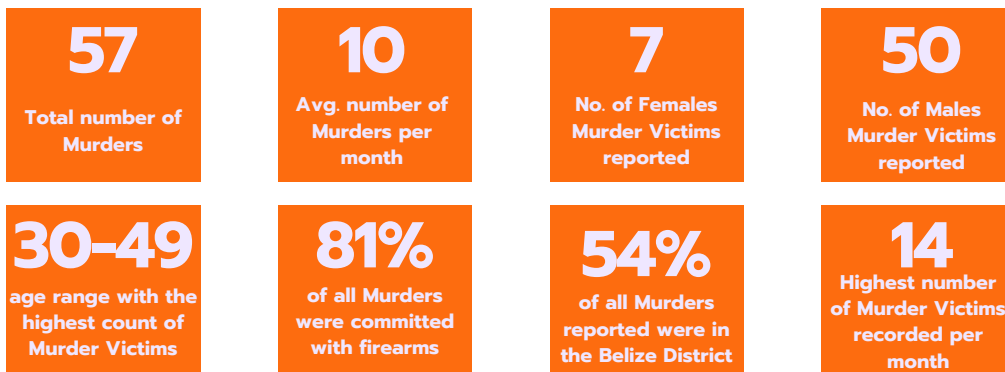


Analysis of the State of Homicide: Murder

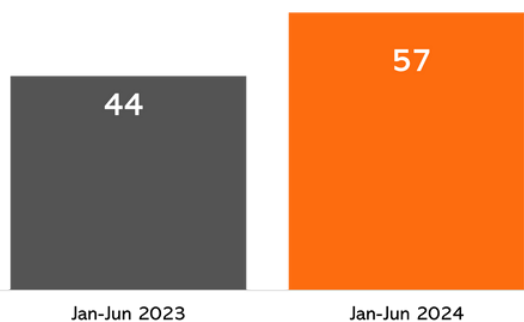
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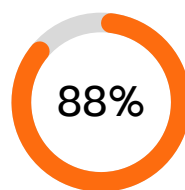
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Total Victims of Murder, Jan-Jun 2023 vs. 2024

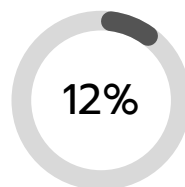


From January to June 2024, there were 57 Murder Victims. This represents 13 more victims in the first half of the year compared to the same time period in 2023.

Total Percentage of Murder Victims by Sex, Jan-Jun 2024

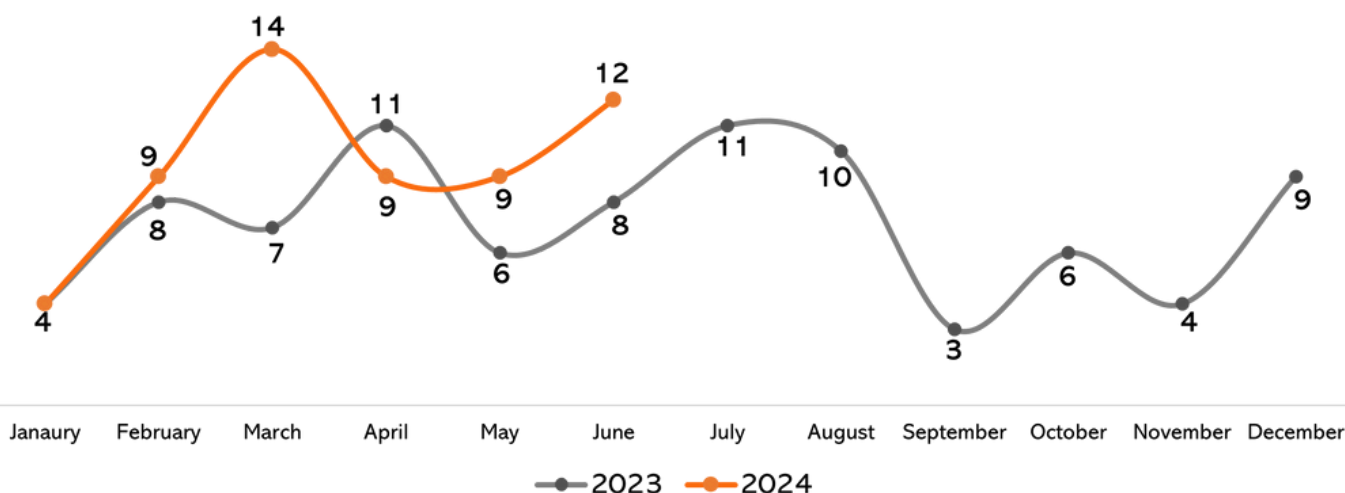


Between January and June 2024, 88% of the Murder Victims reported were males.



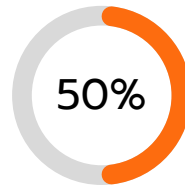
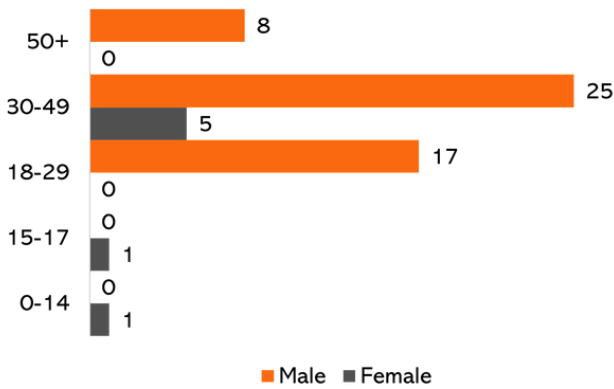
Between January and June 2024, 12% of the Murder Victims reported were females.

Total number of Murders, Jan-Jun 2023 vs. 2024

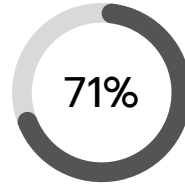


Approximately 10 Murders per month occurred during January to June 2024. The months with the greatest number of victims in 2024 were March with 14 victims followed by June with 12 victims.

Age Group and Sex of Victims of Murder, Jan-Jun 2024



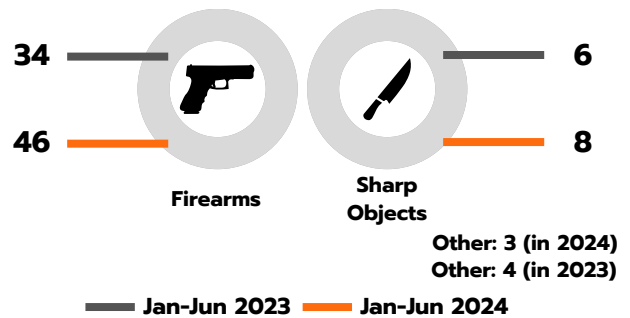
Majority of the Male Victims of Murder were between 30 to 49 years.



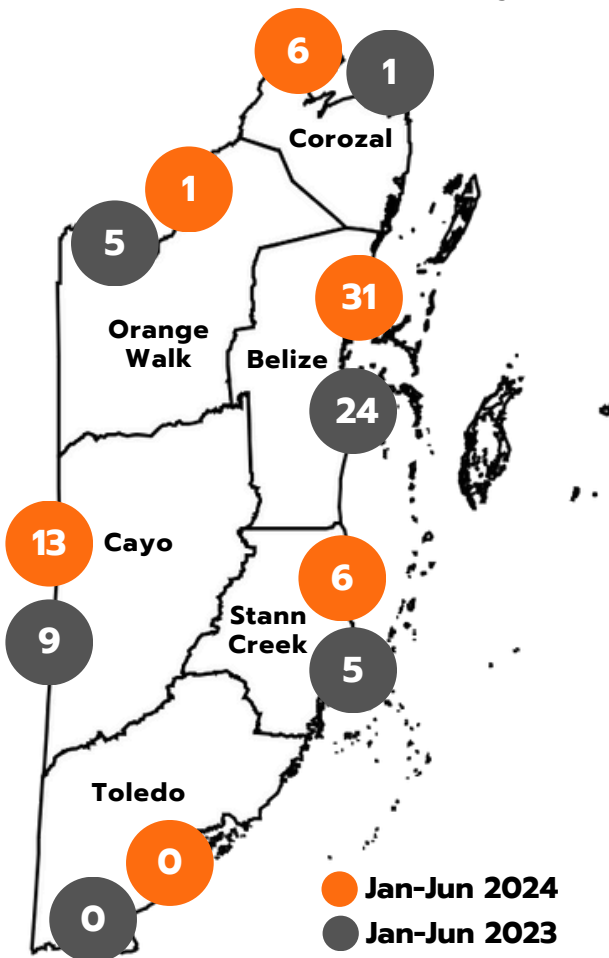
The age group with the largest percentage of Female Murder Victims was 30 to 49 years.

Weapon Types used in Murder Crimes, Jan-Jun 2023 vs. 2024

Firearms were used in 81% of all Murders committed (used in 46 out of 57 cases). This represents a decrease of 4 percentage points compared to the same time period in 2023. The remainder were committed either with a sharp object or other weapon.



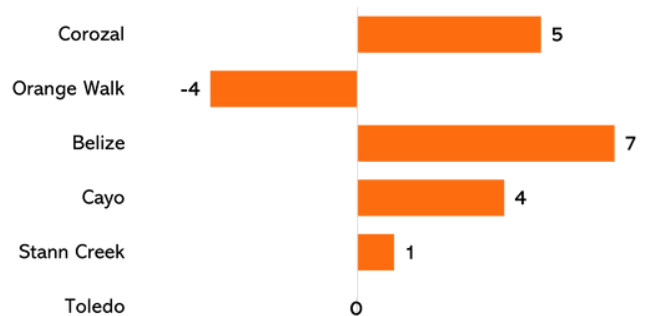
Murders by District, Jan-Jun 2023 vs. 2024



From January to June 2024, the Belize and Cayo Districts remain with the highest number of Murder Victims with 31 and 13, respectively.

When compared to the same period in 2023, the Orange Walk District reflected a decrease. While the Corozal, Belize, Cayo and Stann Creek Districts reflected an increase. The Toledo District reflected no change.

Change in the number of Murder Victims, Jan-Jun 2023 vs. 2024



Data Source: Prepared by the Belize Crime Observatory with official crime data from Belize Police Department (BPD) through the Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center.