

# BELIZE

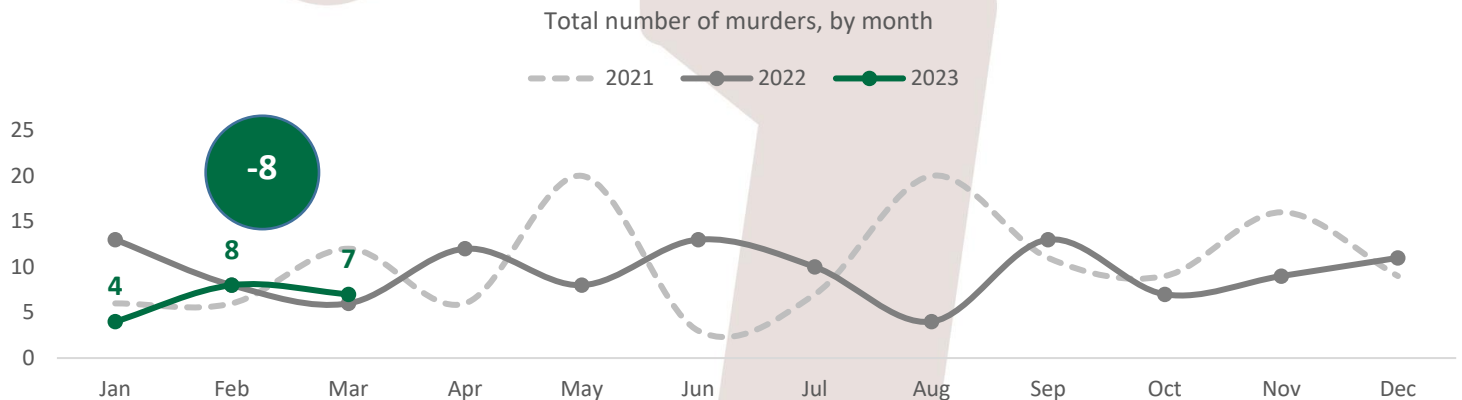
## Analysis of the State of Homicide: Murder January to March 2023

### Highlights

- In the first quarter of 2023, 19 victims were recorded, 8 fewer victims than the same period in 2022.
- Between January and March 2023, an average of 6 persons lost their lives to murder every month.
- In the same time period, 18 male and 1 female murder victims were reported.
- Young people are still the primary victims of murder, according to the data from the first quarter of 2023. 1 out of every 2 victims of murder were between 18 and 29 years old.
- About 8 in 10 murders were committed with a firearm between January and March 2023. This is a decrease compared with the same period in 2022.
- The districts of Belize and Stann Creek accounted for 73.7% of murder victims.

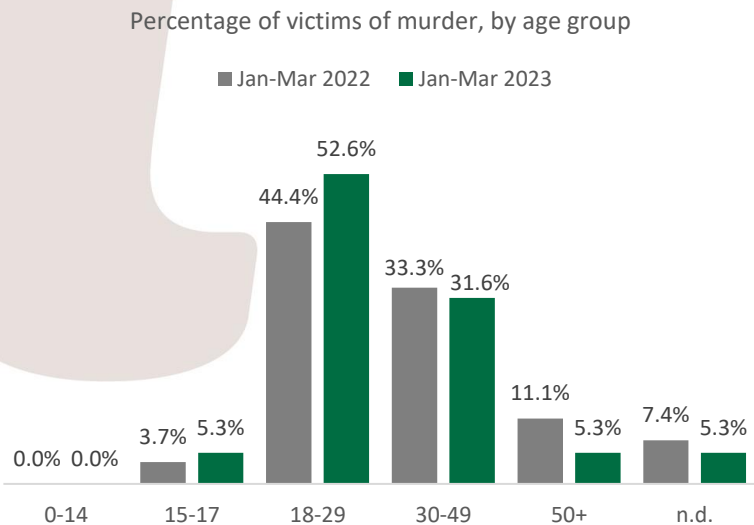
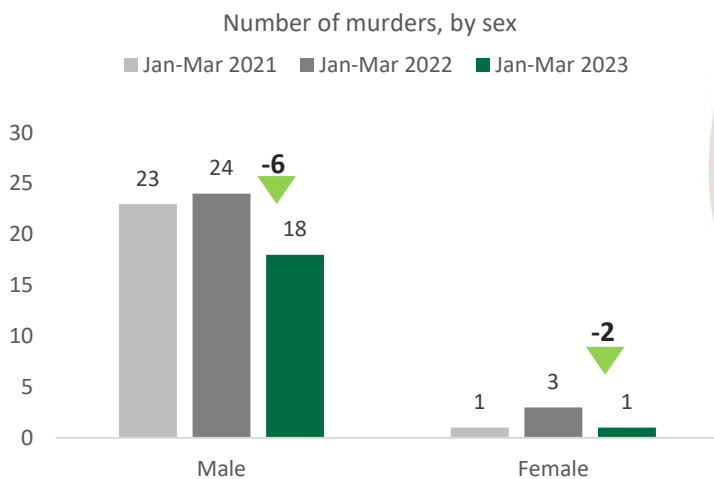
### Evidence

From January to March 2023, there were 19 murder victims. This represents 8 fewer victims in the first quarter of the year compared to 2022: the lowest number for this period in the last three years, due to January and its small number of victims.



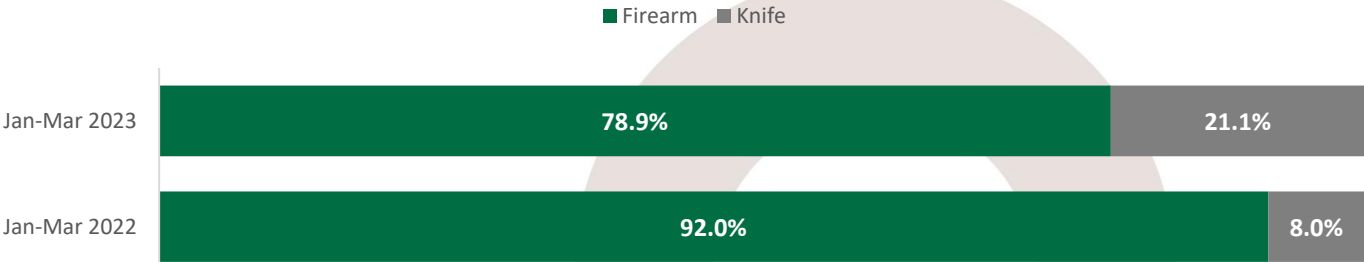
Between January and March 2023, approximately 6 males lost their lives every month in a violent manner as a result of murder. Only one female was recorded as a victim of murder violence in the first quarter of 2023.

52.6% of murder victims were between 18 and 29 years old during the first quarter of 2023.

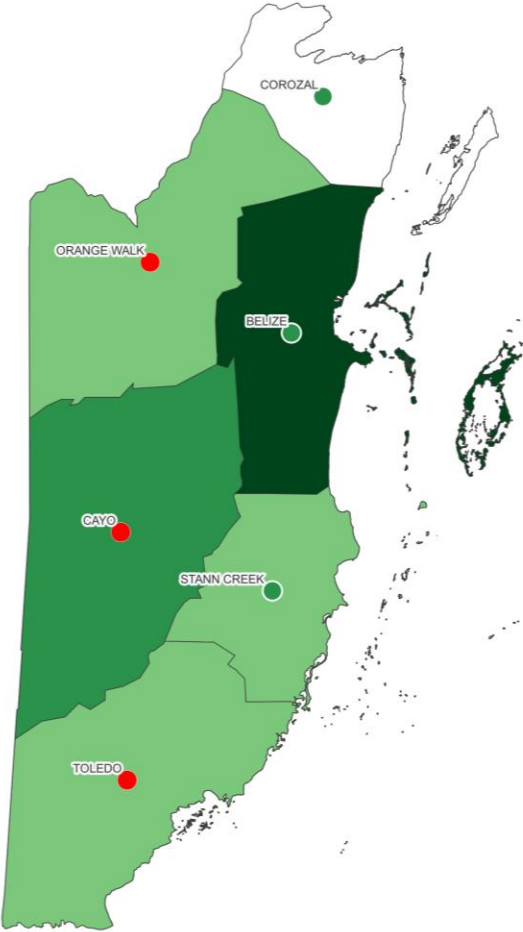


Firearms were used in 78.9% of all murders (15 cases out of 19). This represents a decrease of 13 percentage points compared with the same period of 2022. The remainder were committed with a sharp weapon.

Percentage of murders, by weapon type



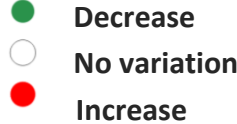
The districts of Belize and Stann Creek account for 73.7% of the murder victims. Half of the districts register an increase in the total number of murder victims as compared to the first quarter of (Orange Walk, Cayo and Toledo), while the remaining three reported a decline (Belize, Stann Creek and Corozal).



Total of murder victims  
First trimester 2023



Variation in the total of murder victims  
January-March 2023 vs. January-March 2022



Change in the number of murder victims  
(Jan-Mar 2023 vs Jan-Mar 2022)

