

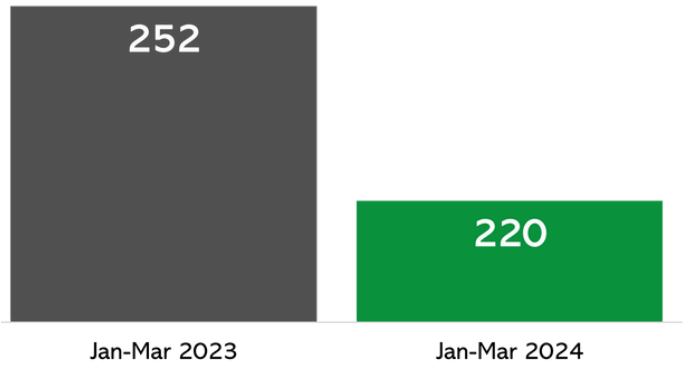
Major Crimes: January to March 2024

Major Crime Incidents **decreased by 13%** compared to January - March 2023

During January to March 2024, the Belize Police Department recorded 220 Major Crimes.

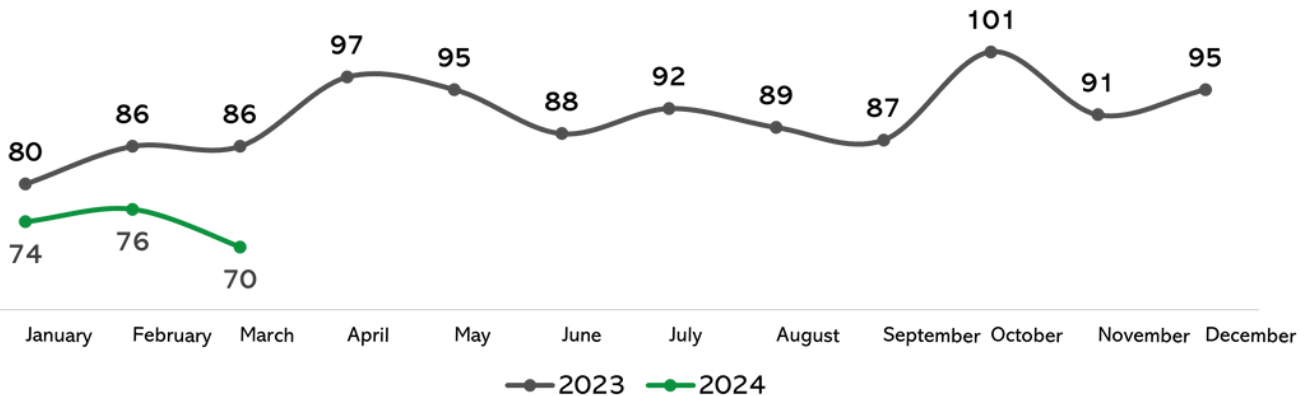
This include the six categories on Major Crimes: Murder (27), Rape (9), Robbery (29), Burglary (115), Theft (22) and Unlawful Sexual Intercourse (18).

Total Major Crimes Incidents, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024



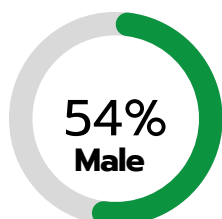
There was a total of 32 fewer Major Crimes recorded in comparison to the same time period in 2023.

Major Crimes by Month, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024

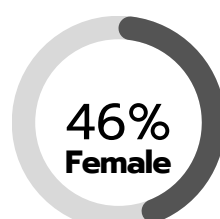


January 2024 accounted for 34% of the Major Crimes recorded, reflecting a decrease of 7.5% in Major Crimes compared to January 2023. While February accounted for 35% of the Major Crimes recorded reflecting a decrease of 12% in Major Crimes compared to February 2023. March accounted for the lowest Major Crimes with 32% of the overall major crimes recorded for the period of January to March 2024.

Major Crime Victims, Jan-Mar 2024

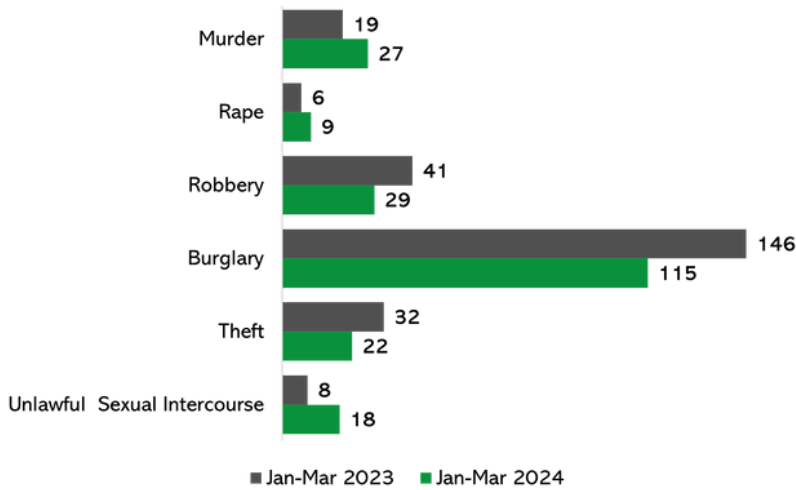


From January to March 2024, 54% of the Major Crime Victims were males.

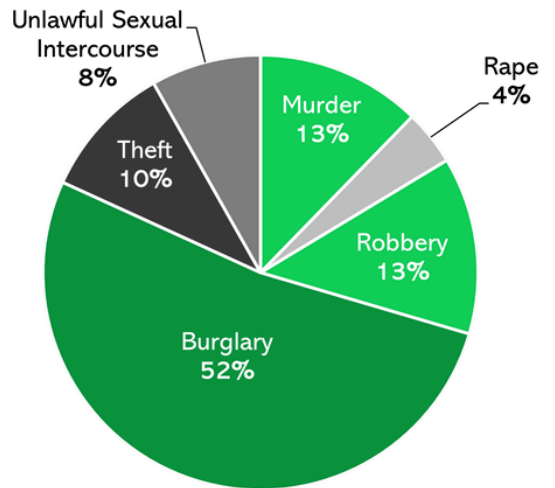


From January to March 2024, 46% of the Major Crime Victims were females.

Major Crimes by category, Jan-Mar 2023 VS. 2024



Major Crimes by category, Jan-Mar 2024



Burglary accounted for 52% of the Major Crimes recorded during January to March 2024. Notably, Burglary decreased by 21%. That is 31 fewer Burglaries recorded compared to the same time period in 2023. Murder, Rape and Unlawful Sexual Intercourse increased by 42%, 50% and 125%, respectively.

Murder



2024: **27**
2023: **19**
▲ **42%**

Rape



2024: **9**
2023: **6**
▲ **50%**

Robbery



2024: **29**
2023: **41**
▼ **29%**

Burglary



2024: **115**
2023: **146**
▼ **21%**

Theft



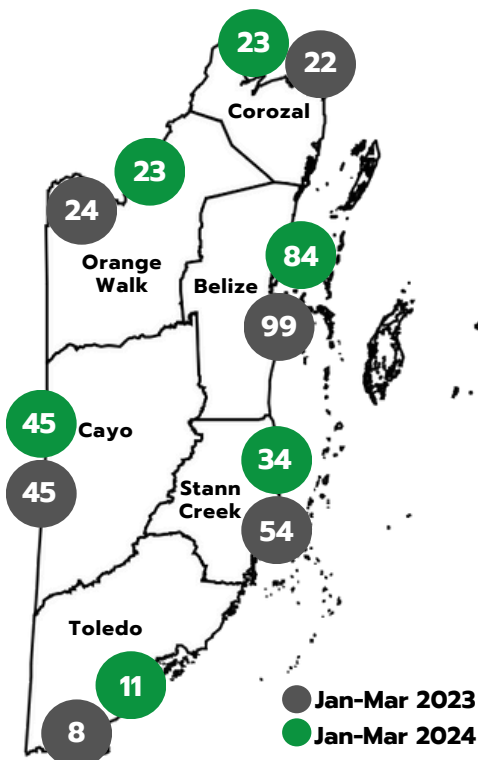
2024: **22**
2023: **32**
▼ **31%**

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse



2024: **18**
2023: **8**
▲ **125%**

Major Crimes by District, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024

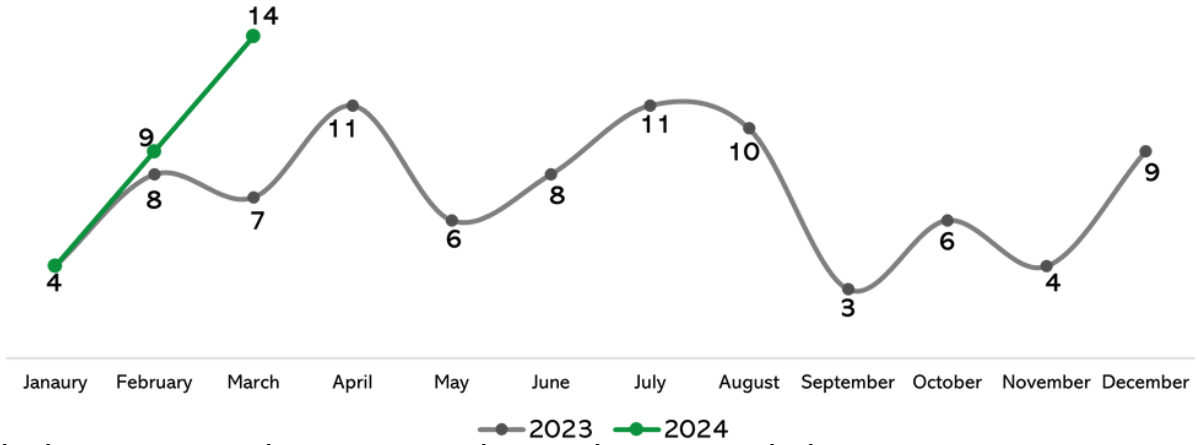


During January to March 2024, there was a decrease in Major Crimes recorded compared to 2023 throughout the districts except for the Corozal and Toledo Districts, with 1 and 3 more Major Crimes records, respectively. The Cayo District reported no change.

The Belize District accounted for 38% of the Major Crimes recorded during this period, while the Toledo District accounted for 5% of the Major Crimes recorded.

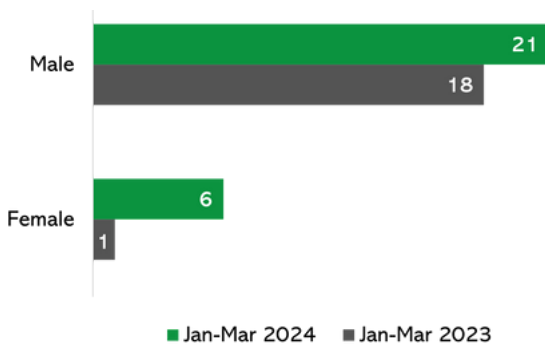
The Stann Creek District reflected a decrease of 37% in Major Crimes, while the Belize District reflected a decrease of 15% in Major Crimes recorded compared to the same quarter in 2023.

Total Number of Murders, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024



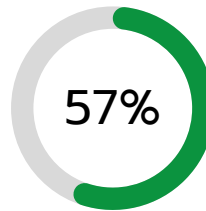
Though there was no change in Murder incidents recorded in January 2024 compared to January 2023 there was a drastic increase of 100% in murder incidents recorded in March 2024 when compared to March 2023. January, February and March accounted for 15%, 33% and 52% of the Murder incidents, respectively.

Murder Incidents by Sex, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024

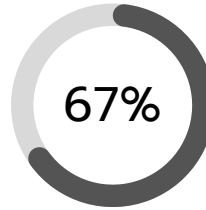


In the first quarter of 2024, 78% of the murder victims were males while there was a drastic increase in female Murder Victims compared to the same period in 2023.

Murder Incidents by Age Group and Sex, Jan-Mar 2024

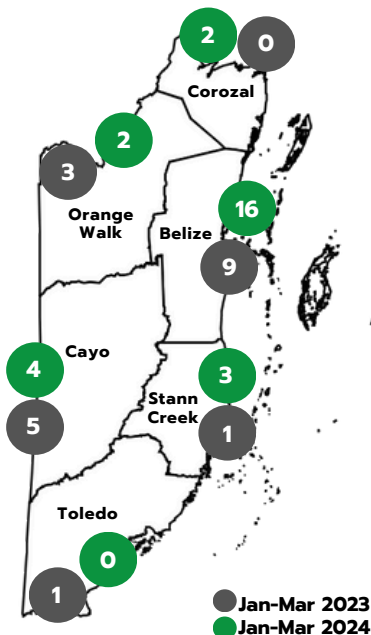


Majority of the Male Victims of Murder were between 30 to 49 years.



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

Murders by District, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024



The Belize District accounted for 59% of the Murder incidents recorded in January to March 2024, reflecting a 78% increase of murder incidents compared to the same time period in 2023.

The Cayo District accounted for 15% of the murder incidents which reflected a decrease of 20% in murder incidents, while the Orange Walk District reflected a decrease of 33% in murder incidents in 2024.

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Data Source: Belize Police Department (BPD) through the Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center and Belize National Forensic Science Service