

MAJOR CRIMES

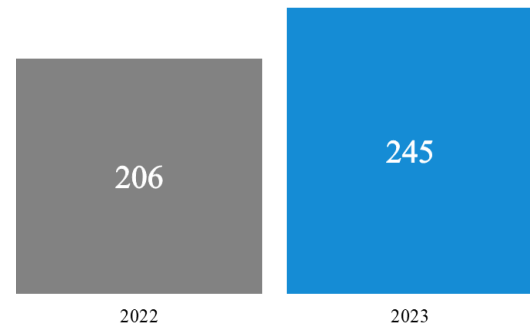
JANUARY TO MARCH 2023

Major Crimes Incidents increased by 19%

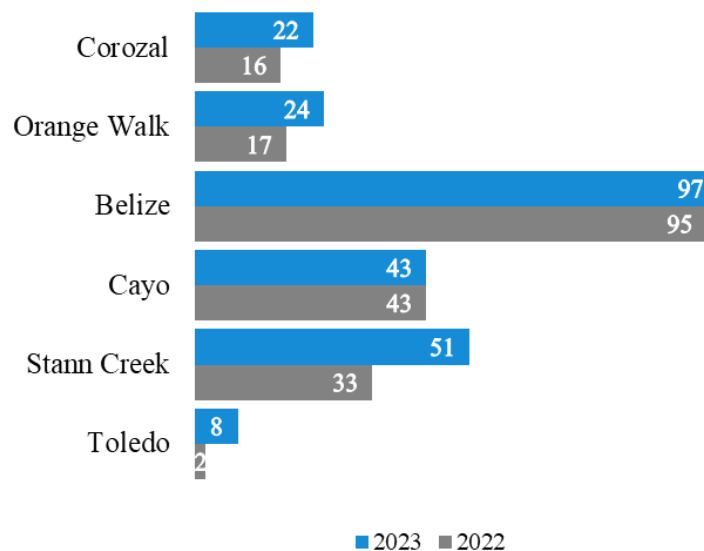
During January to March 2023, the Belize Police Department recorded 245 major crimes. This includes the six categories on major crimes: Murder (19), Rape (4), Robbery (40), Burglary (145), Theft (31) and Unlawful Sexual Intercourse (6).

There was an increase of 19% in crimes compared to January to March in 2022. That is a total of 39 more crime records in comparison to the same time period in 2022.

Total Major Crimes Incidents January to March 2022 -2023



Major Crimes by District

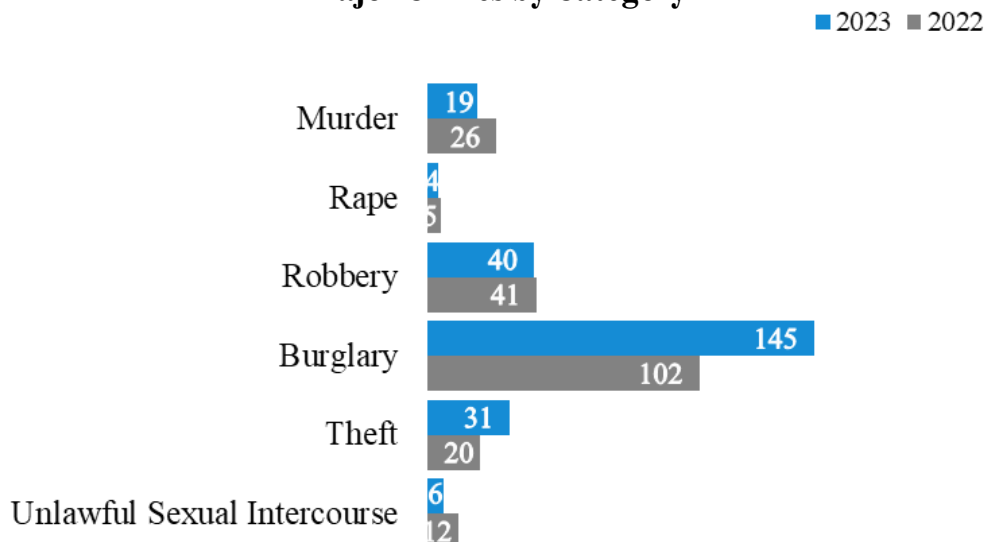


During January to March 2023 there was an increase in major crimes recorded compared to 2022 throughout the districts except for Cayo.

The Belize District accounted for 40% of the major crimes recorded during this period while Toledo showed the highest increase of four times in major crimes recorded compared to 2022.

There was an increase of 55% in major crimes recorded in Stann Creek compared to 2022. That is a total of 18 more crimes records in comparison to January to March 2022.

Major Crimes by Category

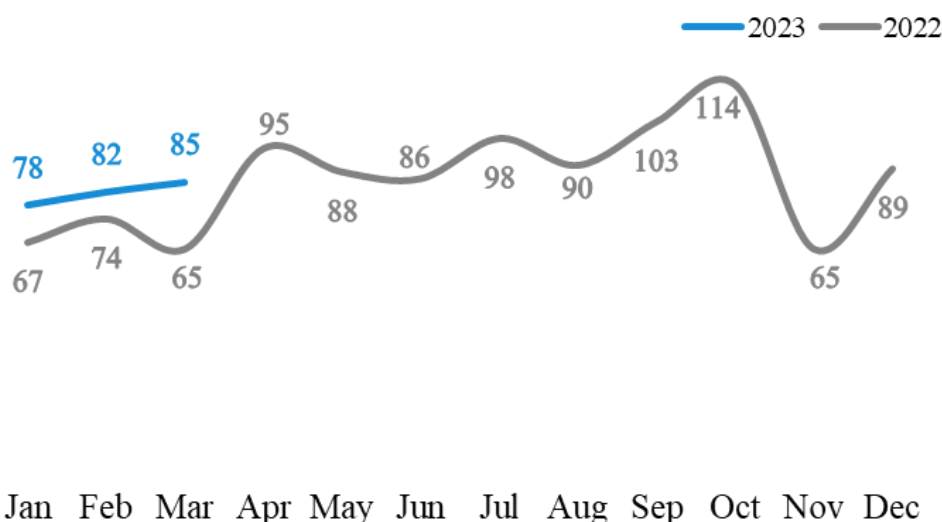


Burglary accounted for 59% (145) of the major crimes recorded by the Belize Police Department in 2023 compared to 2022. This accounted for a total of 43 more burglaries.

Reports on Robbery accounted for 16% while Theft accounted for 13% of the major crimes.

A total of 19 murder victims were recorded during January to March 2023, representing a decrease of 27% (7 fewer victims). There was a decrease in Rape and Unlawful Sexual Intercourse of 20% and 50% respectively.

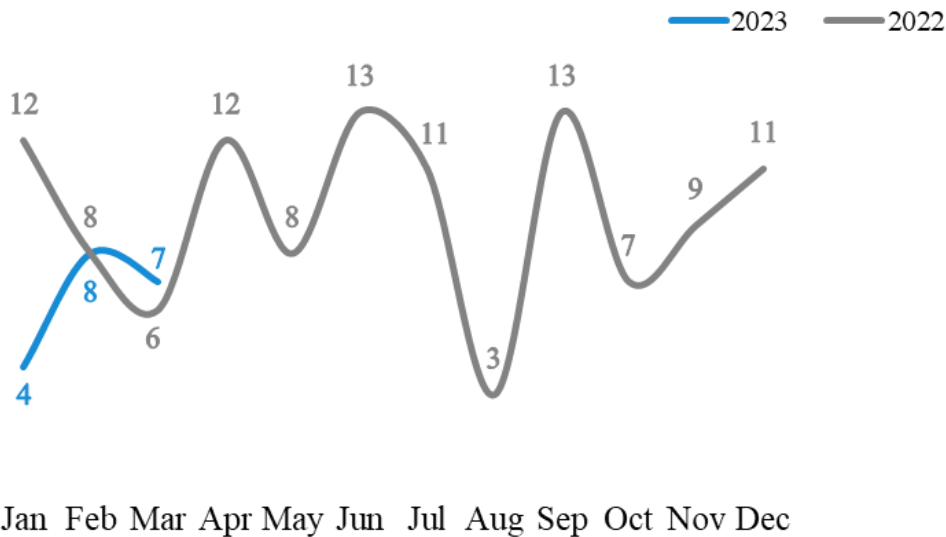
Major Crimes by Month



There was an increase in major crimes recorded throughout January to March 2023. January accounted for 32% of the major crimes recorded, February accounted for 33% of the major crimes recorded while March accounted for 35% of the major crimes recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

For January 2023 there was an increase of 16% and an increase of 11% in major crimes for February 2023. There was an increase of 31% of the major crimes recorded in March 2023 compared to March 2022. This accounted for a total of 20 more crimes recorded.

Murder Incidents by Month



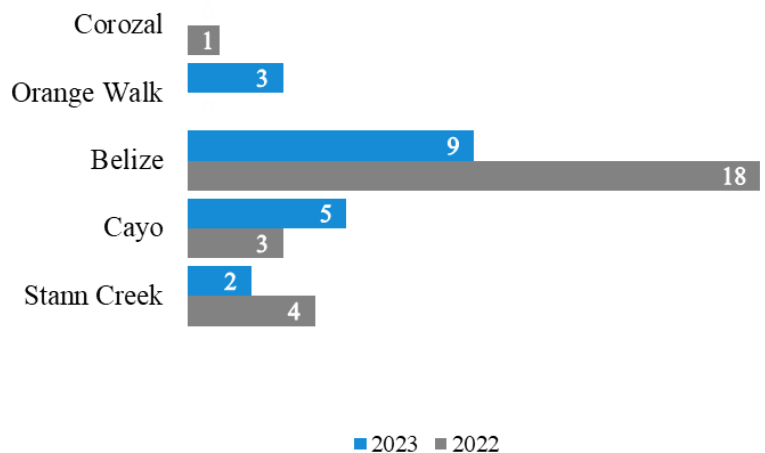
There was a drastic decrease of 67% in murder incidents recorded in January 2023 compared to January 2022. January accounted for 21% of murder incidents recorded, February accounted for 42% of the murder incidents recorded while March accounted for 37% of the major crimes recorded in the first quarter of 2023. There was an increase of 16% of the murder incidents recorded in March 2023 compared to March 2022.

Murder Incidents by District

The Belize District accounted for 47% of the murder incidents recorded in 2023. There was a decrease of 50% in murder incidents in both the Belize and Stann Creek Districts in 2023 compared to 2022.

While the Cayo District accounted for 26% of the murder incidents which reflected a slight increase of 67% in murder incidents in the Cayo District.

In 2023, there were no murder incidents recorded in the Corozal and Toledo Districts.



Murder



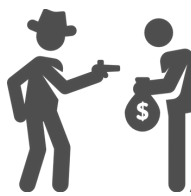
▼27%

Rape



▼20%

Robbery



▼2%

Burglary



▲42%

Theft



▲55%

Unlawful
Sexual
Intercourse



▼50%

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