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THE DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

I would like to start off our 2021 Annual Report by first thanking God for bringing the Kolbe Foundation and the Belize Central Prison safely through another year, during which the Coronavirus, with its varying strains and hardships on the economy, ravaged the world! As we followed the world news on the pandemic, we learned of numerous prisons around the world having outbreaks of the virus and worst yet, hundreds of our colleagues and thousands of inmates died as a result. In the case of the Belize Central Prison, under the management of the Kolbe Foundation and with God's grace however, we kept the curve flattened for most of the year with the exception of September and October when we had a few cases popping up – October 11, 2021 being the peak with 13 cases being recorded in that one day. Thankfully from the start of the pandemic in March of 2020 right up to the end of 2021 our prison has not had to refer any Corona Virus cases to the main hospital – KMH in Belize City, nor did we have any deaths amongst our inmate or staff, unlike other prisons around the world as mentioned earlier. For this we first thank God almighty for him covering us faithfully during the pandemic and secondly our staff for the role they played in being alert and watchful and adhering to all Covid-19 protocols and procedures which no doubt effectively prevented and mitigated the spread of the virus within our prison.

As I reflect on last year, I can also recall all the teamwork, assistance, and collaboration between and among ourselves as Kolbe employees, Board members, Government Departments, private entities, Prison Ministries, and other supporters of the foundation and the prison. The pandemic has afforded us to see a level of camaraderie and teamwork like we have never seen before. As you can see, by our successes, all our efforts and teamwork paid off and we are very happy and proud for all the blessings and successes we enjoyed and achieved in 2021 when the pandemic was at its peak in the country! To all of you, I am very grateful, and I take my hat off to you!

It is said that all great changes are preceded by chaos and that our experience always teach us something. If the experience is **“bad”**, then the lesson is even more powerful and meaningful. Every unfortunate incident makes us stronger and better equipped to handle new challenges. In the dusk of October 12, 2020, despite our vast knowledge and experience in prison management and all the inherent dangers of prisons, we experienced our very first historical mass-escape of 28 inmates from the Administrative Section of the prison. The **“hostage-taking turned escape”** incident was later learnt to have been triggered by the trepidation of the inmates because of a 21-days lockdown that the management was instituting in order to mitigate the spread of an outbreak of the Coronavirus which began in the latter and earlier part of September and October respectively. To add insult to injury, the following morning a handful of about 25 of the 116 inmates at the Tango 7 building pounced on the guards assigned to work with them that day; gravely injuring one of them. This vicious attack was met with proportionate resistance and use of force by the prison's Quick Response Team, Team guards, and support staff – both civilians and prison guards alike. The police were also summoned, and they showed up in no less than five minutes as they were in the immediate area assisting the prison with the recapturing of the 28 inmates who had escaped the day before.

The reason for recapping on the incident above is to highlight the fact that aside from dealing with the pandemic superbly well in 2021, we also managed to regain a proper footing on preventing escapes. The 2020 mass-escape certainly taught us a very huge lesson and brought our prison security procedures and policies into sharp focus. We analyzed both the mass-escape and the riot that took place the following morning properly and carefully, and as a result have strengthened and enforced our procedures and policies. In addition, we formulated newer and better strategies to prevent a reoccurrence of a similar nature – and they worked! Last year ended with us having zero escape and not even a small prison disturbance was experienced. We do expect these strategies, procedures, and policies to continue to be effective well into the future.

As the pandemic raged on in our country last year, we were forced to minimize and adjust several prison activities in order to prevent and mitigate the spread of the virus within our walls. These included suspension of in-person visits by the loved-ones of the inmates and replacing them with virtual visits, reduction in the number of interns in the various rehabilitation programs within the prison so as to provide for social-distancing, suspending sporting activities, and reducing the number of inmates involved in work-programs; just to mention a few. In addition, newly admitted and re-admitted inmates were quarantined for a mandatory 10 days before they were transferred to their building. We believe that all these precautionary measures, coupled with the strict adherence to other Covid-19 prevention protocols and procedures as well as the full support and cooperation of our staff and inmates were very significant in keeping the virus under control within the prison.

On a very positive note however, our greatest achievement in 2021 was the **“Management Fee”** adjustment we received from the government considering the rapidly declining inmate population. Our statistics was showing that because of our rehabilitation efforts we had reduced the inmate population by a whopping 32% over the last seven years! The previous arrangement as per our current Contract with the government for \$14.00 BZD per prisoner per day was simply not cutting it, and with a reduced headcount by over 500 inmates, we would not have been able to sustain the prison operations. As a matter of fact, by the time we began negotiations with G.O.B., the inmate population was averaging 1,050 – a huge drop when compared to 1,623 seven years prior!

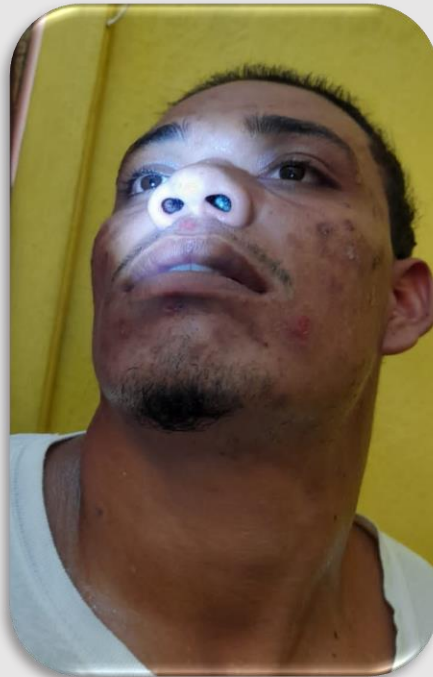
Discussions on this dilemma being experienced by the Kolbe Foundation began with the government in May of 2021 and thankfully by October of the same year a much better and feasible management fee formula was arrived at. The new formula proffered was a fixed quantum of \$575,000.00 BZD for the first 1,000 inmates and an additional \$19.50 BZD per prisoner per day. With this new arrangement, the average cost to GOB per inmate per day with up to an average of 1,200 inmates will be approximately \$19.00 BZD. It was also agreed that this arrangement will be reviewed in September 2022 to see if there will be any need for further adjustments due to inflation.

Contraband, particularly marijuana remained a challenge for us last year, but we attacked that head-on by ramping up our random drug-testing exercise for both inmates and staff. For quite some time now we have realized that the remanded inmates are the ones who are mostly responsible for bringing in the drugs into the prison. According to intelligence information, when they go to the courts for their trials or adjournments they are visited by friends and loved ones who deliver the packages to them in food or some other concealed manner. The intelligence also suggests that they would then swallow the packages a few minutes before they are scheduled for departure from the courts and a few minutes after they have been

sent back to their buildings, they would provoke themselves to regurgitate the packages whilst in their bathrooms. Aside from the above method of drug-smuggling by inmates, the prison continues to struggle with a handful of corrupted staff who we understand are picking up drugs from known drug dealers in Belize City and bringing it in for prisoners for a nominal fee.



Suspected cannabis brought in inmates' stomachs when returning from Court



Inmate returning from Court with Cannabis stocked in his nostrils

To combat these hard to detect drug-smuggling modus-operandi employed as mentioned above, between April and December of 2021, we conducted a total of 471 urinalysis drug tests of which 6 officers, 1 civilian staff, and 83 inmates tested positive for marijuana usage – this translated to a 19% positive drug usage rate in the prison. As per our policy for both inmates and staff, progressive disciplinary actions were levied against all persons found to be in violation of the prison’s random drug-testing policy. We will continue to do these tests in an effort to keeping the prison drug-free which will in turn promote the good order and discipline of the facility and make it more conducive to the rehabilitation of the inmates!



Inmates awaiting to be randomly drug-tested at the Medic Center

OUR STAFF

We continue to strive to hire the right people with the requisite qualities for working in the prison environment. One way in achieving this was that after receiving the above-mentioned adjustment from the government, we immediately improved the wages for our staff; something that had not happen for over four years. Despite our efforts though, increasing our staffing capacity and competency continue to be a challenge for us because small pool of this very special caliber of people. It is very clear that not much people are keen on working in a prison, presumably because of the perception of the people that are in them; predominantly depicted by the mainstream media.

Our attrition rate continues to be around 30 percent. Last year we lost 76 staff members; 19 (33%) more than the previous year with most of them resigning and the next large number of them simply vacating their jobs. The Covid-19 pandemic exacerbated our staffing situation when 67 of employees caught the virus and had to be quarantined for the mandatory 14-days period before being cleared by the Ministry of Health to return to work. This created serious staff shortages and officers burn-out problems, but by God's Grace we pulled through fairly well.

The pandemic did not stop our good friend and supporter, Dr. Jarrod Sadulski and his team from coming to provide us with much needed training from the 16 through 18 November of last year. Dr. Jarrod and his team, consisting of Messrs. Brent Davis, and Atticus Frank provided the entire prison staff with both theoretical and practical training in Basic Life Skills, Defensive Tactics, use of OC Pepper spray, Leadership, and Personal Finances. It was a very rewarding training and the staff learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed it! We could see that they had a much better appreciation for their jobs in the prison.



Dr. Jarrod Sadulski training prison staff



Basic Life-Skills Training



Defensive Tactics Training



Pepper Spray Training



Pepper Spray Training (Cont'd)



Leadership & Personal Finance Training



Basic Correctional Officers Training Course

PRISON STATISTICS

ESCAPES

One of our most significant accomplishments for 2021 is the fact that we once again kept escapes down to zero for a third time since Kolbe took over management of the prison. As you can see on the escape chart below, this is the third time we have been so very successful in this regard – the first time being in 2015 and 2016 successively. *(Please see chart below)*

We believe that the tightening up of our security procedures, controls, patrols, building raids, erection of the additional high-rise guard towers, as well as overall increased vigilance by our guards is responsible for this. It is our intention and goal to improve our security apparatus with the construction of three more state-of-the-art high-rise guard towers and improved weaponry in 2022 to keep the prison escape-free for years to come.

ESCAPES STATISTICS - 2000 - 2021

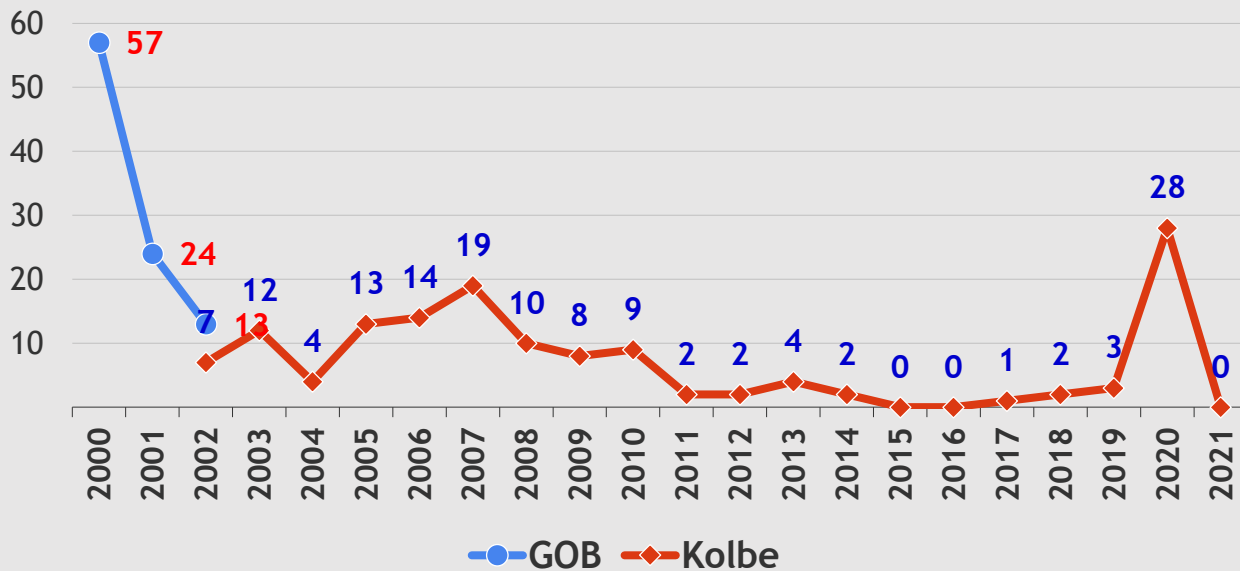


Chart 1

CONTRABAND

As we all know by now, the availability of illicit drugs in prisons is first and foremost a threat to the safety and security of the facility, it obstructs recovery for prisoners with drug use problems, and leads others to developing drug addiction while in prison. For this reason, Kolbe Foundation is adamant about keeping it out and was relentless in its effort to making sure of this in 2021.

As you can see on the chart below, in 2021 overall, we intercepted more contraband than the year before with cannabis being the most significant because of its negative impact on the prison and its prisoners. Our drug interdiction efforts in 2021 allowed us to have intercepted almost two and a half times more drugs when compared to the previous year. This is huge for us in the sense that the amount of drugs discovered literally translates to the quantity of drugs the prison managed to stop from being consumed by inmates in the facility. This is certainly a disruption to the inmates' illegal activities which affects them financially and otherwise, and no doubt serves as a deterrent because the prison is shown to be in control.

Cash, in the context of prisons are monies not authorized by the Director of the prison and are therefore confiscated from inmates during searches and raids of their buildings or cells. They may also very well be cash found along with drugs, which intelligence would indicate are the proceeds of illegal activities being carried out by the inmates. We will continue to be relentless and consistent with our searches to keep particularly drugs, cellphones, and weapons out of the prison to keep it safe. *(Please see Chart 2)*

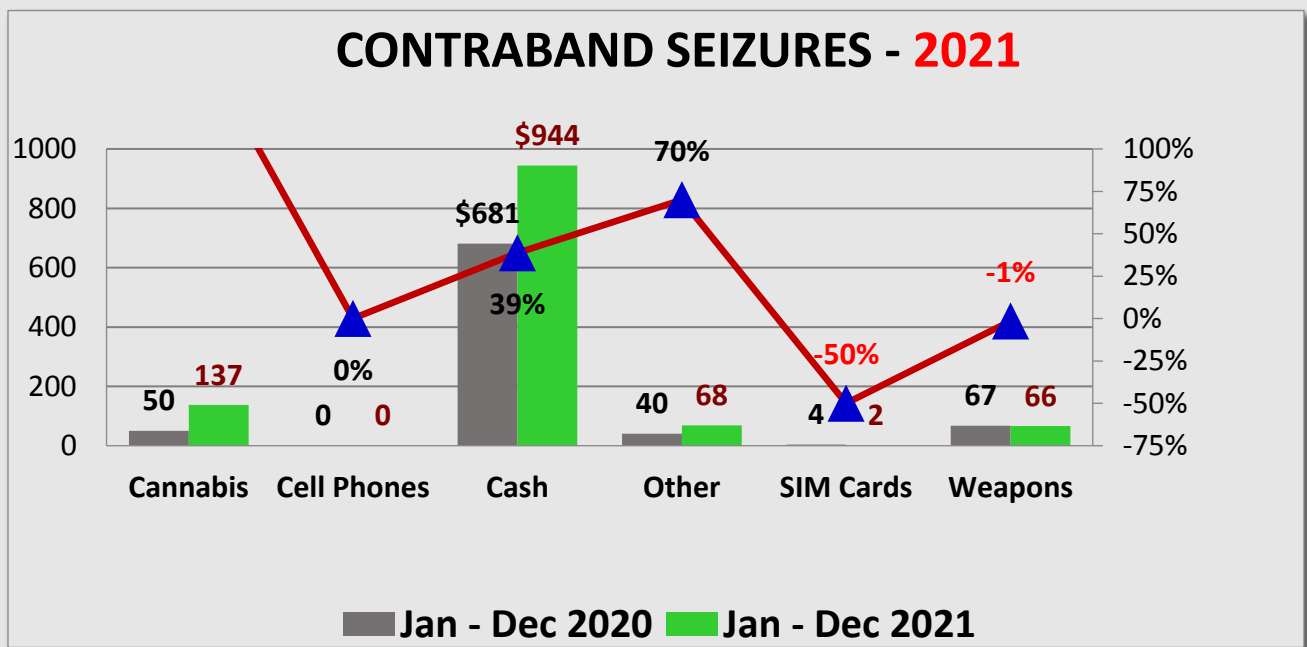


Chart 2

Chart 3 (below), displays the prison's interception of cannabis over the years. It is obvious that in the earlier years, for which we have solid records on, drugs were being brought into the prison with impunity.

Since 2017 however, our drug-interdiction strategies have been effectively deterrent so we will continue with these efforts to keep drugs out of the prison. *(Please see chart below – Chart 3)*

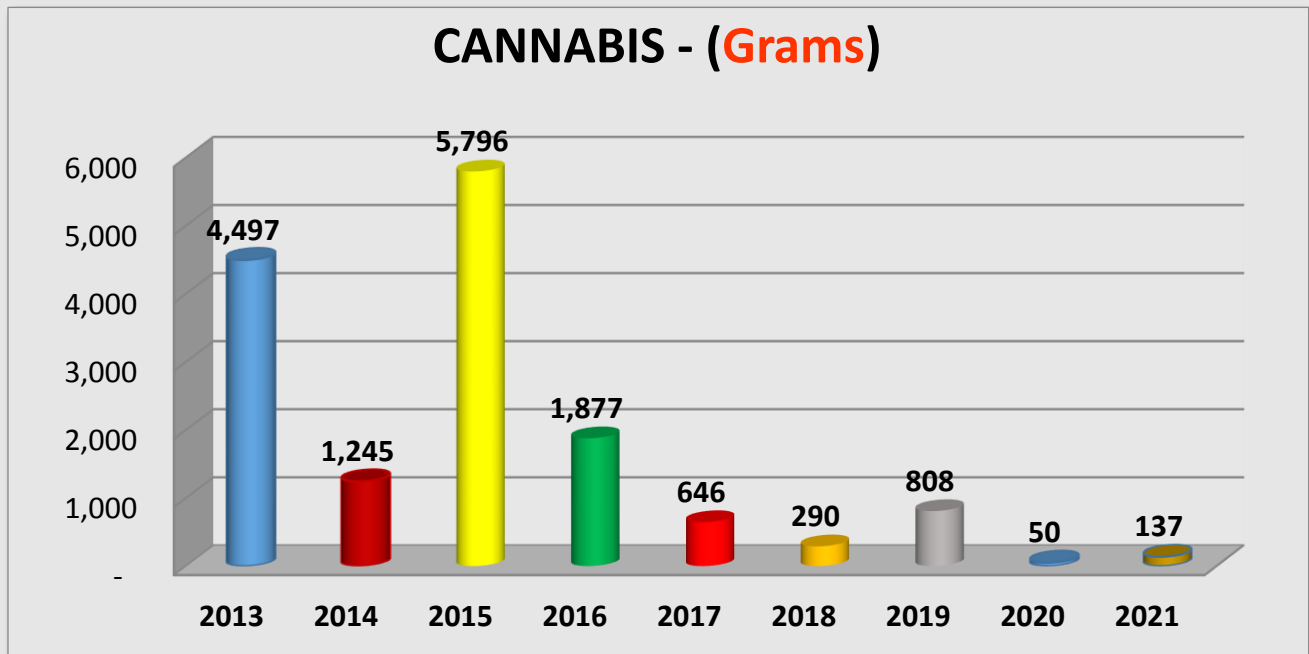


Chart 3

Illegal cellphones are very expensive commodities in prisons as they allow inmates to carry on with their criminal activities or run their criminal organizations from behind bars. In the case of the Belize Central Prison, our data has shown that our inmates would smuggle them in primarily to maintain contact with their loved ones due to the limited talk-time allotted to them during their recreation. To combat this, the prison has employed various strategies to enable its inmates to resist the temptation of smuggling in illegal cellphones into the facility. Some of these include daily in-person visits by loved ones and friends, virtual calls to loved ones using Charts and computers, and by increasing the number of telephones per building so that inmates can spend a little more time talking with their loved ones and friends, and increased sanctions for inmates caught with these items, and these seem to be working.

Despite good intelligence, proper searches of staff, inmates, and visitors, continuous building and cell raids, in the chart below for the second year in a row we did not encounter any illegal cellphones in 2021. *(Please see Chart 4 below)*

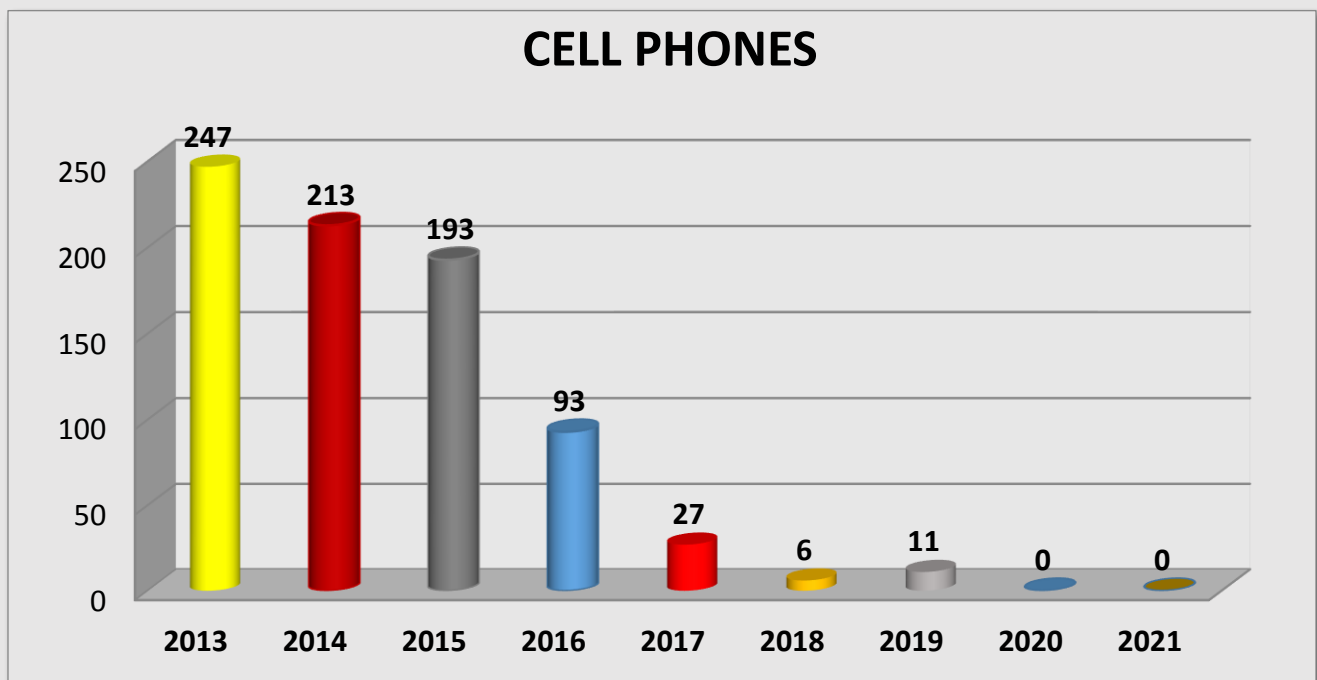


Chart 4

Weapons or homemade shanks, as they are commonly known, continue to pervade prisons worldwide. Prisoners keep these to protect themselves from attacks by other inmates who are bullies, inmates who they may owe a debt to and do not want to pay or vice-versa, or even to carry out hits ordered by rival inmates – particularly rival gang members. These shanks are made from just about anything including wire, metal, steel, plastic, toothbrushes, and even paper!

The last killing that took place in the Belize Central Prison was in December 2009 and that was carried out with a sharpened toothbrush which the attacker used to stab the victim in his neck. Because of incidents like these, it is therefore very imperative that we seek out these weapons. *(See Chart 5 below)*

WEAPONS (*Homemade Shanks*)

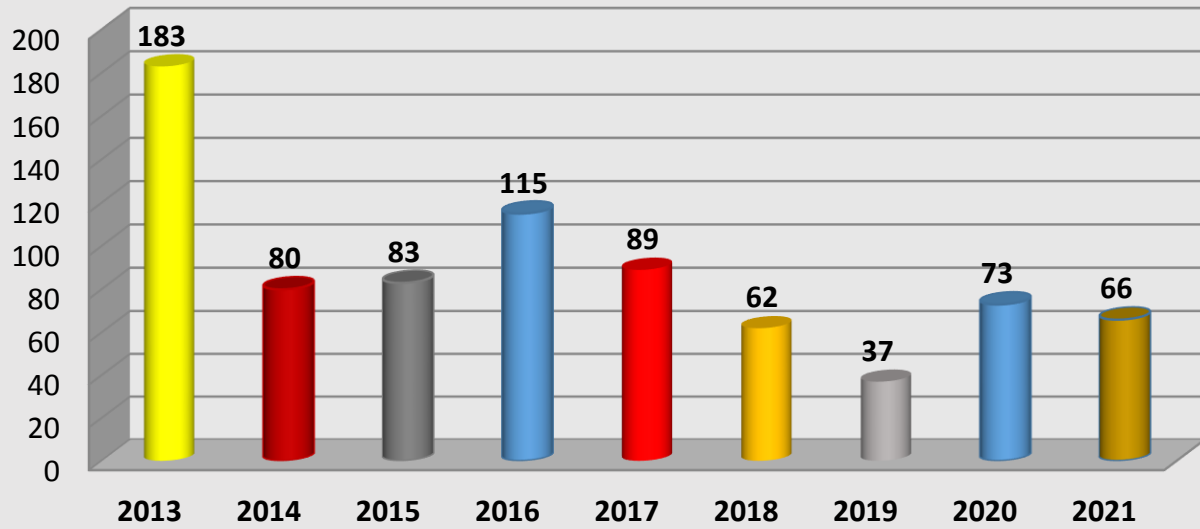


Chart 5



Homemade Shanks found during cell searches

INCIDENTS

In 2021 we had a total of 339 prison incidents that was dealt with by the prison’s tribunal system, for which “**Offending Good Order and Discipline**” and “**Assault – Inmate on Inmate**” accounted for 136 incidents or **41%** and 98 incidents or **29%** respectively. (*Please see Chart 6*)

When compared to 2020 however, there was a sharp increase in “*Disobeying a lawful order*” which broke through the roof and “*Offending Good Order and Discipline*” by 37%. Overall however, there was 30 or **-8%** less incidents adjudicated during the year. (*Please see Chart 7*)



Inmate with his tooth punched out



Inmate with cut wound to his head

PRISON INCIDENTS - Jan - Dec 2021

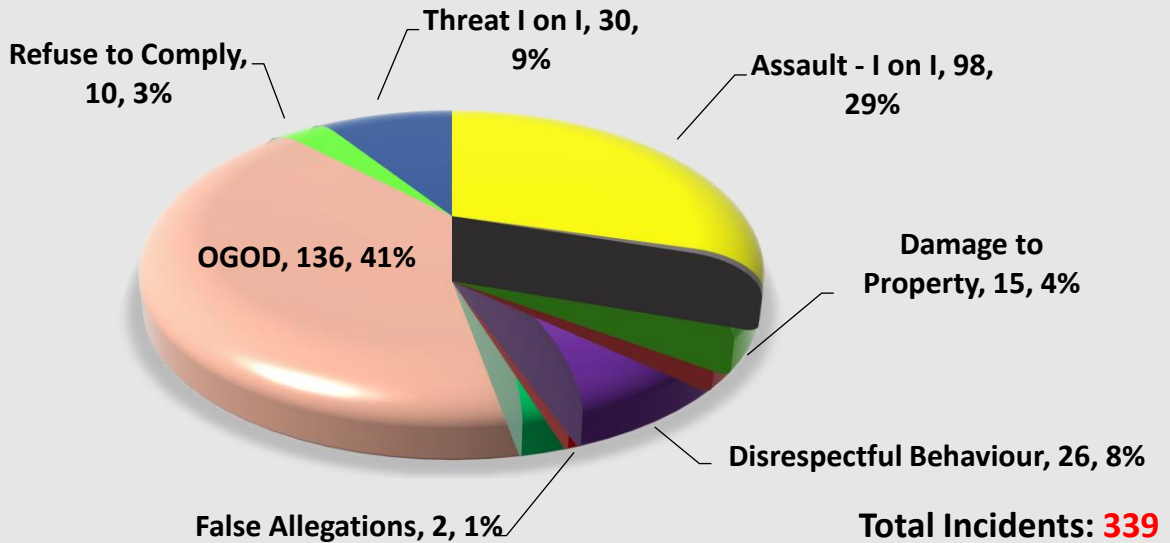


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PRISON INCIDENTS - 2021 COMPARED WITH 2020

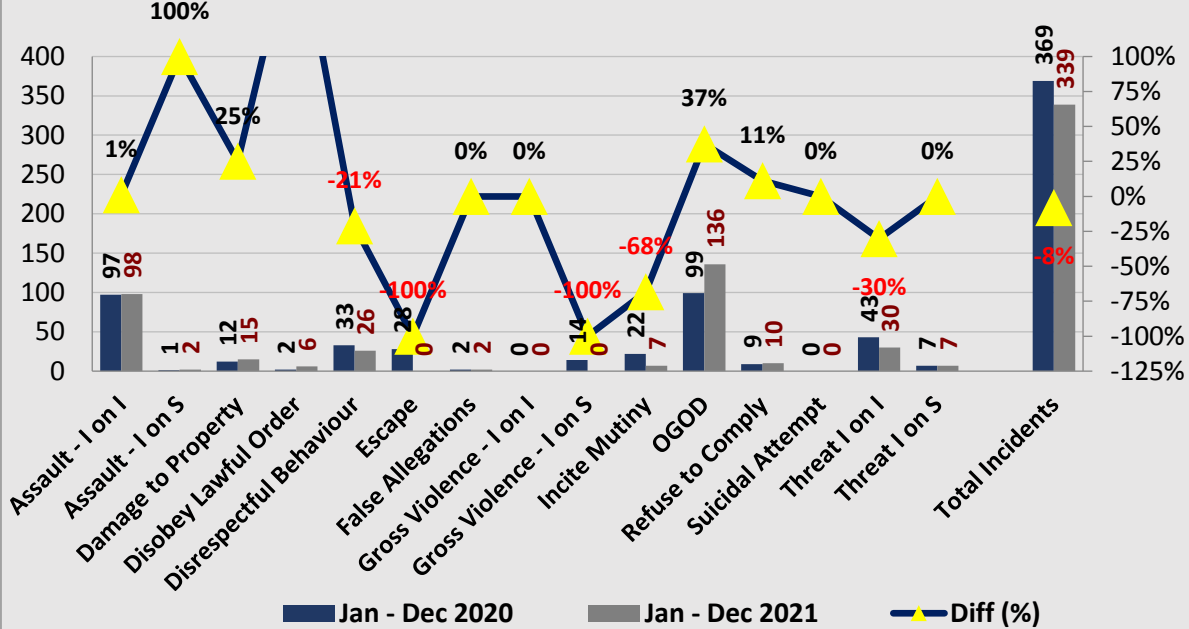


Chart 7

IMPRISONMENT

Convictions

As it pertains to incarceration, 566 persons were sent to prison on conviction status whilst 876 were admitted on remand in 2021. When comparing persons remanded with those admitted into the prison on conviction for this period, we saw that 310 or 55% more persons were remanded than were convicted. Our historical data showed that 2020 and 2021 were the highest in this regard with 52% and 55% respectively.

Normally, when it comes to convictions, Immigration Offences top the chart every year however, due to the pandemic, this was not the case in 2021 because all of Belize's borders were closed therefore, it was over-ran by Other Minor Offences. Of note is that over 75% of these minor offences were gang related and Covid-19 regulations violations.

Comparing 2021 with 2020, there was an overall decrease in convictions by 158 or **-22%** with Immigration Offences accounting for most of the decrease. Unlike 2020, the year 2021 saw convictions for violent offences such as Manslaughter (3), Attempt Murder (2), and Murder (1) respectively. There was also a 75% increase in convictions for Sexual Offences. (*See Charts 8 and 9 below*)

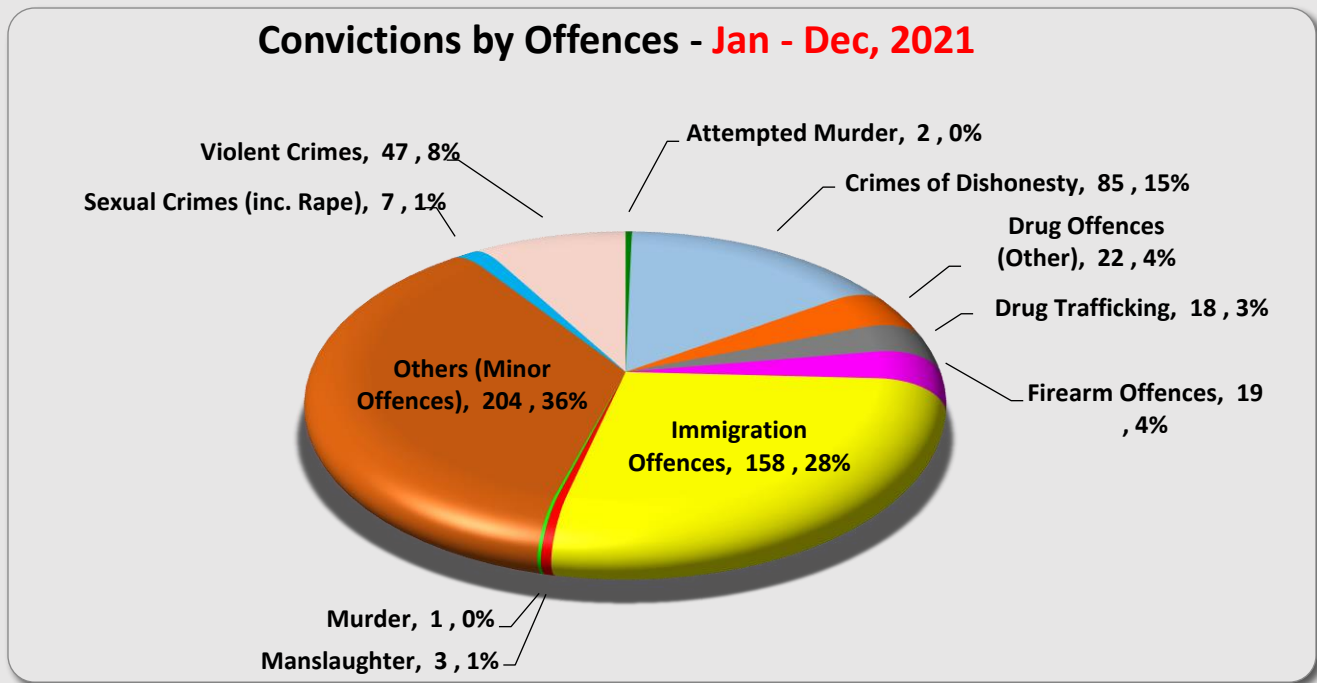


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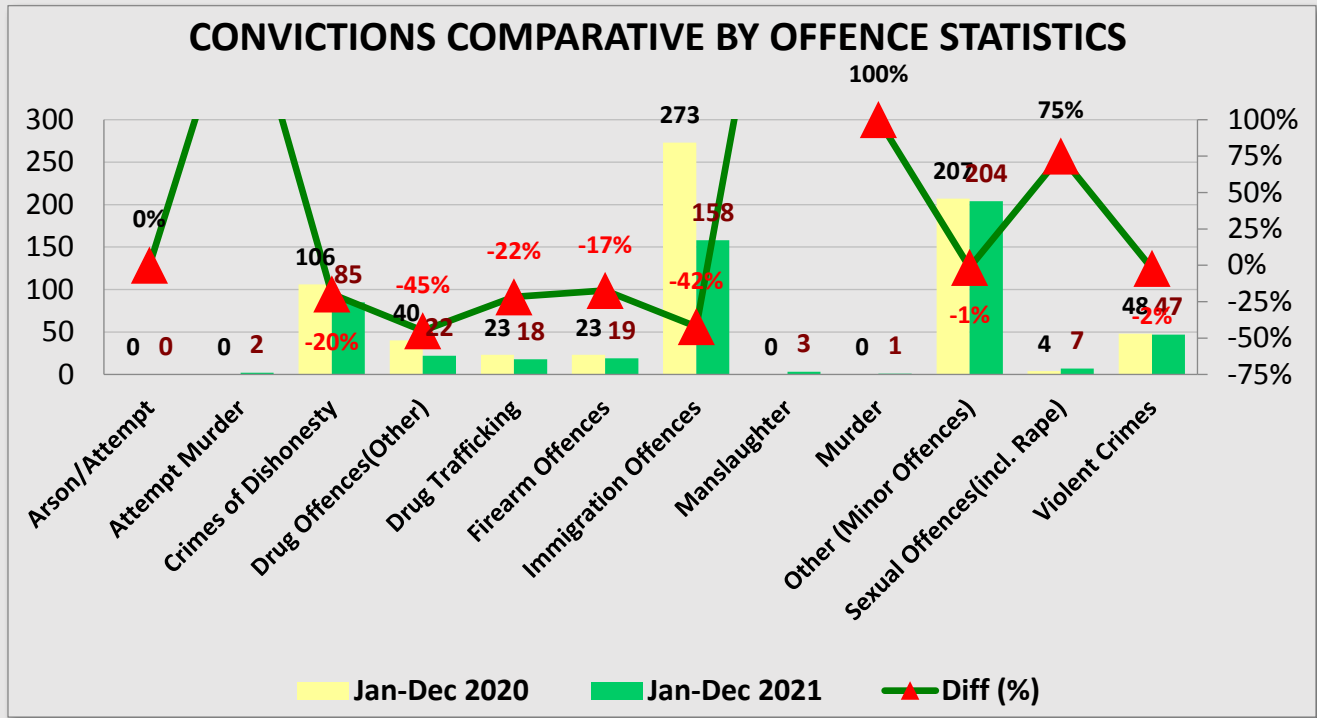


Chart 9

Remands

In 2021, a total of 876 persons were remanded to the Belize Central Prison – 223 (-20%) when compared to 2020. The government instituted only one State of Emergency for Southside, Belize City in August due to gang violence which yielded only 63 gang members. The government, not being excessive with these states of emergency for South-Side, Belize City accounted for most of the overall decrease in persons being remanded. As per usual, Crimes of Dishonesty (Robbery, Burglary, Theft) accounted for the highest number of persons remanded last year (207 or 24%).

There was a significantly high number of persons remanded for Drug Trafficking, Arson, and Manslaughter when compared to the year before. We also saw a slight increase in the number of persons remanded for Firearms and Violent offences (Harm, Grievous Harm, and Maim) . (See Charts 10 & 11)

Remanded Inmates - 2021

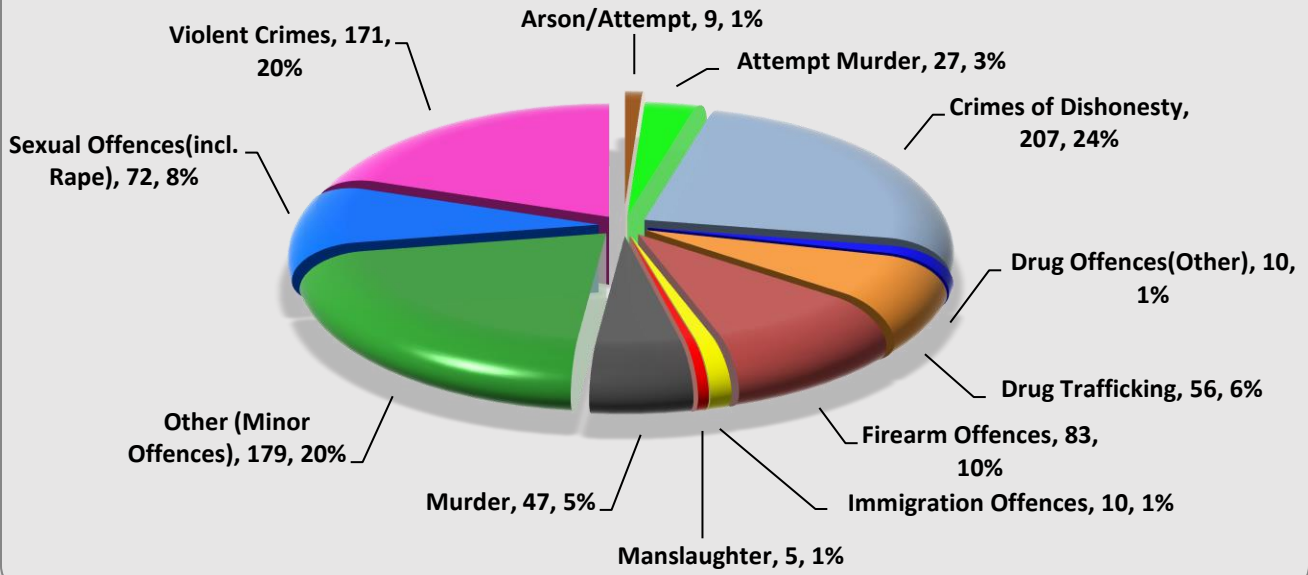


Chart 10

REMAINED COMPARATIVE BY OFFENCE STATISTICS

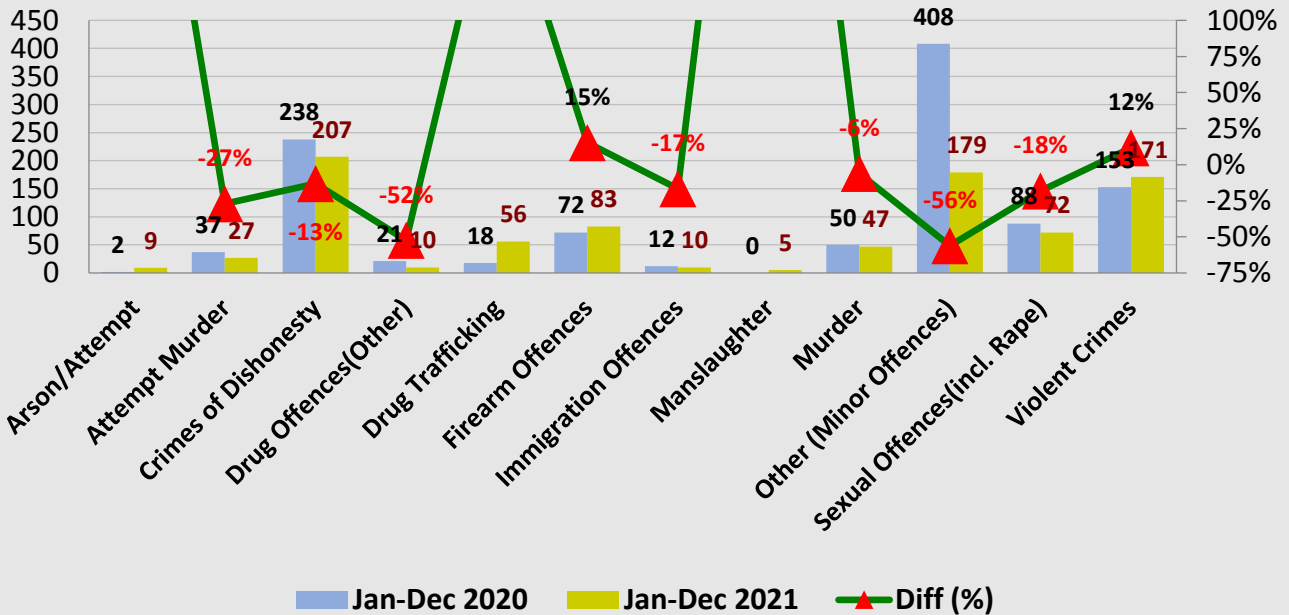


Chart 11

TOTAL IMPRISONMENT

The total number of persons admitted into the prison on conviction and remand in 2021 was 1,442, a reduction of 381 or **-21%** less when compared to 2020 which recorded 1,823. The breakdown of this total are as follows: 1,307 (**90.6%**) adult males, 77 (**5.3%**) adult females, 56 (**3.9%**) young males under the age of 18 years, and 2 (**0.14%**) young females (*similar age to that of young males*).

In 2021 – like in all the other years gone by, most females – 31% were incarcerated for Immigration Offences whilst an equal percentage – 12% were imprisoned for Violent and Other Minor Offences. As it pertains to young offenders (under the age of 18 years), the majority – **38%**, were incarcerated for Crimes of Dishonesty, whilst the other large number of them (**17%**) were admitted for Firearm Offences. The prevalent age of young offenders sent to the prison in 2021 was 17 and 16 years respectively.

Overall, **Other Minor Offences** (27%) accounted for most of the incarceration last year, followed by **Crimes of Dishonesty** (20%). Incarceration for both Manslaughter and Attempt Murder shot through the roof and Drug Trafficking saw an 80% increase when compared to the previous year. (*See Charts 12 & 13*)

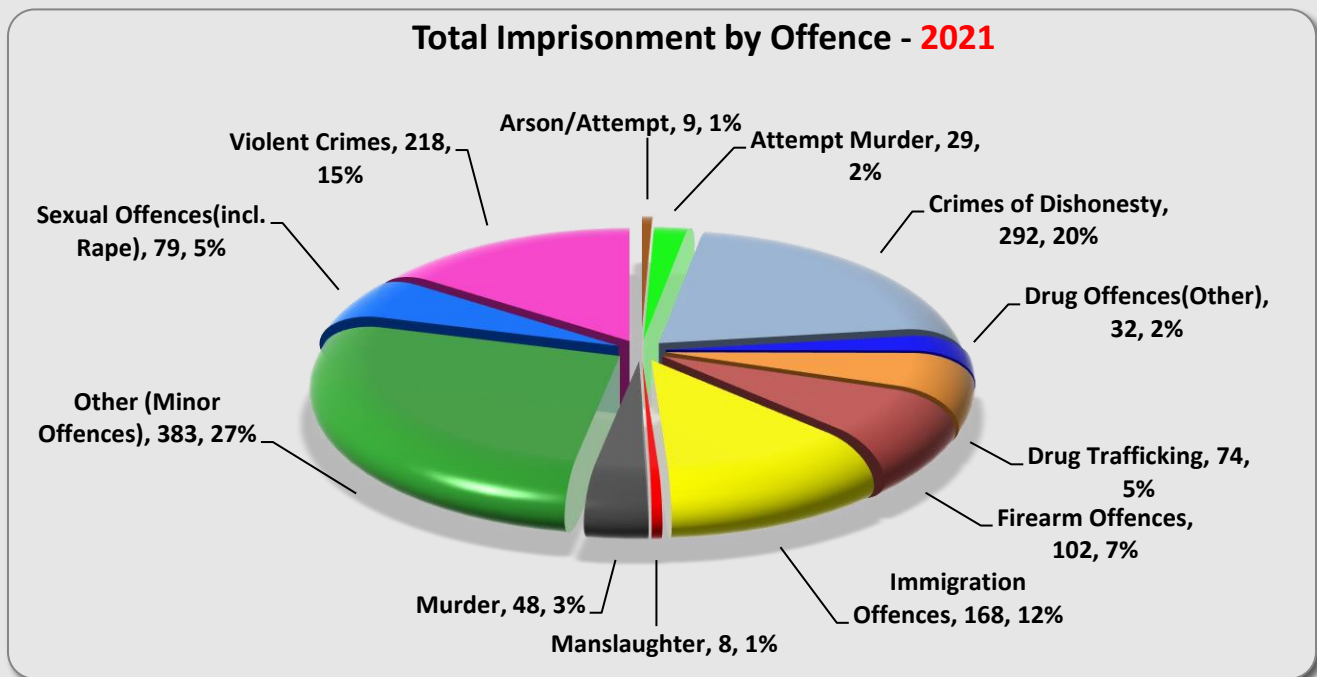


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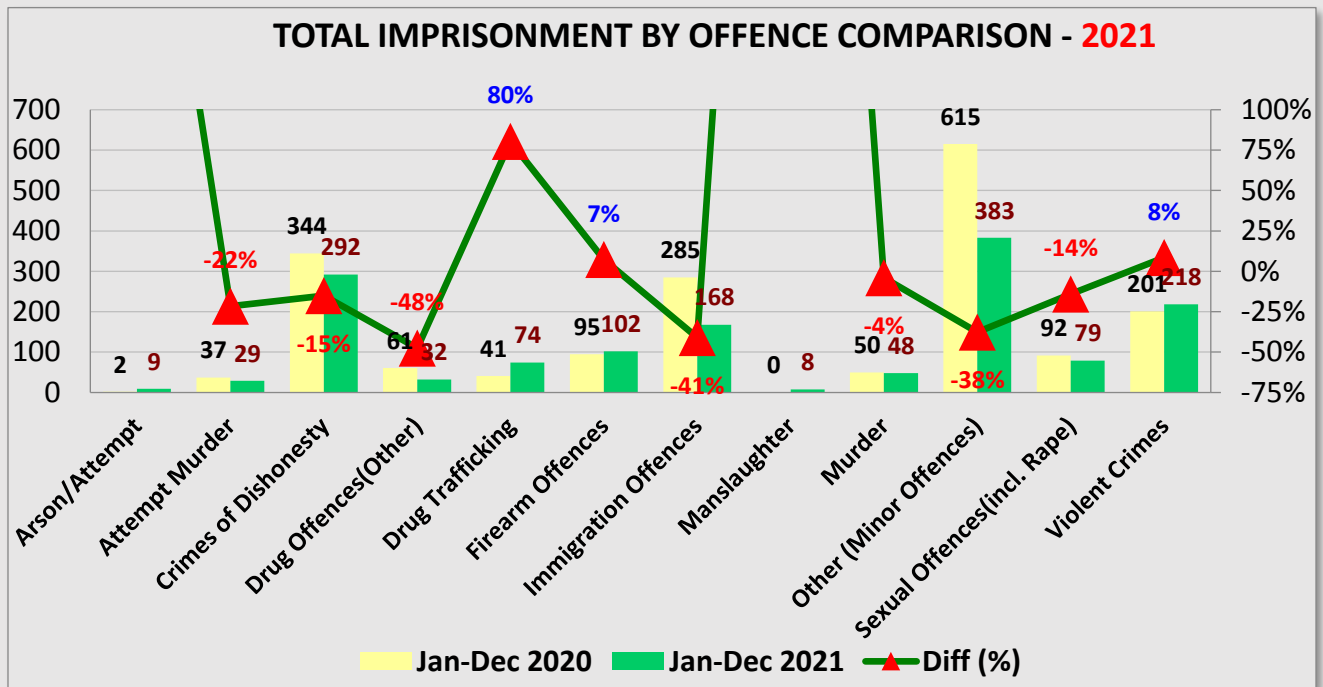


Chart 13

Inmate Population

As at December 31, 2021 the inmate population stood at 1,035 inmates with 680 (65.7%) being convicted and 355 (34.3%) being on remand or awaiting trial. Of this total population, 1,006 (97.2%) were adult males, 14 (1.35%) were adult females, and 15 (1.45%) were young males under the age of 18 years. A total of 442 (43%) of the inmate population as of this point were between the ages of 18 – 30 years of age. Of this total an equal percentage of 26% each were in prison for Murder and Crimes of Dishonesty. (Please see Chart 14)

Of the total remanded population as at December 31, 2021, 187 or 53% were in prison accused of Murder, whilst 63 or 18% were awaiting trial for Crimes of Dishonesty. (Please see Chart 15)

Chart 16 below gives a synopsis of the Convicted and Remanded population separately as at the end of each month during the year. (Please see Chart 16)

Total Population by Offence - As of December 31, 2021

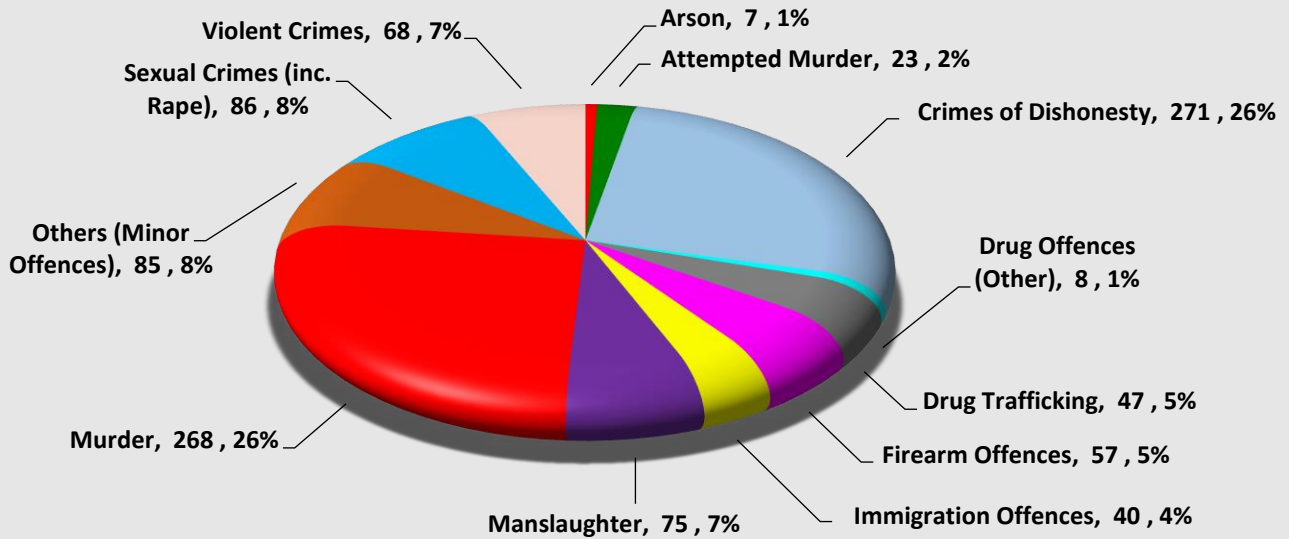


Chart 14

Remanded Population by Offence - December 31, 2021

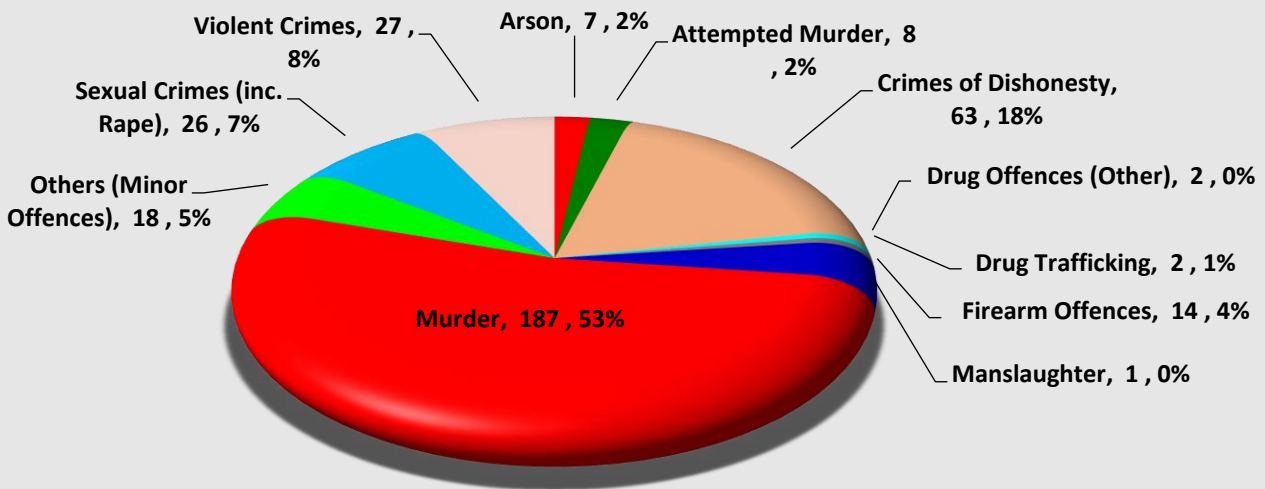


Chart 15

INMATE HEADCOUNT AS AT MONTH'S END - 2021

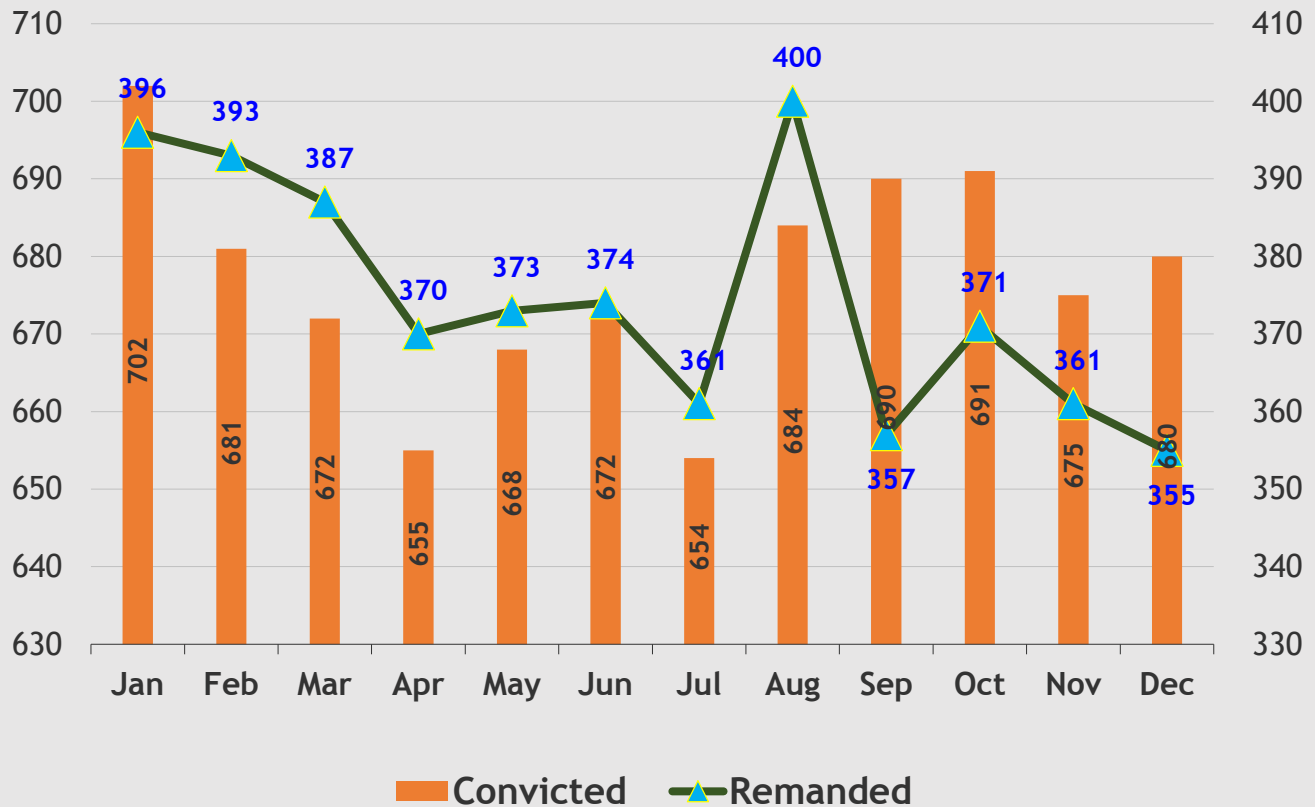


Chart 16

Time on Remand

Most inmates on remand as at December 31, 2021 have been awaiting trial between one and four years, with 52% of them having been in prison one year and less. The other huge number are accused of Murder which is a very serious offence and have been awaiting trial for four years and less. *(Please see Charts 17 and 18 below)*

REMANDED INMATES BY TIME - As of December 31, 2021

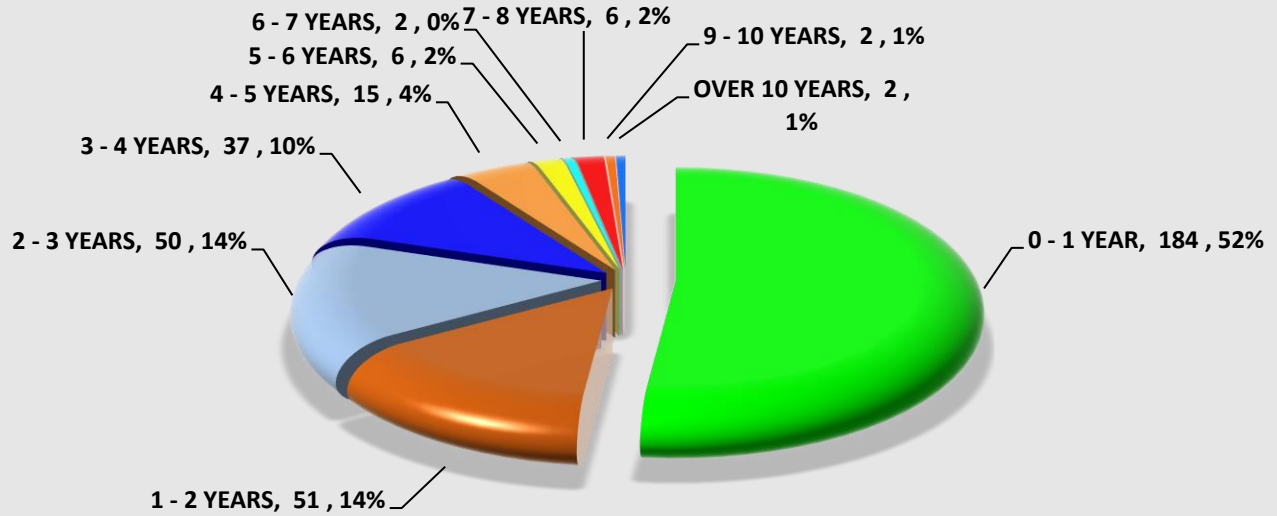


Chart 17

REMANDED INMATE POPULATION BY TIME – AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

Offence	0 - 1 YEAR	1 - 2 YEARS	2 - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS	5 - 6 YEARS	6 - 7 YEARS	7 - 8 YEARS	8 - 9 YEARS	9 - 10 YEARS	OVER 10 YEARS	Totals
Arson	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Attempted Murder	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Crimes of Dishonesty	59	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Drug Offences (Other)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Drug Trafficking	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Firearm Offences	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Immigration Offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Manslaughter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Murder	41	40	42	34	12	6	2	6	0	2	2	187
Others (Minor Offences)	17	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Sexual Crimes (inc. Rape)	15	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Violent Crimes	25	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Total Convicted & Remanded	184	51	50	37	15	6	2	6	-	2	2	355

Chart 18

As at December 31, 2021 the average annual inmate headcount was 1,047. (Please see Chart 19 below)

YEARLY INMATE AVERAGE POPULATION - FY 03/04 - 21/22

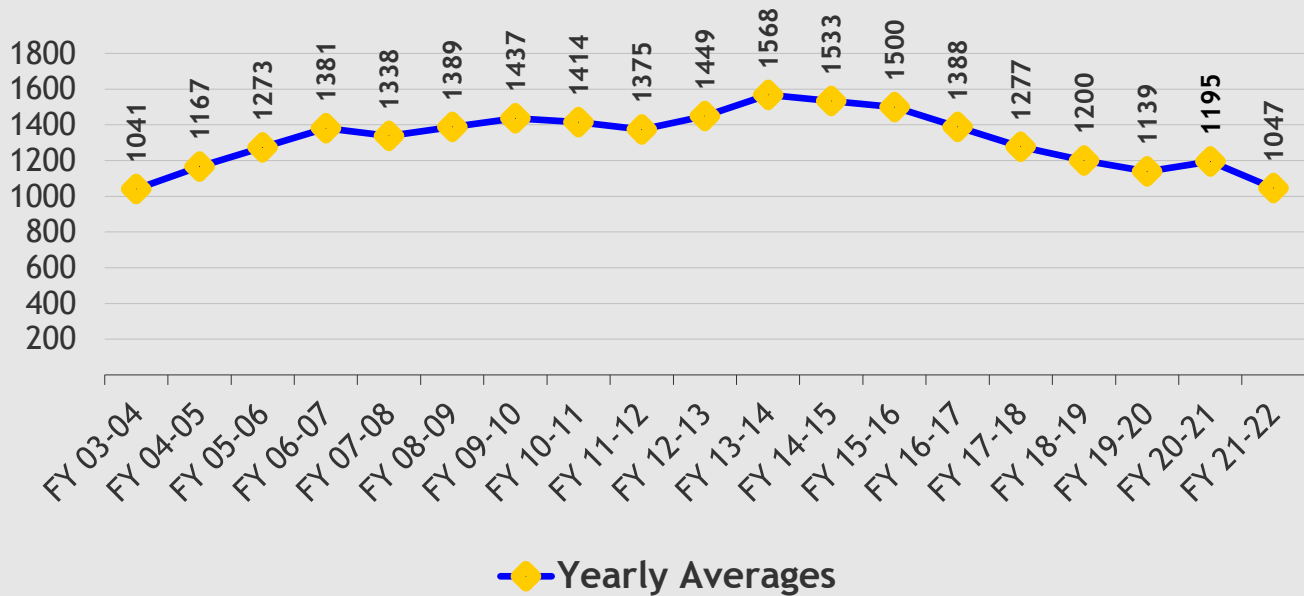


Chart 19

PAROLE

Of the 285 eligible inmates for Parole last year, only sixty-eight (68) or 24% were approved Parole in 2021. Those inmates so approved were serving sentences for Crimes of Dishonesty, Other Minor Offences, and Drug Trafficking respectively. *(Please refer to Chart 20 below).*

Ninety-eight persons successfully completed their parole last year and as at December 31, 2021 there remained 126 persons on such license.

2021 saw the lowest parole approval rate since 2013, whilst at the same time it recorded the highest parole revocation rate since 2014. *(Please see Charts 21 and 22 below)*

PAROLE DISCHARGES BY OFFENCE - Jan - Dec 2021

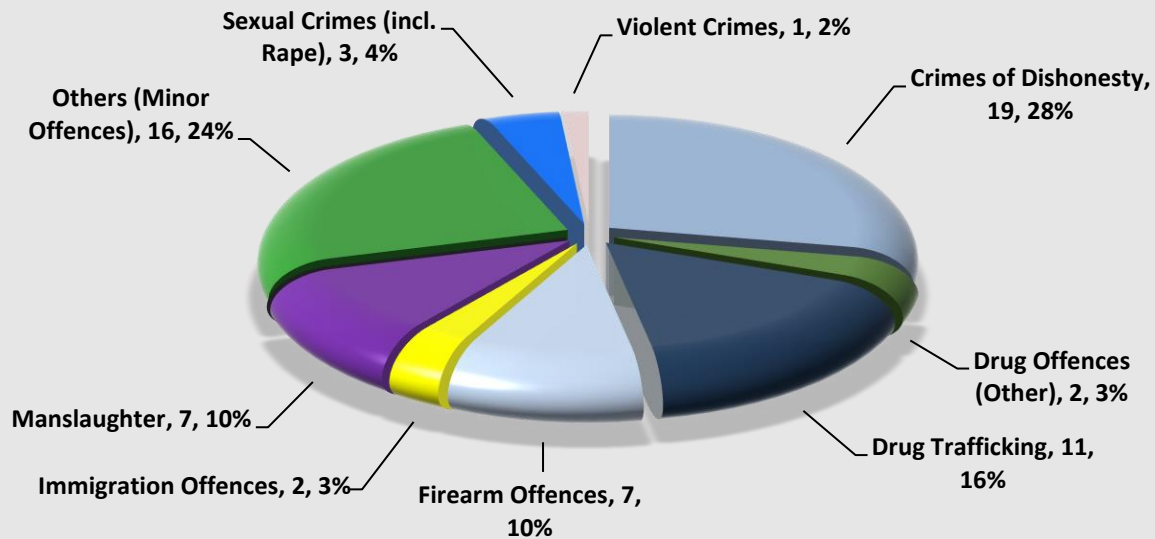


Chart 20

PAROLE ELIGIBILITY VS. APPROVALS - 2013 - 2021

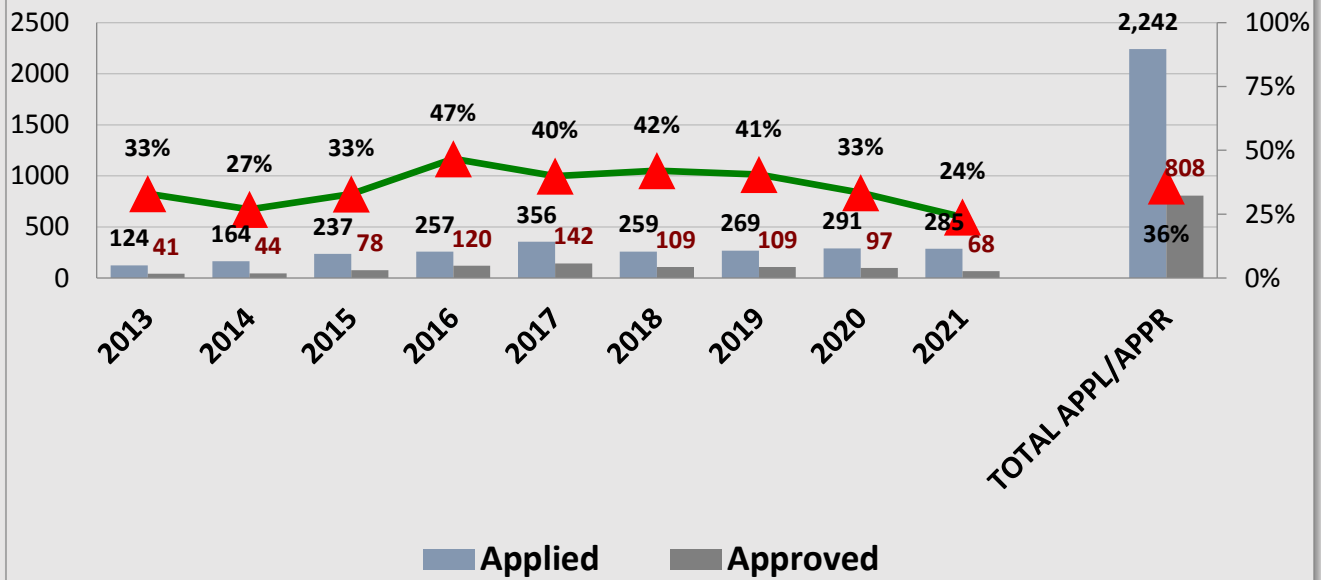


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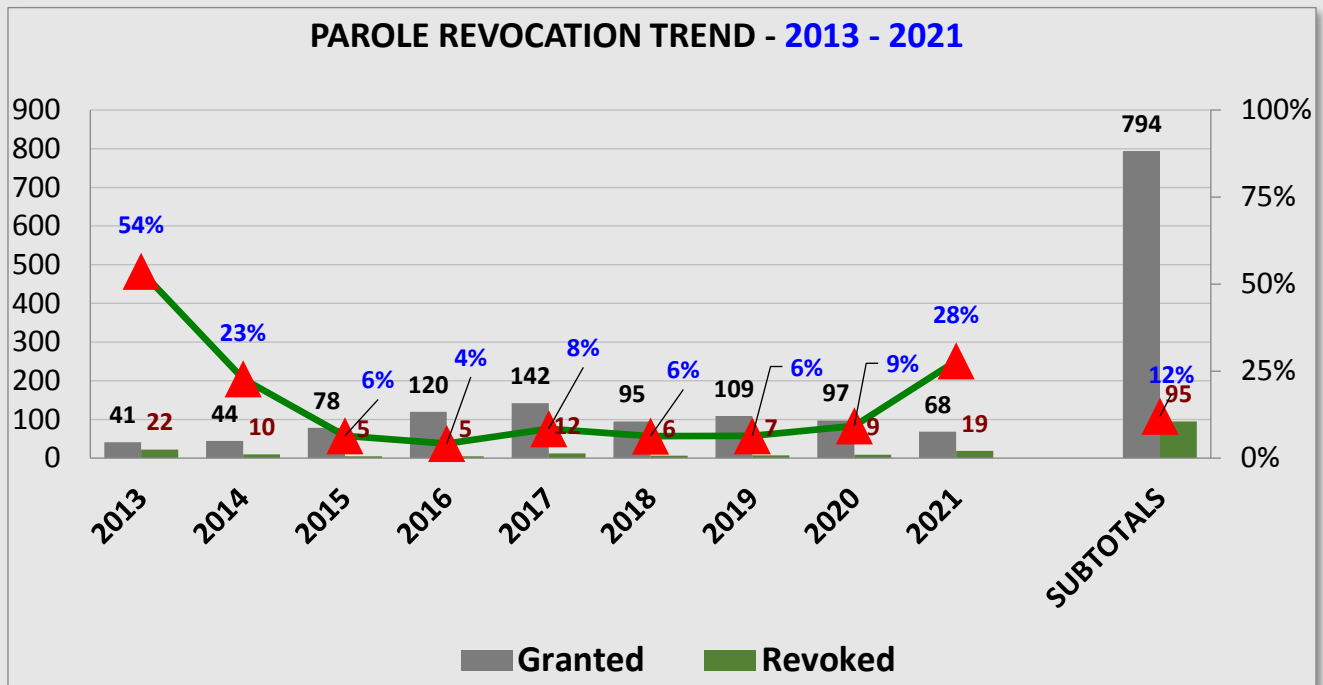


Chart 22

MEDICAL DIAGNOSES

Aside from Covid-19 cases, the prison’s Medical Officer diagnosed a total of 1,263 other medical illnesses in 2021 amongst inmates and staff and established that the majority – 17% of those cases, turned out to be healthy individuals. When compared to 2020, this is a reduction of **-16%** in which 1,496 diagnoses were made. *(Please see Chart 23 below)*

As it relates to Covid-19, the prison recorded 118 positive cases amongst staff and inmates for last year – 16 staff and 102 inmates. Worthy of mentioning is that this is a significant drop by 107 **(-47.5%)** less cases when compared to the last four months of 2020 when the virus was first detected in the prison in September of that year. When measured against the 967 tests conducted for the virus however, this translates to a **12.2%** positivity rate within the prison walls. Most of these positive cases were detected between early September and Mid-October of last year and were suspected to be that of the Delta Variant. Thankfully, there was no serious cases, therefore we did not need to make any referrals to the KMHM to worsen their workload during the pandemic.

Regarding vaccination, by year’s end 97% of our 250 staff and 87% of the 1,050 inmates were vaccinated against the Corona Virus. All I can say is that we managed the pandemic extremely well; better than many countries around the world! *(Please see Chart 24 below)*

PREVALENT MEDICAL DIAGNOSES - Jan - Dec, 2021

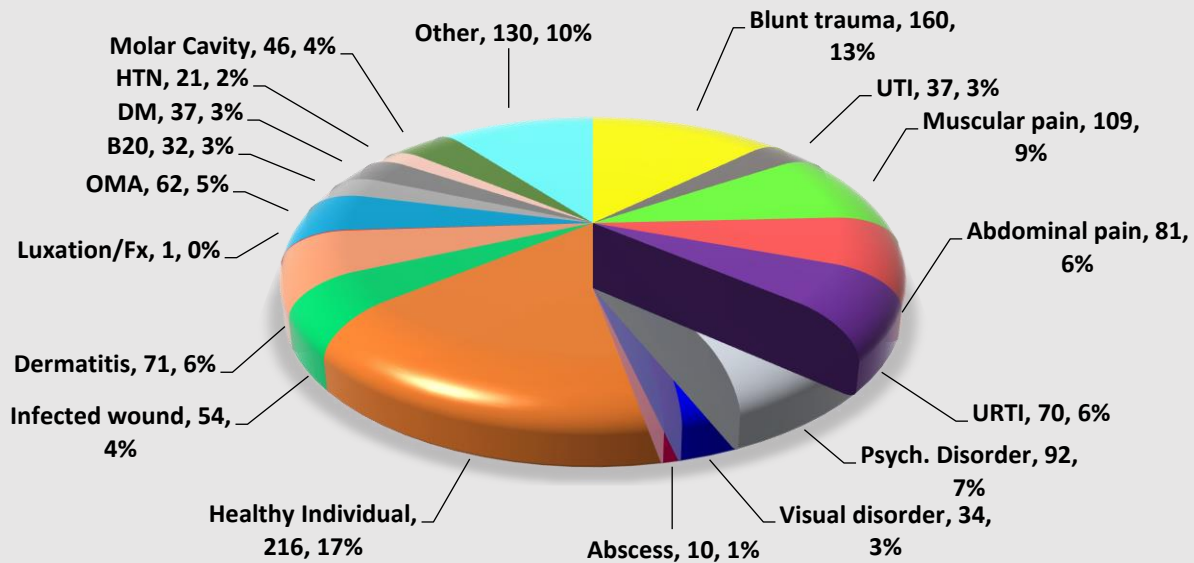


Chart 23

VACCINATION STATUS				Total Vaccinated	Population size
Officer First Dose	44	Officer Fully Vaccinated	145	189	196
Civilian First Dose	4	Civilian Fully Vaccinated	38	42	43
Inmates First Dose	198	Inmates Fully Vaccinated	724	922	1071
Total First Dose	246	Total Fully Vaccinated	907	1153	1310
Inmate Percentage Vaccinated	86%				
Officer Percentage Vaccinated	96%				
Civilian Percentage Vaccinated	98%				
Total Percentage Vaccinated	88%				

Chart 24

GANGS IN PRISON

As of December 31, 2021, members of the George Street Gang (**GSG**) continued to dominate amongst all other gangs in Belize, followed closely by Peace in the Village (**PIV**). There were 126 gang members in prison from among 19 different gangs; including MS-13 and 18th Street Gang from El Salvador. The prevalent age range of these gang members are between 18 – 30 years and over 90% of them are of Creole descent and most of them are from Southside Belize City. 62% of them were remanded to prison and are awaiting trial – mostly for Murder. (*Please see Chart 25 below*)

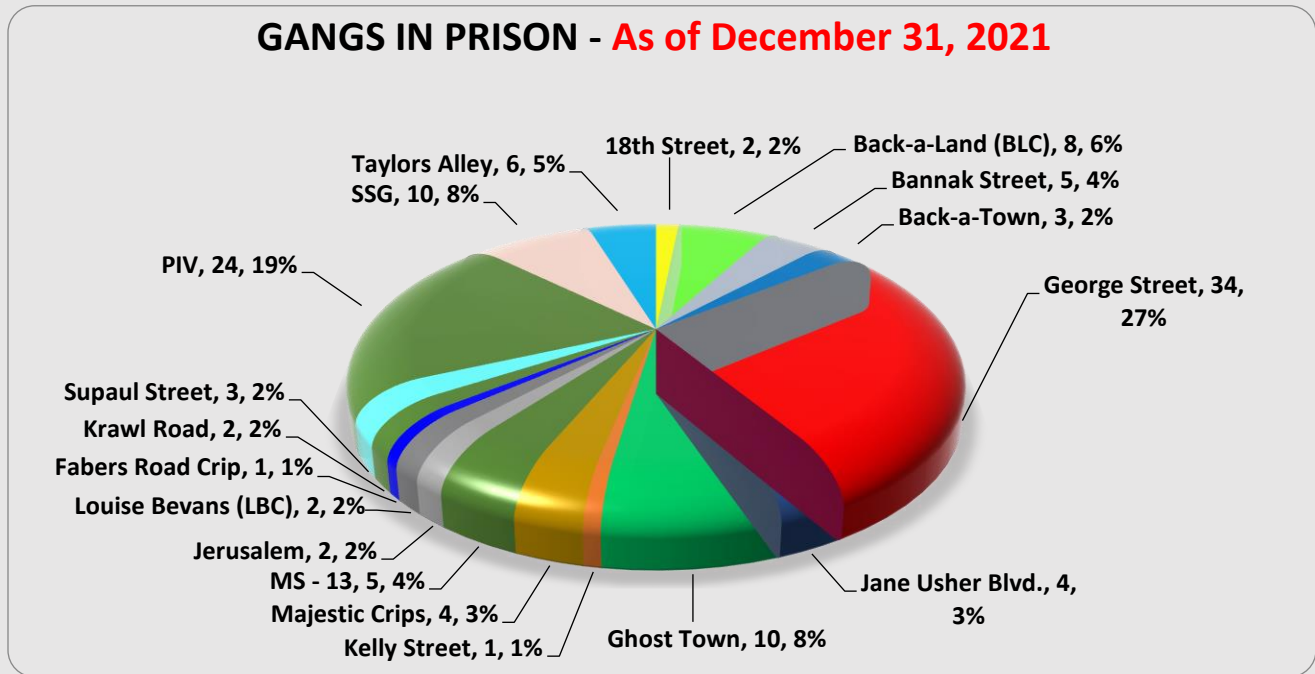


Chart 25

OTHER 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD CEREMONY FOR 20 EMPLOYEES FOR 2020:

January 11, 2021



10 AND 15 YEARS LONG SERVICE AWARDS: February 24, 2021



**VISIT BY FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS – MR. BERNARD ADOLPHUS:
February 27, 2021**



LAUNCH OF RACHEL PROGRAM AT TANGO 7: March 5, 2021



INAUGURATION OF TOWER #4: March 26, 2021



LAUNCH OF RACHEL PROGRAM AT TANGO 9: July 6, 2021



Ministers Kareem Musa, Kevin Bernard and Hon. Shyne Barrow meeting with SOE Gang Members



SOE Gang Members meeting with Government Ministers, Leader of the Opposition, and Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU)



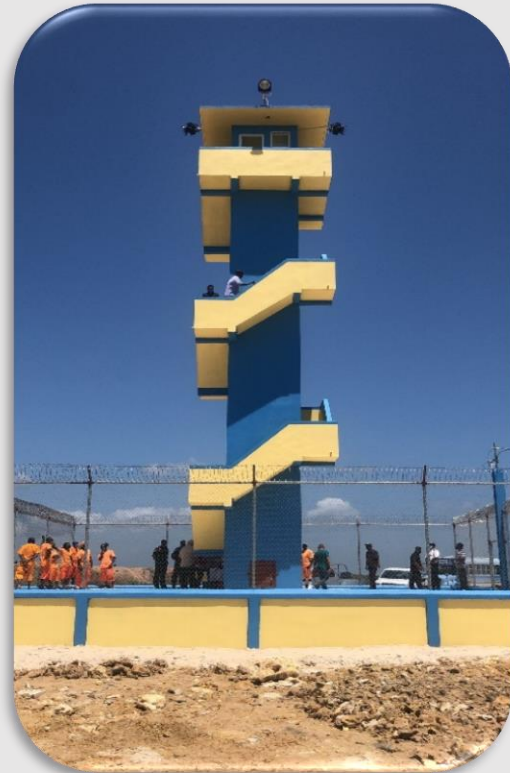
WYF VISITED BY FAMOUS AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYER – ED REED, HON. KAREEM MUSA AND CEO KEVIN ARTHURS OF THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND NEW GROWTH INDUSTRIES

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Aside from the completion of guard tower #4 which we commenced construction on in 2020 and was inaugurated on March 26, 2021, because of the pandemic and the falling headcount, Kolbe Foundation was not able to have erected any new addition to the facility nor engage in any major renovations to the current buildings. The most significant modification made was the raising of the concrete fence base enclosing the Remanded Block recreation yard by two blocks height in an effort to stop the inmates from tearing away the chain-link fence and turning them into home-made shanks as well as to delay escapes. During the year we merely carried out basic maintenance of the different buildings and yards to keep the prison in a good state of repairs.



Construction of Tower #4



Tower number #4 completed



Raising of Remanded Block recreation yard by 2 blocks height



Welding repairs to wickets



Scraping and Painting of the Tango 1 Building



Chopping and raking of grass



Repairs to outer perimeter fence



Outer perimeter road maintenance



White liming of outer perimeter fence base by inmates

EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

During the pandemic the number of participants in education and rehabilitation programs was scaled back to prevent and mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. Aside from other Covid-19 protocols, the number of inmates in program buildings such as the ARC (*for convicted inmates*), RRC (*for remanded inmates*), and Tango 1 (*Spiritual program for convicted inmates*) was scaled back to make social distancing possible amongst them. Programs completed by inmates by year's end are as follows:

- RACHEL Program - 141
- Inner-Change for Freedom Belize - 38
- Remands Rehabilitation Program - 73
- Addiction Rehabilitation Program - 67
- Journey to Freedom - 149
- Facilitators Training - 50

An average of 200 inmates were gainfully employed throughout the year in various aspects of the prison's inmate's workforce – Prison Industries, Buildings Maintenance & Repairs, Program Facilitators, Food Services, Healthcare Services, just to mention a few.

RACHEL PROGRAM

The Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning (**RACHEL**) is an electronic offline server filled with library and educational contents for inmates to learn and conduct research using individual Charts and laptop computers. All contents on the server are screened by the administration. We started this program in late 2018 at the Cindy Gregg School through the Rotary Club of Port Moody, Canada. On July 2, 2021 a total of 141 inmates from Tango 7, Wanner's Youth Facility (**WYF**), Cindy Gregg School (**CGS**), and the Females Section graduated the program.



RACHEL Program – Wagner's Youth Facility (**WYF**)



RACHEL Program – Tango 9



RACHEL Program – Cindy Gregg School (CGS)



RACHEL GRADUATION CEREMONY – JULY 2, 2021

OTHER REHABILITATION PROGRAMS



ARC PROGRAM IN SESSION



IFFB PROGRAM



INMATES INVOLVED IN RRC PROGRAM



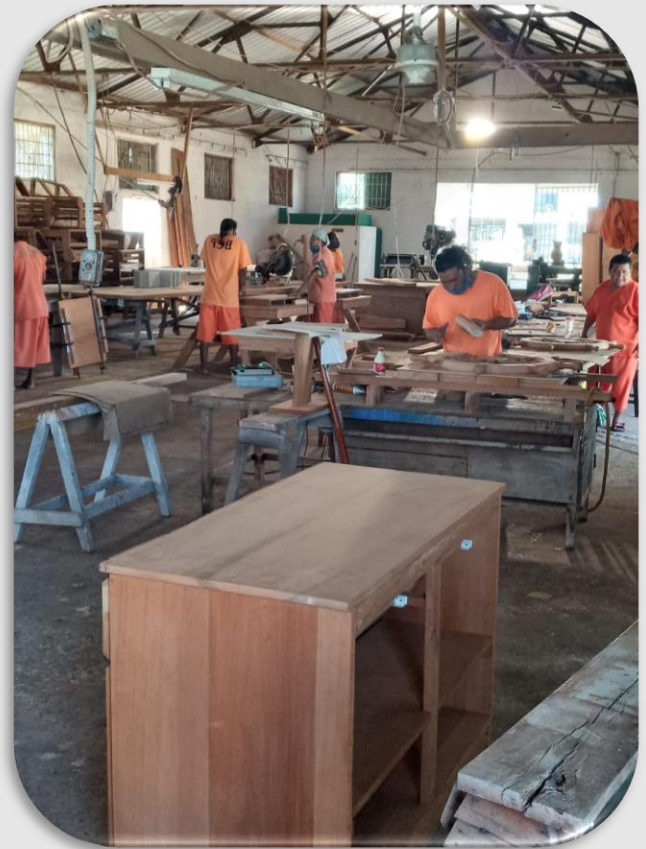
RASTAFARIAN PROGRAM IN SESSION



Inmate Facilitators Training

PRISON INDUSTRIES/INDUSTRIAL ZONE

The Industrial Zone, which is the production and business arm of the prison, continued to assist with generating revenue that helped in paying for operational expenses, as well as teaching the inmates vocational skills which they can use for employment upon their release. An average of 55 inmates remained continuously employed at the Industrial Zone during 2021 working in the areas of woodworking, poultry, piggery, tailoring, block making, or the farm. (*See pictures below*)



Inmates engaged in furniture making



Cement blocks production and delivery



Tailoring Program (*Inmates assisting with the sewing of Officers uniforms*)



Poultry Program (*Cleaning and packaging of slaughtered chickens*)



Poultry Program (*Cleaning and packaging of chickens*)



Piggery Program (*slaughtering and cleaning of pig for producing pork meat*)



Agriculture Program (*inmates attending to veggies planted for prison consumption*)



Inmates bagging compost



Inmates loading compost unto customer's truck



File folders project for The Angelus Press being done by female inmates

DONORS

Kolbe Foundation takes this opportunity to say a huge **“THANK YOU!!!!!!”** to those Prison Ministries, Businesses, Government Departments, other organizations, and good Samaritans who – despite the hardships brought on by the pandemic, generously donated cash or in-kind towards our **“life-changing”** efforts during 2021. Their contributions – however small, enabled us to have managed the prison in a decent fashion.

Below is a list of such donors and we apologize in advance if anyone was unintentionally overlooked:

- **Dr. Jarrod Sadulski**
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- **The Book Center**
- **Ahmadiyya Muslim Community**
- **First Love Church**
- **Mr. Nathaniel Stampley**
- **Jehova’s Witness – Belmopan Branch**

OTHER PRISON ACTIVITIES



Cell searches being carried out by QRT Officers during the night



Building and lock checks being conducted



Covid-19 Vaccination of staff and inmates by the MoHW



Sanitization of staff bus to combat Covid-19 Virus



Exercising Covid-19 protocols



Daily sanitization of Officers' Barracks



Inmates engaged in auto-mechanic work alongside our Chief Mechanic



Medical care being offered to inmates in the facility



Psych inmate patient being given his psych injection



Embassy meeting with their nationals and offering them snacks



Inmate with ear problem



Inmates on virtual calls



Loved ones visiting inmates



Inmates researching about their cases at the Law Library



Male inmates recreating



Female inmates recreating



Food being cooked at the kitchen

INMATES ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY WORKS



Inmate going with the police to clean the community



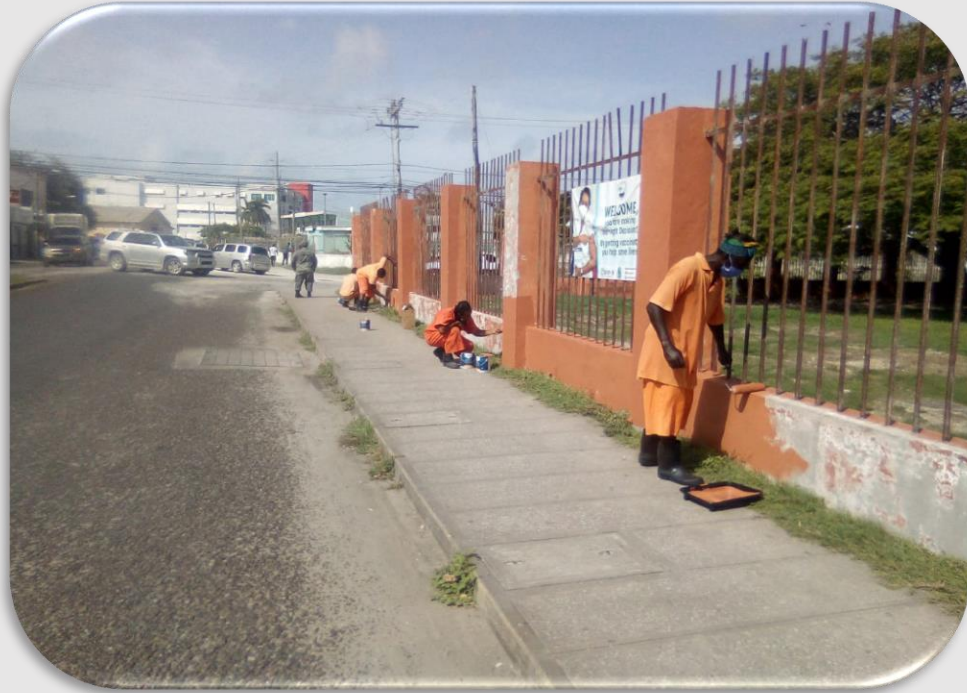
Inmates cleaning the Supreme Court for its 2021 opening session



Inmates chopping overgrown lots in the community



Inmates chopping overgrown roadside in Mahogany Heights



Inmates giving a facelift to the KMHM



Inmates cleaning the Hattieville Police Station's yard

CONCLUSION

As we enter a new year, it is our hope that we will perform better than we did the year before and step up our operations and service another notch. We will strive for 2022 to be another crisis-free year with no escapes nor riots.

In concluding, let me extend a tremendous ***THANK YOU*** to our Board of Directors who have faithfully and freely given of their time and resources to help shaping the philosophies and strategies of the Kolbe Foundation, as well as our staff who executes the mandates set by the Board and government accordingly!