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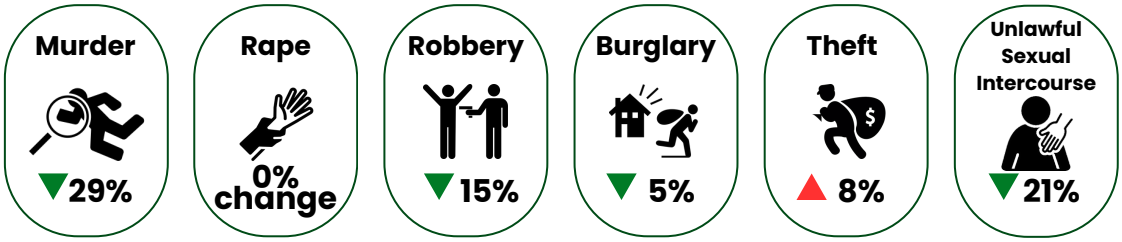
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Crime at a glance

MAJOR CRIMES

- Police recorded 492 major crimes during January to June 2025. This reflected a decrease of 10% relative to the same period in 2024. That is a total of 44 less major crime records compared to the same period in 2024.

- During January to June 2025, majority of the categories of major crimes recorded a decrease except for Theft and Rape.



MURDERS

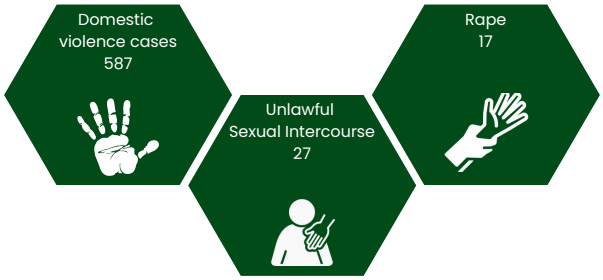
- The murder rate for January to June 2025 is 9.8 victims per 100,000 population. During January to June 2025, there were 41 murders recorded by the Belize Police Department. Murders decreased by 29% when compared to the same period in 2024.

MURDERS IN BELIZE CITY

- The murder rate for Belize City for the period January to June 2025 resulted in 22.8 victims per 100,000 population.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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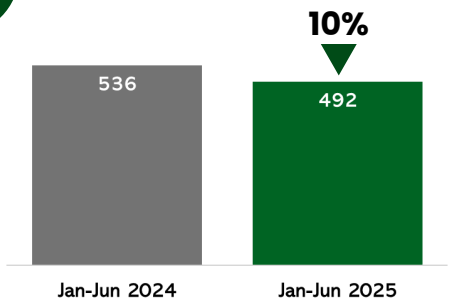
- As of 30th June 2025, there were 1,250 inmates at the Belize Central Prison, of whom 830 were convicted and 420 were remanded.



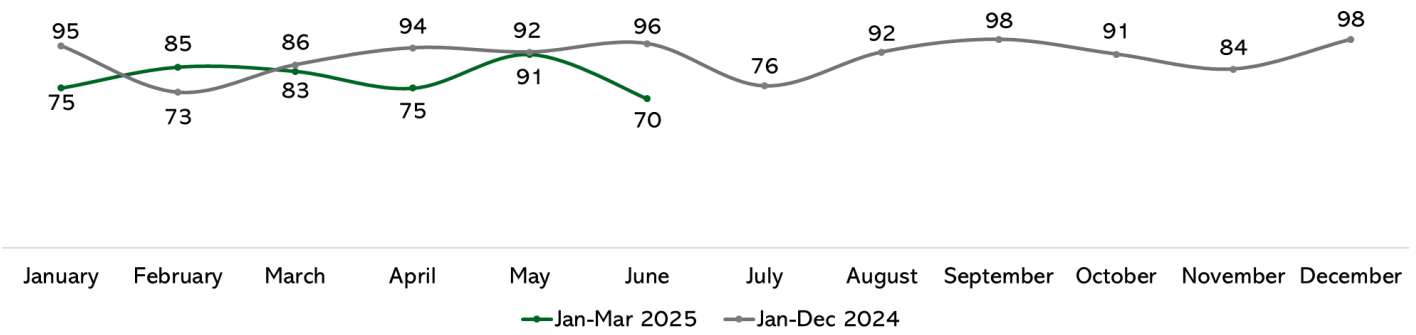
Major Crimes

January to June 2025

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Total number of major crimes by month (2024 vs. 2025)



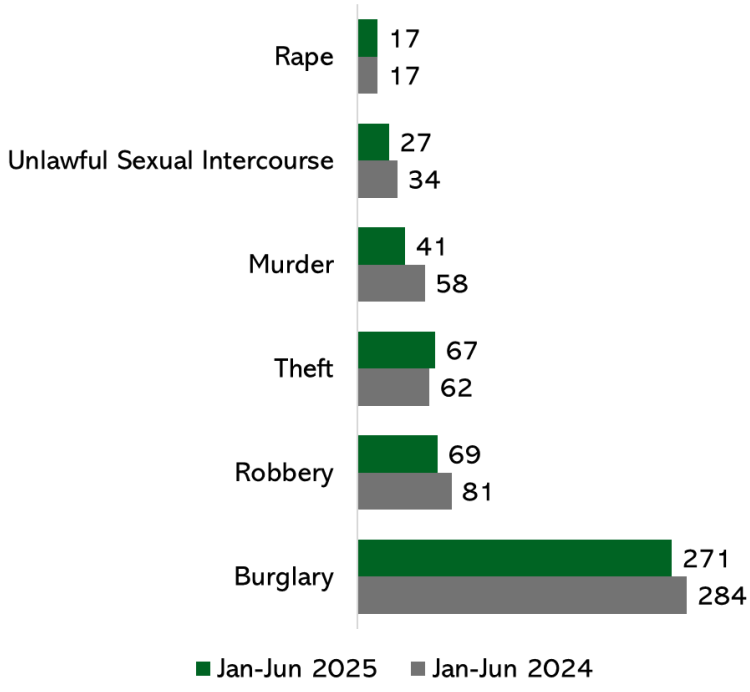
A decrease in Major Crimes throughout January and June 2025 was observed. The largest decrease in major crimes for January to June 2025 was recorded in June, with a decrease of 27% (26 less reports).

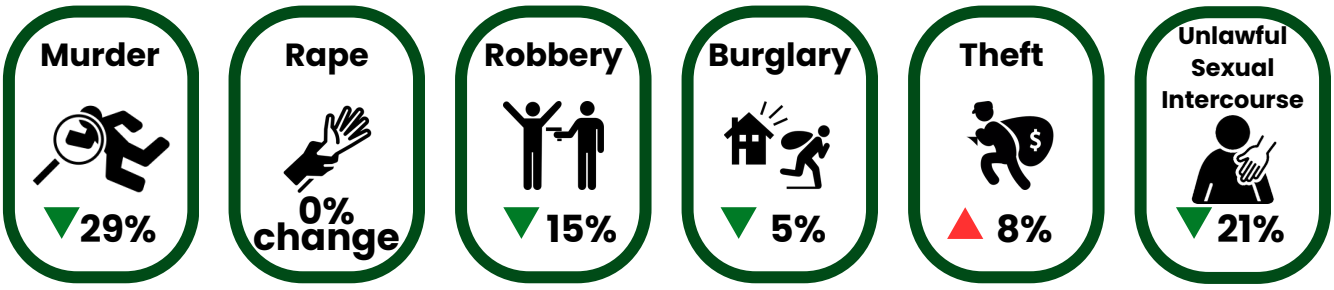
Total number of major crimes by category

During January to June 2025, majority of the categories of major crimes recorded a decrease except for Theft and Rape.

Theft reported an 8% increase (5) meanwhile, Rape incidents recorded no change with 17 incidents.

Murders decrease by 29% compared to the same period in 2024. This is 17 less murder victims.





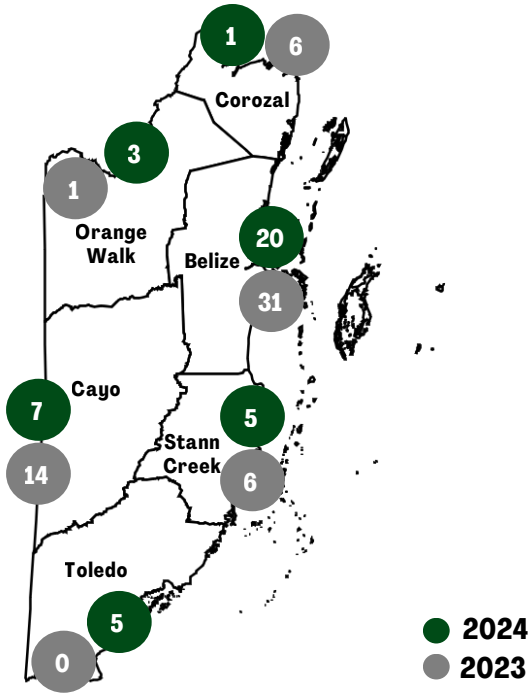
Murders

The murder rate for January to June 2025 is 9.8 victims per 100,000 population. During January to June 2025, there were 41 murders recorded by the Belize Police Department. Murders decreased by 29% when compared to the same period in 2024.

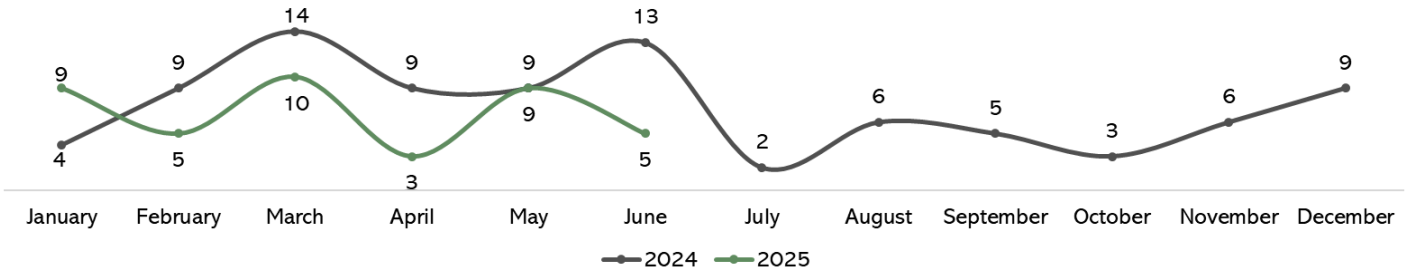
In 2025, the Belize District accounted for 49% of the murder incidents recorded; the Cayo District accounted for 17%; the Stann Creek District accounted for 12%; the Toledo District accounted for 12%; the Orange Walk District accounted for 7%; and the Corozal accounted for 2%.

There was a drastic decrease in the Belize District of 35% (11 less murder victims) when compared to the same period in 2024. Note that a State of Emergency took effect on May 6, 2025, in parts of the Belize and Cayo Districts. This SOE ran for a period of 30 days, concluding in June 2025.

Murder incidents by district



Total number of murders by month (2024 vs. 2025)



On average, 7 Murders per month occurred during January to June 2025. The month with the greatest number of victims in 2025 was March with 10 victims, followed by January and May with 9 victims, each.

From January to June 2025, all months saw a decrease when compared to the same period in 2024, except for January with an increase of 125% (5), and May with no percent change.

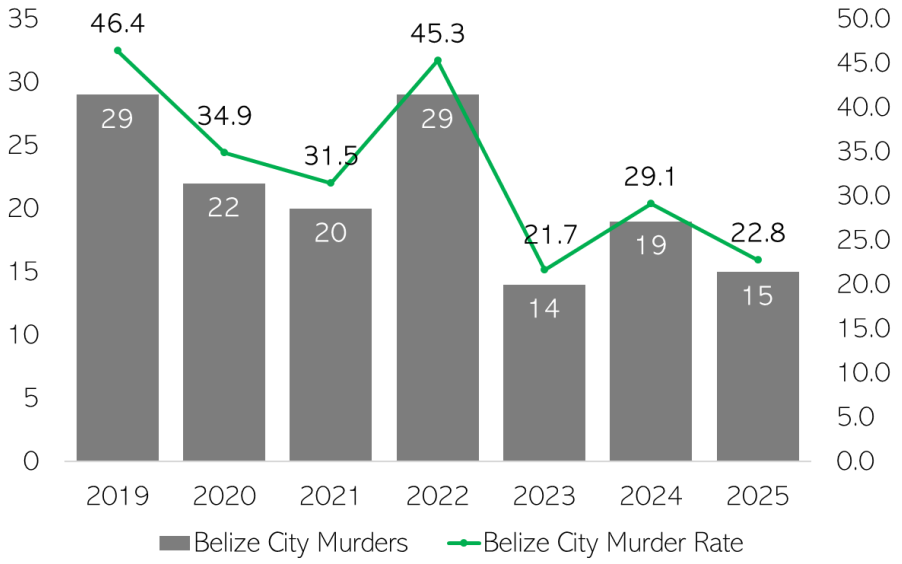
Murder victims by sex



During January to June 2024, there were 40 male victims and 1 female victim of murder.

Murders in Belize City

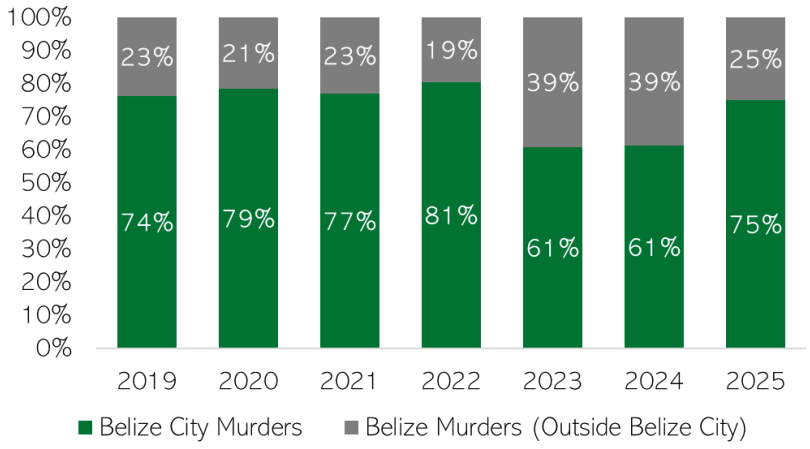
Murder rate in Belize City (Jan to June (2019-2025))



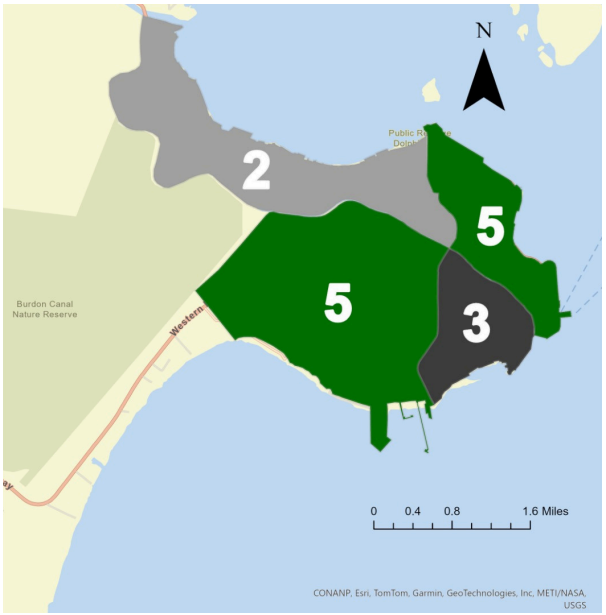
In the last 3 years, Belize City's murder rate has fluctuated, however, it has remained below 30 victims per 100,000. The lowest murder rate during a January to June period was observed in 2023 with 21.7 victims per 100,000 population. January to June 2025 resulted in 22.8 victims per 100,000 population.

Total Percentage of Murders in Belize City (Jan to June (2019-2025))

During January to June 2025, 75% of the Belize District murders were recorded in Belize City, while 25% of the murders were recorded outside Belize City, representing a decrease of 14 percentage points for murders recorded outside Belize City and an increase of 14 percentage points for murders recorded in Belize City compared to the same period in 2024.



Total Belize City Murders by precinct



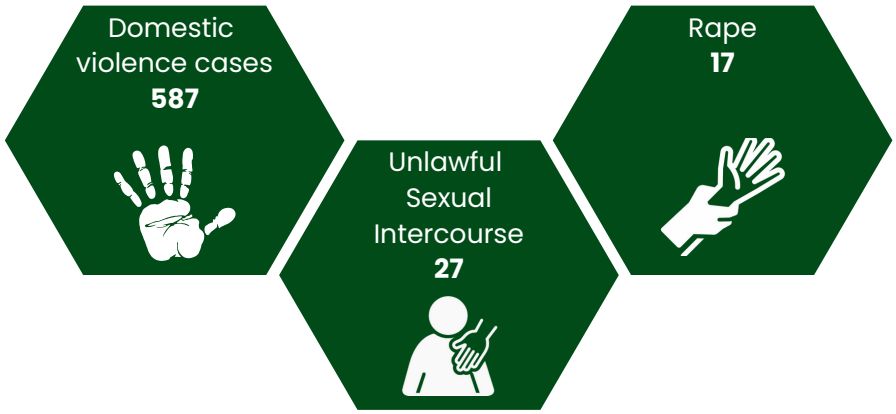
During January to June 2025, the Belize Police Department recorded 5 murders in Precinct 2 and 3, each. This represents 33%, each, of the murders recorded in Belize City.

In Precinct 1, there were 3 murders recorded, which accounted for 20%.

In Precinct 4 recorded the lowest count of murders accounting to 13% (2).

Gender-Based Violence

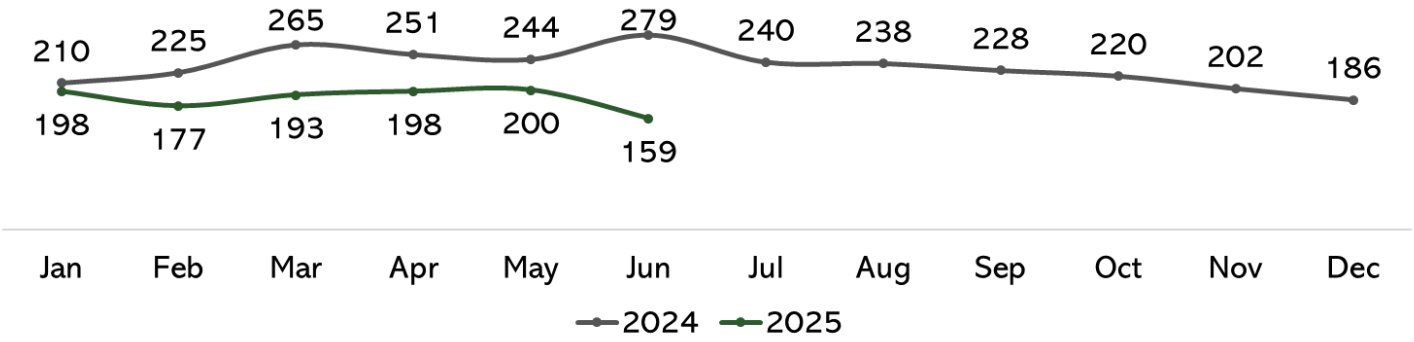
Gender-Based Violence cases by selected categories



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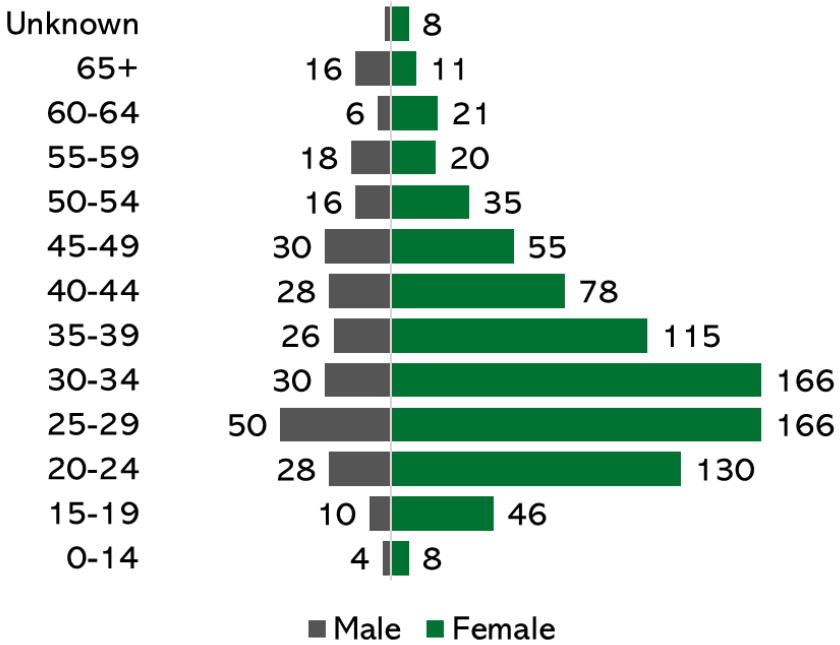
Note: Not all domestic violence reports result in cases

Domestic Violence reports by month (2024 vs. 2025)



A total of 1,125 Domestic Violence reports were filed during January to June 2025. This was a decrease of 24% relative to the same period in 2024, with a total of 352 fewer reports in 2025. June accounted for the largest decrease compared to the same period in 2024, with 43% (120 less reports).

Domestic Violence reports by age group and sex (January to June 2025)



** 1 complainant of unknown sex

During January to June 2025, approximately 8 in 10 reports were made by females.

Most reports were filed by females aged 20 to 39 years, which accounted for 67% (577) of the female complainants.

For males, the largest percentage of Domestic Violence male complainants were between the ages of 20 and 49 years. This accounted for 60% (159) of the male complainants. .

Incarceration

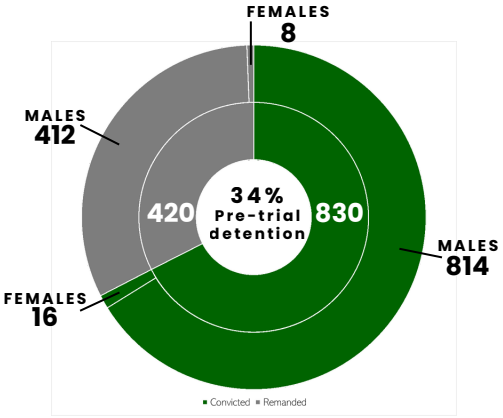
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INMATES

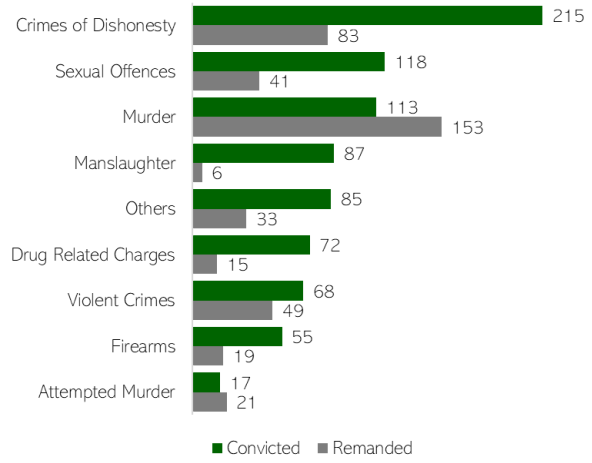
As of 30th June 2025, there were 1,250 inmates at the Belize Central Prison, of whom 830 were convicted and 420 were remanded.

Of the convicted inmates, 814 were males and 16 were females. Of the remanded inmates, 412 were males and 8 were females.

Number of inmates remanded and convicted

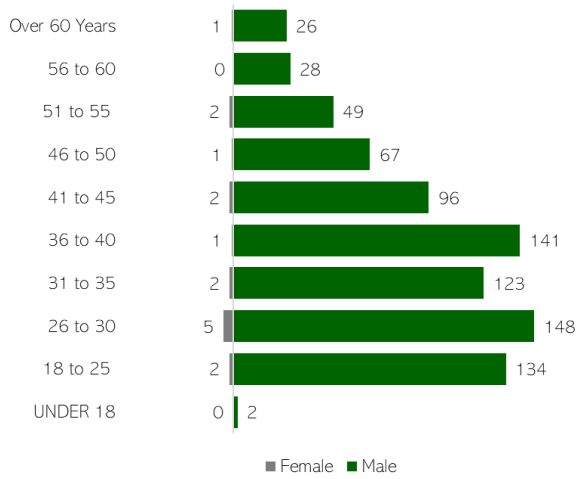


Incarceration by offences

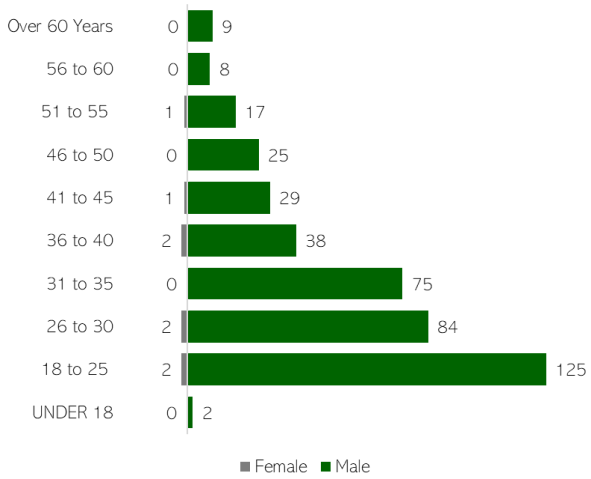


As of 30th June, inmates were most commonly remanded for murder charges (153 inmates) and crimes of dishonesty (83 inmates); inmates were most commonly convicted for crimes of dishonesty (215 inmates), sexual offences (118 inmates), and murder charges (113 inmates).

Convicted (left) and Remanded (right) inmates by sex and age group



67% (546 inmates) of the convicted males were between the ages of 18 and 40. Whereas 56% (9 inmates) of the females convicted were between the ages of 18 and 35.



69% (284 inmates) of the remanded males were between the ages of 18 and 35. Whereas 50% (4 inmates) of the females remanded were between the ages of 18 and 30.





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