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Analysis of citizen security in 2020

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- Major crimes
- Homicides and murders
- Autopsies
- Sexual violence
- Domestic Violence
- Incarceration

Overview

The year 2020 saw a monumental decline in major crimes cases registered by the Belize Police Department. A total of **888** major crimes cases were registered, compared to **1,264** during 2019. This decline of **376** cases amounted to **29.75%**.

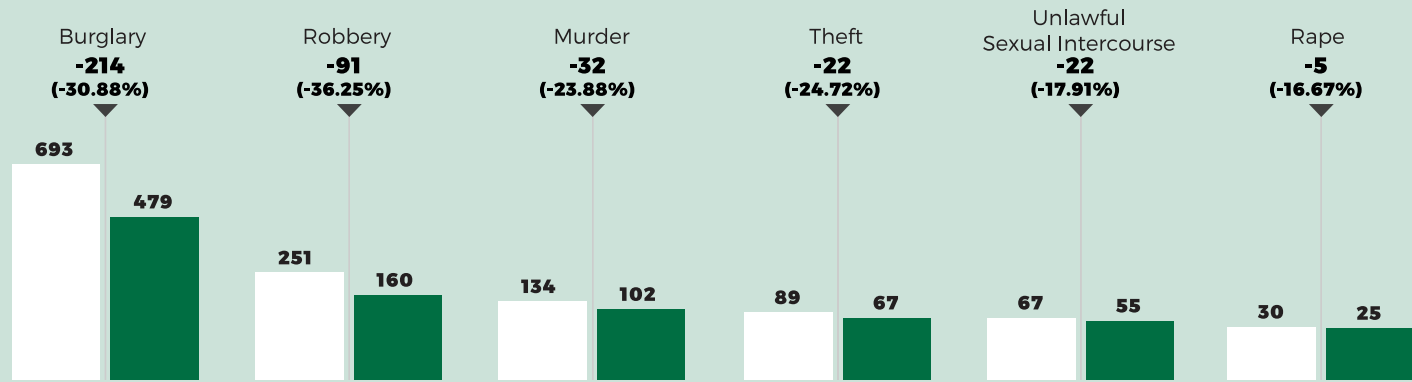
Overall, declines were recorded nationally for all categories of major crimes, with the greatest declines recorded for robbery and burglary, while the least declines were recorded for sexual offences in the 'major crimes' category: rape and unlawful sexual intercourse.

For January to December 2020, murders were down by **23.88%**, with **32** fewer murder victims recorded. This was due to a reduction in murders from **134** for January to December 2019 to **102** for January to December 2020.

Change in Number of Major Crimes Cases Registered by Police

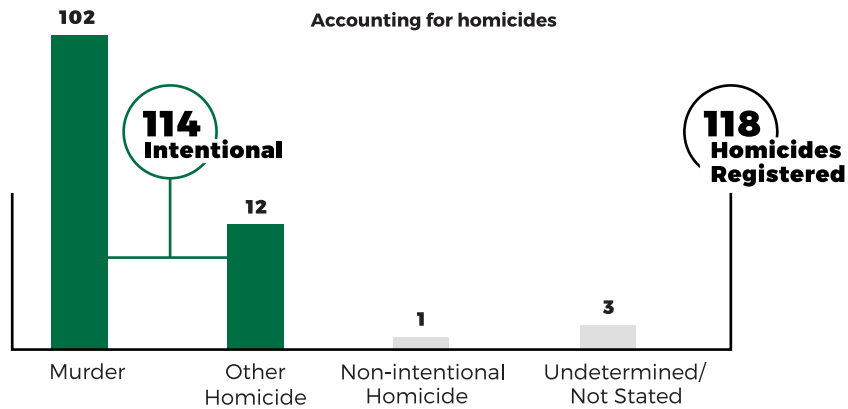
All major crimes registered a decrease in 2020 in comparison to 2019

■ Jan-Dec 2019
■ Jan-Dec 2020



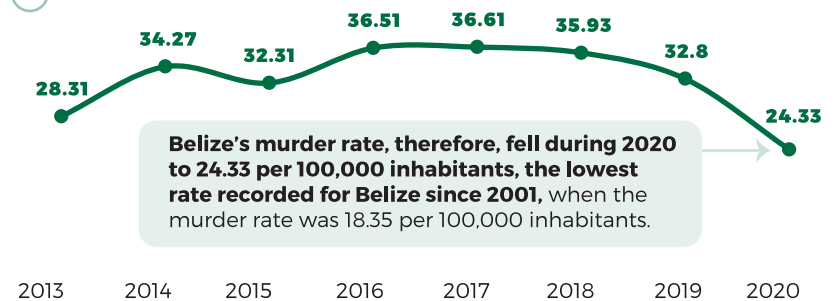
Source: Belize Police Department

Belize registered 102 murders in 2020



Official Data Sources: - Belize Police Department - National Forensic Science Service - Belize Central Prison

Belize's Murder Rate per 100,000 inhabitants (2013-2020)

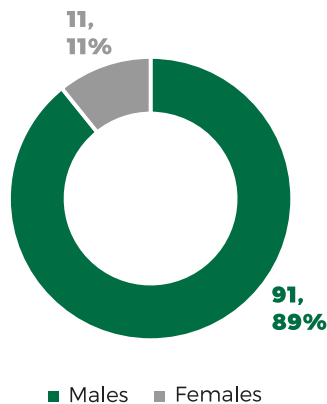


Belize's murder rate, therefore, fell during 2020 to 24.33 per 100,000 inhabitants, the lowest rate recorded for Belize since 2001, when the murder rate was 18.35 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Sources: Belize Police Department, Statistical Institute of Belize, Belize Crime Observatory

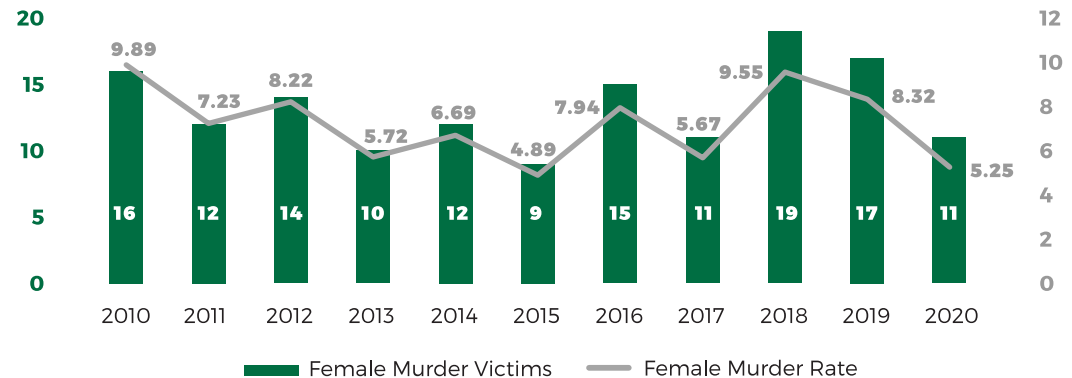
Female Murder Victims: Number and Rate (2010-2020)

During 2020, approximately 9 in 10 murder victims were males. From among the 102 victims recorded, 11 were females and 91 were males.



Source: Belize Police Department

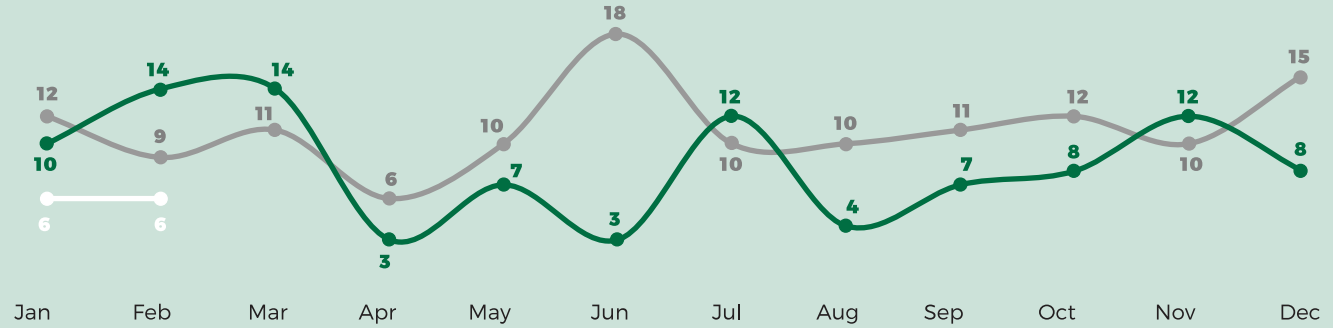
Number of Female Murder Victims and Rate (2010-2020)



Number of Murders Recorded Nationally per Month (Jan 2019 - Feb 2021)

Only four months of 2020 recorded a higher number of murders in comparison to the same month of 2019

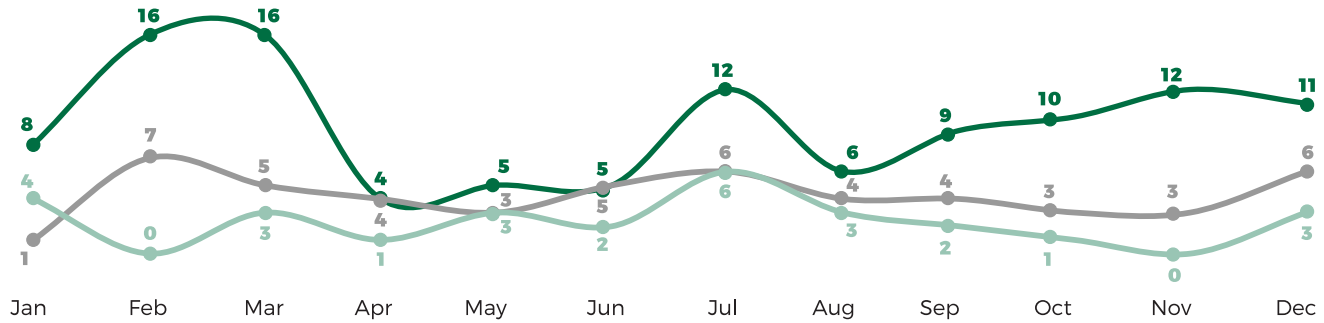
— 2019
— 2020
— 2021



Source: Belize Police Department

There was a significant reduction of the number of homicides between April and June

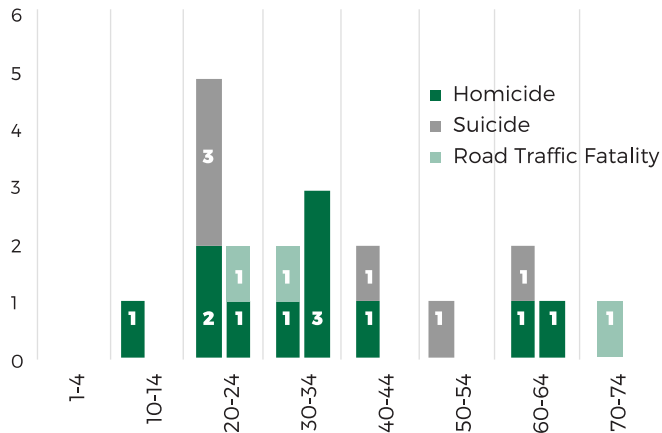
— Homicides
— Road Traffic Fatalities
— Suicides



Source: National Forensic Science Service

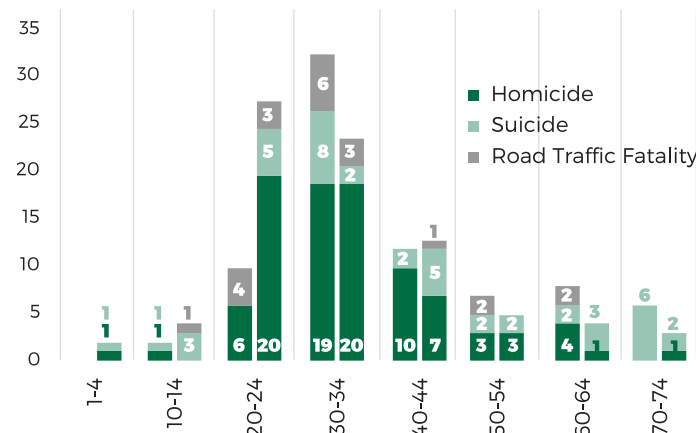
The main victims of violent death were young people

Age Disaggregation of Female Victims of Violent Deaths, 2020 Autopsies



Source: National Forensic Science Service

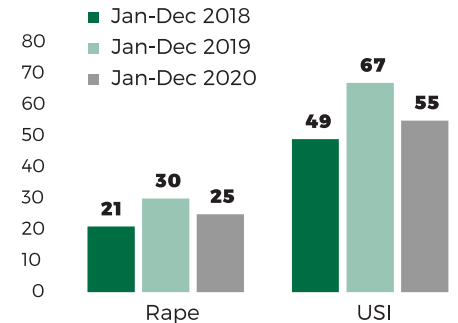
Age Disaggregation of Male Victims of Violent Deaths, 2020 Autopsies



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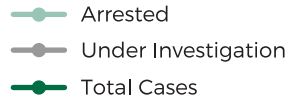
At least 80% of victims are females

Sexual Violence in the Major Crimes Category (2018, 2019, 2020)



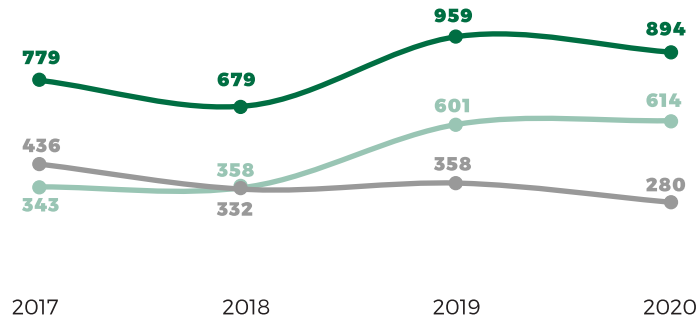
Source: Belize Police Department

There was a slight decrease in the total number of domestic violence cases in 2020



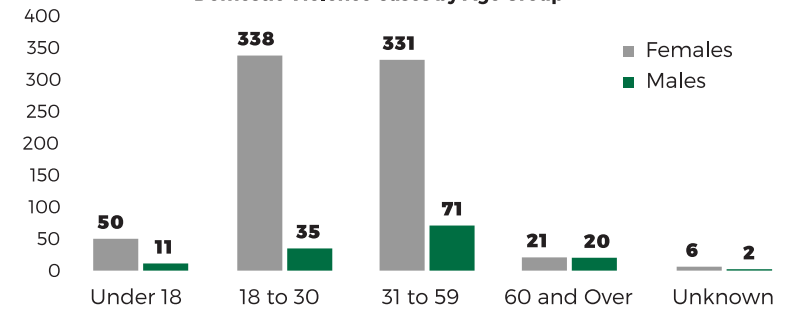
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Number of Domestic Violence Cases Documented by Police 2017-2020



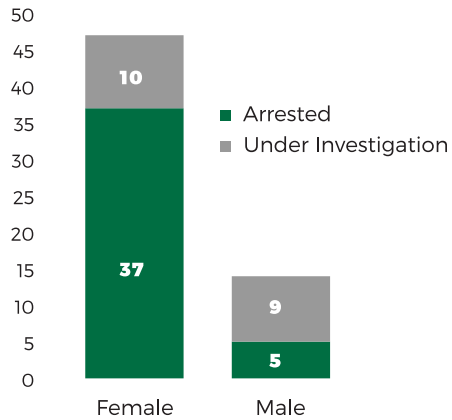
84% of domestic violence cases were against women and 4 in 10 cases were against people between 18 a 30 years old.

Domestic Violence Cases by Age Group



Almost 8 in 10 complainants were females

Domestic Violence Cases (January 2021)

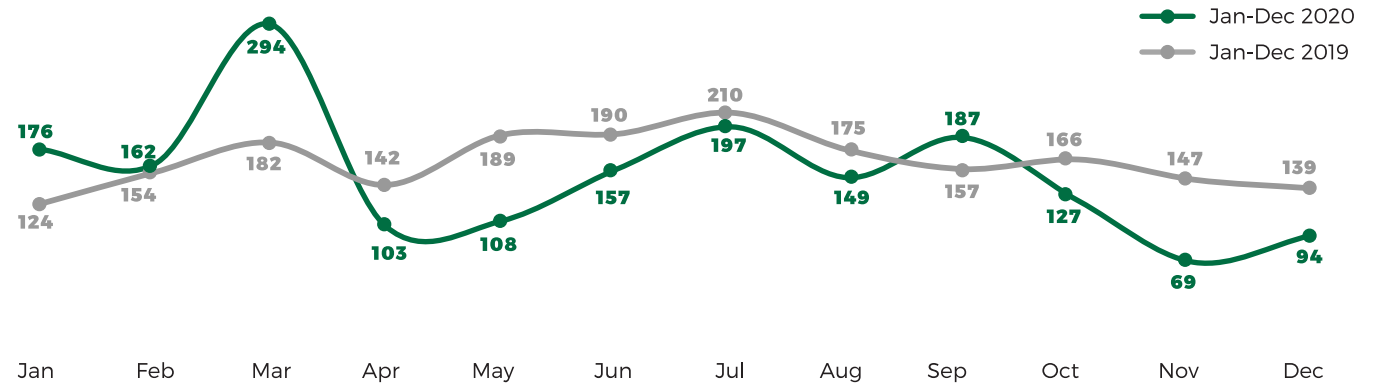


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Incarceration

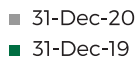
Over the course of 2020, there were 1,823 people incarcerated, a decrease of 8% (or 152) when compared to 2019, when 1,975 were incarcerated.

Number of Incarcerated per Month During 2020, Compared to 2019

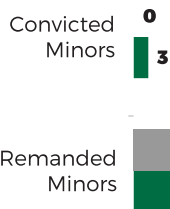


Source: Belize Central Prison

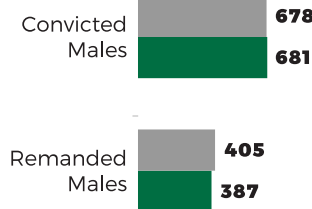
The prison population grew by 2% or 24 inmates; 1,108 inmates were registered as of 31 December 2020, compared to 1,084 at the end of 2019.



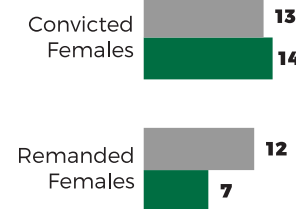
Under-18 Inmate Population



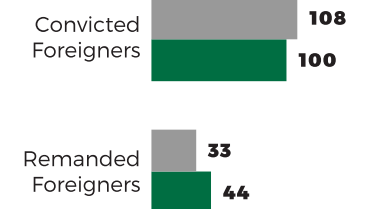
Male Inmate Population



Female Inmate Population



Foreign Inmate Population



Source: Belize Central Prison