

## Analysis of Citizen Security in 2021 <br> GUATEMALA

## Grime incidence as registered by

 the National Civil Police- Overall crime incidence
- Homicide
- Disappearances*
- Injuries
- Property crime*


## Overall crime incidence

In 2021, overall crime incidence registered a 6.1\%
increase compared to 2020; however, it has yet
to reach pre-pandemic levels.

With the exception of January, August, November and December, all months in 2021 showed an increase compared to 2020.

Crime Incidence (2013-2021)


Monthly crime incidence


Crime Incidence: Homicides, injury, extortion, robbery, theft, sexual crime and intrafamily violence; missing persons not included. Source: 2013-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police. 2021. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

There was a strong relationship directly proportional to the change in the mobility of persons exhibited in criminal acts such as robberies/theft and reports of missing persons. On the other hand, incidents of domestic violence showed an inverse behavior (the lower the mobility, the higher the number of events).

As to the relation of mobility to the workplace and different criminal acts, excluding domestic violence, all other acts showed a direct relationship with the behavior of mobility, the lower the mobility, the lower the number of said criminal acts.

Crime incidence and mobility to workplaces (January 2019-December 2021)


| Correlation <br> (Jan-2019 to Dec-2021) | Overall <br> Incidence <br> Rate | Homicides | Injuries | Robbery <br> and Theft | Extortion | Intrafamily <br> Violence | Disappearances | Sexual <br> crime |
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| Mobility to <br> the workplace | 0.66 | 0.48 | 0.44 | 0.87 | 0.42 | 0.60 | 0.81 | 0.42 |

Source: 2013-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police, 2021. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE. Mobility: Google mobility toward the workplace.

Extortion has been the most preponderant criminal activity in recent years; however, robbery and theft increased their proportion in the incidence of crime in 2021

Percentage distribution by crime incident (Year 2019-2021)

| 2019 | 46.7\% |  |  |  | 11.4\% | 10.7\% |  | 26.9\% |  | 3.0\% |
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| 2020 | 48.2\% |  |  |  | 9.5\% | 9.6\% |  | 26.9\% |  | 4.5\% |
| 2021 | 46.3\% |  |  |  | 9.9\% | 8.8\% |  | 29.7\% |  | 3.7\% |
|  | 10\% | 20\% | 30\% | 40\% | 50\% | 60\% | 70\% | 80\% | 90\% | 100\% |

- Extortion
- Homicide

Injury

- Robbery/Theft

Sexual Crime
Intrafamily Violence

Reports of missing persons in 2021 exceeded the levels recorded prior to the pandemic and were higher than in 2020. During 2021, all criminal acts other than number of injured persons, recorded an increase.

Compared to the 19.2\% interannual growth rhythm of extortions between 2014 and 2019, extortions registered only a slight 0.5\% increase in 2021. The number of victims of theft rose relative to 2020 figures, and surpassed levels recorded prior to the pandemic.


Source: 2019-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police. 2021. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

The number of reports of missing women rose as regards to the previous two years. Women were victims in greater proportion than men in acts of domestic violence and instances of persons reported missing. Conversely, men were most affected by crimes against life (homicide y injury).

Property crimes (extortion, robbery and theft) exhibited the highest incidence in both men and women; in the case of extortion of women, there was a significant increase as compared to 2020, and surpassed figures recorded in 2019.



Source: 2019-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police. 2021. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE


Source: 2021 National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

## Homicides


in 5 in 10 homicides of men and in 4 in 10 homicides of women, victims were young people between 18 and 29 years of age.

## In Guatemala, the homicide rate has more than halved in the last 11 years

As of 2020, Guatemala's homicide rate is lower than the rate in Latin American and Central American and Dominican Republic.

The homicide rate in 2021 closed at 16.6 homicides per 100 thousand inhabitants.


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Source: 2010-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police. 2021. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE. DOfficial data provided by 26 countries in the Latin America and the Caribbean region (2010-2021)

During 2021, the departments that reported the most firearms seized, also recorded the highest rates of homicide

Rate of homicide by firearm per 100,000 inhabitants


Firearm seizure rate per 100,000 inhabitants (2021)
Source: 2021 National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

## During 2021, a higher proportion of incidents typified as femicides compared to homicides of women

The enactment of the Law Against Femicide and Other Forms of Violence Against Women (2008) has led to the recognition of femicides as a legal category. However, investigating whether hate is the motive behind this type of crime remains a challenge in Guatemala, since only $38.9 \%$ of homicides were typified as femicide in 2021.

## The rise in homicides is not uniform

Some 29.4\% of the country's municipalities, exhibited an increase higher than the total number of homicide victims registered in 2019 (pre-pandemic).
Difference homicides 2021-201

| $-138--138$ |
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| $\square-138--20$ |
| $\square-20-0$ |

Territories with increase

- Coastal areas
- Border routes
- Rural (49.8\% vs
national 46.1\%)
- Average population density (123.8 inhabitants per 100 km2)
Source: 2019-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil
Police. 2021. National Civil Police in process of INE validation.



## Persons reported missing

## 2021. Rise in number of persons reported missing

5 women were reported missing daily in 2021.

## 6 de cada 10 disappeared

 people were women.

Rate of persons reported missing per 100,000 inhabitants (2021)

| El Progreso, Zacapa and Petén | Missing persons rate 202 |  |
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| register the highest rates of | $\square 2.7-4.9$ | $\boxed{16.7-37.7}$ |
| persons reported missing. | $\boxed{4.9-10.3}$ | $\boxed{\square} .7 .49 .4$ |

Increase in the number of persons reported missing compared to 2020.

- Guatemala
Petén
+130 reports +45 reports
Alta Verapaz
+31 reports

Source: 2020 INE with data provided by the National Civil Police, 2021 National Civil Police, validation by INE pending

Source: 2019-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police. 2027. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

During 2021, at least 1 adolescent girl out of every 1,000 was reported missing to the National Civil Police.

Persons reported missing by age range and sex (Year 2021)

- Rate of missing men per 100,000 men
- Rate of disappeared women per 100,000 women


Source: 2021 National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

## Injured persons

## Compared to 2015, National Civil Police records show a $56.9 \%$ decrease in the

 number of injured persons.```
During 2021, injuries in women increased by \(5.3 \%\), whereas in men they decreased
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Source: 2015-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police, 2021. National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

Injuries with blunt and sharp weapons in women were higher compared to 2020.

During 2021, both in men and women, injuries with firearms exhibited a decline.

Injuries by type of weapon/means (2020-2021)


Source: 2020 INE with data provided by the National Civil Police, 2021 National Civil Police, validation by INE pending.

## Property Crimes

Property Crimes registered a rise in most sectors and asset types, consistent with the theory that socioeconomic tensions resulting from COVID-19 could potentially create stress that could set off a rise in crime.

## More victims of robbery and theft

More than half of the robberies and thefts registered in 2021 occurred in the department of Guatemala.

Número de robos y hurtos

|  | +17.0\% |  |
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| 8,473 | 7,282 | 8,519 |
| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |

Fuente: 2019-2020 INE con datos de Policía Nacional Civil, 2021 Policía Nacional Civil en proceso de validación por el INE.

In 2021, there was a rising trend
in all sectors and assets other than number of robberies and theft of pedestrians, as compared to 2020:



Source: 2020 INE with data provided by the National Civil Police, 2021 National Civil Police, validation by INE pending

## Rate of robbery and theft per 100,000 inhabitants (2021)

The departments of Guatemala and Escuintla registered the highest rates of robberies and thefts in 2021. Departments located along important commercial routes also had high rates of robbery and theft in 2021.


Source: 2021 National Civil Police in process of validation by INE.

## Citizens reported fewer instances of extortion in 2021

Reports of extortion remain lower than pre-pandemic levels and there has been no rebound effect after the $11 \%$ drop in 2020.


Source: 2014-2020 INE with data provided by National Civil Police. 2021. National Civil Police in process of INE validation.

## Credits

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Compared to 2020:


In 2021, approximately 9 in 10 instances of extortion targeted residences and businesses. However; a slight reconfiguration has been observed, with the mode of extortion moving from a residence to a person (extortions directed at an individual, not to the household).

- More reports of extortion
- Fewer reports of extortion

In 13 out of 22 departments, there was a rise in the number of reported instances of extortion as compared to 2020.
| The departments of Chimaltenango (-28.9\%) and Huehuetenango (-62.8\%) exhibited significant reductions in reports of extortion compared to 2020.


