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Analysis of the State of Homicide: Murder January to March 2022



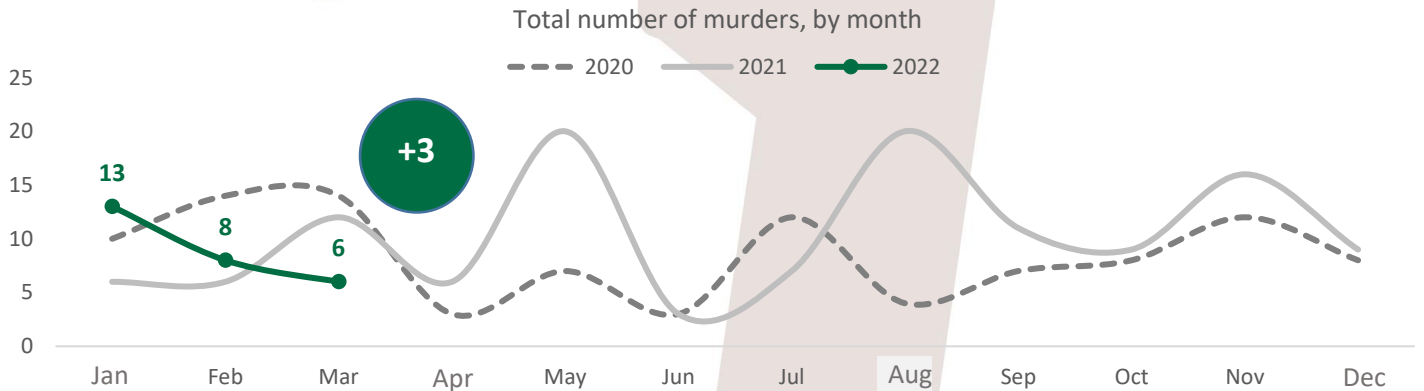
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Highlights

- In the first quarter of 2022, records show there were 27 victims of murder, 3 more victims than the same period the year before.
- Between January and March 2022, an average of 9 persons lost their lives to murder every month.
- In the same time period, 24 male and 3 female murder victims were reported.
- Young people between 18 and 29 years old are still the primary victims of murder, according to data from the first quarter in 2022.
- About 85% of the murders were committed with a firearm between January and March 2022.
- 3 in 4 homicides were registered in the urban areas of the country.
- The districts of Belize and Stan Creek accounted for 85 per cent of murders.

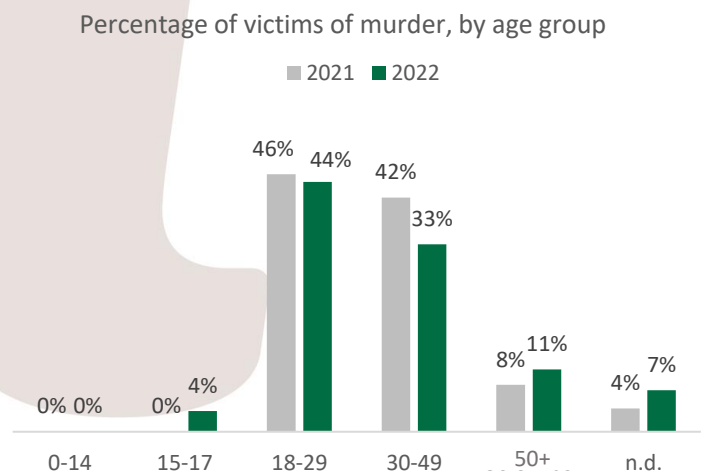
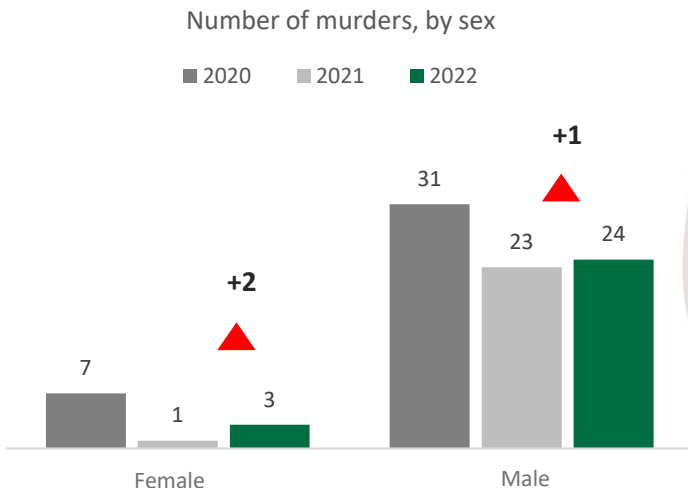
Evidence

From January to March 2022, there were 27 murders. This represents 3 more victims than the same period the previous year. The month of January 2022 stands out with 13 registered victims, ranking ahead of the records for the same month in the last two years.



Between January and March 2022, approximately 8 men and 1 woman per month lost their lives in a violent manner as a result of murder in the country.

44% of murder victims were between 18 and 29 years old during the first quarter of 2022.

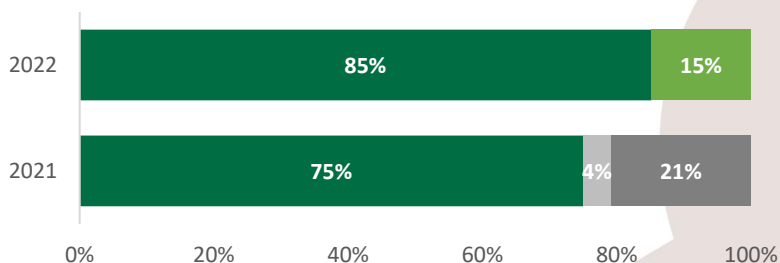


Firearms were used in 85% of all murders (23 cases out of 27). This represents an increase of 10 percentage points compared with the same period of 2021. The remainder were committed with a sharp weapon.

Approximately 75% of murders were registered as having taken place in an urban area in the first quarter of 2022. This proportion remains the same as the year before.

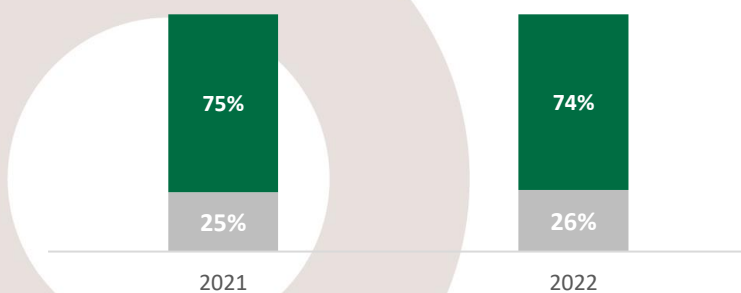
Percentage of murders, by weapon type

■ Firearms ■ Sharp weapon ■ Other ■ n.d.

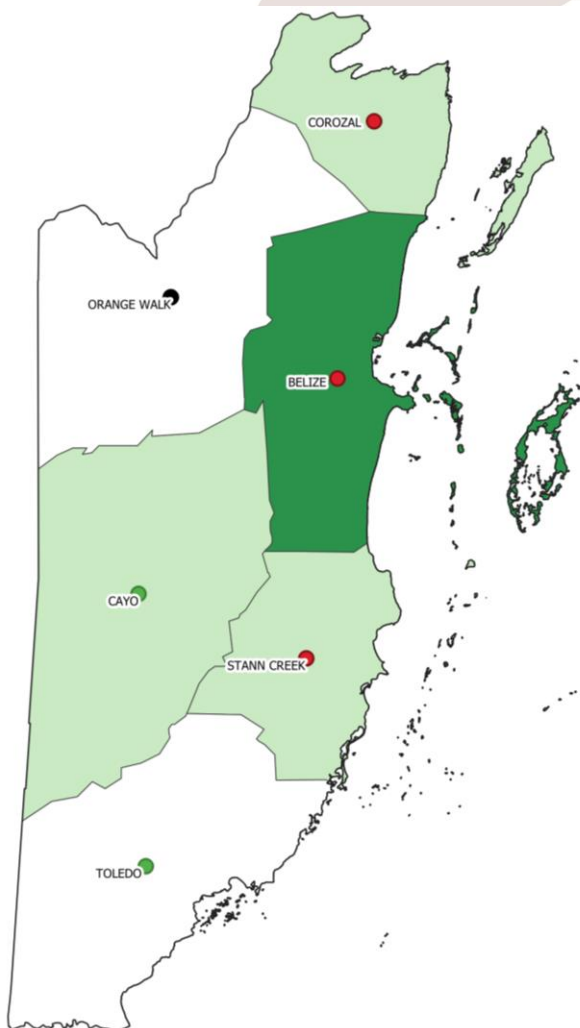


Percentage of murders, by area

■ Rural ■ Urban

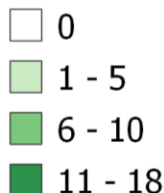


The districts of Belize and Stan Creek account for 85% of murder victims. Half of the districts register an increase in the total number of murder victims as compared to the first quarter of 2021 (Belize, Stann Creek and Corozal), while two of them reported a decline (Cayo and Toledo). Orange Walk reported no change.



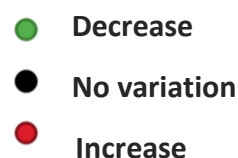
Total of murder victims

First trimester 2022



Variation in the total of murder victims

First trimester 2022



Change in the number of murder victims (Jan-Mar 2021 vs Jan-Mar 2022)

