

HONDURAS

ANALYSIS OF THE STATE OF VIOLENCE AND CITIZEN SECURITY
JANUARY-MARCH 2022

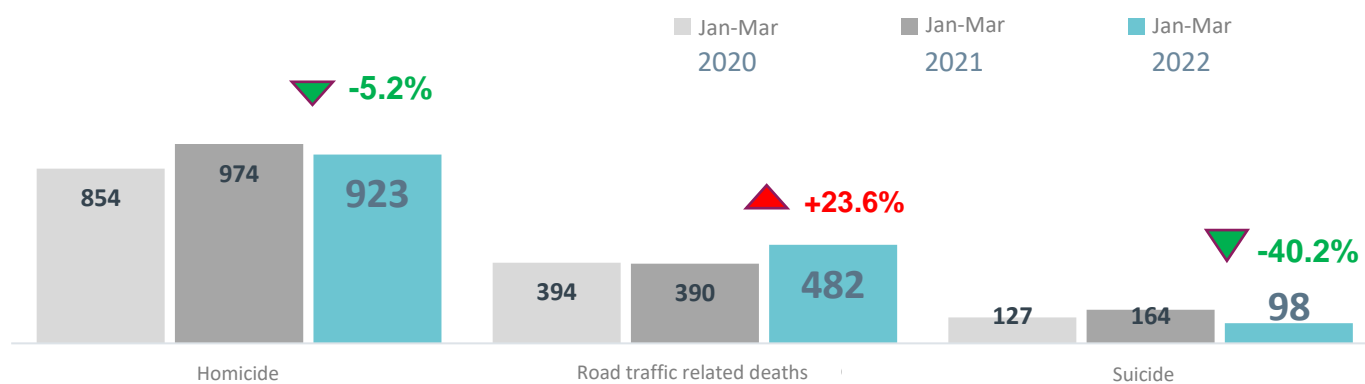


HIGHLIGHTS

- Between January and March 2022, there was a 5.2% drop in the number of homicides (51 fewer victims) compared to the same period in 2021.
- According to preliminary information 5 in 10 homicides were due to social conflict and other causes not attributable to organized crime. There are 300 cases (32.5%) still under investigation.
- The number of homicide victims ages 18 to 30 decreased by 8.7% (36 fewer victims) as compared to the same period in 2021.
- Male homicides decreased by 4.2% (37 fewer victims), there was also a decline in females, 14.4% (13 fewer victims).
- Firearms were used in 76% of all homicides (used in 701 cases out of 923 total) and are still the primary homicide weapon in Honduras.
- Other life-threatening incidents: Traffic fatalities increased by 23.6% (92 more victims) and cases of suicide decreased by 40.2% (66 fewer victims).
- 8 municipalities accounted for 54.5% of all violent deaths of women by homicide, 6 of them in the 10 municipalities that account for more homicides of men.
- Distrito Central and San Pedro Sula coincided in having the greatest concentrations of both male and female homicides in the period from January-March 2022.

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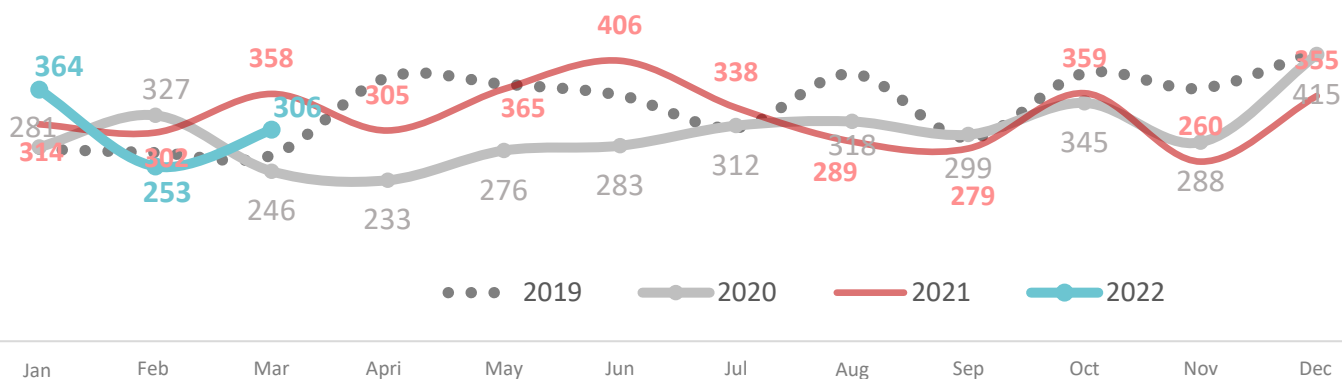
Homicide and suicide decreased as compared to 2021, while road traffic-related deaths increased.



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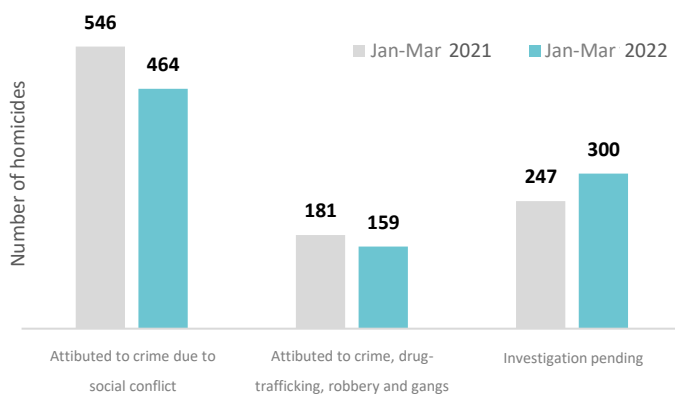
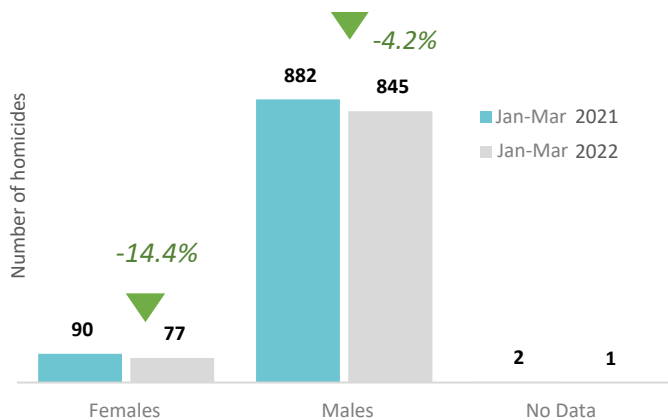
January 2022 had an unusually high record of homicides, the highest January on record in the last 5 years. In February and March, after the new authorities took office, homicides dropped to levels below those in 2021.

Number of homicides by month

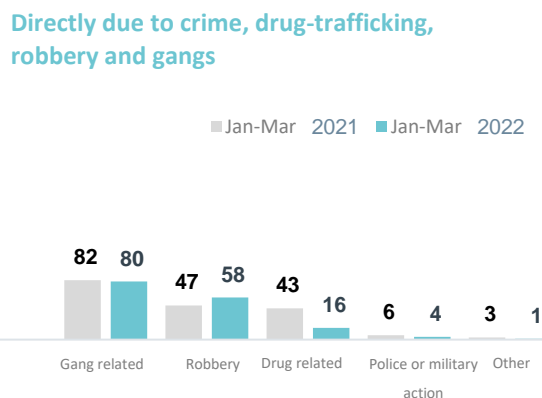
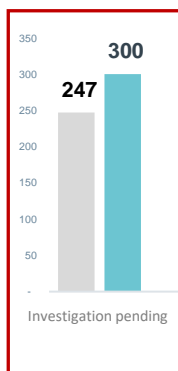
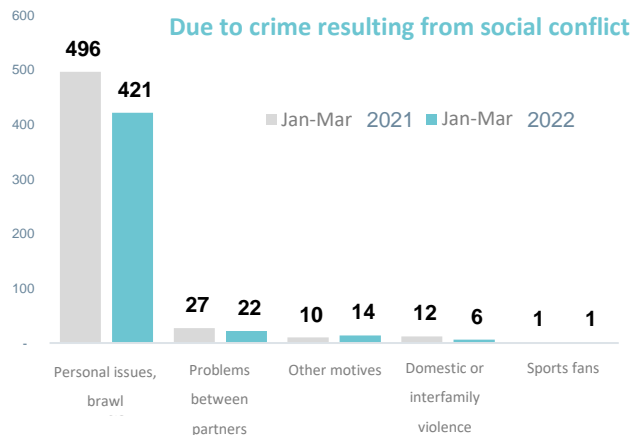


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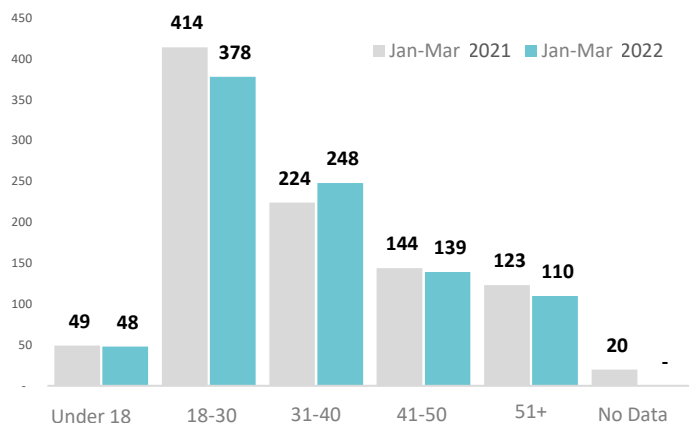


Although the number of cases under investigation is high, there is a clear increment in homicides associated with robbery, and a similar figure in those associated with gang activity, within the categories associated with crime, drug trafficking, robbery and gangs.

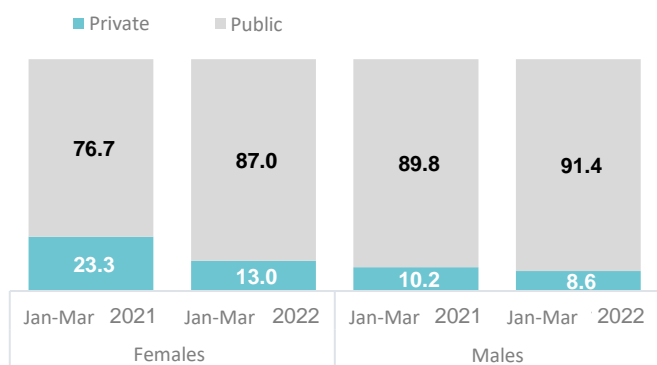


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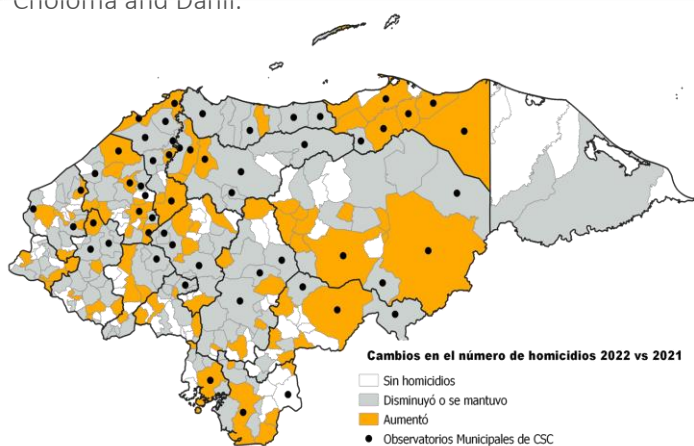
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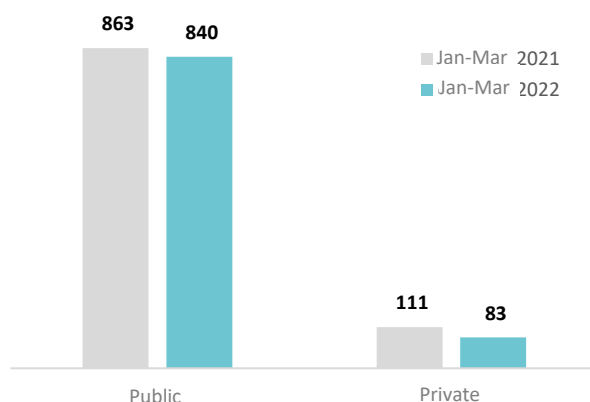
The proportion of homicides in the private sphere declined more for females than males.



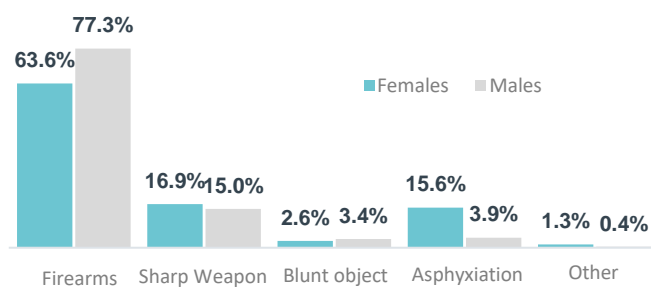
During the first quarter of 2022, 5 municipalities accounted for 32% of homicides in the country: Distrito Central, San Pedro Sula, Catacamas, Choloma and Danlí.



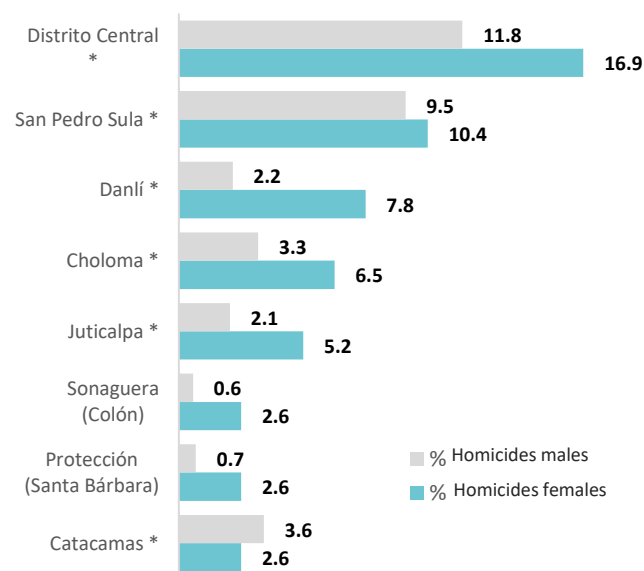
Homicides in public spaces declined by 2.7% (23 fewer victims) and those that took place in the private sphere dropped by 25.2% (28 fewer victims).



Firearms were used in 76% of all homicides (in 701 cases out of 923), and remain the primary homicidal instrument in Honduras.

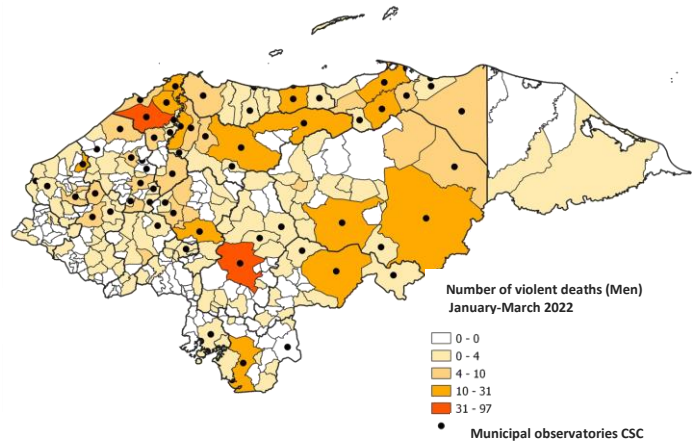
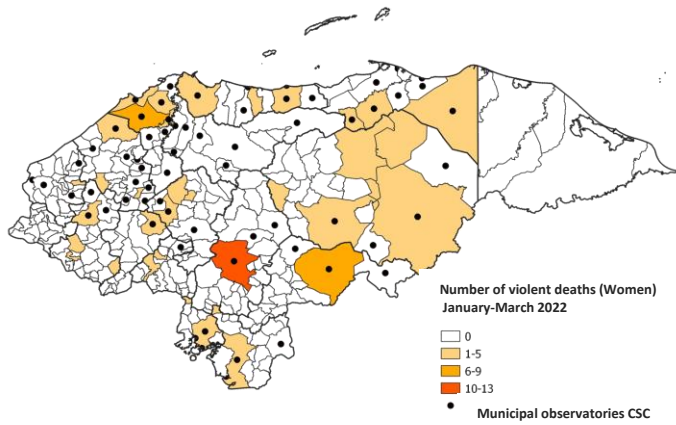


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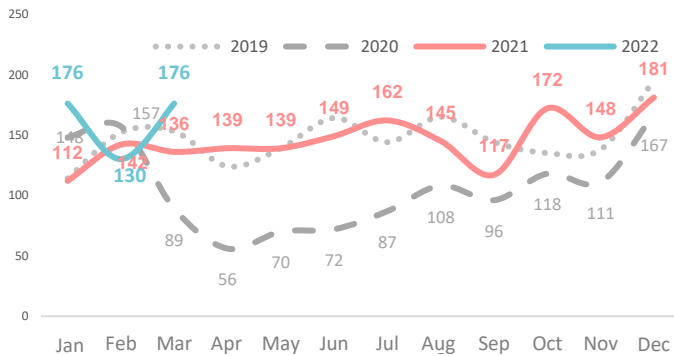


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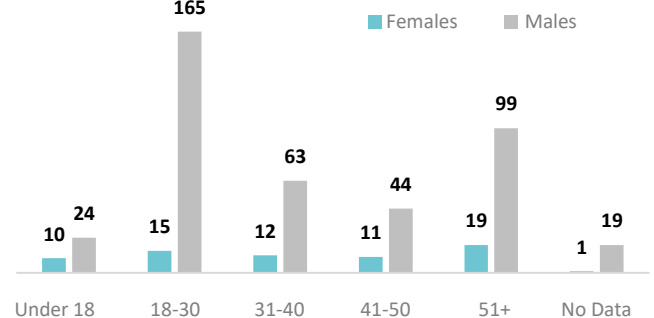
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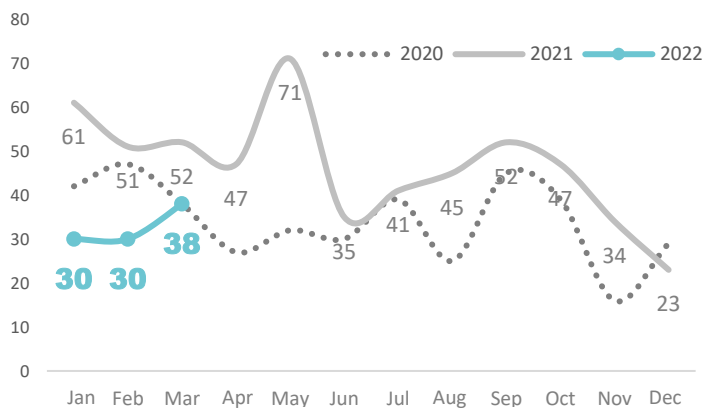
In the period from January to March 2022, deaths from traffic-related injuries increased by 23.6% (92 more victims) as compared to the same period in 2021.



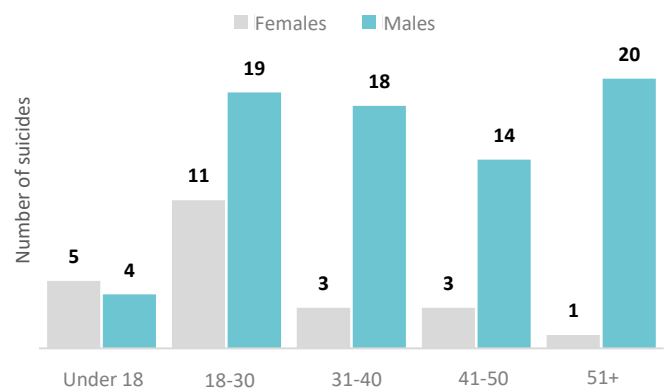
Males ages 18 to 30 were the most common victims of road traffic accidents. Some 86% of victims of traffic-related deaths were male (414).



Between January and March 2022, there were 66 fewer homicides than during the same period in 2021, a 40.2% decrease.



76.5% of suicides were male. 45.3% (34) of all men who lost their lives were over 41 years of age.



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