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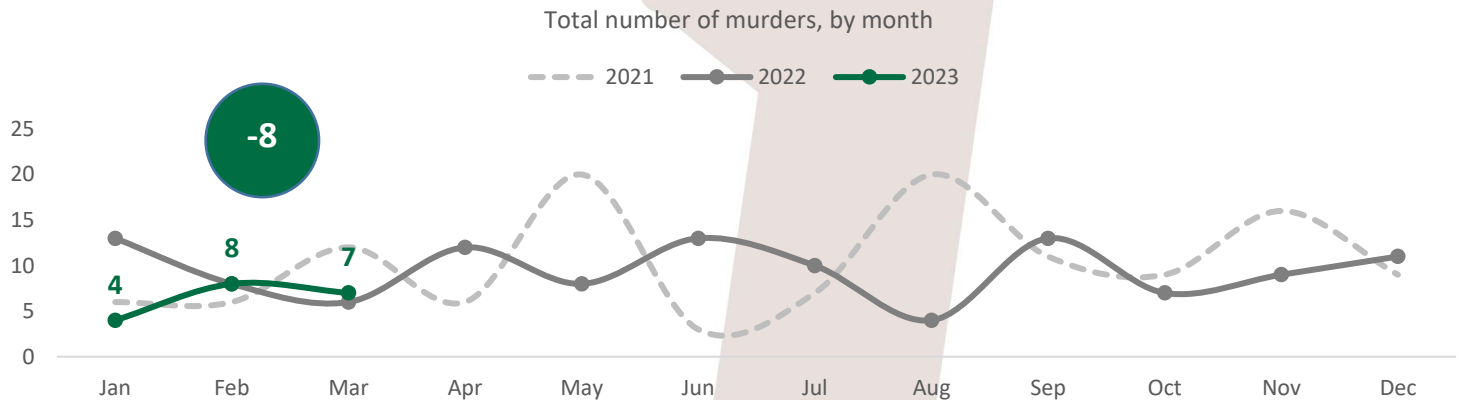
Analysis of the State of Homicide: Murder January to March 2023

Highlights

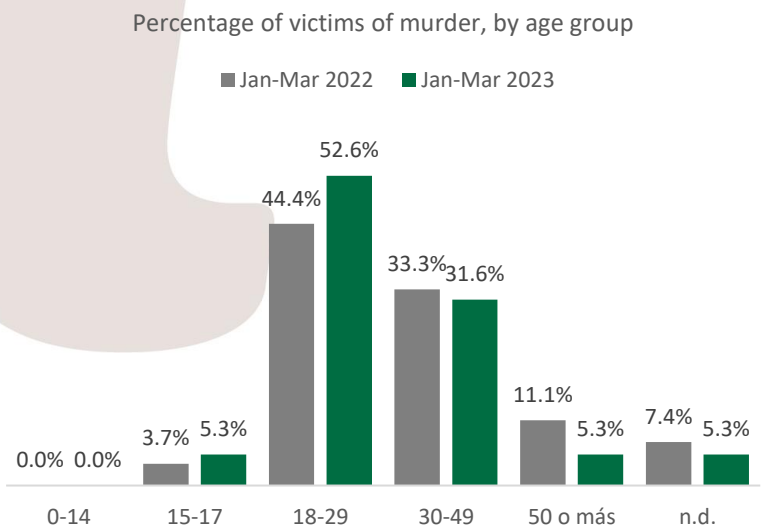
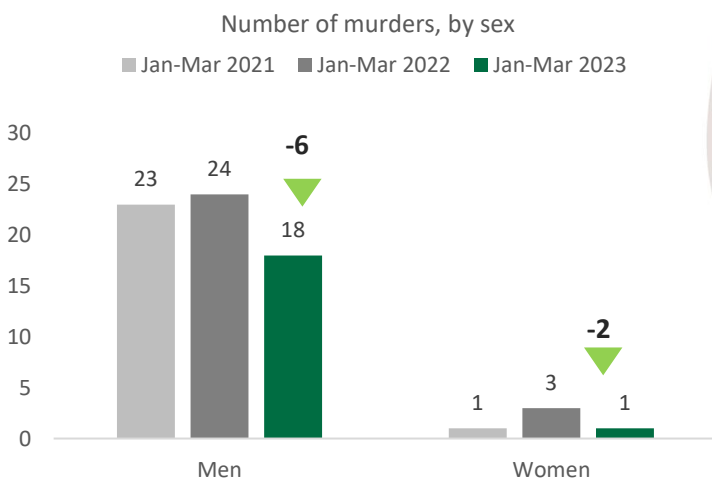
- In the first quarter of 2023, 19 victims were recorded, 8 fewer victims than the same period in 2022.
- Between January and March 2023, an average of 6 persons lost their lives to murder every month.
- In the same time period, 18 male and 1 female murder victims were reported.
- Young people are still the primary victims of murder, according to data from the first quarter in 2023. 1 out of every 2 victims of murder were between 18 and 29 years old.
- About 9 in 10 murders were committed with a firearm between January and March 2023. This is an increase compared with the same period in 2022.
- The districts of Belize and Stan Creek accounted for 74% of murder victims.

Evidence

From January to March 2023, there were 19 murder victims. This represents 8 fewer victims than the same period the previous year. The month of January 2023 stands out with 4 registered victims, the lowest number for the first quarter of the year in the last three years.

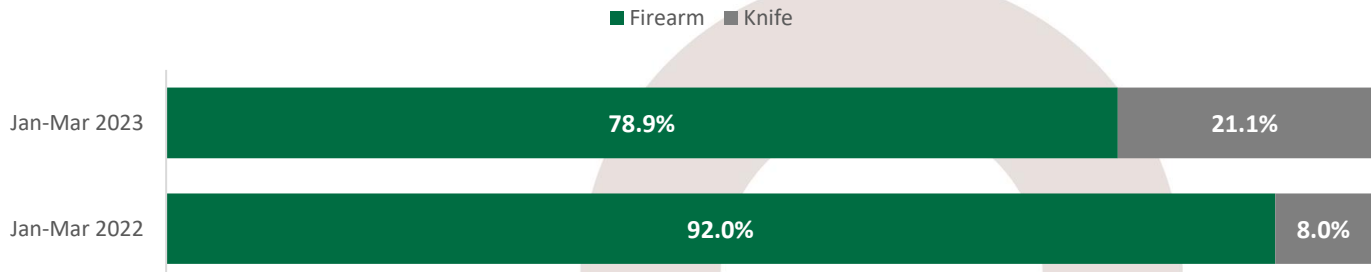


Between January and March 2023, approximately 6 men lost their lives every month in a violent manner as a result of murder. Only one woman is recorded as a victim of murder violence in the first quarter of 2023. 52.6% of murder victims were between 18 and 29 years old during the first quarter of 2023.



Firearms were used in 92% of all murders (15 cases out of 19). This represents an increase of 13 percentage points compared with the same period of 2022. The remainder were committed with a sharp weapon.

Percentage of murders, by weapon type



The districts of Belize and Stan Creek account for 73.7% 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 (Orange Walk, Cayo and Toledo), while the remaining three reported a decline (Belize, Stann Creek and Corozal).

