Highlights

- Intentional homicide rose 3% (8 more victims) during the first semester of 2020, as compared to the same period the previous year, according to data provided by the Judicial Investigation Department.
- Intentional homicide rose more in women (+15%) than in men (+2%), as compared to the same period in 2019.
- Three in 6 provinces exhibited a rise in intentional homicide cases as compared to the same semester the previous year (Puntarenas, Limon and Alajuela).
- As for feminicide, the Inter-institutional Subcommission on Femicide Prevention registered 6 femicides from January to June 2020 (a single fewer death, as compared to the same period in 2019).
- Of these six femicides: five conform to the behavior described in article 21 of the Criminalization of Violence against Women Law, and one is of an expanded type of violence, as described in the Belem do Para Convention.
- In terms of intrafamily violence, during the first half of 2020, 9,200 persons were charged in cases of intrafamily violence. The monthly average for reported cases was 1.533, according to data provided by the Ministry of Public Security.
- A comparison of this year's numbers on intrafamily violence with those from the same period in 2019, shows a rise in the number of cases this year. The percentage variation between the two periods was 28% (2,039 more cases in 2020).
- As regards property crimes, Judicial Investigation Department data shows that the number of reported crimes fell in the first half of 2020 as compared to the first half of 2019.
- Incidents with the greatest percent reduction between the two periods are theft (-33%), armed robbery (-30%), vehicle theft (-28%), vehicle strike (-28%) and robbery (-22%). (Vehicle Strike is the criminal extraction of articles from an automobile, regardless of whether or not it is locked.)

Evidence

Costa Rica. Intentional Homicide by Year and Month, January 2019 - June 2020

Note: This information was generated on August 12, 2020 on the Judicial Investigation Department website [https://sitioij.poder-judicial.go.cr/index.php/apertura/transparencia/estadisticas-policiales](https://sitioij.poder-judicial.go.cr/index.php/apertura/transparencia/estadisticas-policiales).

Source: Police statistics provided by the Judicial Investigation Department.
Costa Rica. Intentional Homicide by Year and Month by Sex, January 2019 - June 2020

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Costa Rica. Number of persons charged in cases of Intrafamily Violence by Year and Month, by type of crime, January 2019 - June 2020.

Source: Ministry of Public Security.

Source: Prepared by UNDP InfoSegura with information provided by the Judicial Investigation Department