



MONTHLY MAJOR CRIMES ANALYSIS **NOVEMBER 2019**



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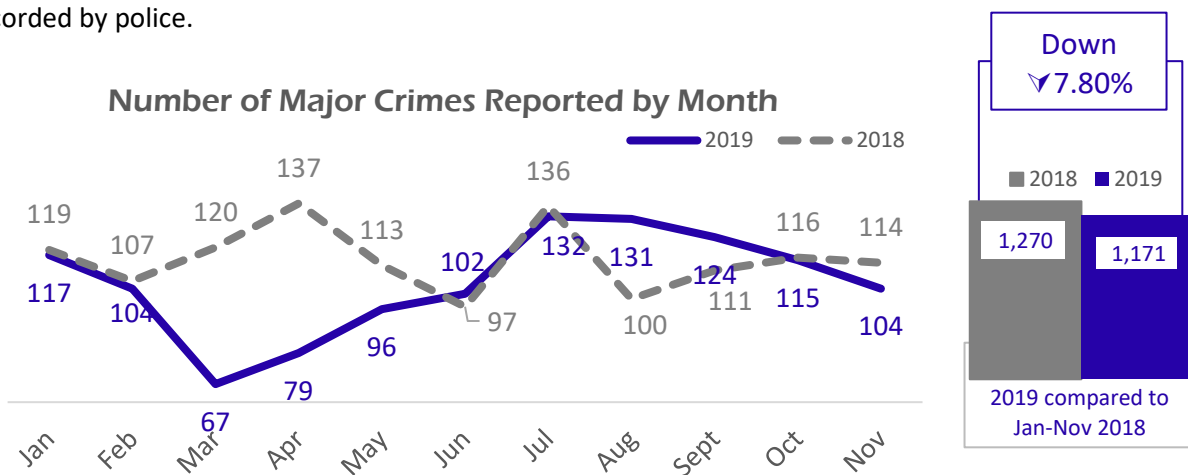
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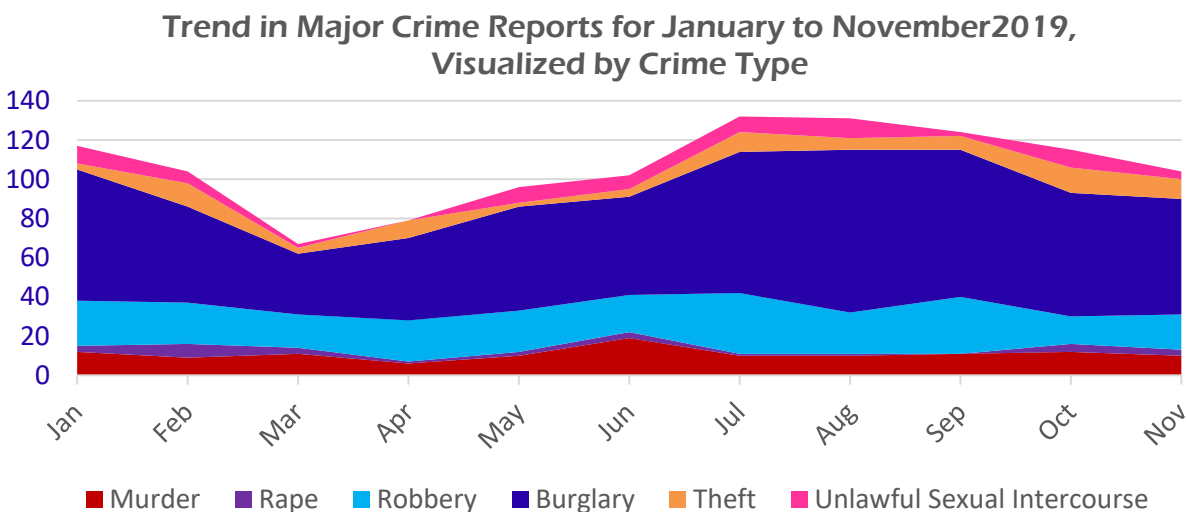


SUMMARY

Total major crime incidents for the period January to November 2019 have declined by roughly **7.80%** when compared with the same period in 2018 (down from **1,270** to **1,171**). The count of Major Crimes plummeted during the first quarter of 2019, but subsequently recorded an upward trend over the second quarter. It has subsequently been on a consistent decline for the period July to November 2019. For the month of November 2019, **104** major crimes were reported by the Belize Police Department. This represents a decrease of **8.77%** over the same month last year, when **114** incidents were reported but a decrease of **9.57%** when compared to the previous month, for which **115** major crime incidents were recorded by police.



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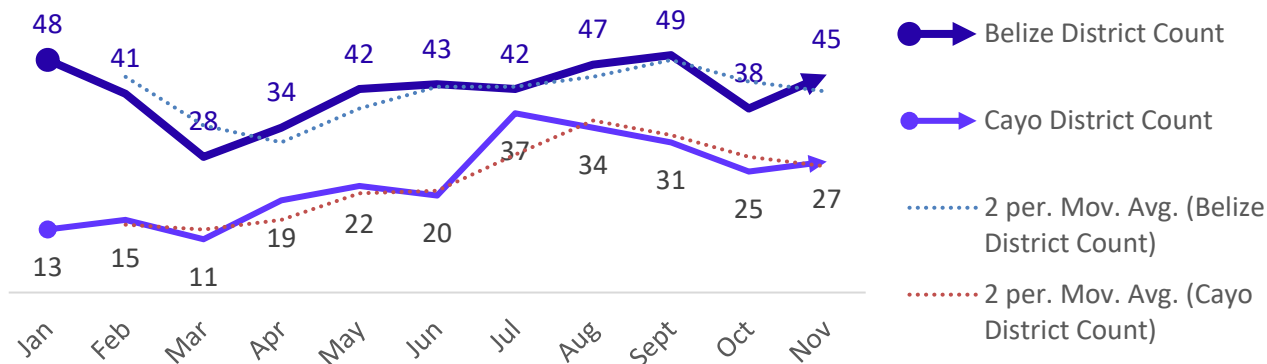
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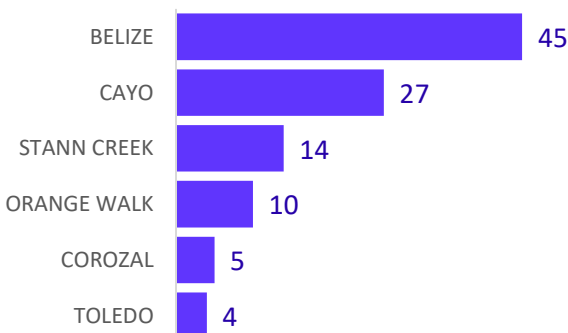
The Belize District (which accounts for about 30% of the national population, based on mid-year 2019 estimates by the Statistical Institute of Belize - SIB) accounted for roughly 4 in 10 (or 43%) of the major crimes recorded during the month of November 2019, and 39% of major crimes for the period January to November 2019. The Cayo District, which accounts for roughly a quarter of the population, based on the SIB's population estimates, accounted for about 1 in 4 (22%) of major crimes for the 11-month period. Major crime counts in the Cayo District have generally been trending towards an increase, although there has been a consistent decline since the peak in July 2019. Meanwhile, major crime counts for the Belize District were back up in November, following a dip in October. For both districts, the major crimes count for November was very near the moving average.

**Major Crime Trends for the Belize and Cayo Districts
(January to November 2019)**

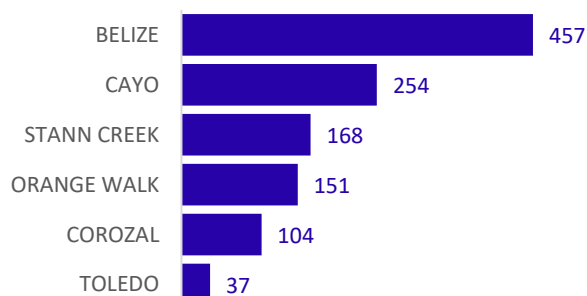


(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

**Total Number of Major Crimes
Reported by District for
November 2019**



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Reported by District for
January to November 2019**



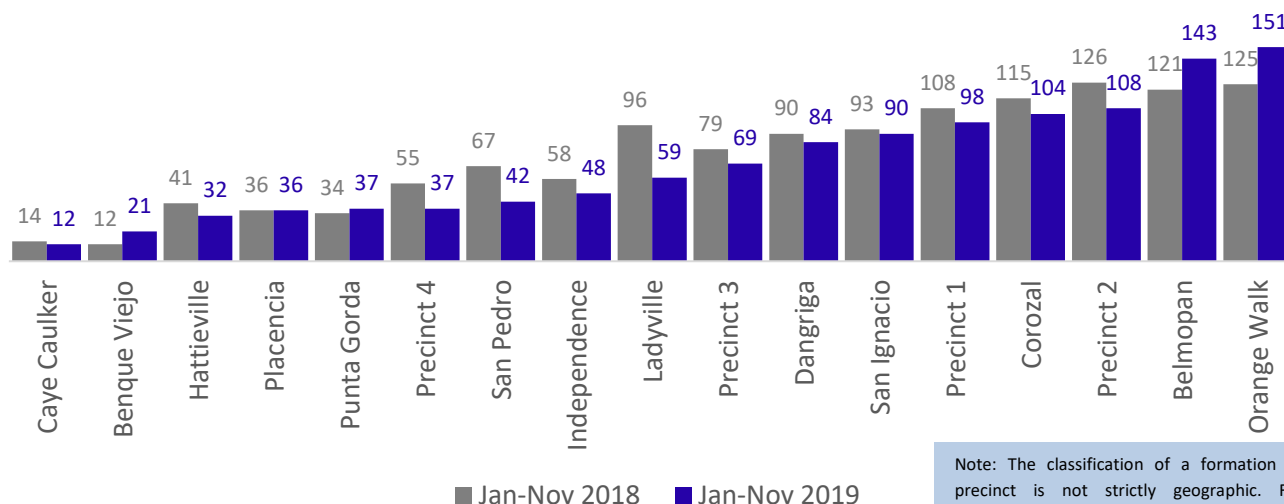
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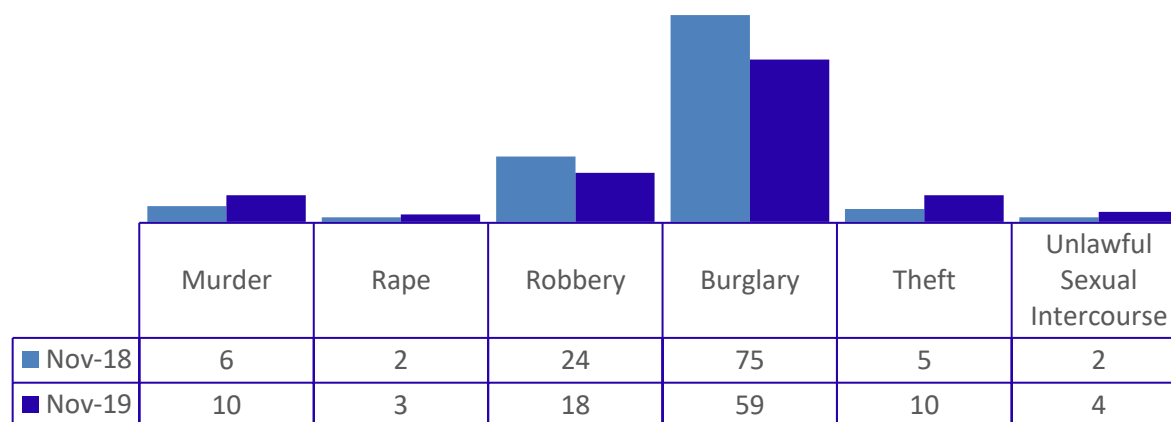
Total Major Crimes recorded by Police Formation/Precinct for Jan-Nov 2019, compared to Jan-Nov 2018



Note: The classification of a formation or precinct is not strictly geographic. For example, the Belmopan formation includes a few surrounding villages, such as Roaring Creek and Armenia. (See *Glossary* at the end of this report for more details.)

(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

Major Crime Reports by Category for November 2019, compared to November 2018



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

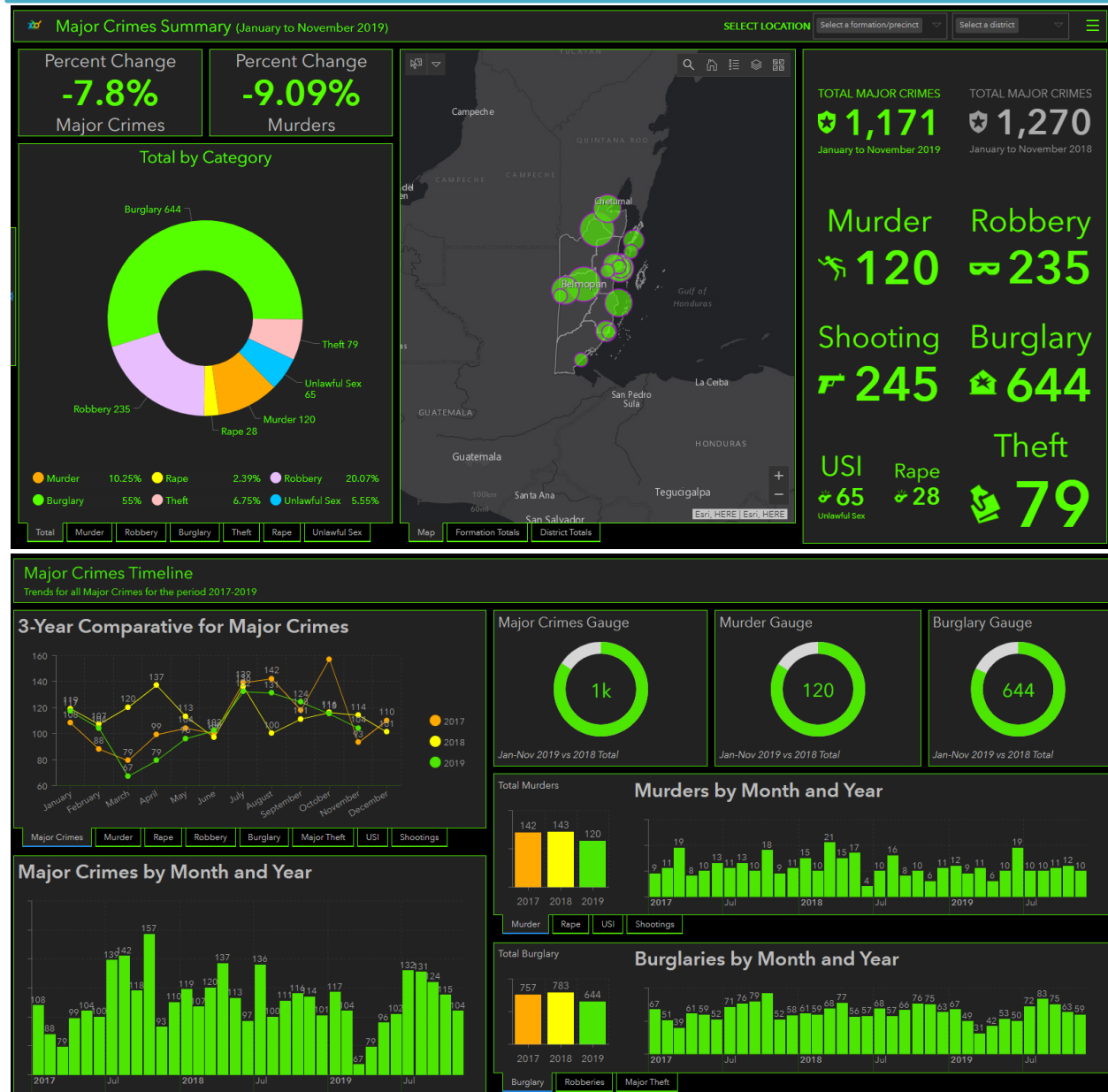
The number of reports of murder recorded in November 2019 were up by 67% when compared with the same month last year (from 6 to 10). Reports of major theft (of items valued BZ\$5,000 and above) doubled (from 5 to 10), while burglary reports were down by 25% (from 75 to 59). Reports of sexual violence increased: rape increased from 2 to 3, while reports of unlawful sexual intercourse increased from 2 to 4.

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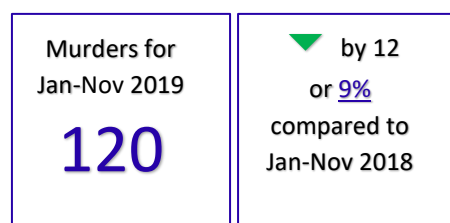
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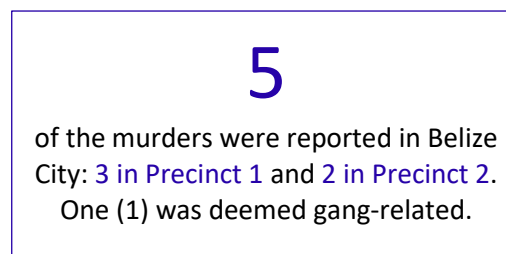
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MURDER

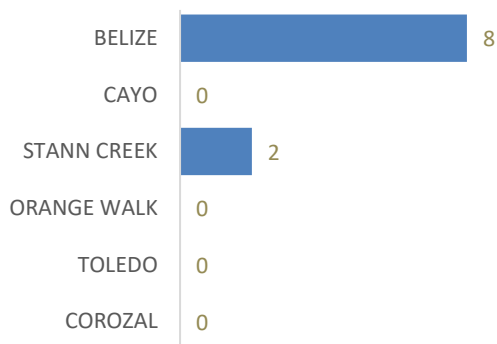


Ten murders were recorded in Belize during November 2019, an increase of 67% from November 2018, when 6 murders were recorded.

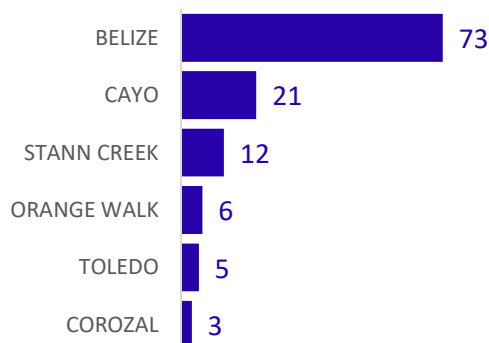


For the period January to November 2019, **120** murders were recorded, down from 132 for the same period last year. This represents a decline of 12 (or **9%**).

Total Number of Murders Reported by District for November 2019



Total Number of Murders Reported by District for January to November 2019



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

8 of the 10 murders recorded during November were reported in the **Belize** District and **2** in the **Stann Creek** District.

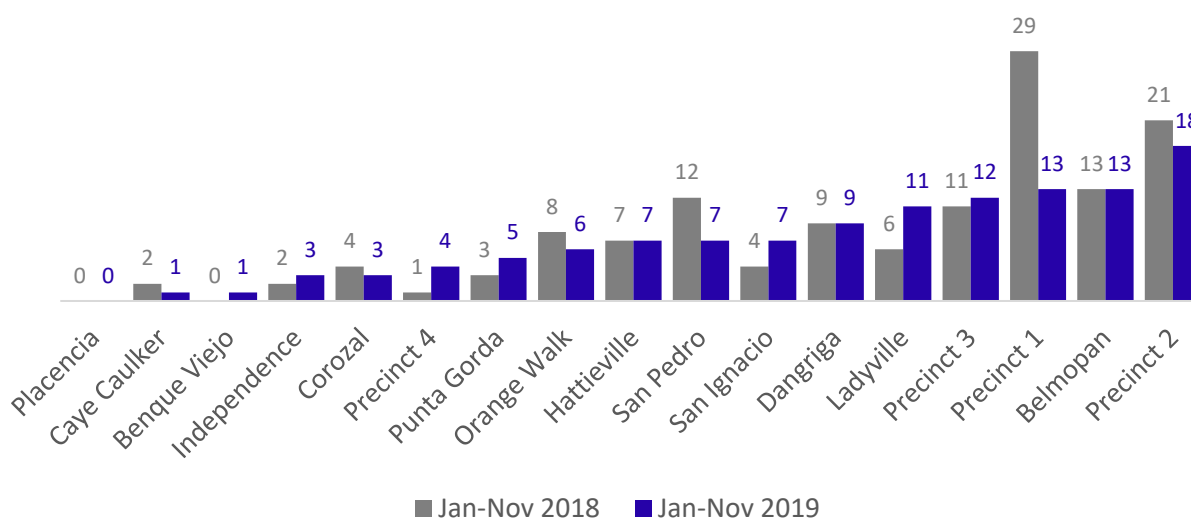
61% of the murders recorded for the first 11 months of 2019 were reported in the Belize District.

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Total Murders recorded by Police Formation/Precinct for Jan-Nov 2019, compared to Jan-Nov 2018



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

▼ 6 of the 17 policing areas recorded a decline in murders: Caye Caulker, Corozal, Orange Walk, San Pedro, and Precincts 1 and 2 in Belize City.

▲ 7 recorded an increase: Benque, Independence, Punta Gorda, San Ignacio, Ladyville, and Precincts 3 and 4 in Belize City.

● Placencia recorded no murder for the period January to November 2019; and it recorded no murder for the comparable period in 2018.

■ 3 other formations recorded no change: Belmopan, Dangriga and Hattieville.

▼ 3 of 6 districts (Belize, Corozal and Orange Walk) have recorded an overall decrease in murders for the first 11 months of 2019.

▼ Whereas incidents of murder fell nationally by about 9%, in the Belize District area, they have declined by 18%. In Belize City, the decline amounted to 24%, down from 62 to 47 incidents.

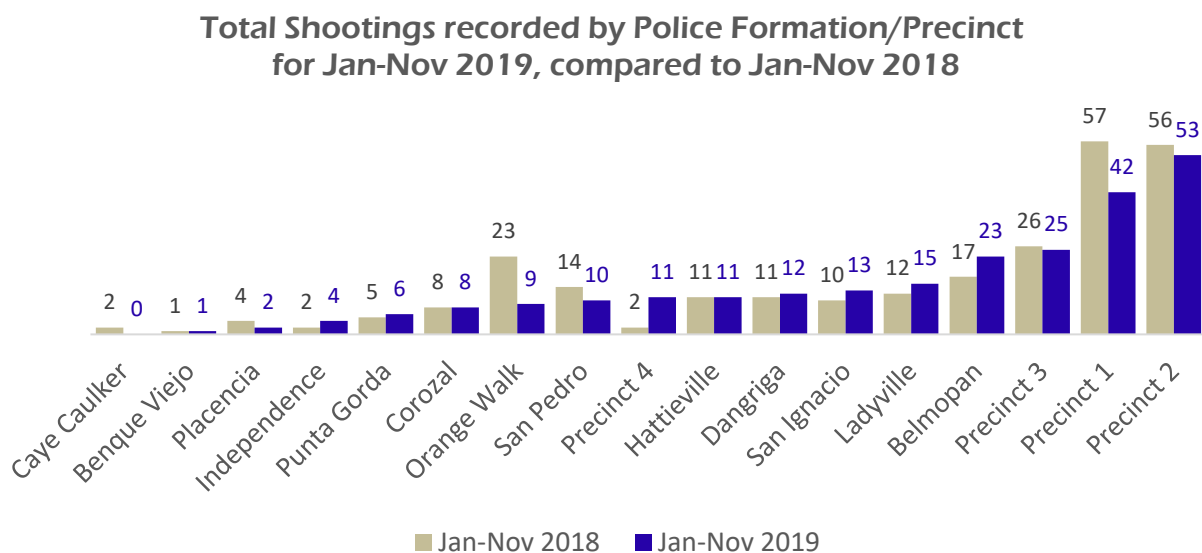
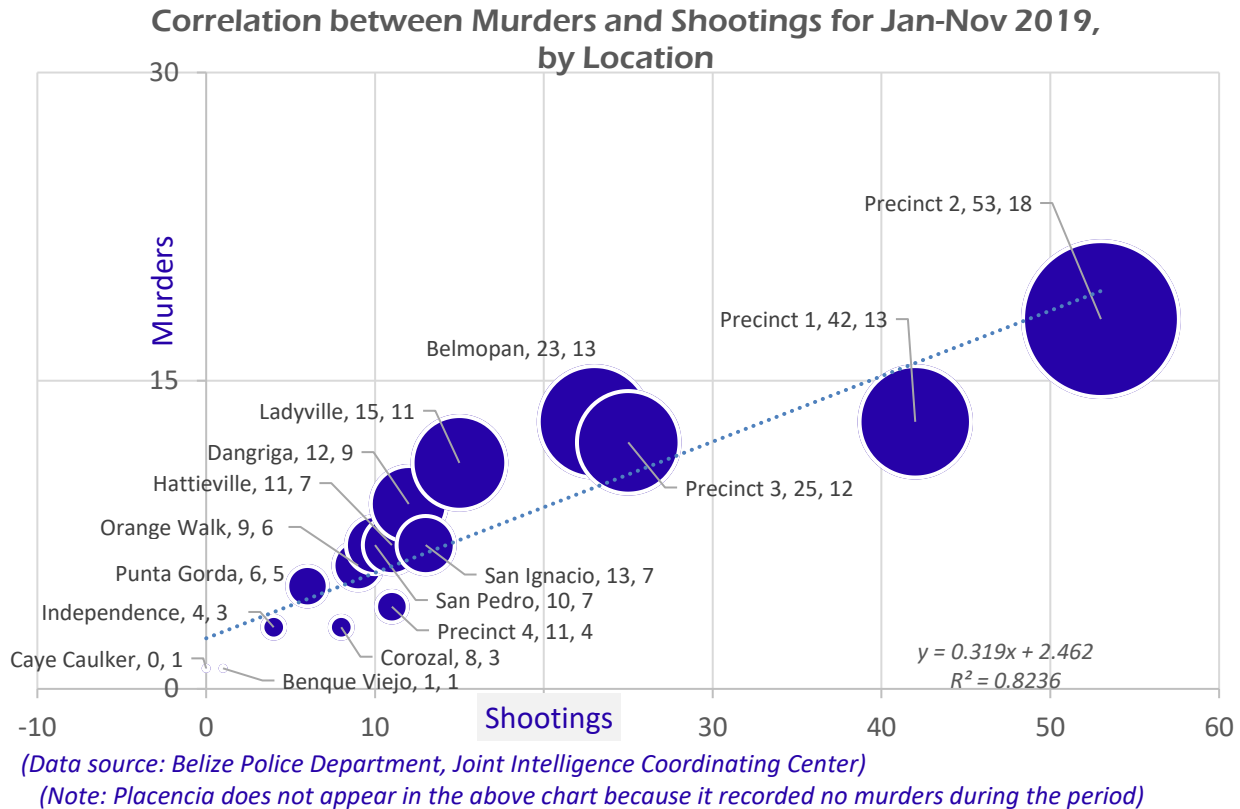
▲ At the district level, Cayo, Stann Creek and Toledo reported an increase in incidents of murder for the 11 months under review.

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SHOOTINGS



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

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▼ 7 of the 17 policing areas recorded a decline in shootings: Caye Caulker, Placencia, Orange Walk, San Pedro, and Precincts 1, 2 and 3 in Belize City.

▲ 7 policing areas recorded an increase: Independence, Punta Gorda, Dangriga, San Ignacio, Ladyville, Belmopan and Precinct 4 in Belize City.

■ 3 policing areas recorded no change: Benque Viejo del Carmen, Corozal and Hattieville.

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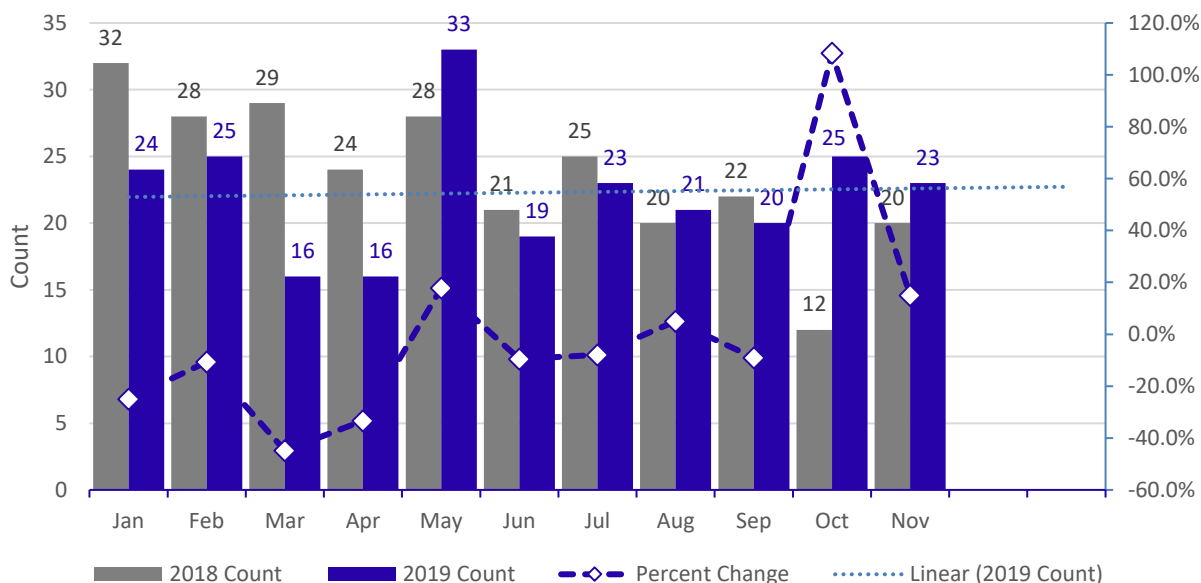
shootings
January to
November 2019

6.13%



261 recorded for
Jan-Nov 2018

Count of Shootings Recorded by Month and Year-on-Year Change for Jan-Nov 2019, compared to Jan-Nov 2018



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

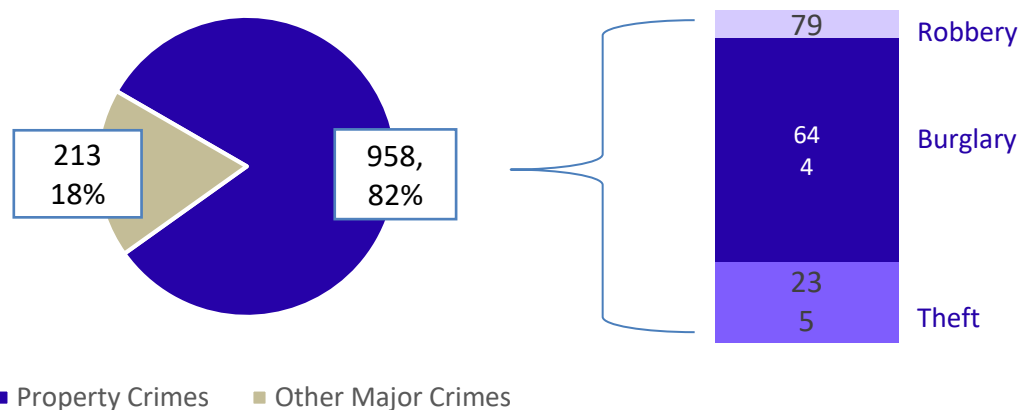
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PROPERTY CRIMES

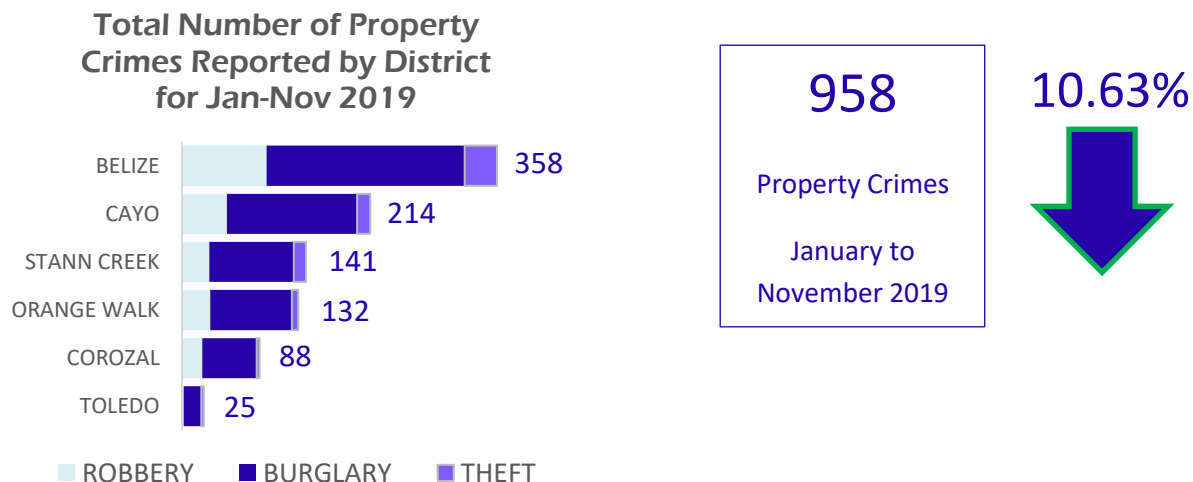
Proportion of Major Crimes That Were Property Crimes for the period Jan-Nov 2019



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

There were 87 property crimes recorded during November 2019, down 16% from 104 in November 2018. For the first 11 months of the year, 958 property crimes were recorded in the major crimes category, excluding theft of items valued at below BZ\$5,000. This represents an overall decline of 10.63%, from 1,072 incidents recorded during the same period in 2018.

About 8 out of every 10 major crimes reported continue to be property crimes.



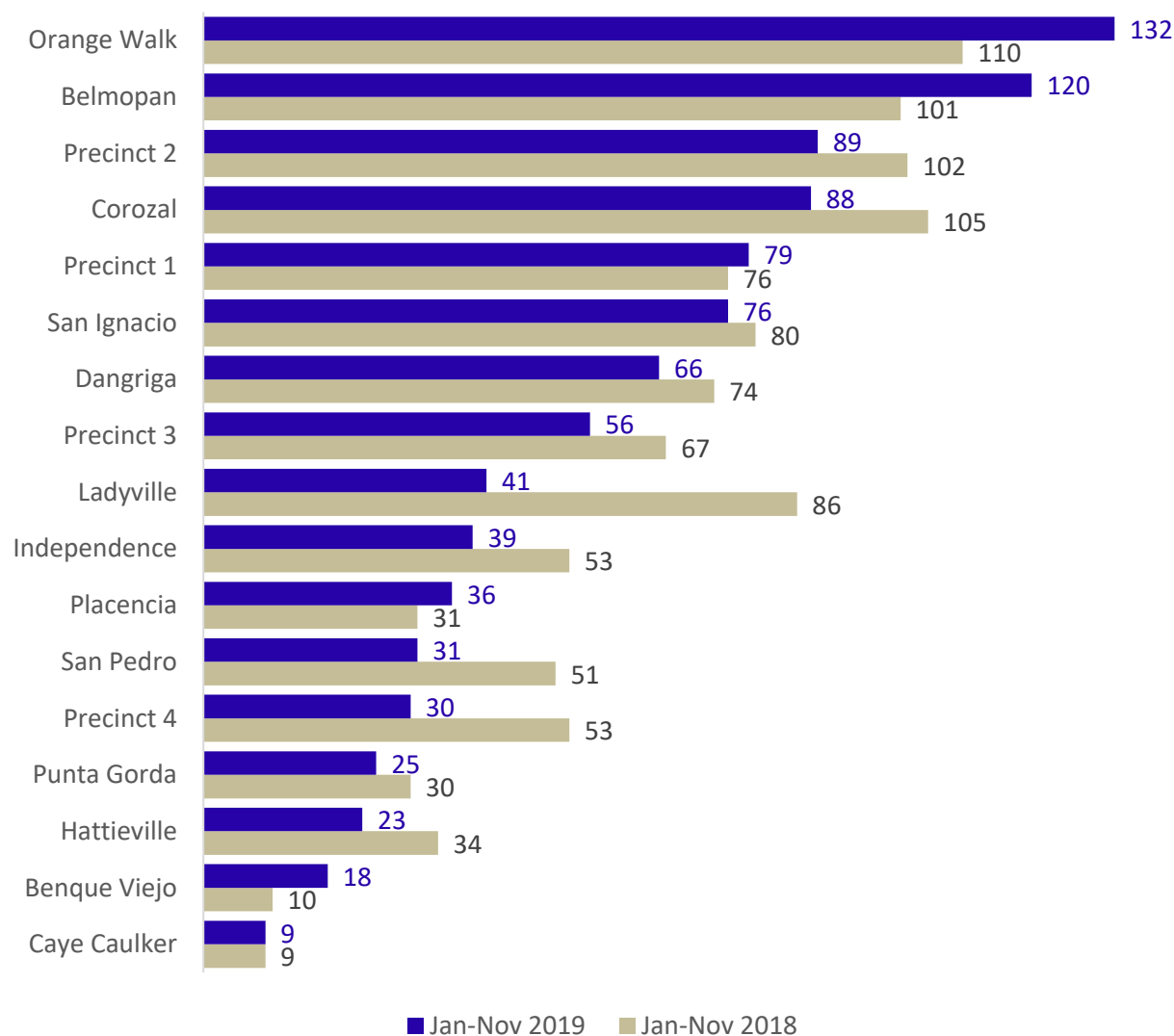
(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

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Total Property Crimes recorded by Police Formation/Precinct for Jan-Nov 2019, compared to Jan-Nov 2018



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse: ● 4 reports for November 2019.

● 65 cases for January to November 2019.

Rape cases:

3

November 2019

Jan-Nov 2019:
28 total

1

1

1

1



Punta Gorda



Ladyville



San Ignacio



Orange Walk

Sexual violence (rape and unlawful sexual intercourse) were the only types of major crimes that recorded an overall increase for the first 11 months of 2019. Reports of rape were up from 19 to 28 (or 47.37%), while reports of unlawful sexual intercourse were up from 47 to 65 (or 38.30%). Furthermore, sexual violence reports increased from 4 in November 2018 to 7 reports in November 2019.

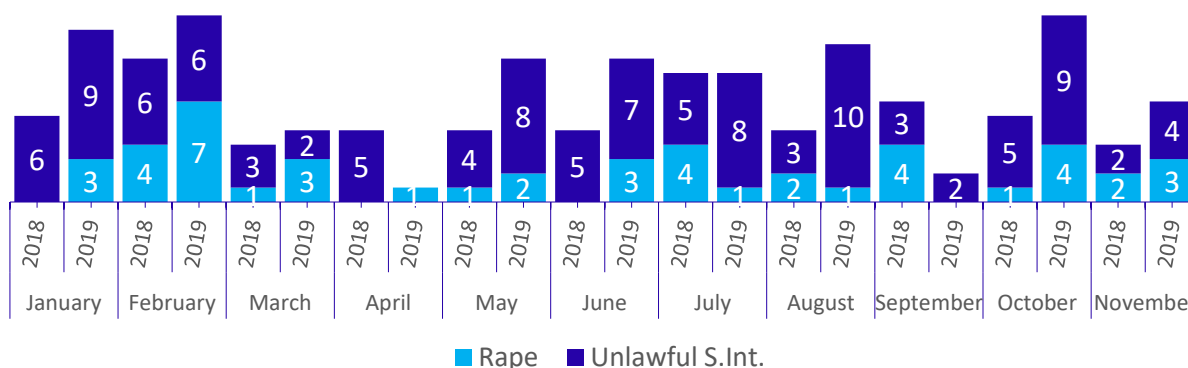
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Sexual violence
reports
January to
November 2019

40.91%



Total Cases of Sexual Violence (Rape and Unlawful Sexual Intercourse) for Jan-Nov 2019, compared to Jan-Nov 2018



(Data source: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center)

GANG-RELATED MAJOR CRIMES

During November 2019, at least 10 gang-related major crime incidents were reported in Belize City, as well as 7 shooting incidents. (See disaggregation of gang-related major crime incidents below.)



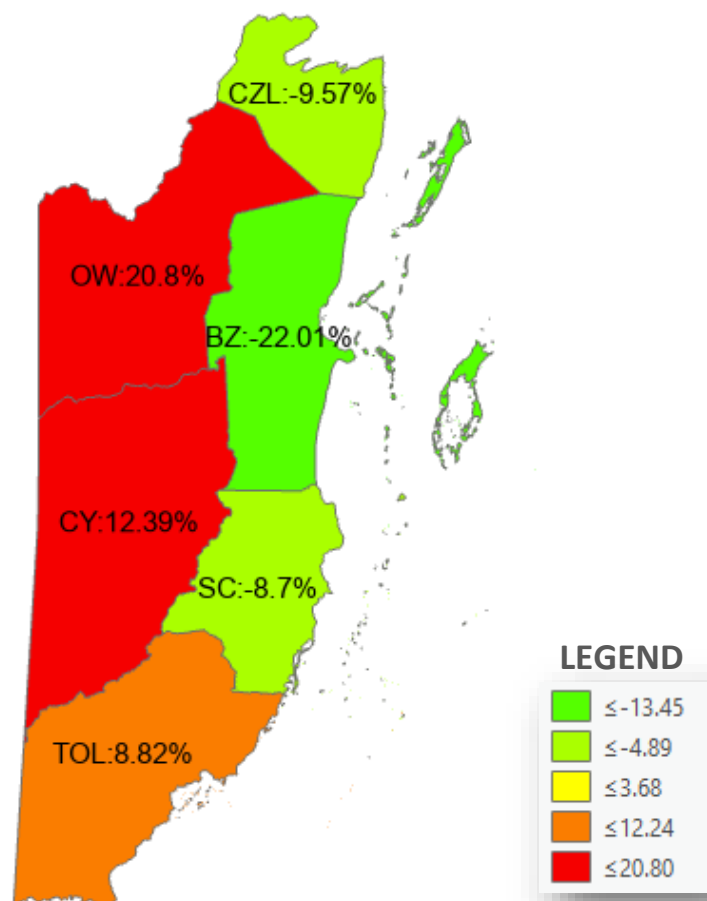
Compared with November 2018, there was an increase in gang-related shootings (up from 3 to 7). There was also a reported increase in gang-related burglaries (up from 1 to 4), but no increase in incidents of robberies and theft deemed to have been gang-related. The total number of suspected gang-related crimes in Belize City, including incidents of aggravated assault, almost doubled relative to the same time last year.

(Data sources: Belize Police Department, Joint Intelligence Coordinating Center and Gang Suppression Unit)

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MAP 1: Percent Change in Major Crimes by District, January to November 2019

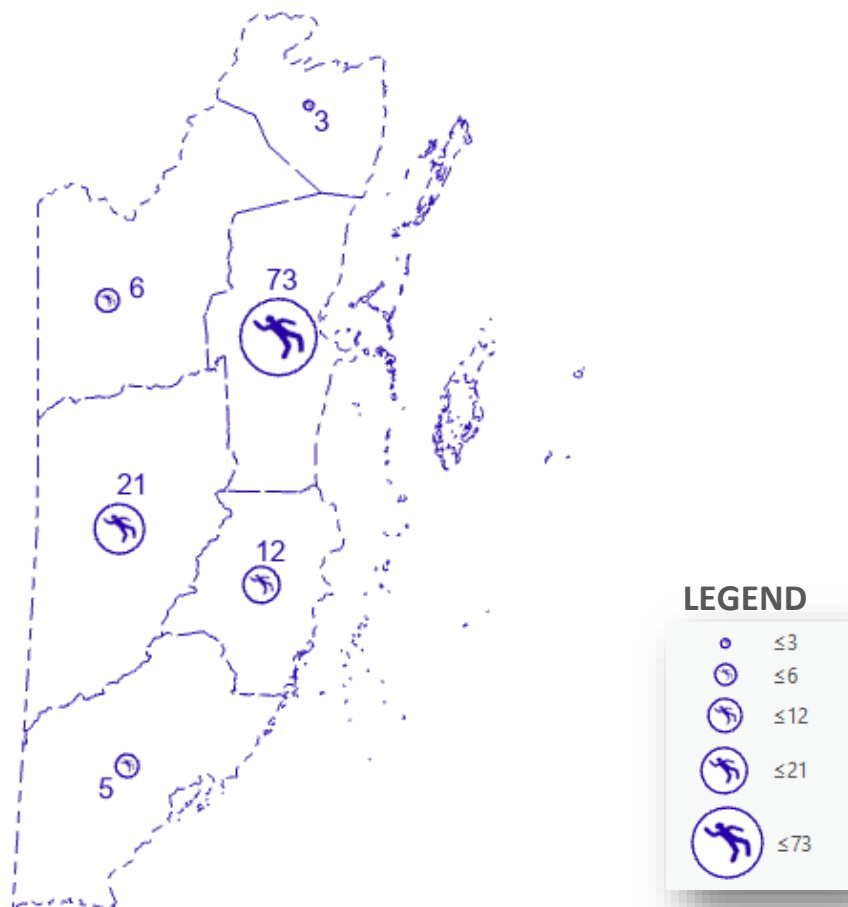


The greatest percent increase in major crime reports was recorded in the Orange Walk District, while the greatest percent decrease was recorded in the Belize District.

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Map 2: Number of Murders Recorded by District, January to November 2019



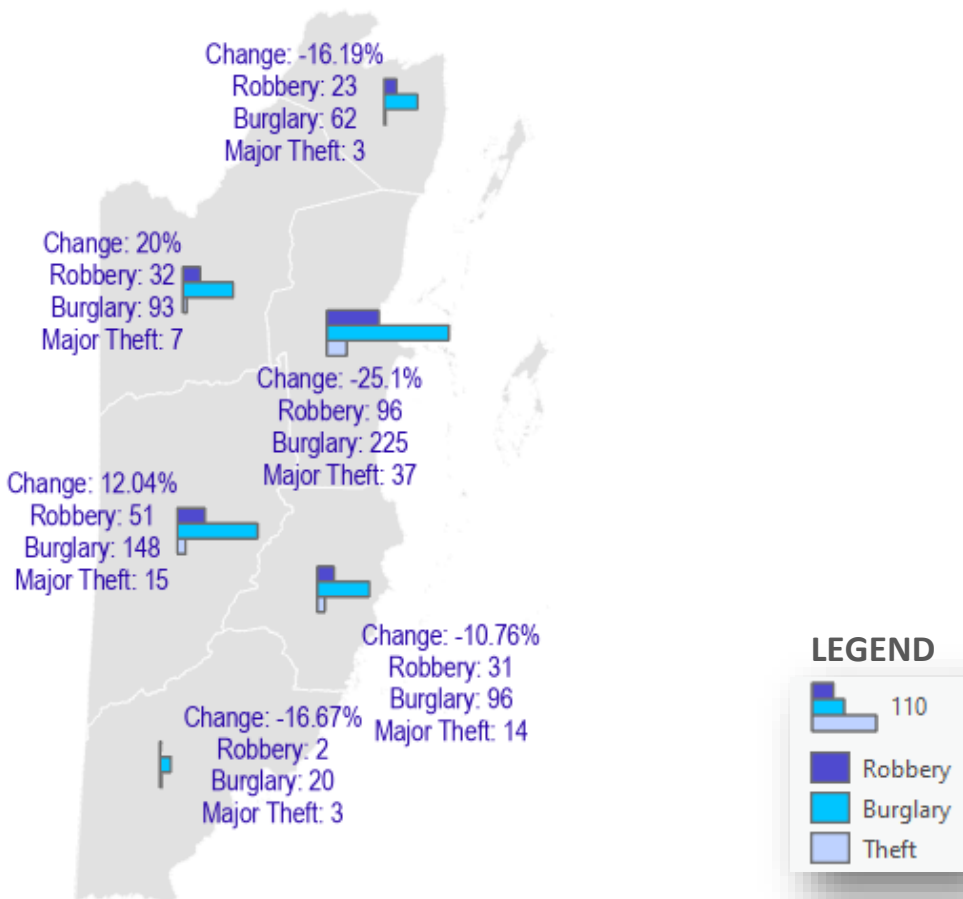
The Belize District accounted for more than half of the murders that were recorded for the 11-month period. The Corozal District recorded the least.

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Map 3: Property Crime Reports by District, January to November 2019



Burglary was the most frequent property crime reported across all districts. The Belize District recorded the most property crimes in all categories, followed by Cayo and then Orange Walk.

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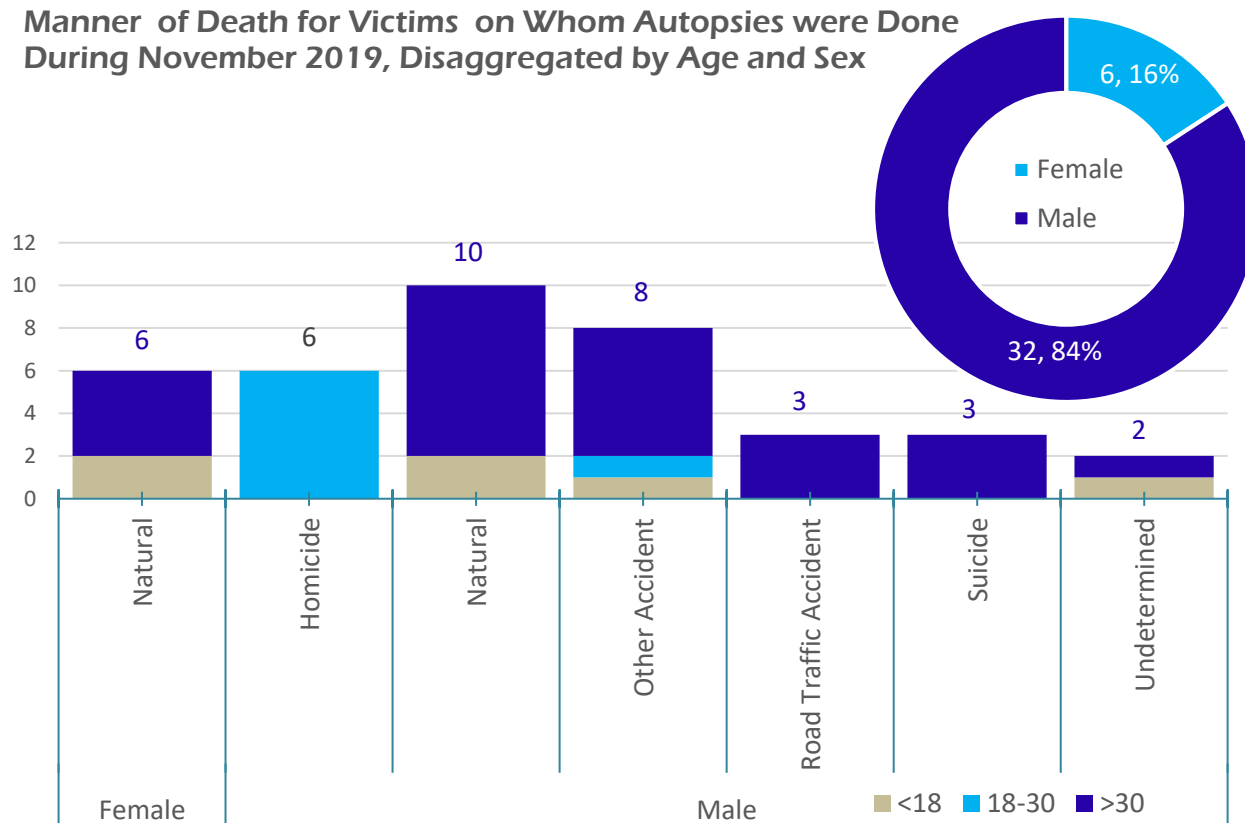
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MANNER OF DEATH

During November 2019, the National Forensic Science Service examined 38 deaths (32 males and 6 females). About a third (12 of 38) were violent deaths classified as homicides (6), suicides (3), and road traffic accident (RTA) fatalities (3). All 6 homicide victims were young males between the ages of 18 and 30. For the period January to November 2019, the department performed autopsies on 123 homicide victims, 25 suicide victims and 73 victims of fatal road traffic accidents – a total of 221 victims.

Manner of Death for Victims on Whom Autopsies were Done During November 2019, Disaggregated by Age and Sex



(Data source: National Forensic Science Service)

32%

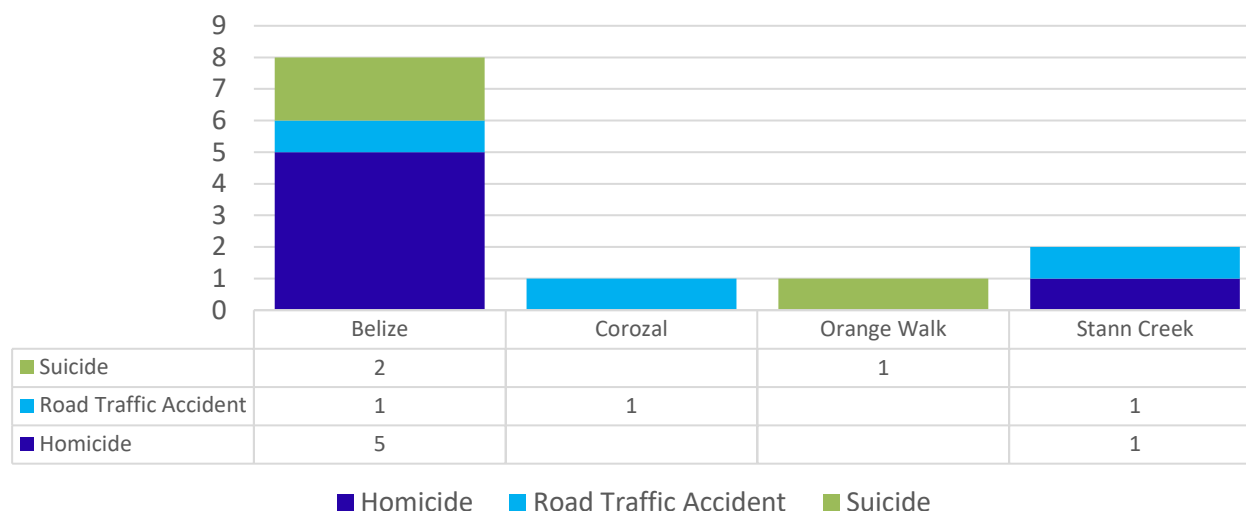
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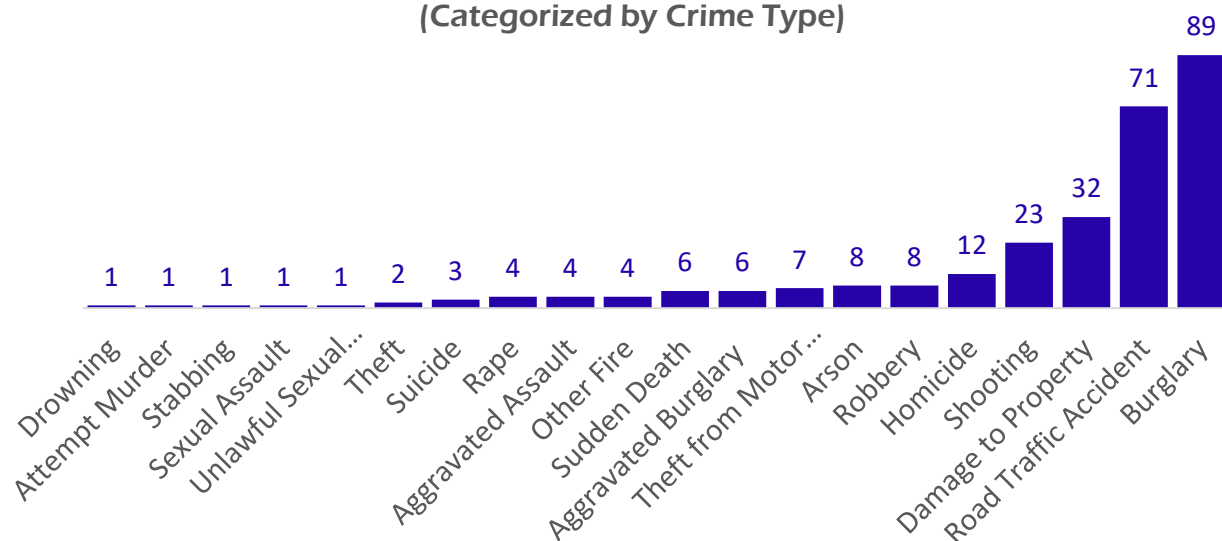


Number of Violent Deaths by District and Type, for November 2019



(Data source: National Forensic Science Service)

Number of Scenes Processed During November 2019 (Categorized by Crime Type)



(Data source: National Forensic Science Service)

The National Forensic Science Service (Scenes of Crime Unit) processed 284 scenes during November 2019. The most prevalent incident type (suspected at the time of processing the scene) was burglary, for which 89 scenes were processed. A total of 71 road traffic accident scenes and 12 homicide scenes were also processed.

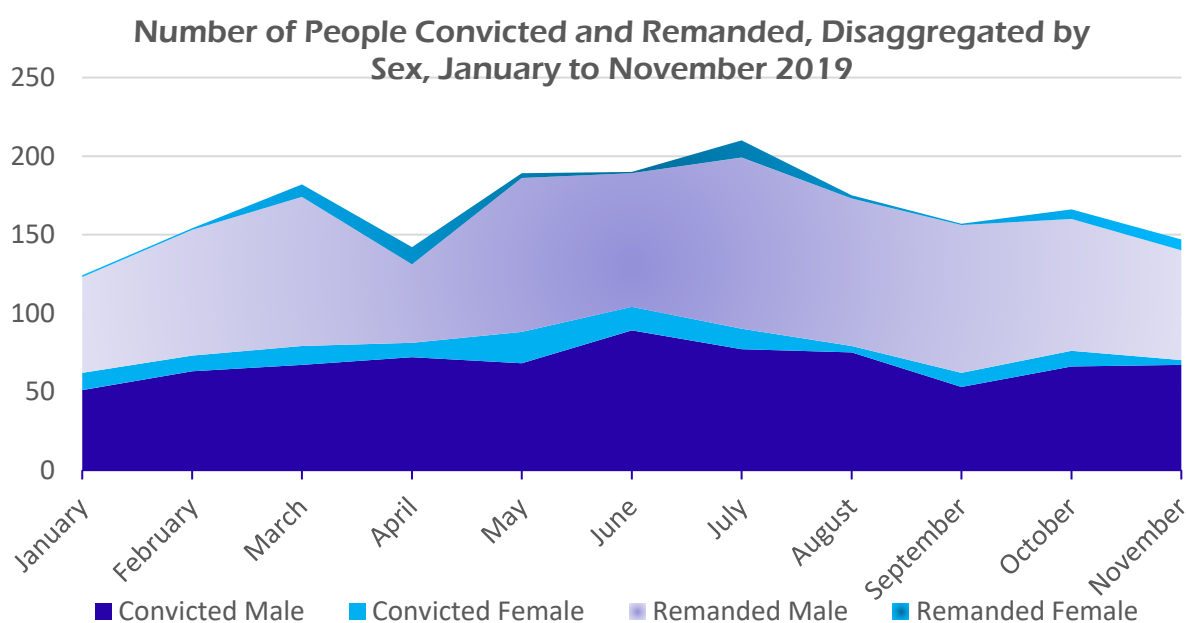
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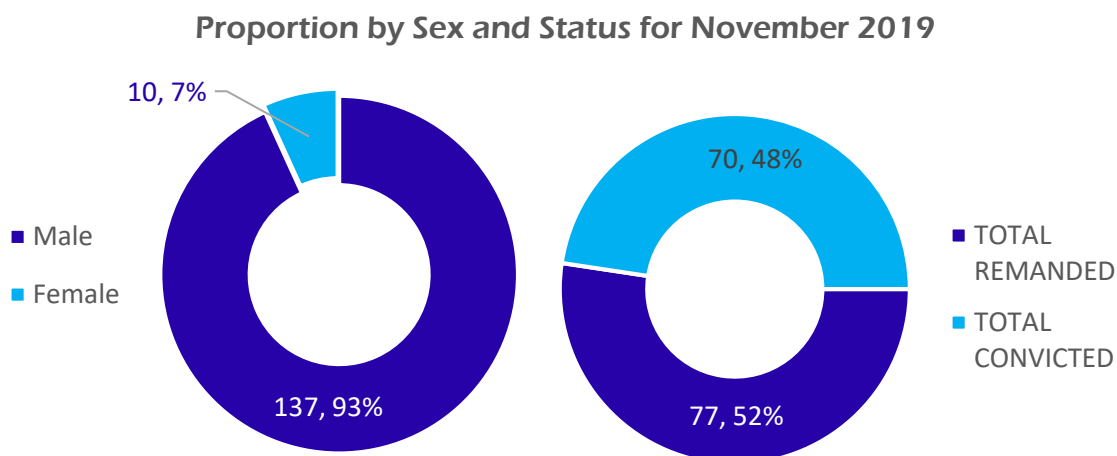


IMPRISONMENT

During the month of **November 2019**, 70 people (3 females and 67 males) were listed as newly convicted inmates at the Belize Central Prison, an increase of 2.94% from **November 2018**, when 68 were recorded. During **November 2019**, there were 77 people (7 females and 70 males) remanded to prison – a decrease of 6.1% when compared with **November 2018** (when 82 were remanded). Males ages 18 to 25 were the most frequently incarcerated.



(Data source: Belize Central Prison/Kolbe Foundation)



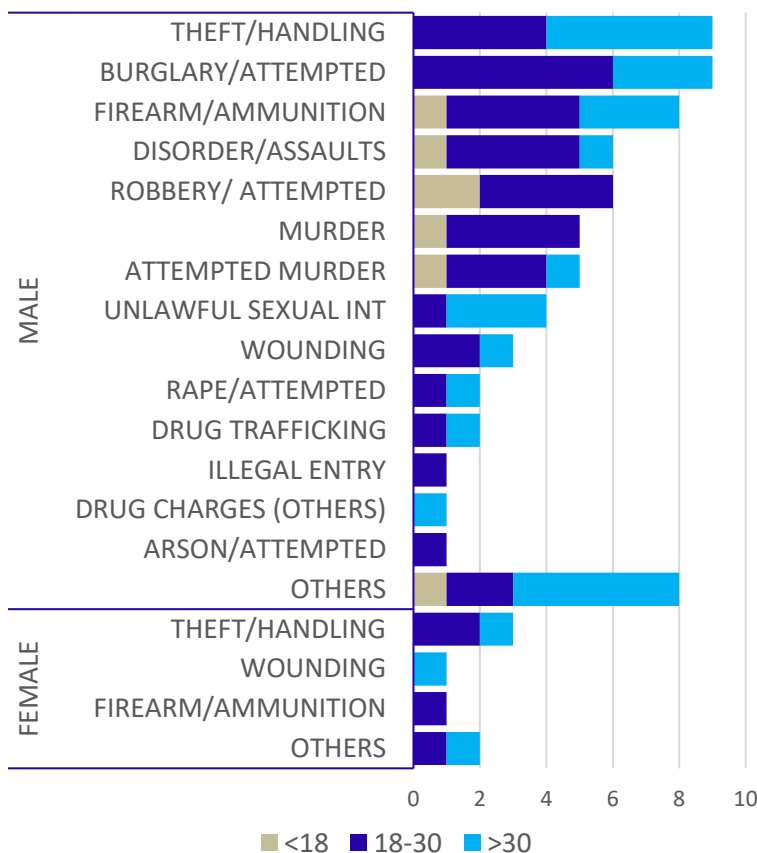
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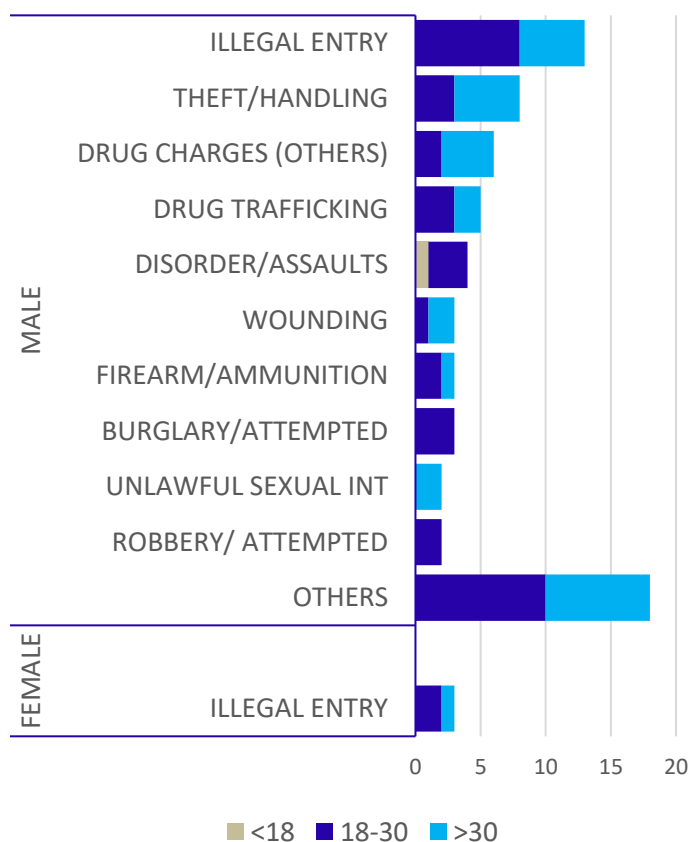
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Offences for Which Inmates Were
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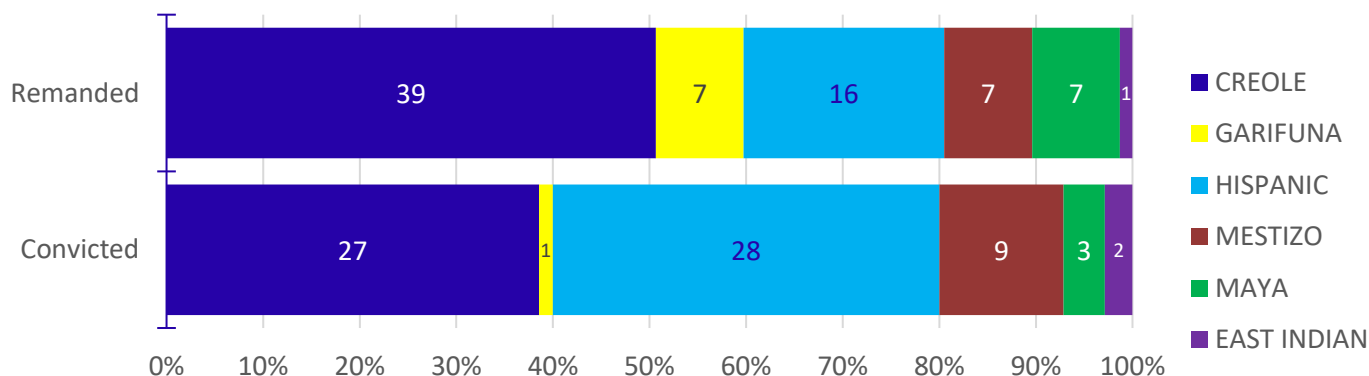


Offences for Which Inmates Were
Convicted in Nov 2019,
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Proportion and Count of Remanded and Convicted Inmates by Ethnicity



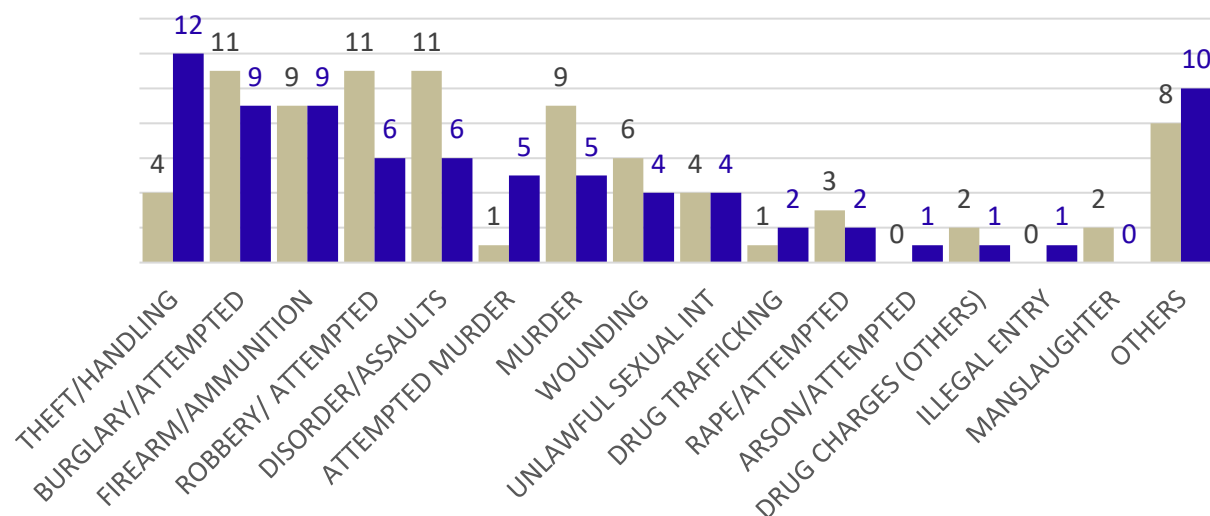
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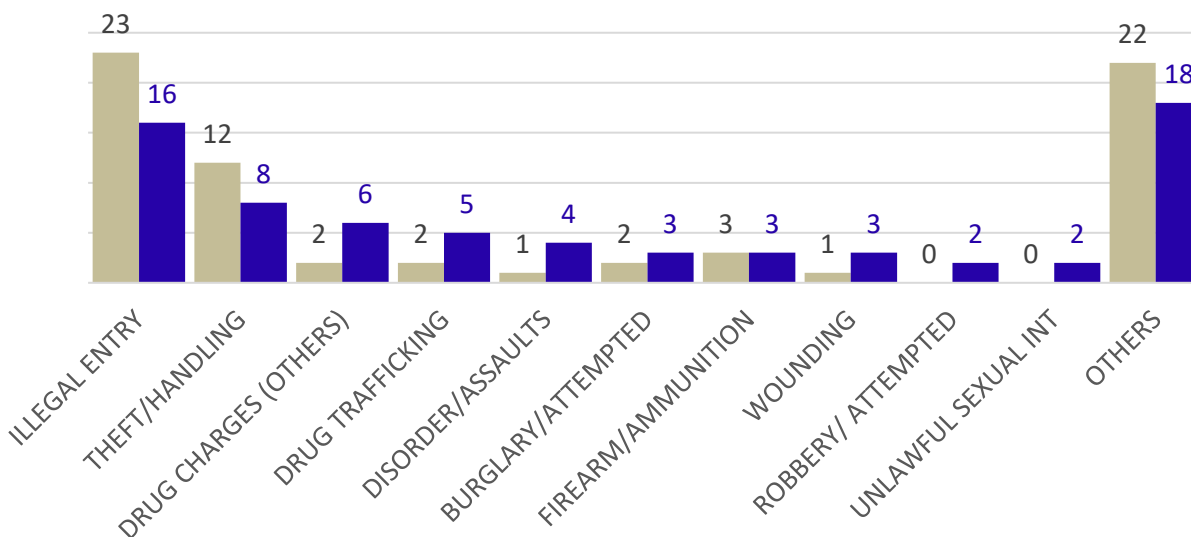
Number of Inmates Remanded by Category during November 2019 compared to November 2018



(Data source: Belize Central Prison/Kolbe Foundation)

■ Nov-18 ■ Nov-19

Number of Inmates Convicted by Category during November 2019 compared to November 2018



(Data source: Belize Central Prison/Kolbe Foundation)

■ Nov-18 ■ Nov-19

GLOSSARY

Gang-related Crime: a criminal offence carried out by a gang or member of a gang, as classified by the Belize Police Department. The 2018 Amendment to The Crime Control and Criminal Justice legislation (Chapter 102 of the Laws of Belize) regards “any criminal activity or any enterprise, pursuit or undertaking in relation to a serious offence, acquiesced in, or consented or agreed to, or directed, ordered, authorized, requested or ratified by any gang member” as gang-related activity, and includes a schedule of serious offences under the wider classification of gang-related activities.

Homicide: the unlawful killing of a human being by another human being, either intentionally or not. The homicide classification used in this report is based on the classification by the National Forensic Science Service, for reporting purposes and includes murder and manslaughter.

Major Crime: The Belize Police Department includes six crime types under its classification of major crimes: murder, rape, unlawful sexual intercourse, robbery, burglary and theft. Only theft of items valued BZ\$5,000 and above are included among major crimes.

Police Formation/Precinct: The Belize Police Department operates 17 policing areas, referred to as formations and precincts. The Belize City area is divided into four precincts: Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4. Orange Walk has one police formation, and so does Corozal. Punta Gorda is the police formation for the entire Toledo District. Stann Creek is divided into three policing areas: Placencia, Dangriga and the Intermediate Southern Formation in Independence Village. The divisions exist for operational purposes and are not necessarily geographic. For example, the Belmopan Formation includes some surrounding villages, such as Roaring Creek and Armenia.

Property Crimes: robberies, burglary and theft, involving the deprivation of the victim of any form of property, including cash, livestock, household goods, motor vehicles, etc.

Sexual Violence: The two major crimes classified as sexual violence in this report are rape and unlawful sexual intercourse.

Suicide: The act of an individual taking his or her own life.

Violent Death: Any form of death that results from an external factor, such as the use of a weapon or any object, toxin, or means of force, either by another person or the victim, whether the fatality was accidentally or intentionally caused. This report focuses on three types of violent deaths: homicides, suicides and road traffic fatalities.

***Note:** We’ve realigned the first section of this report to focus more closely on major crimes and to provide more year-to-date analysis in addition to analysis for the month under review.*

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