



Generating quality data for policy: Analysis, evidence, technology and collaboration for decision-making

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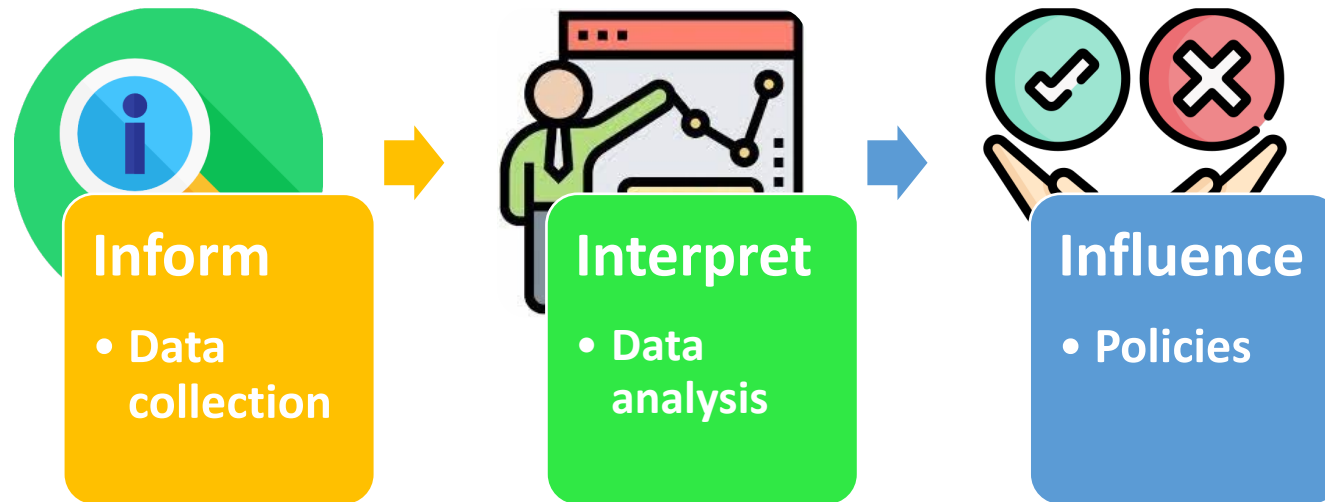
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BCO : Who we are

- Belize's national repository for crime data and information



What we do: Our Goals

- **Collect:** Ensure that crime data and information collected are timely, reliable, and relevant.
- **Process:** Ensure that data and information are suitable for analysis to generate statistical outputs and indicators, unveiling meaningful insights into crime patterns and trends.
- **Analyze:** Perform in-depth analysis of crime data, exploring key variables to provide greater insights into crime patterns and trends.
- **Store:** Maintain a central repository of crime data and information from a range of providers, as well as the BCO's analysis and statistical outputs and periodic publications.
- **Share:** Foster a deeper understanding of crime patterns and trends in Belize to support improvements in public safety through the dissemination of quality data and insightful information.

Partnering Agencies



**National Forensic
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**Belize Police
Department**



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Belize Central Prison



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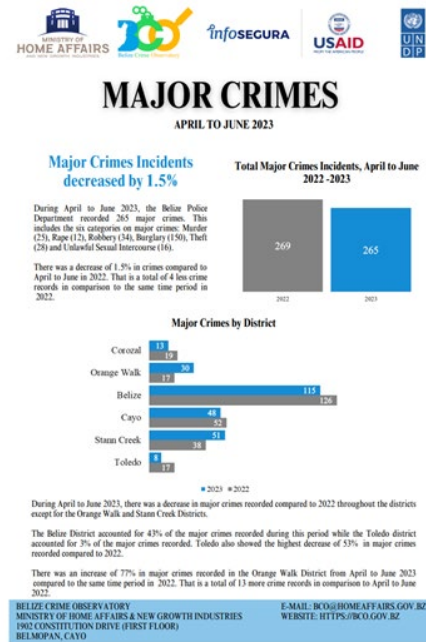


What we do: Our Policy Agenda

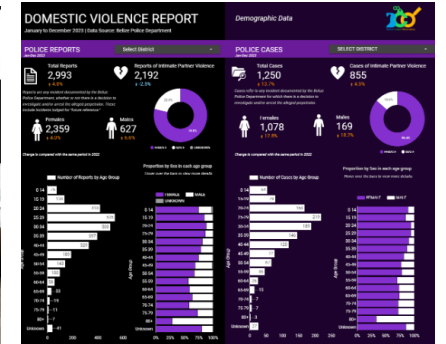
- To foster the development of public policies that address public safety and national security issues.

Reports and Dashboards produced

- Quarterly Major Crimes Report
- Quarterly Domestic Violence Report
- Quarterly Homicides Report
- Yearly Citizen Security Analysis
- Yearly Violence Againsts Women and Girls Report
- Other analysis upon requests



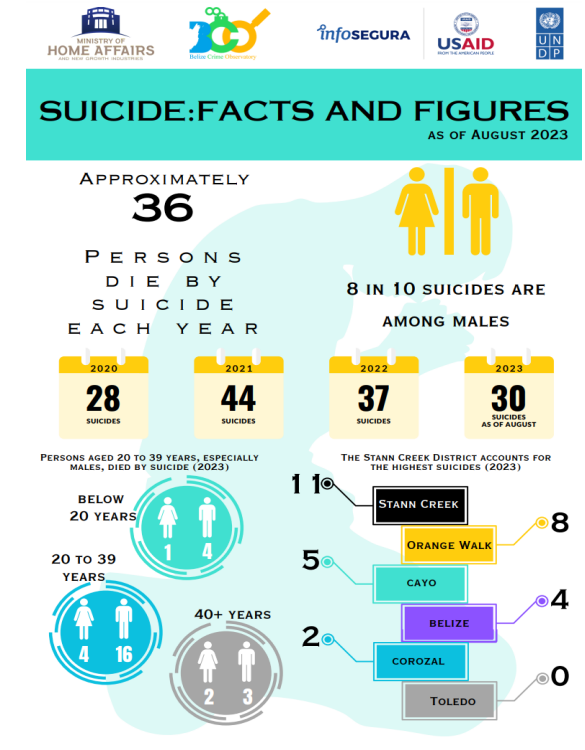
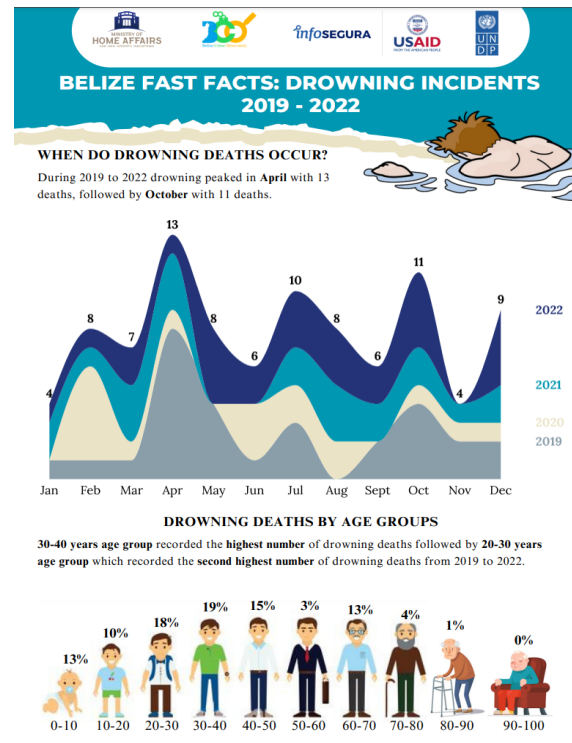
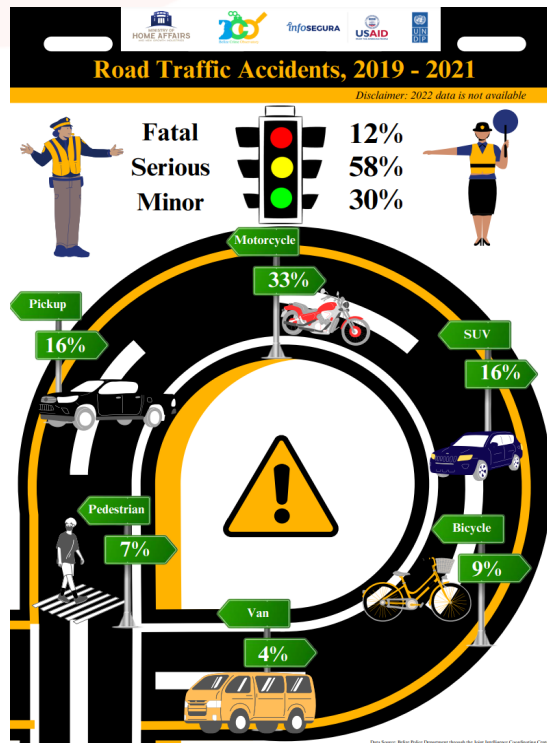
- Major Crimes Dashboard
- Domestic Violence Dashboard
- Forensic Analysis Dashboard
- Incarceration Dashboard



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Data-driven Public Awareness campaigns



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How we help to inform Ministry Policy

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Rural Safety and Security Strategy



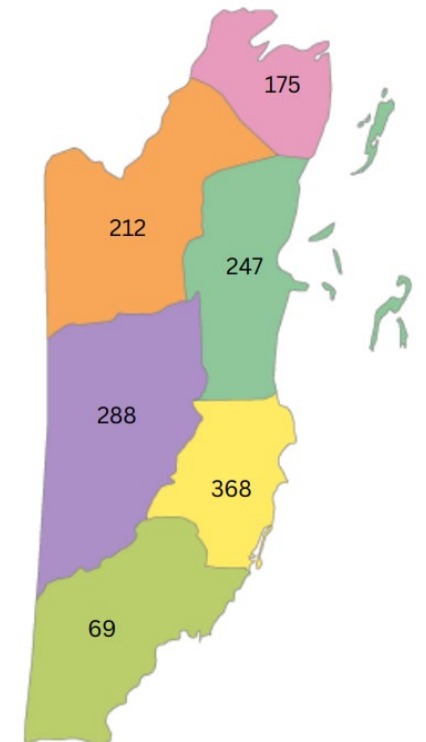
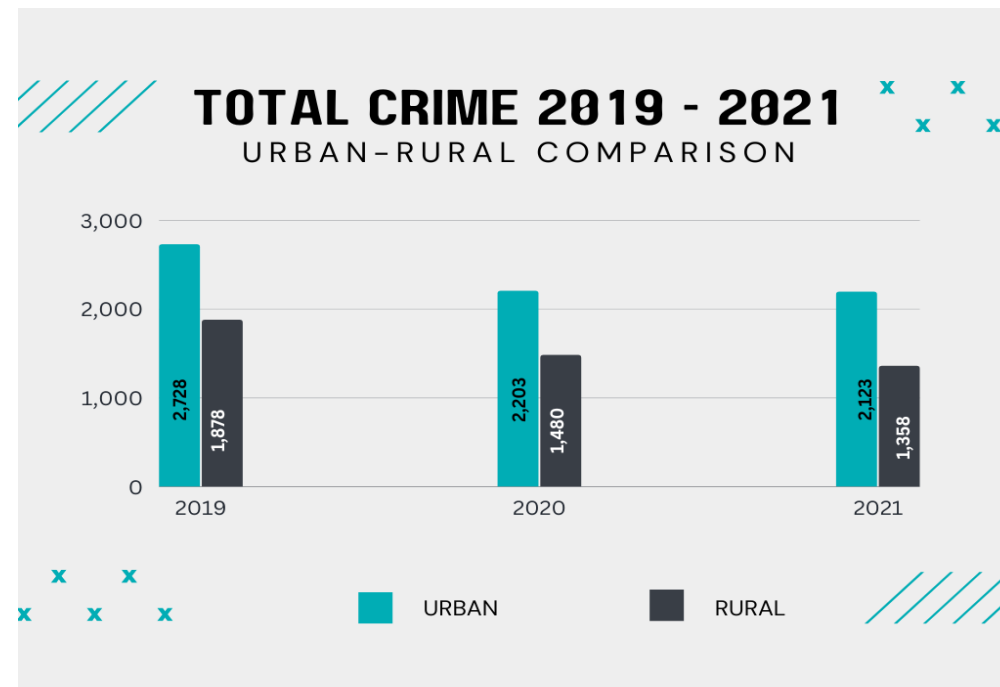
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- During the period 2019 – 2021 a total of 7,123 crimes were committed in urban areas while 4,716 were committed in the rural areas.
- In 2021, 1,358 crimes were committed in rural areas. The Stann Creek District reported the most crimes (368) followed by the Cayo District (288) and the Belize district with (247) total crimes.



- Belize Tourism Board estimates that there were 370,524 overnight tourists to Belize from January to December 2022.
- The primary destinations for tourists to visit are Hopkins, Placencia, San Pedro, Caye Caulker and the Cayo District.
- Belize has been known for its attraction to expatriates and retirees.

2022 Tourism Overnight Stays



- February 2023
 - Inaugurated a new police sub-station in northern San Pedro
 - Inaugurated a new police sub-station in Maya Mopan, Belmopan, Cayo District
- July 2023
 - Inaugurated a new police station in Seine Bight to increase police presence on the Placencia Peninsula
- New police stations scheduled for later in 2024
 - San Ignacio, Cayo District
 - Caye Caulker
 - Bella Vista, Stann Creek District

- Along with these substations and police stations, the Police has embarked on several community policing initiatives such as
 - meet and greet and keeping in touch with the community
 - PEACE Program (Positive Engagement and Civic Education Program) which targets middle and upper division students and seeks to reinforce activities that facilitate personal development and good citizenship by addressing areas such as no bullying, empathy, civic pride, respecting others, no illicit behavior such as gang activity
 - Seek and Provide support to schools feeding program (spaces for children to eat such as cafeterias) and gardening programs

Compstat and Joint Intelligence Coordinating Centre Office

- Collects data on all reported incidents
 - Seized and found drugs
 - Seized and found firearms and ammunition
 - Fatal traffic accidents
 - Major crimes
- Allows the Police to look at what worked previously and what we anticipate
- Helps to address internal police policy and operations
- Meetings are held at the regional and national level to provide an opportunity to reflect by region as well as nationally

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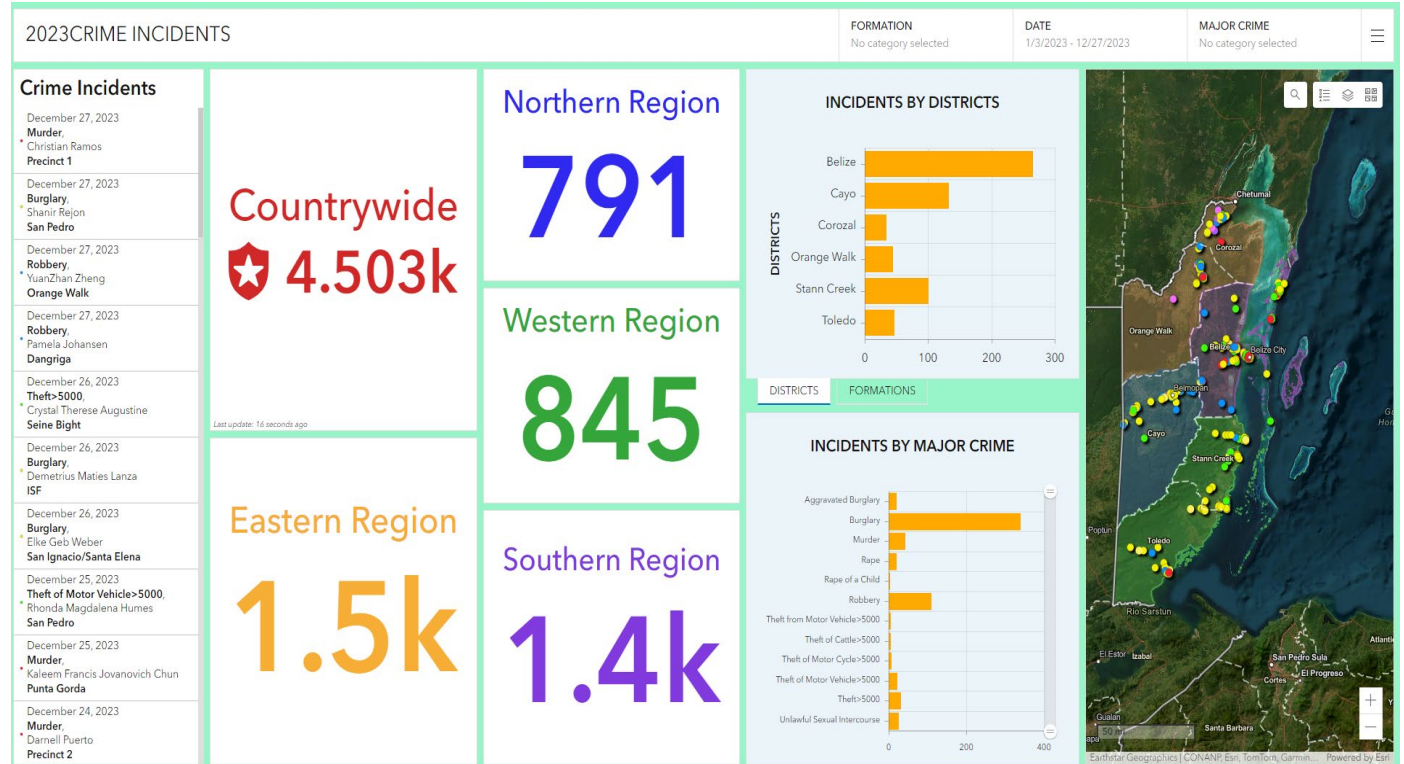
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All Reported Incidents are Entered into GIS Platform



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MAJOR CRIME INCIDENTS DECREASED COMPARED TO JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

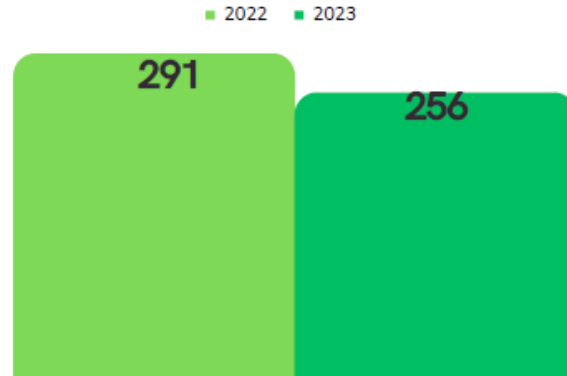
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During July to September 2023, the Belize Police Department recorded 256 major crimes.

This includes the six categories on major crimes:

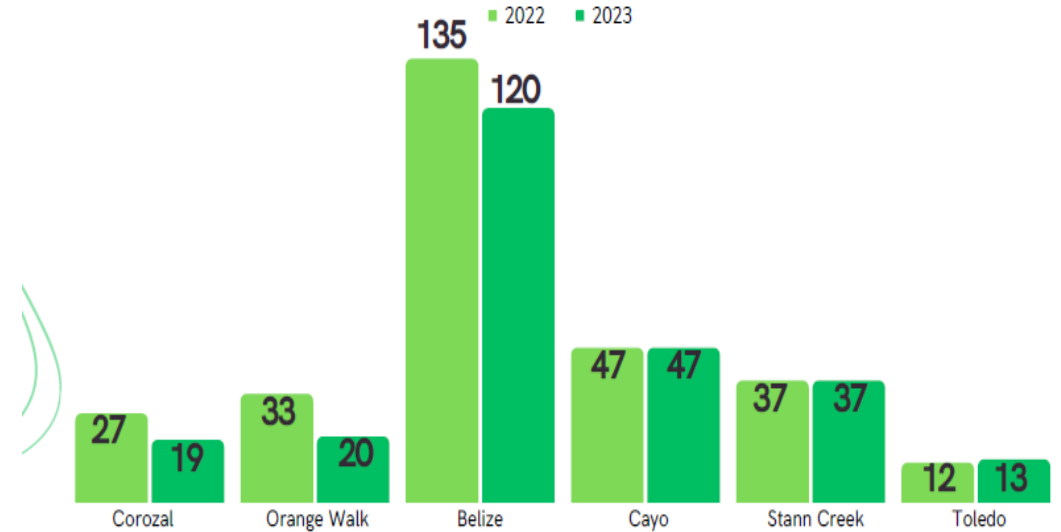
Murder (24), Rape (9), Robbery (41), Burglary (144), Theft (25) and Unlawful Sexual Intercourse (13).

TOTAL MAJOR CRIMES INCIDENTS, JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022 VS 2023



There was a total of 35 less crime records in comparison to the same time period in 2022.

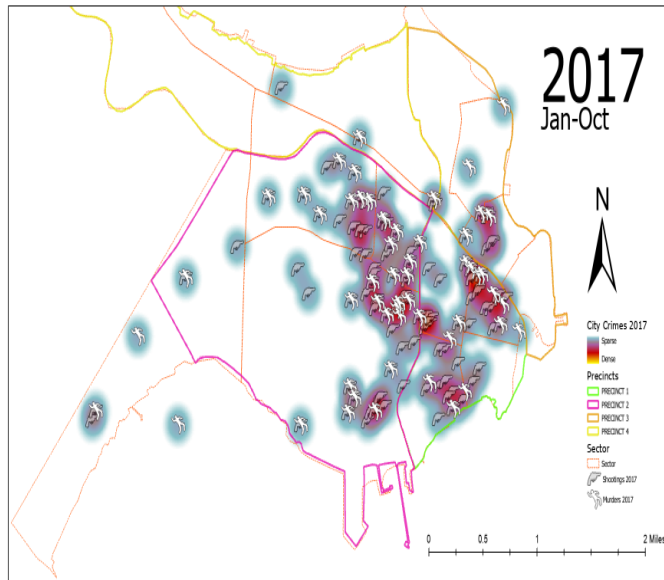
MAJOR CRIMES BY DISTRICT



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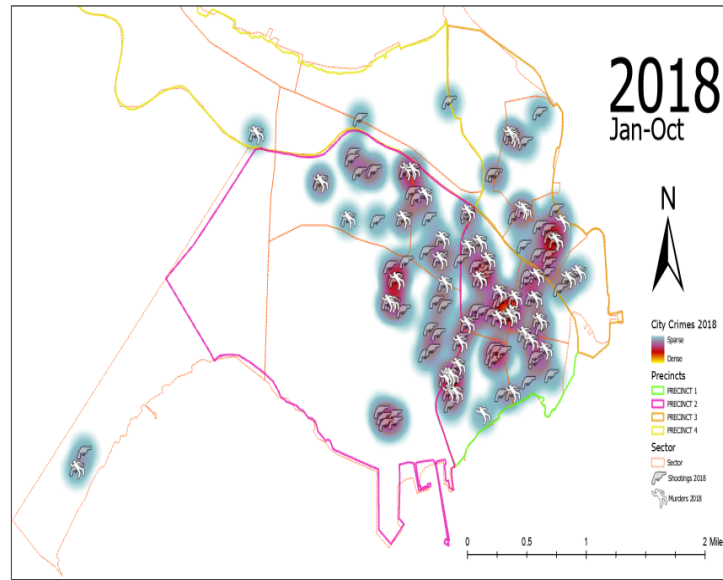
Heat Map of Belize City Murders and Shootings



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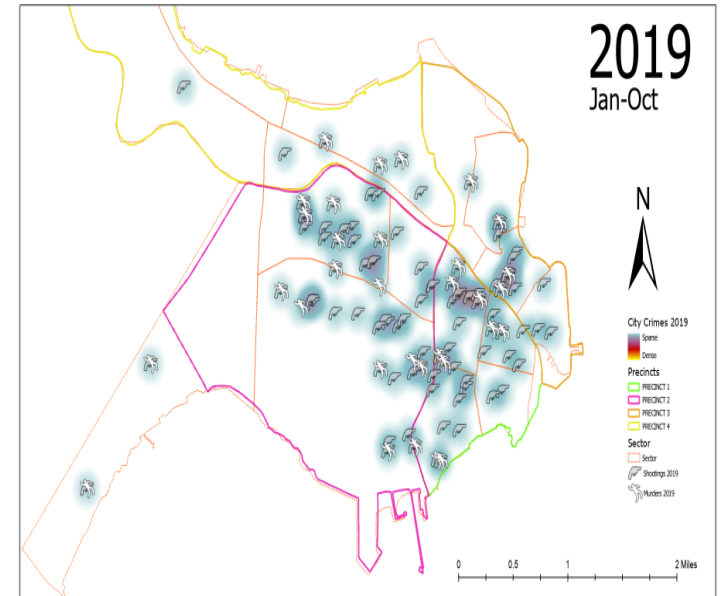
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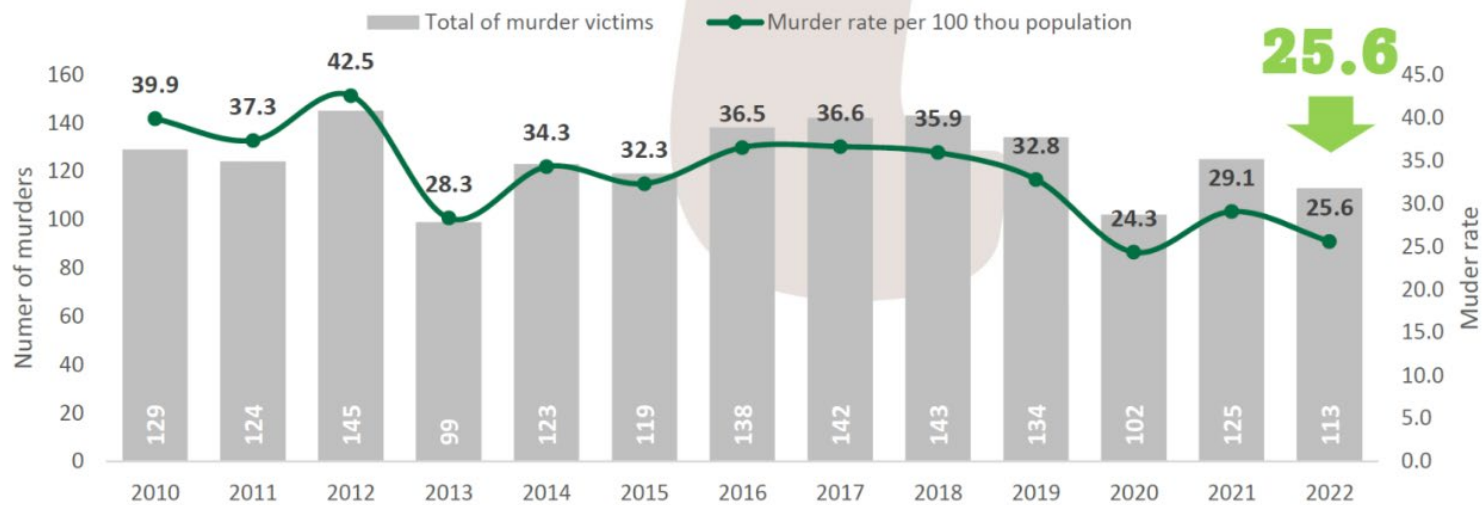


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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of Murder Belize City	43.6	46.8	35.1	46	38.4	37.2	39
Belize City Murder	62	67	47	47	48	42	34
Total Murder	142	143	134	102	125	113	87
Rate Per 100,000 Countrywide	36.6	35.9	32.8	24.3	29	25.5	19.7

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In the pipeline

- Support to develop the Ministry's Strategic Plan 2024 - 2028
- Support to Belize's Revision of its Cybersecurity Strategy 2020 – 2023
- Support to the National Drug Abuse Control Council to develop its National Drug Policy
- Support to legislative amendment for Domestic Violence Act
- Support to legislative amendment of the Criminal Code as it relates to sexual offences and the sexual offenders Registry
- Support to enact a DNA legislation

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What we Hope to achieve

- A strong data-driven culture at the policy, executive, and technical levels;
- Clearly articulated and comprehensive data policies at all these levels that align with national laws and policies, as well as with international good practices and standards;
- Interagency agreements and procedures that support secure cross-agency sharing of data and information;
- Strengthened institutional, inter-institutional, and human capacities across the board;

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