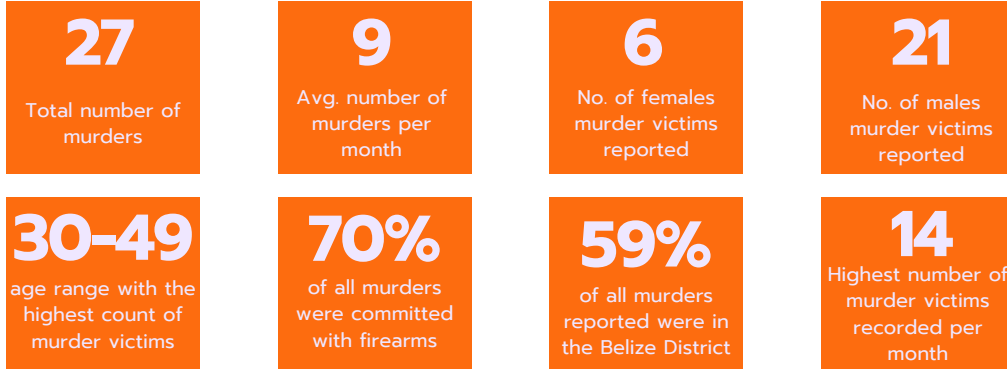


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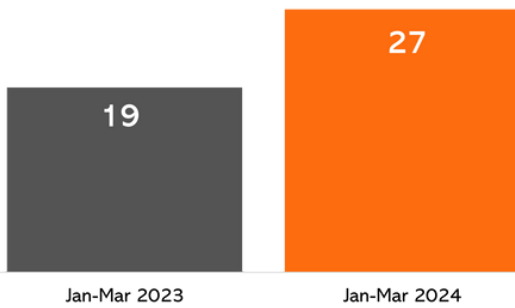
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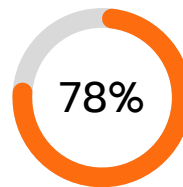
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**Total Victims of Murder, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024**

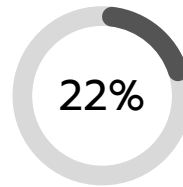


From January to March 2024, there were 27 murder victims. This represents 8 more victims in the first quarter compared to the same time period in 2023.

**Total Percentage of Murder Victims by Sex, Jan-Mar 2024**

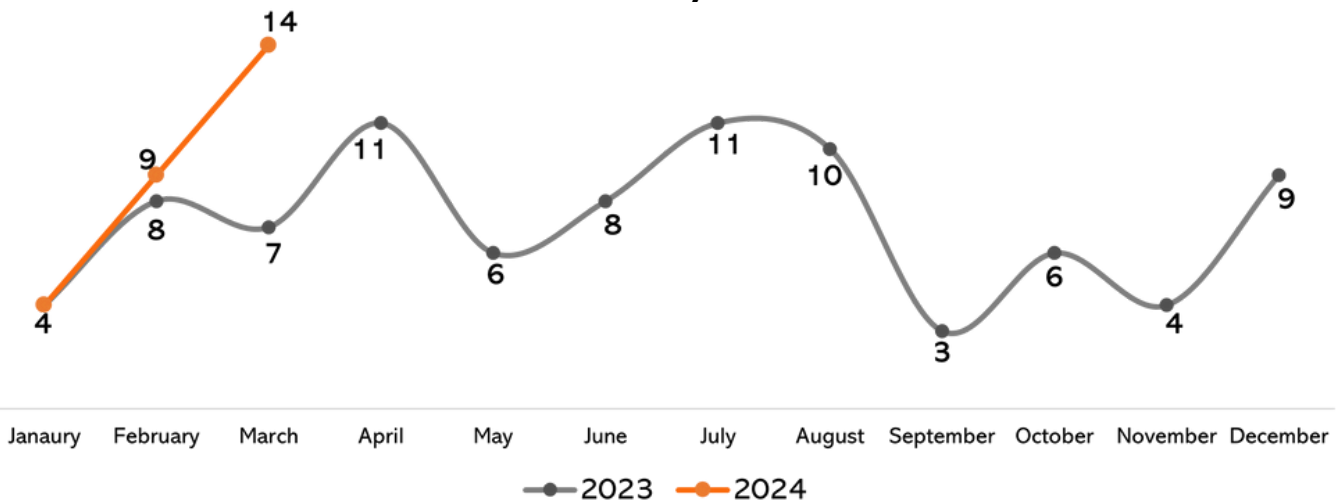


Between January and March 2024, 78% of the murder victims reported were males.



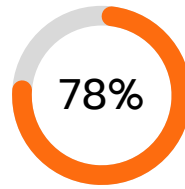
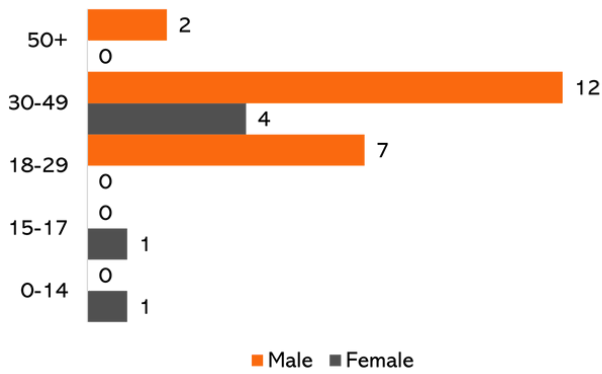
Between January and March 2024, 22% of the murder victims reported were females.

**Total Number of Murders, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024**

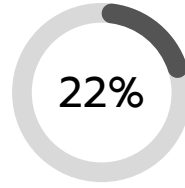


Approximately 9 murders per month occurred during January to March 2024. The month with the greatest number of victims in 2024 was March with 14 victims.

### Age Group and Sex of Victims of Murder, Jan-Mar 2024



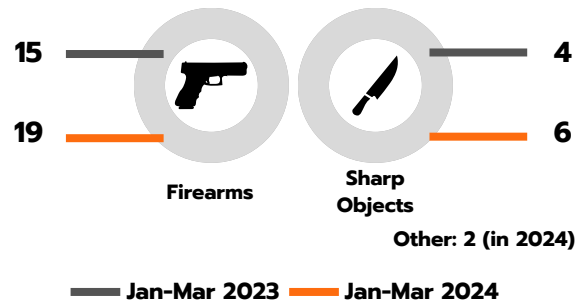
Majority of the Male Victims of Murder were between 30 to 49 years.



The age group with the largest percentage of Female Murder Victims was 30 to 49 years.

Firearms were used in 70% of all murders committed (used in 19 out of 27 cases). This represents a decrease of 9 percentage points compared to the same time period in 2023. The remainder were committed either with a sharp object or other weapon.

### Weapon Types used in Murder Crimes, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024



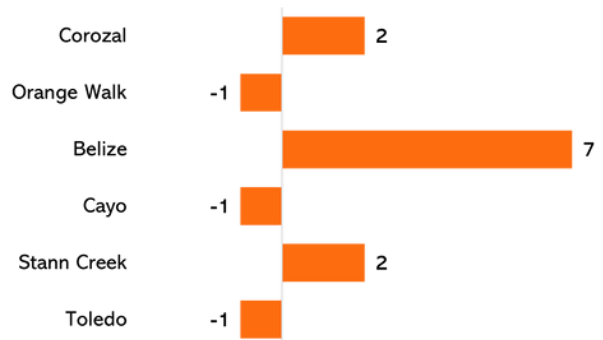
### Murders by District, Jan-Mar 2023 vs. 2024



From January to March 2024, the Belize and Cayo Districts remain with the highest number of murder victims with 16 and 4, respectively.

When compared to the same period in 2023, the Orange Walk, Cayo and Toledo Districts reflected a decrease.

### Change in the number of Murder Victims, Jan-Mar 2023 vs 2024



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