COSTA RICA

Citizen security in 2018
Analysis of the State of the Violence and Insecurity in Costa Rica in 2018

TOTAL IMPACT
Total crime rate experienced a slight decline as compared to the previous year

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<th>Total Crime</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<td>Theft</td>
<td>602</td>
<td>586</td>
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<td>Rape</td>
<td>533</td>
<td>504</td>
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<td>Robbery</td>
<td>17,934</td>
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<td>Armed robbery</td>
<td>17,763</td>
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<td>Vehicle theft</td>
<td>4,910</td>
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The crime that rose most was vehicle theft. Conversely, the sharpest downturn was in rape, statutory rape and indecent assault.

INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE
The intentional homicide rate declined 0.5 points as compared to 2017

The intentional homicide rate in the last four years has been on average 11.8 per 100 thousand people.

From 2017 to 2018, the violent death rate in men declined slightly, whereas in women it rose.

The violent death rate per 100,000 inhabitants

Source: OIJ

Office of the UNDP in Costa Rica, with data from the Judicial Investigation Department, 2018.
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The percentage of women victims of violent deaths rose by two percentage points between 2017 and 2018.

VIOLENT DEATHS BY SEX
On average, 9 in 10 intentional homicide victims were men and 1 was a woman.

VIOLENT DEATHS BY AGE
The highest violent death rates are in the 18 to 30 age bracket, in both men and women.

VIOLENT DEATHS BY TYPE OF WEAPON, BY SEX
A lower percentage of violent deaths of women involve a firearm

CAUSE OF VIOLENT DEATH BY SEX
4 in 10 violent deaths of women were femicide or involved domestic violence

Source: OIJ
5 months in 2018 had a greater number of violent deaths than in 2017.

Saturday is the day with the greatest number of violent deaths.

17 in 100 violent deaths took place on a Saturday.

As for women, violent deaths tend to take place from Monday to Friday.

The counties with the greatest number of violent deaths are located in the provinces of San Jose and Limon.

The counties with the highest violent death rates are in the provinces of Limon and Puntarenas.
**RAPE, STATUTORY RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT**

Women ages 15 to 17 are the main victims of rape, statutory rape and indecent assault.

![Pie chart showing the gender distribution of victims](image)

Source: OIJ

9 in 10 victims of rape, statutory rape and indecent assault are women.

![Bar chart showing the age distribution of victims](image)

Source: OIJ

**PROPERTY CRIME**

Property crimes are the most reported offenses in Costa Rica.

![Pie chart showing the percentage of property crimes](image)

Source: OIJ

Most victims of property crime are men.