VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DURING THE LIFE CYCLE

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CONTINUUM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on international instruments and national legislation on violence against women, 2018.

EVOLUTION OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OVER TIME

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5 INFORMATION GAPS TO MAKING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DURING THE LIFE CYCLE VISIBLE

Scarcity or no information on certain crimes
No data recorded
Inconsistencies
Data not updated
Comparison between countries is difficult

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

WHAT ARE THE EXPRESSIONS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ON THE CONTINUUM?


INTRA FAMILY VIOLENCE REPORTED BY WOMEN BY AGE OF WOMEN, 2018

Violence against women begins inside the home.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

NUMBER OF REPORTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE BY WOMEN, BY AGE, 2018

Girls and adolescents are the main targets for sexual violence.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

PERCENTAGE OF CASES OF INTRAFAMILY VIOLENCE REPORTED BY WOMEN, BY CIRCUMSTANCE, 2018

Alcohol and drug abuse were the main triggers for intrafamily violence in Belize.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Sexual violence is defined as: “any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic, or otherwise directed against a person’s sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting, including but not limited to home and work.”

Source: UN Women, 2018.

EVOLUTION IN NUMBER OF REPORTS OF SEX CRIMES FILED BY WOMEN, 2010-2018

In 2018, 100% of cases of sexual violence were reported by women.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.
PERCENTAGE OF EVENTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE REPORTED BY WOMEN, BY RELATIONSHIP TO PERPETRATOR, 2018
Victims of sexual violence are attacked by a close or known person.

5 in 10 victims were assaulted by the romantic partner.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE
The most common sexual offense in 2018 was the sexual abuse of girls.

30% Illegal sexual relations
70% Rape

PERCENTAGE OF VIOLENT DEATHS OF WOMEN, BY WEAPON TYPE, 2018
Firearms are predominant in murders of women.

Belize and Cayo were the districts with the greatest number of reports of sexual violence in 2018.

7 in 10 reports of sexual violence were rape.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

FEMICIDE/FEMINICIDE
Femicide/feminicide is “…the violent death of women based on gender, whether within the family, domestic partnership, or in any other interpersonal relationship. In the community, by any person, or perpetrated or tolerated by the State or its agents, by action or omission.”

Source: Committee of Experts on the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belem do Para Convention (MESECVI), 2008

EVOLUTION OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE OF WOMEN RATE, 2010-2018
The rate of violent deaths of women in Belize remains above the Latin American average.

2018 was marked by an increase in the rate of violent deaths in Belize. Moreover, it should be noted that Belize does not typify violent deaths of women due to gender as femicide.

Belize should join in regional efforts in acknowledging and condemning the crime.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

PERCENTAGE OF HOMICIDES OF WOMEN, BY VICTIM/PERPETRATOR RELATIONSHIP, 2018
Firearms are the most common weapon in murder of women.

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Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

PERCENTAGE OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDES OF WOMEN, BY VICTIM DEMOGRAPHIC FEATURES, 2018
According to Belize Crime Observatory data, intentional homicides of women were carried out mainly in the private sphere in urban areas, with the main victims being ethnically creole women.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, Statistical Institute of Belize, 2010-2018.

PERCENTAGE OF HOMICIDES OF WOMEN, BY DISTRICT OF OCCURRENCE, 2018
Sexual violence tends to recur and to have long-term effects on survivors.

Source: Prepared by InfoSegura based on Belize Police Department, 2018.

PERCENTAGE OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDES OF WOMEN, BY PLACE OF OCCURRENCE, 2018
Firearms are the most common weapon in the murder of women.

74% Stranger
16% Partner/Ex
5% Acquaintance
5% Unidentified


PERCENTAGE OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDES OF WOMEN, BY AREA OF OCCURRENCE
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PERCENTAGE OF HOMICIDES OF WOMEN, BY AGE BRACKET, 2018
The ages when the most number of violent deaths of women take place are 0 to 39 years old.

As compared to men, other types of weapon that characteristically cause greater physical damage and suffering to women: Sharp weapon, machete, that is to say, women are murdered with greater cruelty than men.

Despite the fact that the greatest number of homicides of women are concentrated at earlier ages, the risk is active during the greater part of women’s life cycle.

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