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Acronyms and Abbreviations

CJSS	Criminal Justice Statistics System
ICCS	International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes
NSS	National Statistical System
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
UN	United Nations
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
ZIMSTAT	Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency
ZRP	Zimbabwe Republic Police

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Preface

The Zimbabwean community has of late experienced more incidences of crime that include theft, robbery, sexual offences, drug-related crimes and murder. Such vices leave society entangled with emotional, psychological and physical damage. In addition, acts of crime may result in tensions within families, financial losses, expenditures on private deterrence, mental disorders and loss of life. At Government level, expenditures associated with law enforcement and criminal justice are incurred at the expense of social service delivery.

To this end, the production of crime statistics informs policy development and planning in the criminal justice system. Further, crime statistics expose crime trends in communities thereby enabling law enforcement arms to develop strategic interventions to curtail growth in crime rates.

The information contained in this publication is based on data collected from the Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) Crime Report and Disposal System. The crime statistics herein are aggregated based on the United Nations International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) adopted in 2016.

The ICCS provides a framework for the systematic production and comparison of statistical data across different criminal justice institutions and jurisdictions. We acknowledge that the information on crime presented in this publication is not exhaustive due to limitations on recorded data.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to our technical partners, the ZRP for the provision of data and to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for guidance in the use of the ICCS.

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1.0 Introduction

ZIMSTAT publishes statistics on levels and trends of crime in Zimbabwe based on police-recorded crime data, collected on a monthly basis. Recorded crime figures exclude crimes that have not been reported to the police or incidents that the police decide not to record as crimes.

Highlights of Reported Crimes

Figure 1 shows highlights of offences reported during the second quarter of 2023.

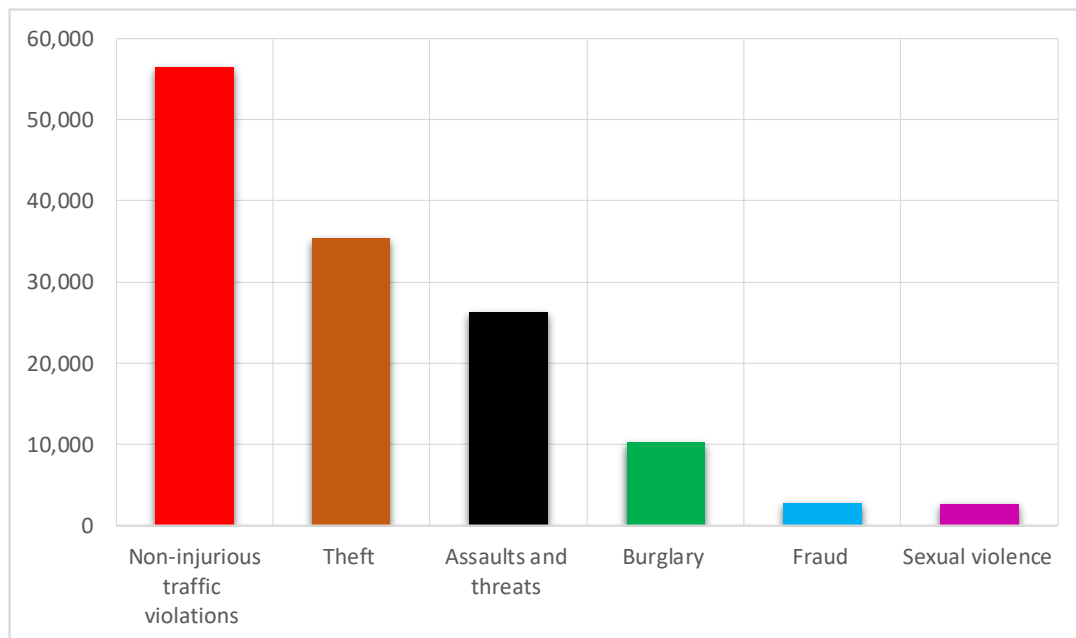
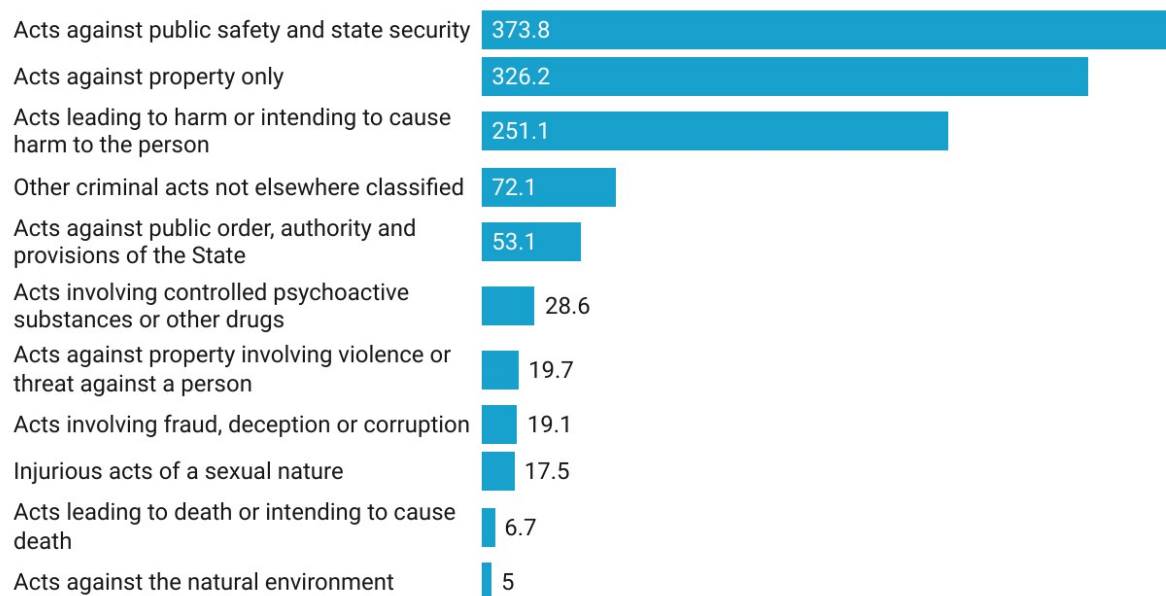


Figure 1: Highlights of Offences Committed in the Second Quarter of 2023

1.1 Trends in Police Recorded Crime

The police recorded 178,031 offences over the period from April to June 2023. This represents a 13.7 percent decline from 206,300 offences recorded in the first quarter.

The national crime rate was 1,172.9 crimes per 100,000 people, a downtick from 1,359.1 per 100,000 observed in the previous quarter. (*Table 1*). This implies that for every 100,000 people, 1,173 crimes were recorded. Further, *Figure 2.1* depicts the different crime rates per 100,000 population for the different offences. The crime rate for offences committed against public order and state security was 373.8 per 100,000 population, and this was a decline from 519.6 per 100,000 recorded in the first quarter of 2023.



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Figure 2.1: Crime Rates among the Different Types of Offences

Vulnerability to crime varies by province as shown in *Table 2*. In Bulawayo, Harare and Midlands Provinces, vulnerability to crime was above the national

average. The crime rate in Bulawayo Province more than doubled the national crime rate, at 2,739.4 per 100,000 people against the national average of 1,172.1.

Of the 178,031 cases recorded in the second quarter of 2023, crimes against *public safety and state security* were the most common with 56,734 cases being recorded. The second most common type of crime recorded was *Acts against property only*, with 49,515 cases. *Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person* were 38,121.

The total number of persons charged by the police for all offences was 121,742, of which 89 percent were male, (*Table 3*). The rate for charged persons for all offences declined to 802.1 per 100,000 people from 971.9 in the previous quarter. The rate at which males were charged was 1,481.2 persons per 100,000 males, while it was 174.6 for females, using the same weight.

Table 1: Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2023

	Offences reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
2 nd Quarter 2022	149,015	981.7
3 rd Quarter 2022	185,660	1,223.1
4 th Quarter 2022	216,927	1,429.1
1 st Quarter 2023	206,300	1,359.1
2nd Quarter 2023	178,031	1,172.9
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	1,010	6.7
Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	38,121	251.1
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	2,662	17.5
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	2,992	19.7
Acts against property only	49,515	326.2
Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	4,338	28.6
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	2,895	19.1
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	8,066	53.1
Acts against public safety and state security	56,734	373.8
Acts against the natural environment	752	5.0
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	10,946	72.1

Table 2: Police Recorded Crime by Province, Second Quarter 2023

	Offences reported											Total	Rate (per 100,000 population)
	Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	Injurious acts of a sexual nature	Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	Acts against property only	Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	Acts against public safety and state security	Acts against the natural environment	Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified		
2 nd Quarter 2022	991	32,578	2,506	2,637	46,309	2,456	2,711	4,648	52,991	596	592	149,015	981.7
3 rd Quarter 2022	958	33,591	2,683	2,709	48,029	3,760	2,976	7,056	82,627	779	492	185,660	1,223.1
4 th Quarter 2022	1,072	39,732	3,177	2,722	50,439	6,697	3,050	10,399	89,775	724	9,140	216,927	1,429.1
1 st Quarter 2023	885	37,562	3,151	2,794	52,575	6,885	2,888	11,793	78,864	713	8,190	206,300	1,359.1
2nd Quarter 2023	1,010	38,121	2,662	2,992	49,515	4,338	2,895	8,066	56,734	752	10,946	178,031	1,172.9
Bulawayo	45	2,078	142	449	3,904	1,465	291	2,607	4,814	68	2,379	18,242	2,739.4
Manicaland	81	2,544	304	134	4,156	135	131	374	2,839	33	304	11,035	541.5
Mashonaland Central	69	2,196	202	150	2,792	98	89	287	4,824	97	248	11,052	798.1
Mashonaland East	89	2,226	303	198	3,286	127	117	344	4,633	57	580	11,960	690.9
Mashonaland West	129	3,583	335	298	4,826	119	173	332	9,684	146	593	20,218	1,067.7
Matabeleland North	70	1,104	167	52	1,115	250	48	574	2,071	62	170	5,683	686.7
Matabeleland South	101	1,051	173	218	1,602	453	52	604	1,525	60	378	6,217	817.7
Midlands	141	4,124	302	523	5,488	416	297	515	8,715	54	1,567	22,142	1,222.1
Masvingo	85	1,485	216	195	2,795	126	136	459	8,216	90	2,845	16,648	1,016.0
Harare	200	17,730	518	775	19,551	1,149	1,561	1,970	9,413	85	1,882	54,834	2,259.2

Table 3: Police Recorded Crime by Persons Charged, Type of Offence and Sex, Second Quarter 2023

	Persons Charged					
	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
2 nd Quarter 2022	114,090	751.6	103,377	1,418.2	10,713	135.8
3 rd Quarter 2022	150,588	992.1	135,964	1,865.2	14,624	185.4
4 th Quarter 2022	160,520	1,057.5	142,867	1,959.9	17,653	223.8
1 st Quarter 2023	147,526	971.9	131,230	1,800.3	16,296	206.6
2nd Quarter 2023	121,742	802.1	107,967	1,481.2	13,775	174.6
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	847	5.6	776	10.6	71	0.9
Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	23,984	158.0	21,206	290.9	2,778	35.2
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	1,736	11.4	1,706	23.4	30	0.4
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	601	4.0	577	7.9	24	0.3
Acts against property only	13,401	88.3	12,053	165.4	1,348	17.1
Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	4,733	31.2	4,191	57.5	542	6.9
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	1,428	9.4	1,197	16.4	231	2.9
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	8,345	55.0	6,732	92.4	1,613	20.4
Acts against public safety and state security	55,200	363.7	50,511	692.9	4,689	59.4
Acts against the natural environment	784	5.2	766	10.5	18	0.2
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	10,683	70.4	8,252	113.2	2,431	30.8

Table 4: Detailed List of Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2023

Type of Offence	Offences Reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	1,010	6.7
Intentional homicide	290	1.9
Attempted intentional homicide	325	2.1
Non-intentional homicide	366	2.4
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0.0
Illegal feticide	29	0.2
Other acts leading to death or intending to cause death	0	0.0
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person	38,121	251.1
Assaults and threats	26,233	172.8
Acts against liberty	124	0.8
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	4	0.0
Coercion	120	0.8
Negligence	1,423	9.4
Dangerous acts	9,962	65.6
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	33	0.2
Defamation or insult	206	1.4
Discrimination	12	0.1
Acts that trespass against the person	4	0.0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	2,662	17.5
Sexual violence	2,658	17.5
Sexual exploitation	4	0.0
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	2,992	19.7
Robbery	2,992	19.7
Acts against property only	49,515	326.2
Burglary	10,268	67.6
Theft	35,295	232.5
Intellectual property offences	12	0.1
Property damage	3,581	23.6
Other acts against property only	359	2.4
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	4,338	28.6
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	1,680	11.1
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	2,617	17.2
Other acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	41	0.3

Table 4: (Continued) Detailed List of Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2023

Type of Offence	Offences Reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	2,895	19.1
Fraud	2,821	18.6
Forgery/counterfeiting	28	0.2
Corruption	44	0.3
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	0.0
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	8,066	53.1
Acts against public order behavioural standards	2,505	16.5
Acts against public order sexual standards	23	0.2
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	1,811	11.9
Acts related to migration	92	0.6
Acts against the justice system	757	5.0
Acts contrary to labour law	1	0.0
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	2,877	19.0
Acts against public safety and state security	56,734	373.8
Acts involving weapons, explosives and other destructive materials	206	1.4
Acts against computer systems	30	0.2
Acts against state security	8	0.1
Terrorism	0	0.0
Non-injurious traffic violations	56,490	372.2
Acts against the natural environment	752	5.0
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	247	1.6
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	505	3.3
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	10,946	72.1
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	6	0.0
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	10,940	72.1

Appendix 1: Correspondence Table between the United Nations International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and the National Crime Classification used by the Zimbabwe Republic Police

International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes		ZRP Crime Code
<i>Section 01 Acts leading to death or intending to cause death</i>		
0101	Intentional homicide	402: 409-12
0102	Attempted intentional homicide	413-14
0103	Non-intentional homicide	403
0104	Assisting or instigating suicide	404
0105	Euthanasia	
0106	Illegal feticide	405-6
0107	Unlawful killing associated with armed conflict	
0109	Other acts leading to death or intending to cause death	
<i>Section 02 Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</i>		
0201	Assaults and threats	301-3:305-8:11701-11712:11103
0202	Acts against liberty	1014-1017:6806-6809:6803-6805:11101
0203	Slavery and exploitation	
0204	Trafficking in persons (TIP)	6901-6912
0205	Coercion	932,933
0206	Negligence	1001,1002:14004:407
0207	Dangerous acts	808-811:14003:14007:14005:14006
0208	Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	10528
0209	Defamation or insult	6810-6813
0210	Discrimination	10525
0211	Acts that trespass against the person	2401-02
0219	Other acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person	
<i>Section 03 Injurious acts of a sexual nature</i>		
0301	Sexual violence	501-504:601-604:701-711
0302	Sexual exploitation	902-907: 909-915:
0309	Other injurious acts of a sexual nature	
<i>Section 04 Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</i>		

0401	Robbery	2201-2212
0409	Other acts against property involving violence	
<i>Section 05 Acts against property only</i>		
0501	Burglary	1413-17:1432-33
0502	Theft	1401-1412:1430-31: 1610-1617: 1434-37
0503	Intellectual property offences	4103
0504	Property damage	1418-20: 11102
0509	Other acts against property only	10530
<i>Section 06 Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</i>		
0601	Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	6711-50
0602	Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	4013: 4016-18
0609	Other acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	4006
<i>Section 07 Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</i>		
0701	Fraud	1201
0702	Forgery/counterfeiting	1202-3
0703	Corruption	12901-5
0704	Acts involving the proceeds of crime	1204-5
0709	Other acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	
<i>Section 08 Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</i>		
0801	Acts against public order behavioural standards	10519-21:10524:10527:10529
0802	Acts against public order sexual standards	802-805:901,908, 2518
0803	Acts related to freedom of expression or control of expression	
0804	Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	4004-5: 4015: 4007:4002: 4101: 4102
0805	Acts related to migration	4014
0806	Acts against the justice system	12801: 12082: 12083: 12804: 801: 10523
0807	Acts related to democratic elections	
0808	Acts contrary to labour law	
0809	Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	10510-14: 4020:4019: 4029

<i>Section 09 Acts against public safety and state security</i>		
0901	Acts involving weapons, explosives and other destructive materials	4008-10: 2507-09: 10522: 10526:11104
0902	Acts against health and safety	
0903	Acts against computer systems	7601-7609
0904	Acts against state security	2501-2503 :2512-16
0905	Acts related to an organized criminal group	
0906	Terrorism	2504-06 :2510: 2517
0907	Non-injurious traffic violations	13501-06 :14001-02 :14006: 14008-23: 14501-11
0909	Other acts against public safety and state security	
<i>Section 10 Acts against the natural environment</i>		
1001	Acts that cause environmental pollution or degradation	
1002	Acts involving the movement or dumping of waste	
1003	Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	4021-24
1004	Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	4011: 4026: 4028: 4025:4012
1009	Other acts against the natural environment	
<i>Section 11 Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</i>		
1101	Acts under universal jurisdiction	
1102	Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	712-13:911-13:1019-20:6804
1109	Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	10536:4001:4003:4030:15001:15002:15003:11105:11106