



**2025 SECOND
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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 security measures, mental disorders and loss of life. At the Government level, resources spent on law enforcement and criminal justice come at the expense of social service delivery.

To this end, the production of crime statistics plays a vital role in shaping policies and planning within the criminal justice system. Crime statistics reveal trends in criminal activities, enabling policymakers, law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders to develop evidence-based strategic interventions to curb the rise 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 want 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 their guidance in applying the ICCS framework.

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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 monthly. 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 2025.

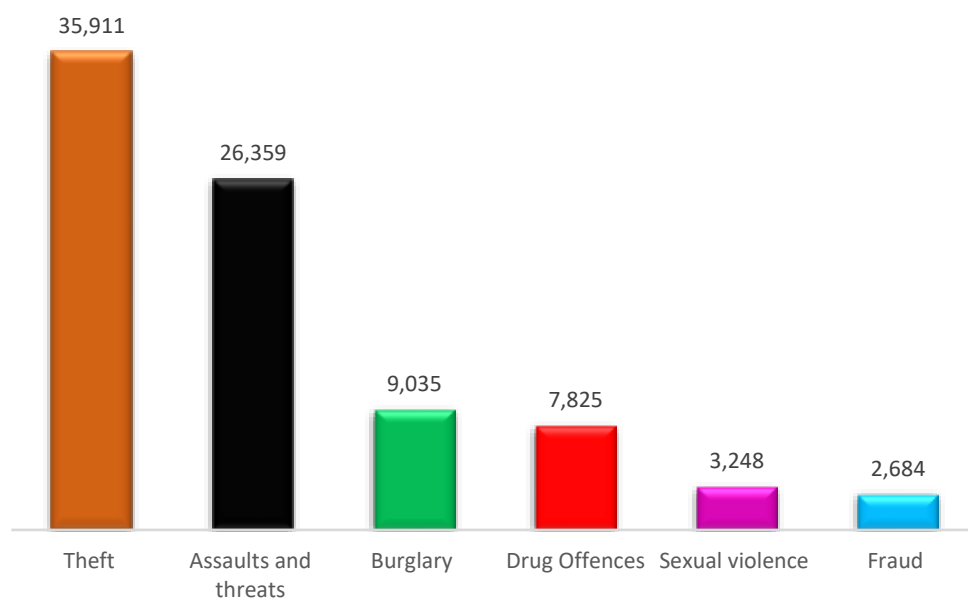


Figure 1: Highlights of Offences Recorded in the Second Quarter of 2025

1.1 Trends in Police Recorded Crime

The police recorded 321,640 offences from April to June 2025, a 3.5 percent increase from 310,876 in the first quarter of 2025.

The national crime rate was 2,119.0 crimes per 100,000 people, an uptick from 2,048.1 per 100,000 observed in the first quarter of 2025 (Table 1). This implies that for every 100,000 people, about 2,119 crimes were recorded. Further, Figure 2.1 depicts the crime rates per 100,000 population for the types of offences. The crime rate for offences committed against public order and state security was 1268.6 per 100,000 population, an increase from 1,172.1 per 100,000 recorded in the first quarter of 2025.

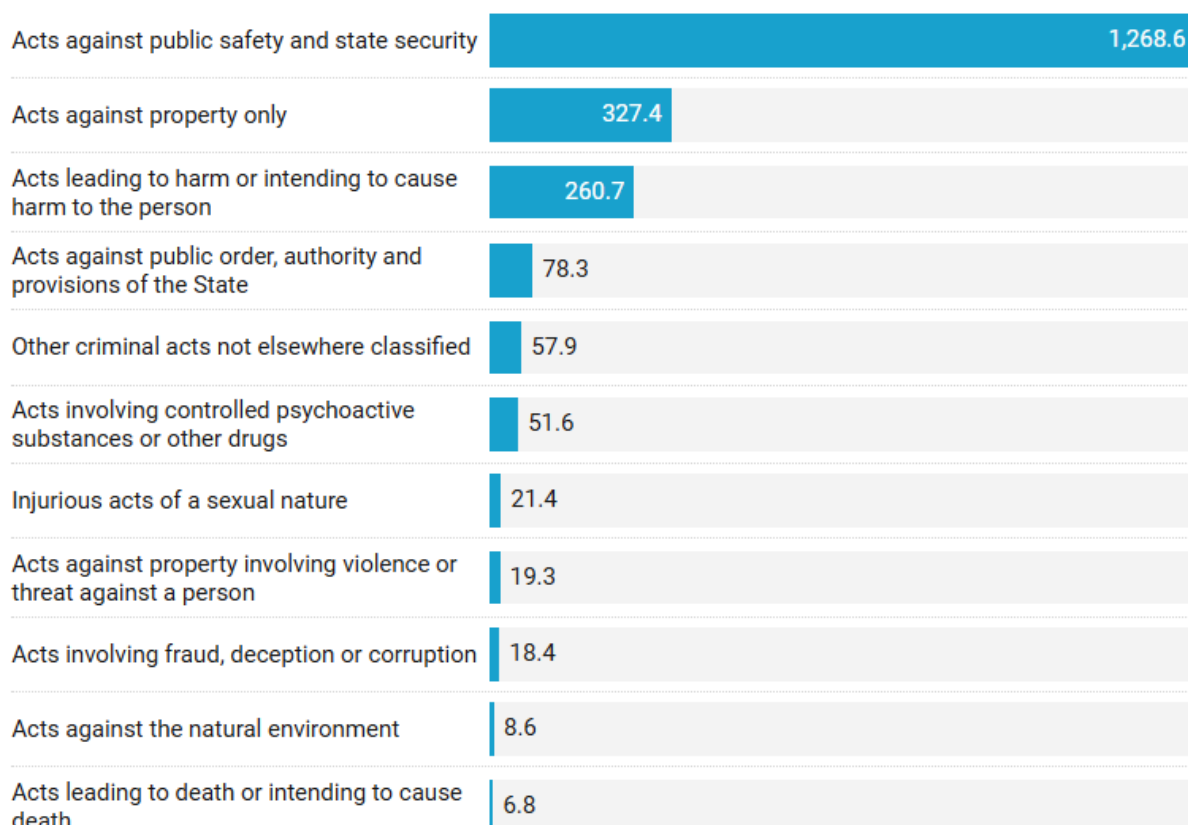


Figure 2.1: Crime Rates among the Different Types of Offences

Vulnerability to crime differs across provinces, as shown in *Table 2*. In Bulawayo, Harare, Masvingo, and Matabeleland South Policing Provinces, crime rates exceeded the national average. Bulawayo recorded the highest vulnerability, with a crime rate of 5,464.5 per 100,000 population—more than double the national average of 2,119.0.

Out of the 321,640 cases recorded in the second quarter, 192,562 were crimes against public safety and state security. The second most prevalent category was acts against property only, accounting for 49,691 cases, followed by acts leading to or intending to cause harm to persons, with 39,569 cases.

Table 3 shows the distribution of police-recorded crimes by type of offence, sex, and persons charged. In total, 262,793 persons were charged with criminal offences, with males accounting for 88 percent of the total. The overall charge rate was 1,731.3 per 100,000 population, up from 1,662.6 recorded in the first quarter of 2025. The rate for males (3,164.1 per 100,000) was nearly eight times higher than that for females (407.5 per 100,000).

Table 1: Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2025

	Offences reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
2 nd Quarter 2024	196,796	1,296.5
3 rd Quarter 2024	205,925	1,356.6
4 th Quarter 2024	232,593	1,532.3
1 st Quarter 2025	310,876	2,048.1
2nd Quarter 2025	321,640	2,119.0
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	1,038	6.8
Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	39,569	260.7
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	3,251	21.4
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	2,930	19.3
Acts against property only	49,691	327.4
Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	7,825	51.6
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	2,790	18.4
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	11,889	78.3
Acts against public safety and state security	192,562	1,268.6
Acts against the natural environment	1,300	8.6
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	8,795	57.9

Table 2: Police Recorded Crime by Province, Second Quarter 2025

	Offences reported												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	Total	
2 nd Quarter 2024	930	37,784	2,972	3,123	50,571	4,540	2,872	11,639	74,523	750	7,092	196,796	1,296.5
3 rd Quarter 2024	1,102	40,078	3,245	2,852	48,566	4,387	2,673	10,891	84,001	1,106	7,024	205,925	1,356.6
4 th Quarter 2024	1,156	42,080	3,812	2,884	52,314	5,079	3,087	10,166	104,732	936	6,347	232,593	1,532.3
1 st Quarter 2025	1,027	39,696	3,753	2,937	51,599	7,254	2,865	13,343	177,909	976	9,517	310,876	2,048.1
2nd Quarter 2025	1,038	39,569	3,251	2,930	49,691	7,825	2,790	11,889	192,562	1,300	8,795	321,640	2,119.0
Bulawayo	71	2,040	145	450	2,848	956	213	879	28,267	23	496	36,388	5,464.5
Manicaland	106	3,072	407	174	4,059	415	147	965	13,686	89	2,121	25,241	1,238.7
Mashonaland Central	90	2,309	269	171	2,641	281	98	624	17,051	141	792	24,467	1,766.7
Mashonaland East	70	1,994	380	183	3,028	648	128	772	19,926	61	820	28,010	1,618.0
Mashonaland West	143	3,606	454	313	4,776	434	193	1,075	11,787	223	1,044	24,048	1,270.0
Matabeleland North	68	1,153	161	53	1,255	535	42	660	6,118	54	277	10,376	1,253.7
Matabeleland South	94	901	165	158	1,511	689	38	1,208	11,689	116	476	17,045	2,241.8
Midlands	122	4,054	368	386	4,428	1,027	201	1,144	19,923	150	483	32,286	1,781.9
Masvingo	96	1,651	309	219	2,921	718	190	2,420	29,377	68	842	38,811	2,368.6
Harare	178	18,789	593	823	22,224	2,122	1,540	2,142	34,738	375	1,444	84,968	3,500.7

Table 3: Police Recorded Crime by Persons Charged, Type of Offence and Sex, Second Quarter 2025

	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 2024	140,154	923.4	123,983	1,700.9	16,171	205.0
3 rd Quarter 2024	150,263	990.0	133,040	1,825.1	17,223	218.3
4 th Quarter 2024	172,737	1,138.0	152,079	2,086.3	20,658	261.8
1 st Quarter 2025	252,357	1,662.6	220,621	3,026.6	31,736	402.3
2nd Quarter 2025	262,793	1,731.3	230,640	3,164.1	32,153	407.5
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	860	5.7	798	10.9	62	0.8
Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	25,140	165.6	22,210	304.7	2,930	37.1
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	2,158	14.2	2,135	29.3	23	0.3
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	675	4.4	657	9.0	18	0.2
Acts against property only	14,115	93.0	12,705	174.3	1,410	17.9
Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	7,909	52.1	6,511	89.3	1,398	17.7
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	1,338	8.8	1,170	16.1	168	2.1
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	11,859	78.1	8,734	119.8	3,125	39.6
Acts against public safety and state security	188,983	1,245.0	167,631	2,299.7	21,352	270.6
Acts against the natural environment	1,439	9.5	1,269	17.4	170	2.2
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	8,317	54.8	6,820	93.6	1,497	19.0

Table 4: Detailed List of Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2025

Type of Offence	Offences Reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	1,038	6.8
Intentional homicide	271	1.8
Attempted intentional homicide	301	2.0
Non-intentional homicide	445	2.9
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0.0
Illegal feticide	21	0.1
Other acts leading to death or intending to cause death	0	0.0
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person	39,569	260.7
Assaults and threats	26,359	173.7
Acts against liberty	91	0.6
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	2	0.0
Coercion	83	0.5
Negligence	1,463	9.6
Dangerous acts	11,386	75.0
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	18	0.1
Defamation or insult	155	1.0
Discrimination	9	0.1
Acts that trespass against the person	3	0.0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	3,251	21.4
Sexual violence	3,248	21.4
Sexual exploitation	3	0.0
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	2,930	19.3
Robbery	2,930	19.3
Acts against property only	49,691	327.4
Burglary	9,035	59.5
Theft	35,911	236.6
Intellectual property offences	69	0.5
Property damage	3,899	25.7
Other acts against property only	777	5.1
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	7,825	51.6
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	2,533	16.7
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	5,201	34.3
Other acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	91	0.6

Table 4: (Continued) Detailed List of Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2025

Type of Offence	Offences Reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	2,865	18.9
Fraud	2,768	18.2
Forgery/counterfeiting	40	0.3
Corruption	55	0.4
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	0.0
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	13,343	87.9
Acts against public order behavioural standards	4,914	32.4
Acts against public order sexual standards	42	0.3
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	2,493	16.4
Acts related to migration	395	2.6
Acts against the justice system	1,062	7.0
Acts contrary to labour law	1	0.0
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	4,436	29.2
Acts against public safety and state security	177,909	1172.1
Acts involving weapons, explosives and other destructive materials	278	1.8
Acts against computer systems	36	0.2
Acts against state security	41	0.3
Terrorism	0	0.0
Non-injurious traffic violations	177,554	1169.7
Acts against the natural environment	976	6.4
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	196	1.3
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	780	5.1
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	9,517	62.7
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	23	0.2
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	9,494	62.5

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	10536:4001:4003:4 030:15001:15002:1 5003:11105:11106