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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 2026.

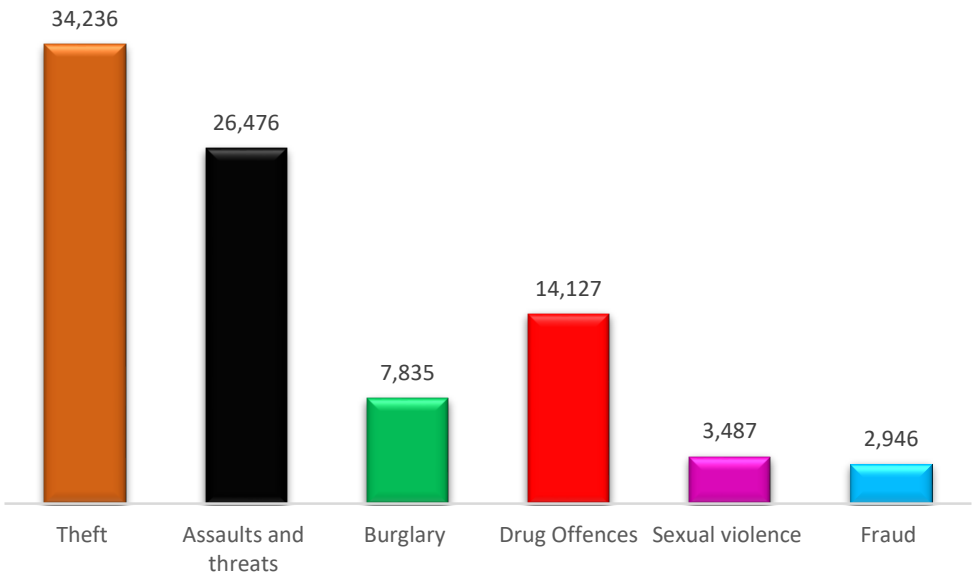


Figure 1: Highlights of Offences Recorded in the Second Quarter of 2026

1.1 Trends in Police Recorded Crime

The police recorded 489,922 offences between April and June 2026, representing an increase of 14.3% from the 428,634 offences recorded during the first quarter of 2026.

The national crime rate increased from 2,649.8 offences per 100,000 population in the first quarter of 2026 to 2,979.2 offences per 100,000 population in the second quarter(Table 1). This indicates that approximately 2,979 offences were recorded per 100,000 population during the second quarter. Figure 2.1 presents crime rates by offence category. Offences against public order and state security recorded the highest rate, at 2,081.1 offences per 100,000 population, up from 1,782.1 offences per 100,000 population in the first quarter.

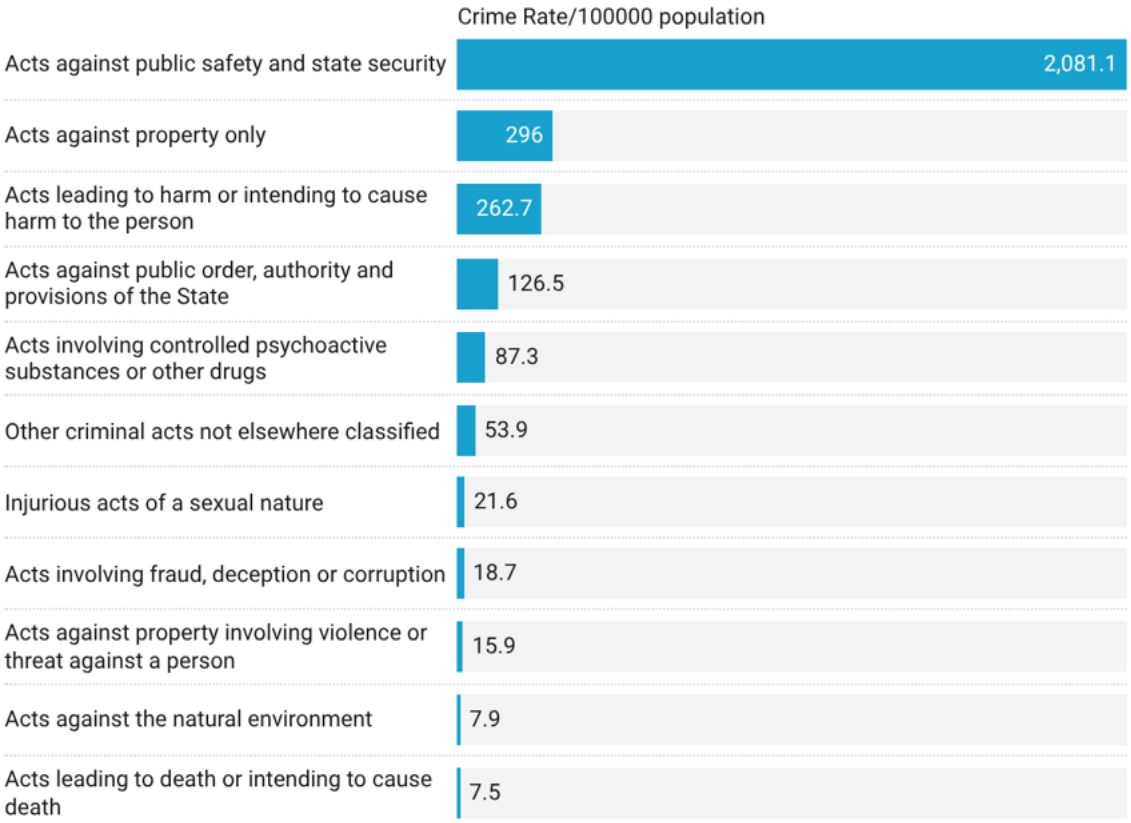


Figure 2.1: Crime Rates among the Different Types of Offences

Vulnerability to crime varies across provinces, as shown in *Table 2*. Harare, Bulawayo, Masvingo and Matabeleland South recorded crime rates above the national average. Harare recorded the highest crime rate, at 7,260.4 per 100,000 population, which was more than twice the national average of 2,979.2 per 100,000 population.

Of the 489,922 total offences recorded during the second quarter, crimes against public safety and state security comprised the overwhelming majority at 336,638 cases representing nearly seven out of every ten recorded incidents. Acts against property only formed the second largest category with 47,885 cases, followed by offences involving or intended to cause physical harm to persons, with 42,491 cases.

Table 3 presents the distribution of police-recorded crimes by type of offence, sex, and persons charged. A total of 427,786 persons were charged with criminal offences, of whom 89 percent were male. The overall charge rate was 2,644.6 per 100,000 population, up from 2,260.1 per 100,000 population in the first quarter of 2026. The charge rate among males was 4,910.6 per 100,000 male population, compared with 553.3 per 100,000 female population, indicating that males were charged at a rate nearly nine times higher than females.

Table 1: Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2026

	Offences reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
2nd Quarter 2025	321,640	2,119.0
3rd Quarter 2025	380,727	2,508.3
4th Quarter 2025	426,946	2,812.7
1st Quarter 2026	428,634	2,649.8
2nd Quarter 2026	**481,922**	**2,979.2**
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	1,221	7.5
Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	42,491	262.7
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	3,493	21.6
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	2,576	15.9
Acts against property only	47,885	296.0
Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	14,127	87.3
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	3,023	18.7
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	20,467	126.5
Acts against public safety and state security	336,638	2081.1
Acts against the natural environment	1,279	7.9
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	8,722	53.9

Table 2: Police Recorded Crime by Province, Second Quarter 2026

	Offences reported												
	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	Rate (per 100,000 population)
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
3rd Quarter 2025	1,074	41,609	3,667	2,700	49,885	9,660	2,970	15,436	242,981	1,422	9,323	380,727	2,508.3
4th Quarter 2025	1,183	44,830	3,933	2,640	51,464	11,926	3,792	17,390	280,667	1,093	8,028	426,946	2,812.7
1st Quarter 2026	1,094	42,434	3,873	2,505	49,220	12,601	3,342	17,436	288,279	1,084	6,766	428,634	2,649.8
2nd Quarter 2026	1,221	42,491	3,493	2,576	47,885	14,127	3,023	20,467	336,638	1,279	8,722	481,922	2,979.2
Bulawayo	76	2,116	162	346	2,777	1,103	171	2,007	22,325	22	518	31,623	4,738.6
Manicaland	106	3,053	410	186	4,098	744	161	1,196	16,939	86	1,001	27,980	1,246.0
Mashonaland Central	122	2,307	261	133	2,994	777	104	1,126	23,920	205	756	32,705	2,180.8
Mashonaland East	93	2,287	458	197	3,174	653	149	1,435	15,874	87	878	25,285	1,336.2
Mashonaland West	141	3,997	404	314	4,225	2,232	227	2,200	23,864	266	1,017	38,887	1,900.8
Matabeleland North	92	1,088	148	60	1,102	593	64	829	10,466	95	434	14,971	1,731.3
Matabeleland South	119	1,049	198	192	1,646	633	53	1,259	17,925	153	346	23,573	3,074.2
Midlands	161	4,334	365	476	4,498	1,346	274	2,261	34,349	247	1,056	49,367	2,546.4
Masvingo	79	1,893	385	152	3,011	1,184	188	4,144	43,816	91	757	55,700	3,183.3
Harare	232	20,367	702	520	20,360	4,862	1,632	4,010	127,160	27	1,959	181,831	7,260.4

Table 3: Police Recorded Crime by Persons Charged, Type of Offence and Sex, Second Quarter 2026

	Persons Charged					
	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
2nd Quarter 2025	262,793	1,731.3	230,640	3,164.1	32,153	407.5
3rd Quarter 2025	324,276	2,136.4	282,964	3,881.9	41,312	523.6
4th Quarter 2025	367,557	2,421.5	323,549	4,438.7	44,008	557.8
1st Quarter 2026	365,591	2,260.1	321,160	4,136.7	44,431	528.2
2nd Quarter 2026	427,786	2,644.6	381,243	4,910.6	46,543	553.3
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	976	6.0	924	11.9	52	0.6
Acts leading to harm or intending to cause harm to the person	29,540	182.6	25,836	332.8	3,704	44.0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	2,366	14.6	2,338	30.1	28	0.3
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	696	4.3	673	8.7	23	0.3
Acts against property only	15,619	96.6	13,955	179.7	1,664	19.8
Acts involving controlled psychoactive substances or other drugs	14,244	88.1	12,014	154.7	2,230	26.5
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	1,324	8.2	1,128	14.5	196	2.3
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	20,190	124.8	14,636	188.5	5,554	66.0
Acts against public safety and state security	333,232	2,060.0	302,032	3,890.3	31,200	370.9
Acts against the natural environment	1,380	8.5	1,306	16.8	74	0.9
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	8,219	50.8	6,401	82.4	1,818	21.6

Table 4: Detailed List of Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2026

Type of Offence	Offences Reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death	**1,221**	**7.5**
Intentional homicide	371	2.3
Attempted intentional homicide	343	2.1
Non-intentional homicide	484	3.0
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0.0
Illegal feticide	23	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	**42,491**	**262.7**
Assaults and threats	26,476	163.7
Acts against liberty	99	0.6
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	15	0.1
Coercion	79	0.5
Negligence	1,804	11.2
Dangerous acts	13,863	85.7
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	23	0.1
Defamation or insult	104	0.6
Discrimination	24	0.1
Acts that trespass against the person	4	0.0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature	**3,493**	**21.6**
Sexual violence	3,487	21.6
Sexual exploitation	6	0.0
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person	**2,576**	**15.9**
Robbery	2,576	15.9
Acts against property only	**47,885**	**296.0**
Burglary	7,835	48.4
Theft	34,236	211.6
Intellectual property offences	83	0.5
Property damage	3,784	23.4
Other acts against property only	1,947	12.0
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	**14,127**	**87.3**
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	2,638	16.3
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	11,129	68.8
Other acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances	360	2.2

Table 4: (Continued) Detailed List of Police Recorded Crime by Type of Offence, Second Quarter 2026

Type of Offence	Offences Reported	
	Number	Rate (per 100,000 population)
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption	**3,023**	**18.7**
Fraud	2,946	18.2
Forgery/counterfeiting	43	0.3
Corruption	31	0.2
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	3	0.0
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	**20,467**	**126.5**
Acts against public order behavioural standards	8,902	55.0
Acts against public order sexual standards	49	0.3
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	3,869	23.9
Acts related to migration	347	2.1
Acts against the justice system	939	5.8
Acts contrary to labour law	2	0.0
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	6,359	39.3
Acts against public safety and state security	**336,638**	**2081.1**
Acts involving weapons, explosives and other destructive materials	777	4.8
Acts against computer systems	94	0.6
Acts against state security	44	0.3
Terrorism	0	0.0
Non-injurious traffic violations	335,723	2075.4
Acts against the natural environment	**1,279**	**7.9**
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	179	1.1
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	1,100	6.8
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	**8,722**	**53.9**
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	21	0.1
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	8,701	53.8

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**
Section 01 Acts leading to death or intending to cause death		
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	
Section 02 Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person		
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	
Section 03 Injurious acts of a sexual nature		
0301	Sexual violence	501-504:601-604:701-711
0302	Sexual exploitation	902-907: 909-915:
0309	Other injurious acts of a sexual nature	
Section 04 Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person		

0401	Robbery	2201-2212
0409	Other acts against property involving violence	
Section 05 Acts against property only		
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
Section 06 Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances		
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
Section 07 Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption		
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	
Section 08 Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State		
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

Section 09 Acts against public safety and state security		
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	
Section 10 Acts against the natural environment		
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	
Section 11 Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified		
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