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## **Acronyms**

ZIMSTAT	Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency
ZPCS	Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services
SADC	Southern African Development Community
M	Male
F	Female
T	Total

## **Preface**

This report provides statistics on the number of persons who were in prison, new admissions and those who were discharged from the country's prison facilities during the fourth quarter of 2025. The information on new prisoners includes demographic characteristics, sentence status and offences characteristics. It further discusses the number and reasons for discharge of prisoners that were discharged from the prison facilities.

Prison statistics help to inform policy development and planning in the Criminal Justice System. The statistics are also used for reporting on the United Nations Crime Trends Survey (UNCTS) and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 16.3.2. The offences are aggregated according to the United Nations International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS). The information contained in this publication is based on data provided by the Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS).

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to our technical partner, the ZPCS for the provision of data.

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# Chapter 1 : Distribution of Prisons and Prison Population

## 1.1 Distribution of Prisons

The Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Service (ZPCS) operates a total of 49 main prisons and 31 satellite prisons across the country. Midlands Province has the highest number of main prisons, with eight, followed by Mashonaland East with seven, while Manicaland and Harare each have six. In contrast, Mashonaland Central, Matabeleland South, and Masvingo have the lowest number of main prisons, with three each. A detailed list of all prisons across Zimbabwe’s ten provinces is provided in Appendix 1.

## 1.2 Prison Population

The total prison population is the ZPCS unlock figures, which is the total number of prisoners who slept in prisons the night before the reporting date. As such, the total prison population is the unlock figures taken on 26 December 2025. The total prison population at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025 was 27,382 (26,354 males and 1,028 females). Males thus constituted 96.2 percent of the prison population whilst women were 3.8 percent. The national imprisonment rate was 172 prisoners per 100,000 people. The imprisonment rate for males and females was 345 per 100,000 and 12 per 100,000, respectively, Figure 1.1.



Figure 1. 1: Prison Population and Imprisonment Rates, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 1.3 Prison Population, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025

The prison population increased from 25,916 at the end of the third quarter of 2025 to 27,382 at the end of the fourth quarter of 2025. During the same period, the male prison population increased from 24,957 to 26,354 and the female population increased from 959 to 1,028. Figure 1.2 illustrates the trend of the prison population.

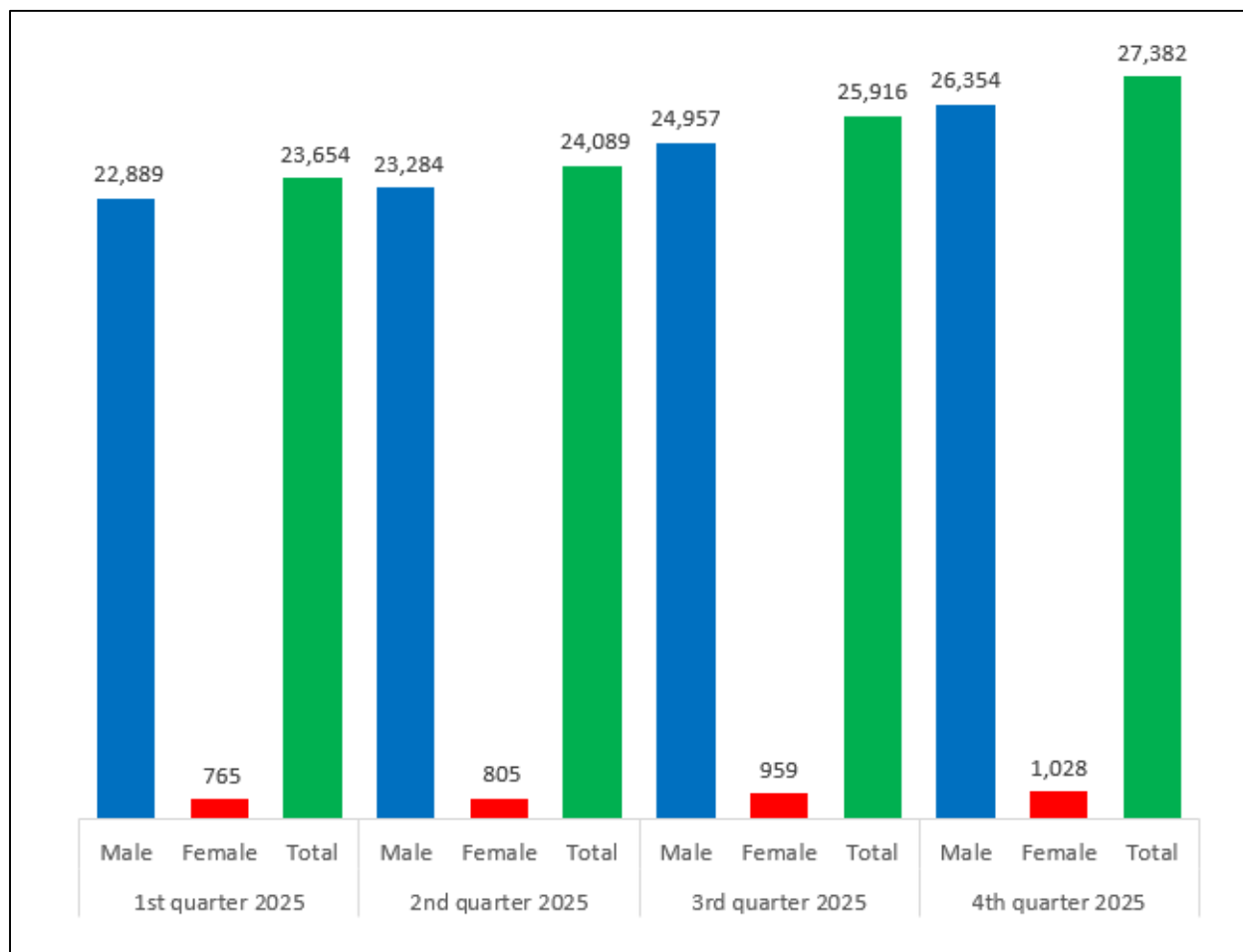


Figure 1.2: Trend of the prison population, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025

### 1.4 Sentenced and Unsented Prisoners

Out of the 27,382 persons who were in prison, 21,777 (79.5%) were sentenced and 5,605 (20.5%) were unsentenced. The proportion of un-sentenced male and female prisoners was 20.3% and 25.8% respectively. The number and proportion of sentenced and unsentenced prison population are illustrated in Figure 1.3.

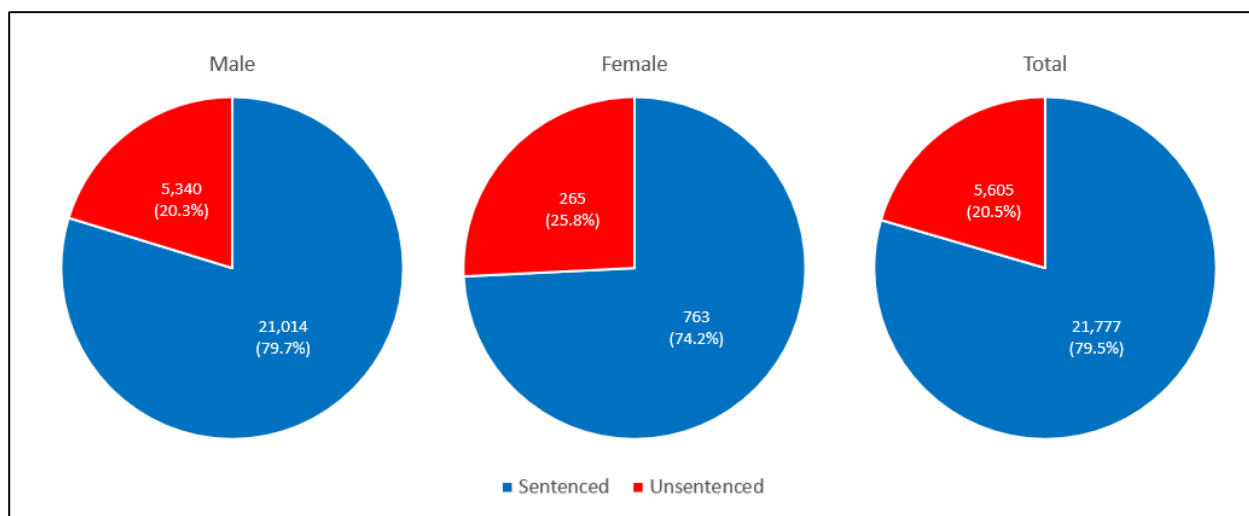


Figure 1. 3: Number and Proportion of sentenced and unsentenced Prisoners, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 1.5 Sentenced and Unsentenced Prison Population, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

During the fourth quarter of 2025, the sentenced prisoner population increased from 21,029 at the end of the second quarter to 21,777. During the same period, the unsentenced prisoner population also rose, from 4,887 to 5,605. Table 1.1 presents the changes in both sentenced and unsentenced prisoner populations over this period.

Table 1.1: Sentenced and unsentenced prison population, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Sex	Sentenced		Unsentenced		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>First quarter 2025</b>						
Male	18,348	80.2	4,541	19.8	22,889	100.0
Female	509	66.5	256	33.5	765	100.0
Total	18,857	79.7	4,797	20.3	23,654	100.0
<b>Second quarter 2025</b>						
Male	19,138	82.2	4,146	17.8	23,284	100.0
Female	589	73.2	216	26.8	805	100.0
Total	19,727	81.9	4,362	18.1	24,089	100.0
<b>Third quarter 2025</b>						
Male	20,366	81.6	4,591	18.4	24,957	100.0
Female	663	69.1	296	30.9	959	100.0
Total	21,029	81.1	4,887	18.9	25,916	100.0
<b>Fourth quarter 2025</b>						
Male	21,014	79.7	5,340	20.3	26,354	100.0
Female	763	74.2	265	25.8	1,028	100.0
Total	21,777	79.5	5,605	20.5	27,392	100.0

## Chapter 2 : New Admissions and Discharges

This chapter focuses on prison admissions and discharges. Information on prisoners that were admitted into or discharged from prison is analysed by the prisoners' sentences status and province of usual residence. Demographic characteristics reported in this chapter are recorded on admission of prisoners into prison.

### 2.1 New Admissions

As shown in Figure 2.1, a total of 18,049 new prisoners were admitted into the country's prisons during the fourth quarter of 2025. Of these, 16,539 (91.6%) were male and 1,510 (8.4%) were female.

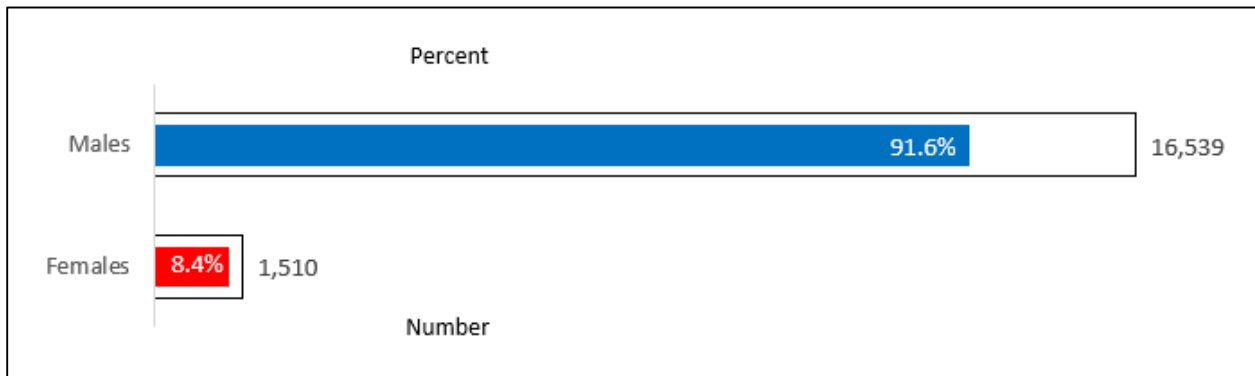


Figure 2. 1 : New Prisoners Admissions, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.2 New Prisoner Population, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

The new prisoner population increased from 17,129 during the third quarter of 2025 to 18,049 in the fourth quarter of 2025. During the same period, the new male prisoner population increased from 15,837 to 16,539. The female population, similarly increased from 1,292 to 1,510. Table 2.1 illustrates the trend of the prison population, Figure 2.2.

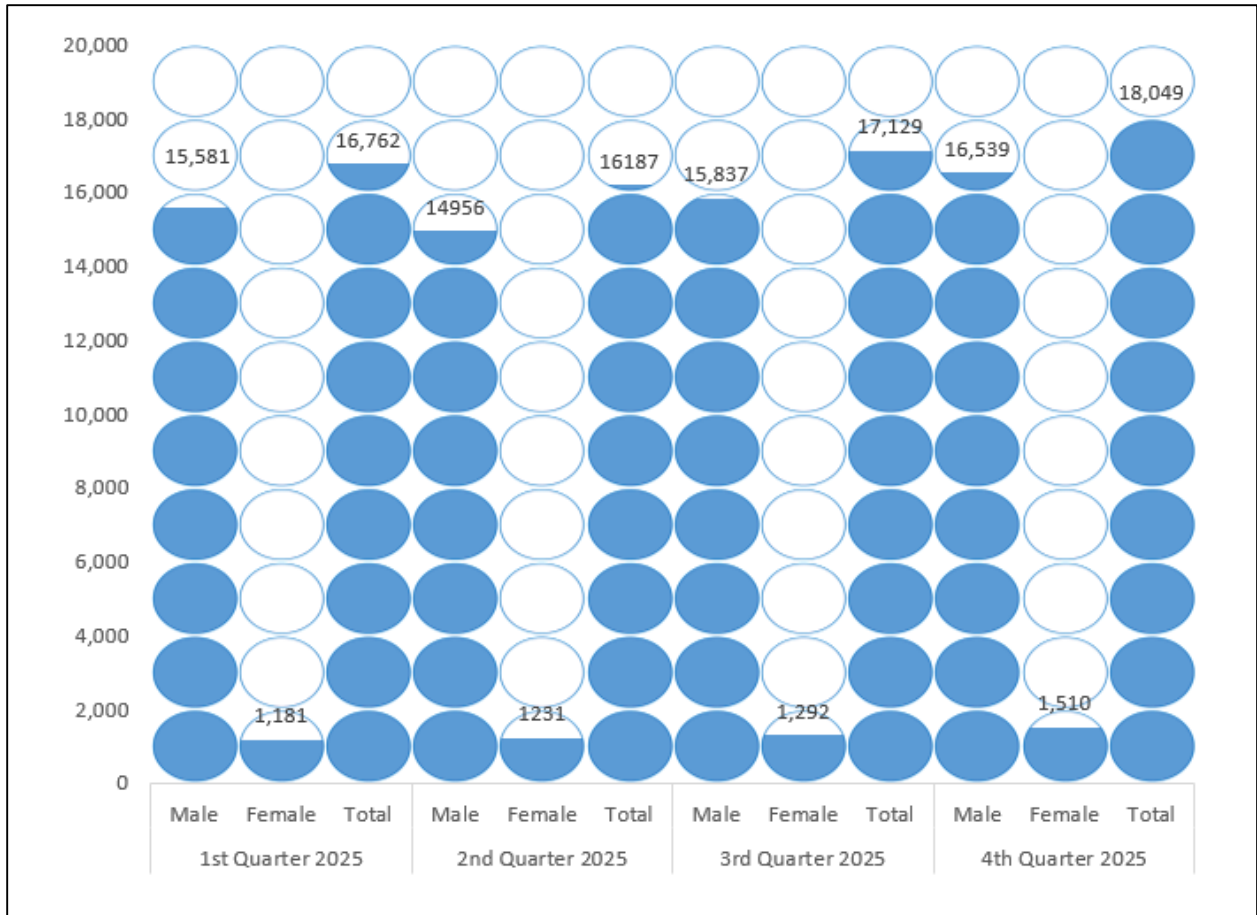


Figure 2. 2: New Prisoners Admissions, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.3 Sentenced and Unsented New Prisoners

Sentenced prisoners refer to those who were found guilty of at least one crime by the courts and were given sentences to serve. Sentenced prisoners from outside the prison systems include prisoners that were admitted into prison from courts. Unsented prisoners are those who were awaiting trial and those who were waiting to receive their sentences. These prisoners were admitted from outside the prison system and were remanded in custody as they waited their trial and sentences. In the fourth quarter of 2025, 86.9% of new male prisoners and 71.6 percent new female prisoners were admitted as unsented prisoners, Figure 2.3.

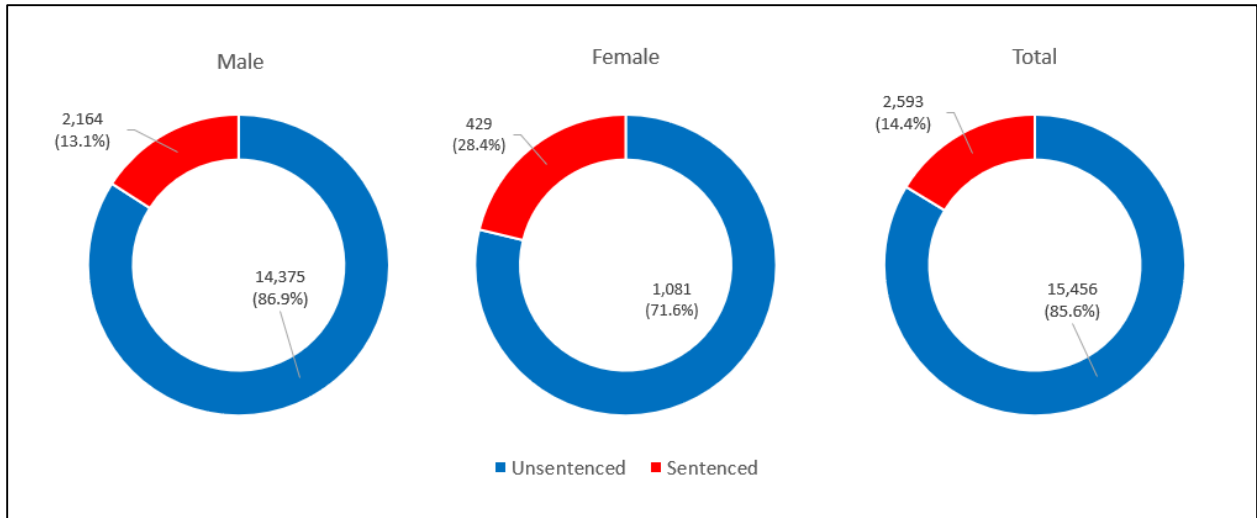


Figure 2. 3: Number and Percent of Sentenced and Unsentenced Prisoners, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.3 Number of Discharges

A total of 16,652 prisoners were discharged from prison during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025. Of these, 15,298 (91.9%) were male and 1,354 (8.1%) were female. Figure 2.4. depicts the distribution of prisoners that were discharged during the fourth quarter of 2025.

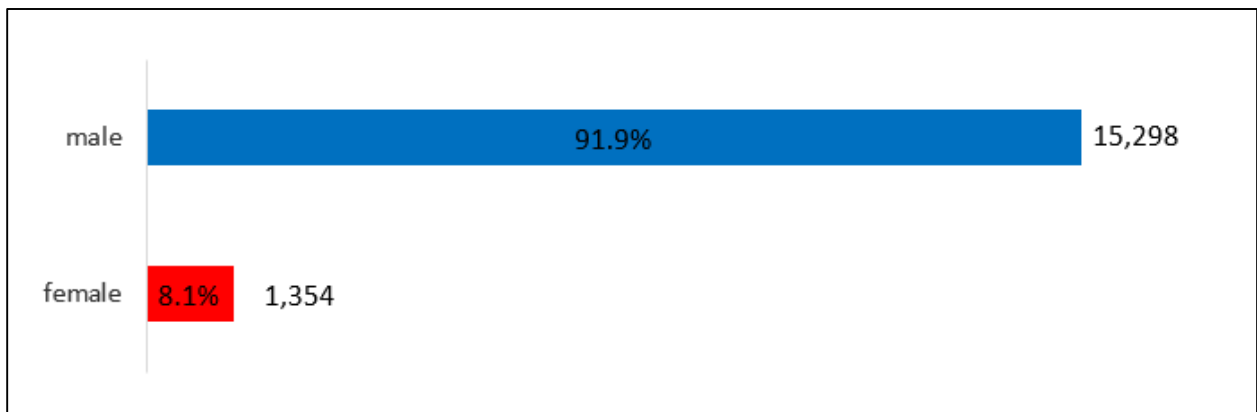


Figure 2. 4: Number and Percent of Discharged Prisoners and Sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.4 Reason(s) for Discharge

Of the 16,652 prisoners that were discharged during the quarter under review, 10,663 (64.0%) were serving a sentence and 5,989 (36.0%) were unsentenced. Table 2.1 shows that 35.8 percent of sentenced prisoners were discharged because their sentences had expired, 27.6% of the prisoners in the same category were discharged after getting community service sentences and 13.2 percent were discharged after being given time to pay fines or restitutions. Among unsentenced prisoners,

45.7% were discharged after being granted bail (either free or paid), 14.9% were acquitted by the courts, 14.7% were released following the withdrawal of their cases, and 9.4% were handed over to the Immigration Department for deportation to their home countries.

**Table 2.1: Reason for discharges of prisoners, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sentenced prisoners</b>						
Amnesty parole	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Community service	2,628	26.6	310	39.0	2,938	27.6
Community service with time to pay	558	5.7	45	5.7	603	5.7
Fine paid	1,085	11.0	125	15.7	1,210	11.3
Sentence expired	3,662	37.1	155	19.5	3,817	35.8
Time to pay	1,301	13.2	104	13.1	1,405	13.2
Suspended sentence	334	3.4	18	2.3	352	3.3
Other	301	3.0	37	4.7	338	3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,869</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,663</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Un-sentenced prisoners</b>						
Bail paid or free bail	2,482	45.7	255	45.5	2,737	45.7
Found not guilty by courts	836	15.4	57	10.2	893	14.9
Further remand refused	193	3.6	8	1.4	201	3.4
Released to immigration	461	8.5	103	18.4	564	9.4
Remanded out of custody	467	8.6	46	8.2	513	8.6
Case Withdrawn	804	14.8	76	13.6	880	14.7
Other	186	3.4	15	2.7	201	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,429</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>5,989</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2.5 Reasons for Discharging Prisoners: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Sentenced prisoners that were discharged because their sentences had expired increased from 3,544 in the third quarter of 2025 to 3,817 in the fourth quarter of 2025. The number of prisoners discharged to perform community service increased from 2,468 to 2,938 during the same period. Unsentenced prisoners that were discharged after paying bail increased from 2,463 in the third quarter of 2025 to 2,737 in the fourth quarter 2025. Those who were discharged because they were found not guilty by courts decreased from 805 to 893 during the same period. Table 2.2 show the distribution of the reasons for discharging prisoners from the first to the fourth quarter of 2025.

**Table 2.2 Reason(s) for discharging sentenced prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025			2 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025			4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Sentenced</b>												
Amnesty/parole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community service	2,663	206	2,869	2,334	317	2,651	2,193	275	2,468	2,628	310	2,938
Community service with time to pay	505	49	554	422	71	493	620	50	670	558	45	603
Fine paid	502	116	618	547	69	616	1,054	107	1,161	1,085	125	1,210
Sentence expired	3,041	138	3,179	3,012	130	3,142	3,400	144	3,544	3,662	155	3,817
Time to pay restitution or fine	1,151	97	1,248	1,218	132	1,350	1,217	131	1,348	1,301	104	1,405
Suspended sentence	368	39	407	324	30	354	274	53	327	334	18	352
Other	198	31	229	299	48	347	501	36	537	301	37	338
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,428</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>9,104</b>	<b>8,156</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>8,953</b>	<b>9,259</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>10,055</b>	<b>9,869</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>10,663</b>
<b>Unsentenced</b>												
Bail paid or free bail pending trial	2,803	287	3,090	2,612	221	2,833	2,185	278	2,463	2,482	255	2,737
Found not guilty by court(s)	1,132	57	1,189	1,073	56	1,129	764	41	805	836	57	893
Further remand refused	652	31	683	532	21	553	228	3	231	193	8	201
Released to immigration	227	44	271	344	88	432	266	63	329	461	103	564
Remanded out of custody	972	55	1,027	697	63	760	353	46	399	467	46	513
Case Withdrawn	855	60	915	757	65	822	555	75	630	804	76	880
Other	287	82	369	207	53	260	377	26	403	186	15	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>6,222</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>6,789</b>	<b>4,728</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>5,260</b>	<b>5,429</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>5,989</b>

### Chapter 3 : Profile of New Prisoners

This and ensuing chapters describe characteristics of prisoners who were admitted during the third quarter of 2025 and their socio-economic backgrounds such as age group, nationality, level of education completed and employment status.

#### 3.1 Age Group of New Prisoners

Figure 3.1 illustrates the distribution of newly admitted prisoners by age group. Among both male and female admissions, the 25–29 age category constitutes the largest proportion, followed closely by the 20–24 age group. Beyond this peak, admission numbers decline steadily with increasing age for both sexes, indicating a clear downward trend in incarceration among older populations.

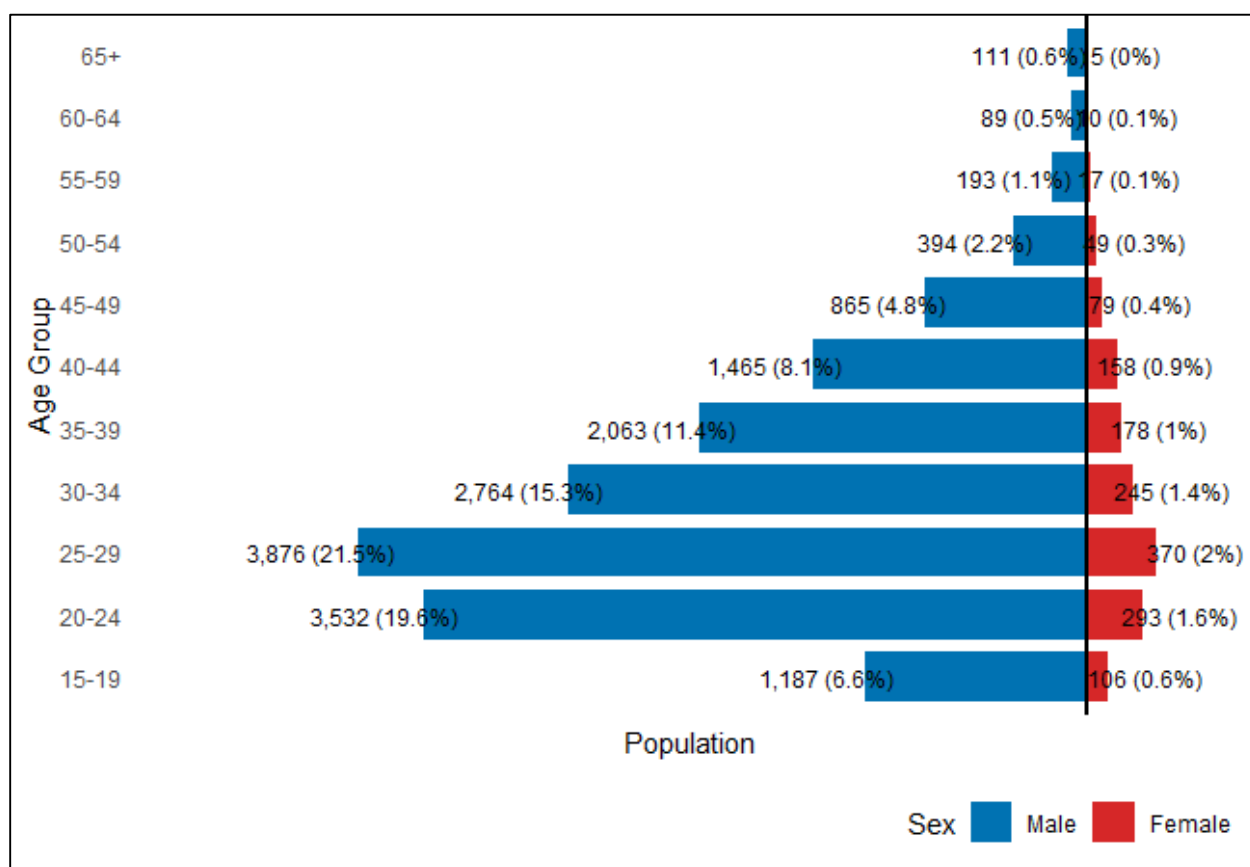


Figure 3.1: Number and Proportion of New Prisoners by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 3.2 New Prisoner Population by Age Group: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

There was an increase in the number of prisoners in the 15–44 years age group between the third and fourth quarters of 2025. Table 3.1 presents the distribution of prisoners admitted from the beginning of the third quarter of 2024 to the end of the second quarter of 2025, organized by age group.

**Table 3.1: New prisoner population by age group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Age group	1st Quarter 2025			2nd Quarter 2025			3rd Quarter 2025			4th Quarter 2025		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
15-19	1,024	66	1,090	1,021	72	1,093	1,008	84	1,092	1,187	106	1,293
20-24	3,339	230	3,569	3,114	276	3,390	3,313	265	3,578	3,532	293	3,825
25-29	3,627	239	3,866	3,484	239	3,723	3,748	233	3,981	3,876	370	4,246
30-34	2,655	197	2,852	2,541	238	2,779	2,770	235	3,005	2,764	245	3,009
35-39	2,076	165	2,241	1,925	165	2,090	2,044	185	2,229	2,063	178	2,241
40-44	1,393	136	1,529	1,374	115	1,489	1,364	137	1,501	1,465	158	1,623
45-49	772	67	839	749	63	812	791	76	867	865	79	944
50-54	368	47	415	440	29	469	418	43	461	394	49	443
55-59	160	14	174	152	19	171	191	15	206	193	17	210
60-64	73	11	84	78	7	85	97	11	108	89	10	99
65+	94	9	103	78	8	86	93	8	101	111	5	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,581</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>14,956</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>16,187</b>	<b>15,837</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>17,129</b>	<b>16,539</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>18,049</b>

### 3.3 Province of Usual Residence

The highest proportion of new male prisoners usually lived in Harare, Midlands, Mashonaland West, and Manicaland provinces. Most new female prisoners usually resided in Harare (33.3%). The least proportion of prisoners usually lived in outside Zimbabwe (2.5%), Matabeleland North (4.5%) and Matabeleland South provinces (5.0%).

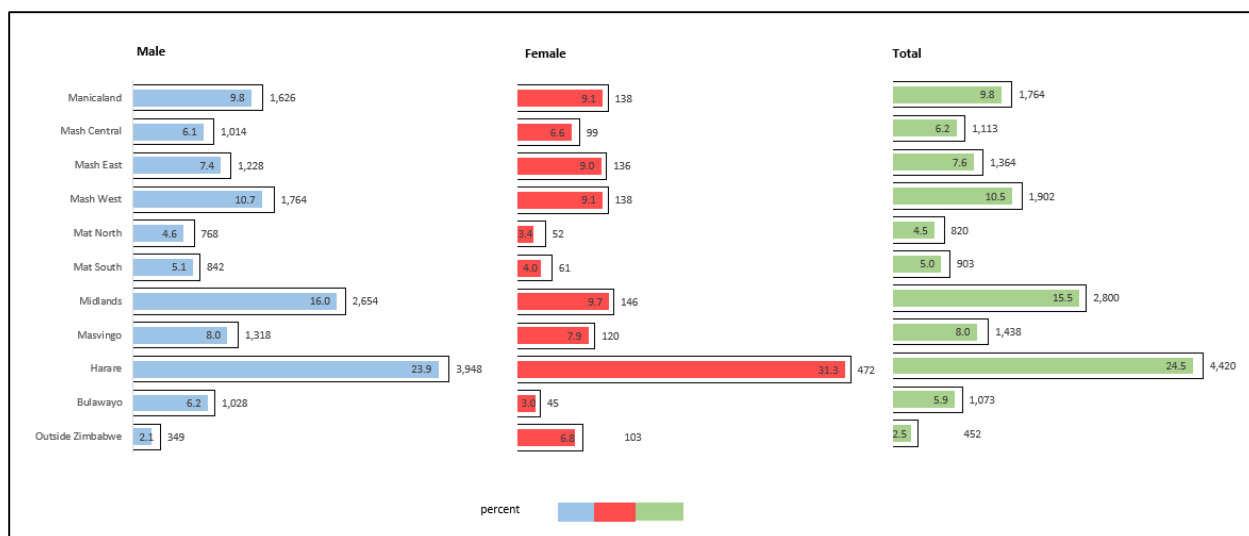


Figure 3.2: New Prisoners by Province of Usual Residence, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025

### 3.4 Nationality of Prisoners

A total of 599 non-Zimbabwean prisoners were admitted into Zimbabwe’s prisons during the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2025. This translated to a proportion of 3.1% of the new prisoner population. Most of the foreign prisoners were from Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries (275). Of these, 195 were male and 80 were female. The number of new prisoners from other African countries and outside Africa was 91 and 193, respectively. Table 3.2 depicts new prisoners by their nationality.

Table 3.2: Number of Prisoners by Nationality, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Nationality	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Zimbabwe	16,090	97.3	1,400	92.7	17,490	96.9
Other SADC Countries	195	1.2	80	5.3	275	1.5
Other African Countries	81	0.5	10	0.7	91	0.5
Outside Africa	173	1.0	20	1.3	193	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,539</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,049</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 3.5 New Prisoner Population by Nationality, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

The number of new prisoners from Zimbabwe increased from 16,641 in the third quarter of 2025 to 17,490 in the fourth quarter of 2025. Non-Zimbabwean new prisoners increased from 488 in the third quarter of 2025 to 599 during the fourth quarter of 2025. Non-Zimbabwean female prisoners increased from 80 during the third quarter of 2025 to 110 in the fourth quarter of 2025.

**Table 3.3: Nationality of New Prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Nationality	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Zimbabwe	15,342	98.5	1,102	93.3	16,444	98.1
Other SADC Countries	172	1.1	61	5.2	233	1.4
Other African Countries	36	0.2	2	0.2	38	0.2
Outside Africa	31	0.2	16	1.4	47	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,581</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Zimbabwe	14,562	97.4	1,144	92.9	15,706	97.0
Other SADC Countries	305	2.0	72	5.8	377	2.3
Other African Countries	44	0.3	7	0.6	51	0.3
Outside Africa	45	0.3	8	0.6	53	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,956</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,187</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Zimbabwe	15,429	97.4	1,212	93.8	16,641	97.2
Other SADC Countries	341	2.2	69	5.3	410	2.4
Other African Countries	14	0.1	2	0.2	16	0.1
Outside Africa	53	0.3	9	0.7	62	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,837</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17,129</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Zimbabwe	16,090	97.3	1,400	92.7	17,490	96.9
Other SADC Countries	195	1.2	80	5.3	275	1.5
Other African Countries	81	0.5	10	0.7	91	0.5
Outside Africa	173	1.0	20	1.3	193	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,539</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>18,049</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 3.6 Highest Level of Education Completed

The distribution of prisoners by their highest level of education attained prior to their admission to prison is shown in Figure 3.7. Among all prisoners, 72.1 percent had attained lower secondary or some secondary education. Those who had not attended school and those who had completed primary or some primary education were 20.1%. New prisoners who completed upper secondary

or some upper secondary were 5.0% and those with tertiary education constituted 2.8 percent of the total admissions.

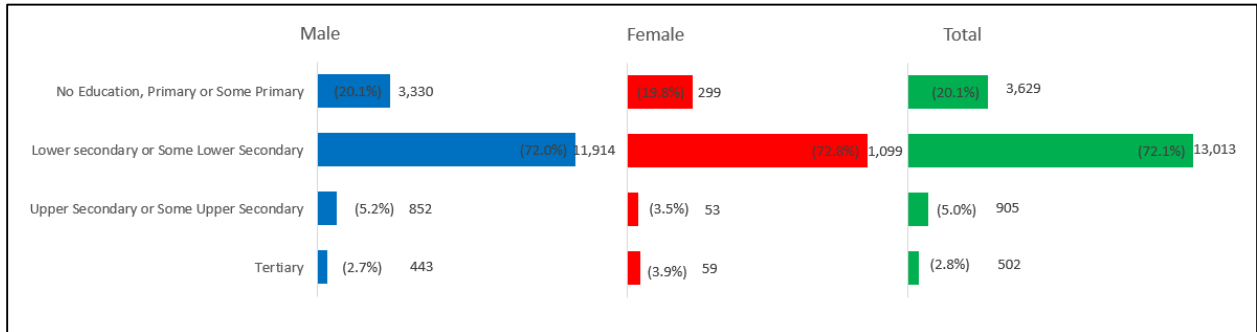


Figure 3.3: Distribution of Prisoners by Educational Level, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 3.7 New prisoner population by level of Education: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Table 3.4 presents the distribution of new prisoners by educational attainment. The results indicate that the majority of admissions across the four quarters had attained lower secondary or some secondary education, reflecting a consistent pattern in the educational profiles of newly admitted prisoners.

**Table 3.4: Distribution of new prisoner population by level of education and sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Education level	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>1st Quarter 2025</b>						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	3,177	20.4	229	19.4	3,406	20.3
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	11,195	71.9	838	71.0	12,033	71.8
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	835	5.4	52	4.4	887	5.3
Tertiary	374	2.4	62	5.2	436	2.6
Total	15,581	100.0	1,181	100.0	16,762	100.0
<b>2nd Quarter 2025</b>						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	3,203	21.4	226	18.4	3,429	21.2
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	10,516	70.3	882	71.6	11,398	70.4
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	826	5.5	48	3.9	874	5.4
Tertiary	411	2.7	75	6.1	486	3.0
Total	14,956	100.0	1,231	100.0	16,187	100.0
<b>3rd Quarter 2025</b>						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	3,181	20.1	251	19.4	3,432	20.0
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	11,420	72.1	948	73.4	12,368	72.2
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	825	5.2	44	3.4	869	5.1
Tertiary	411	2.6	49	3.8	460	2.7
Total	15,837	100.0	1,292	100.0	17,129	100.0
<b>4th Quarter 2025</b>						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	443	2.7	59	3.9	502	2.8
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	852	5.2	53	3.5	905	5.0
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	11,914	72.0	1,099	72.8	13,013	72.1
Tertiary	3,330	20.1	299	19.8	3,629	20.1
Total	16,539	100.0	1,510	100.0	18,049	100.0

### 3.8 Reported Employment Status

Figure 3.8 shows the reported employment status of prisoners admitted in the fourth quarter of 2025. A total of 10,018 (55.5%) new prisoners reported that they were employed before their incarceration, while 8,031 (44.5%) were unemployed. Reported unemployment rates varied by sex: 43.5% of newly admitted male prisoners were unemployed, compared to 55.8% of female prisoners.

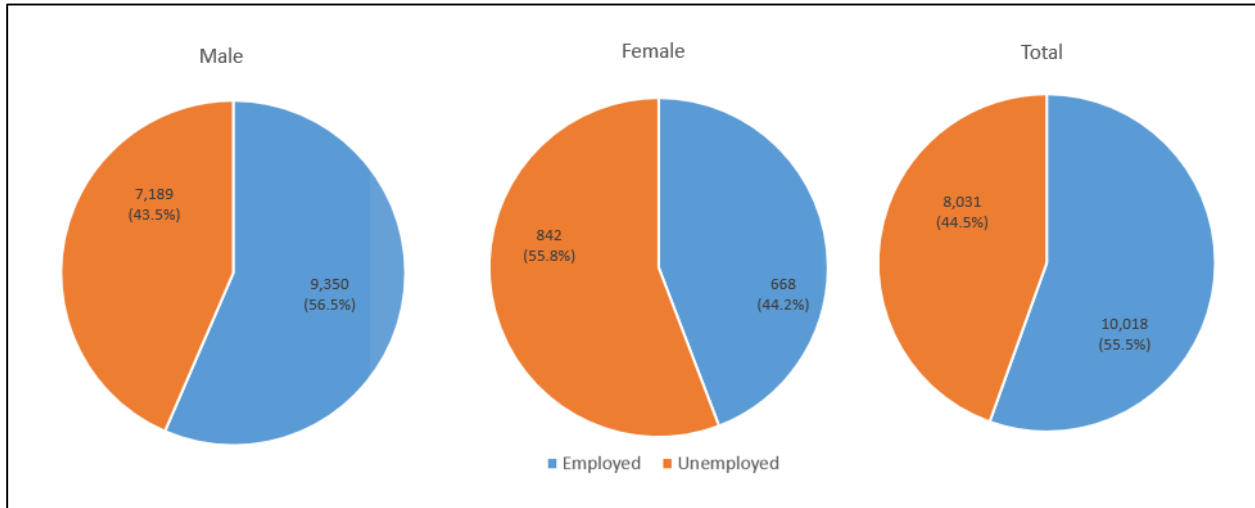


Figure 3.4: Distribution of Prisoners by Employment status, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

### 3.9 New Prisoner Population by Employment Status, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Compared to the third quarter of 2025, the share of employed prisoners decreased slightly from 56.1% to 55.5%. Among male prisoners, the proportion of those who were unemployed increased slightly from 42.8% to 43.5%, female prisoners decreased slightly from 57.5% to 55.8%.

**Table 3.5: Distribution of Prisoners by Employment Status, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Employment status	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Employed	8,133	52.2	494	41.8	8,627	51.5
Unemployed	7,448	47.8	687	58.2	8,135	48.5
Total	15,581	100.0	1,181	100.0	16,762	100.0
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Employed	8,048	53.8	534	43.4	8,582	53.0
Unemployed	6,908	46.2	697	56.6	7,605	47.0
Total	14,956	100.0	1,231	100.0	16,187	100.0
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Employed	9,054	57.2	549	42.5	9,603	56.1
Unemployed	6,783	42.8	743	57.5	7,526	43.9
Total	15,837	100.0	1,292	100.0	17,129	100.0
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025</b>						
Employed	9,350	56.5	668	44.2	10,018	55.5
Unemployed	7,189	43.5	842	55.8	8,031	44.5
Total	16,539	100.0	1,510	100.0	18,049	100.0

## Chapter 4 : Crimes

In this chapter, the crimes/offences of prisoners are analysed according to the International Classification of Crimes for Statistical purposes (ICCS).

### 4.1 Crime Type and Counts

The crimes/offences for which the prisoners were imprisoned are shown in Figure 4.1. Most of the new prisoners were admitted into prison for committing theft, assaults, and unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors, burglary, and robbery (without a firearm). This distribution seems to mirror that of crimes that led to the imprisonment of new male prisoners. The crimes that new female prisoners mostly committed were assault, theft, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors, and migration-related offences.

Crime / Offence	Male	Female	Total
Theft	3,658	321	3,979
Assaults	3,628	334	3,962
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	1,387	206	1,593
Burglary	1,296	63	1,359
Robbery (without firearm)	1,049	35	1,084
Domestic Violence	930	38	968
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	900	68	968
Rape	821	5	826
Property damage	662	34	696
Acts related to migration	450	111	561
Fraud	342	78	420
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	412	1	413
Murder	386	19	405
Attempted intentional homicide	326	34	360
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	234	120	354
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	284	10	294
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	247	15	262
Acts against the justice system	207	31	238
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	209	7	216
All threats	173	12	185
Robbery (firearm)	162	13	175
Indecent assault (adult victim)	133	14	147

Figure 4.1: Crime Type and Counts Committed by New Prisoners, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025

Crime / Offence	Male	Female	Total
Non-injurious traffic violations	123	5	128
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	71	11	82
Acts against public order sexual standards	72	2	74
Non-intentional homicide	58	6	64
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	50	4	54
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	49	0	49
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	48	1	49
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	43	6	49
Attempted Rape (Adult)	45	1	46
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	45	0	45
Kidnapping	32	3	35
Defamation or insult	31	2	33
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	30	2	32
Corruption	22	9	31
Acts against state security	27	4	31
Coercion	15	6	21
Other acts of negligence	6	14	20
Sexual exploitation	3	14	17
Forgery/counterfeiting	12	2	14
Acts against computer systems	7	4	11
Infanticide	3	4	7
Illegal feticide	6	1	7
Dangerous acts (Non traffic related offences)	6	1	7
Acts against liberty	6	0	6
Assisting or instigating suicide	4	0	4
Murder (intimate partner)	2	1	3
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	3	3
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	0	2
Terrorism	2	0	2
Discrimination	0	0	0
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0

Figure 4.1: Crime Type and Counts Committed by New Prisoners, 4th Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)

## **4.2 Crime Type and Counts by Age Group**

Theft, assaults, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors, burglary and robbery (without firearm) were the most frequent crimes for prisoners. This pattern was observed among both male and female new prisoners. Males age 65 years and above were imprisoned mostly for rape, and assault. Table 4.1 shows crime counts of new prisoners by sex and age group.

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Crime / Offence	15-19			20-24			25-29			30-34			35-39			40-44		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Acts leading to death or intending to cause death</b>																		
Murder	30	2	32	96	2	98	84	5	89	58	1	59	49	5	54	32	1	33
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infanticide	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	1
Attempted intentional homicide	19	4	23	62	11	73	72	5	77	67	8	75	47	2	49	22	1	23
Non-intentional homicide	1	0	1	4	1	5	8	1	9	11	2	13	8	0	8	13	0	13
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>																		
Assaults	202	19	221	798	71	869	917	87	1,004	591	53	644	494	42	536	306	25	331
Domestic Violence	15	0	15	84	8	92	214	11	225	210	5	215	158	8	166	112	3	115
All threats	10	2	12	44	3	47	40	2	42	29	1	30	22	1	23	14	0	14
Kidnapping	1	0	1	7	0	7	7	1	8	7	1	8	6	0	6	2	0	2
Acts against liberty	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coercion	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	6	0	6	3	2	5
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	0	0	0	10	0	10	9	0	9	8	0	8	2	0	2	7	0	7
Other acts of negligence	0	0	0	0	5	5	1	2	3	0	4	4	2	3	5	1	0	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	1	0	1	5	0	5	16	0	16	11	0	11	9	0	9	4	0	4
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	2	0	2	8	0	8	12	0	12	9	1	10	7	0	7	5	0	5
Defamation or insult	2	0	2	5	1	6	7	0	7	3	0	3	8	0	8	3	1	4
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Injurious acts of a sexual nature</b>																		
Rape	88	0	88	154	2	156	133	1	134	106	0	106	104	1	105	78	0	78
Attempted Rape (Adult)	5	0	5	11	0	11	10	0	10	6	0	6	5	0	5	2	1	3
Indecent assault (adult victim)	6	0	6	12	2	14	22	7	29	24	2	26	19	2	21	15	1	16
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	61	0	61	185	1	186	95	0	95	38	0	38	7	0	7	15	0	15

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	15-19			20-24			25-29			30-34			35-39			40-44		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Sexual exploitation	0	3	3	2	0	2	0	5	5	0	5	5	1	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>																		
Robbery (firearm)	8	0	8	37	0	37	49	1	50	20	8	28	28	1	29	13	0	13
Robbery (without firearm)	75	2	77	270	9	279	291	16	307	180	1	181	104	4	108	66	2	68
Acts against property only																		
Burglary	115	11	126	312	21	333	339	18	357	217	4	221	156	2	158	85	3	88
Theft	274	36	310	845	68	913	872	82	954	617	51	668	448	27	475	320	38	358
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	19	1	20	130	4	134	195	11	206	128	6	134	67	5	72	70	3	73
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>																		
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	103	4	107	318	20	338	357	37	394	257	35	292	140	37	177	111	39	150
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	23	6	29	53	25	78	46	27	73	38	20	58	25	14	39	23	13	36
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>																		
Fraud	6	1	7	49	8	57	55	9	64	66	10	76	56	30	86	33	12	45
Forgery/counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3
Corruption	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	0	2	5	3	8	5	2	7	2	3	5
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>																		
Acts against public order sexual standards	6	0	6	17	1	18	19	0	19	9	0	9	5	0	5	8	1	9
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	1	0	1	5	2	7	11	0	11	6	0	6	10	1	11	6	0	6
Acts related to migration	106	25	131	119	24	143	73	43	116	38	9	47	38	4	42	30	3	33
Acts against the justice system	6	0	6	22	6	28	28	2	30	40	7	47	37	3	40	19	2	21

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	15-19			20-24			25-29			30-34			35-39			40-44		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	13	2	15	44	2	46	76	1	77	69	0	69	41	1	42	25	0	25
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>																		
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	0	0	0	3	0	3	5	1	6	4	0	4	0	0	0	10	1	11
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	4	0	4	11	2	13	17	1	18	7	0	7	4	1	5	5	0	5
Acts against computer systems	1	0	1	1	3	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
Acts against state security	0	1	1	2	0	2	4	2	6	8	0	8	4	1	5	3	0	3
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Non-injurious traffic violations	6	0	6	29	0	29	30	3	33	26	1	27	9	0	9	15	0	15
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>																		
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	10	0	10	26	0	26	41	0	41	43	2	45	26	1	27	26	1	27
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	25	0	25	38	0	38	46	1	47	32	10	42	39	2	41	37	0	37
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>																		
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	6	0	6	22	1	23	22	4	26	12	2	14	4	2	6	1	1	2
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	36	0	36	170	14	184	197	17	214	162	15	177	120	5	125	99	9	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>4,018</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>4,840</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>3,442</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2,536</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,815</b>

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	45-49			50-54			55-59			60-64			65+			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Acts leading to death or intending to cause death</b>																		
Murder	22	1	23	4	1	5	7	1	8	0	0	0	4	0	4	386	19	405
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Infanticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7
Attempted intentional homicide	20	2	22	10	0	10	3	0	3	2	1	3	2	0	2	326	34	360
Non-intentional homicide	7	2	9	3	0	3	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	58	6	64
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	7
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>																		
Assaults	182	9	191	67	20	87	40	4	44	15	4	19	16	0	16	3,628	334	3,962
Domestic Violence	78	3	81	36	0	36	12	0	12	7	0	7	4	0	4	930	38	968
All threats	8	1	9	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	3	173	12	185
Kidnapping	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	32	3	35
Acts against liberty	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Coercion	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	6	21
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	5	0	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	45
Other acts of negligence	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	14	20
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	49
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	3	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	49
Defamation or insult	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	33
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Injurious acts of a sexual nature</b>																		
Rape	50	0	50	27	1	28	20	0	20	12	0	12	49	0	49	821	5	826
Attempted Rape (Adult)	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	45	1	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	19	0	19	6	0	6	3	0	3	3	0	3	4	0	4	133	14	147

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	45-49			50-54			55-59			60-64			65+			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	5	0	5	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	412	1	413
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	17
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>																		
Robbery (firearm)	4	3	7	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162	13	175
Robbery (without firearm)	48	1	49	4	0	4	8	0	8	2	0	2	1	0	1	1,049	35	1,084
Acts against property only																		
Burglary	46	2	48	20	2	22	1	0	1	3	0	3	2	0	2	1,296	63	1,359
Theft	150	7	157	77	9	86	33	3	36	11	0	11	11	0	11	3,658	321	3,979
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	29	1	30	17	1	18	3	1	4	1	1	2	3	0	3	662	34	696
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>																		
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	56	20	76	26	10	36	9	3	12	5	1	6	5	0	5	1,387	206	1,593
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	8	10	18	8	3	11	7	1	8	1	1	2	2	0	2	234	120	354
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>																		
Fraud	33	4	37	26	4	30	10	0	10	2	0	2	6	0	6	342	78	420
Forgery/counterfeiting	2	0	2	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14
Corruption	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	9	31
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>																		
Acts against public order sexual standards	5	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	2	74
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	2	3	5	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	6	49
Acts related to migration	16	2	18	18	0	18	9	1	10	2	0	2	1	0	1	450	111	561

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	45-49			50-54			55-59			60-64			65+			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Acts against the justice system	29	6	35	14	3	17	4	0	4	6	0	6	2	2	4	207	31	238
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	11	2	13	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	284	10	294
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>																		
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	30	2	32
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	4	54
Acts against computer systems	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	4	11
Acts against state security	5	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	4	31
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Non-injurious traffic violations	3	0	3	3	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	123	5	128
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>																		
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	20	3	23	5	0	5	4	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	209	7	216
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	15	2	17	11	0	11	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	247	15	262
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>																		
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	11	82
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	57	2	59	29	2	31	15	1	16	8	2	10	7	1	8	900	68	968
<b>Total</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>20,391</b>

### **4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Nationality**

The most frequent crimes committed by new Zimbabwean prisoners were theft, assault, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors, burglary and robbery (without firearm). Immigration-related offences and trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora accounted for most of the reasons that led to the imprisonment of foreign nationals. Table 4.2.

**Table 4.2: Crime Type and Counts by Nationality, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Crime/ Offence	Zimbabwe			Other SADC Countries			Other African Countries			Outside Africa			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Acts leading to death or intending to cause death</b>															
Murder	385	19	404	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	386	19	405
Murder (intimate partner)	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Infanticide	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7
Attempted intentional homicide	325	34	359	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	326	34	360
Non-intentional homicide	58	6	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	6	64
Assisting or instigating suicide	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Illegal feticide	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>															
Assaults	3,627	332	3,959	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3,628	334	3,962
Domestic Violence	928	37	965	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	930	38	968
All threats	170	12	182	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	173	12	185
Kidnapping	32	3	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	3	35
Acts against liberty	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	3
Coercion	15	6	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	6	21
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	43	0	43	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	45
Other acts of negligence	6	14	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	14	20
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	49	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	49
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic-related offences)	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	48	1	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	49
Defamation or insult	31	2	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	33
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Injurious acts of a sexual nature</b>															
Rape	821	5	826	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	821	5	826
Attempted Rape (Adult)	45	1	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	1	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	131	14	145	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	133	14	147

**Table 4.2: Crime Type and Counts by Nationality, 4th Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime/ Offence	Zimbabwe			Other SADC Countries			Other African Countries			Outside Africa			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	411	1	412	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	412	1	413
Sexual exploitation	3	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	17
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>															
Robbery (firearm)	162	13	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162	13	175
Robbery (without firearm)	1,047	35	1,082	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1,049	35	1,084
<b>Acts against property only</b>															
Burglary	1,291	63	1,354	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,296	63	1,359
Theft	3,646	318	3,964	10	2	12	1	0	1	1	1	2	3,658	321	3,979
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	662	34	696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	662	34	696
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>															
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	1,381	206	1,587	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	4	1,387	206	1,593
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	232	119	351	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	234	120	354
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>															
Fraud	341	78	419	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	342	78	420
Forgery/counterfeiting	12	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	14
Corruption	22	9	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	9	31
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>															
Acts against public order sexual standards	42	2	44	24	0	24	5	0	5	1	0	1	72	2	74
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	38	6	44	3	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	43	6	49
Acts related to migration	74	7	81	150	78	228	74	10	84	152	16	168	450	111	561

**Table 4.2: Crime Type and Counts by Nationality, 4th Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime/ Offence	Zimbabwe			Other SADC Countries			Other African Countries			Outside Africa			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Acts against the justice system	203	31	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	207	31	238
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	284	10	294	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	284	10	294
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>															
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	28	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	30	2	32
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	50	4	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	4	54
Acts against computer systems	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	11
Acts against state security	27	4	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	4	31
Terrorism	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Non-injurious traffic violations	122	5	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	123	5	128
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>															
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	178	6	184	31	1	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	7	216
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	238	15	253	4	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	5	247	15	262
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>															
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	71	11	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	11	82
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	896	66	962	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	4	900	68	968
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,212</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>19,771</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>20,391</b>

#### **4.4 Crime Type and Counts by Highest Level of Education Completed**

The distribution of crime counts of new prisoners by highest level of education completed is shown in Table 4.3. New prisoners that did not complete any level of education and those who completed non-tertiary levels of education were mostly imprisoned for theft, assault, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors, burglary and robbery (without firearm). Those who completed tertiary levels of education were mostly imprisoned for theft, assault and fraud. Table 4.3.

**Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Crime / Offence	No Education, Primary or Some Primary			Lower secondary or Some Secondary			Upper Secondary or Some Secondary			Tertiary			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Acts leading to death or intending to cause death</b>															
Murder	105	6	111	254	12	266	20	1	21	7	0	7	386	19	405
Murder (intimate partner)	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Infanticide	0	1	1	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	7
Attempted intentional homicide	101	12	113	215	20	235	7	1	8	3	1	4	326	34	360
Non-intentional homicide	11	1	12	44	4	48	2	0	2	1	1	2	58	6	64
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>															
Assaults	736	61	797	2,690	261	2,951	131	7	138	71	5	76	3,628	334	3,962
Domestic Violence	161	12	173	687	23	710	48	1	49	34	2	36	930	38	968
All threats	41	2	43	119	9	128	11	0	11	2	1	3	173	12	185
Kidnapping	9	1	10	19	2	21	4	0	4	0	0	0	32	3	35
Acts against liberty	1	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Coercion	1	0	1	10	6	16	1	0	1	3	0	3	15	6	21
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	4	0	4	34	0	34	4	0	4	3	0	3	45	0	45
Other acts of negligence	1	2	3	4	12	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	14	20
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	6	0	6	38	0	38	4	0	4	1	0	1	49	0	49
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic-related offences)	1	1	2	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	4	1	5	43	0	43	1	0	1	0	0	0	48	1	49
Defamation or insult	4	2	6	27	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	33
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Injurious acts of a sexual nature</b>															
Rape	285	3	288	492	2	494	25	0	25	19	0	19	821	5	826
Attempted Rape (Adult)	22	1	23	20	0	20	1	0	1	2	0	2	45	1	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	35	2	37	80	5	85	6	0	6	12	7	19	133	14	147

**Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	No Education, Primary or Some Primary			Lower secondary or Some Secondary			Upper Secondary or Some Secondary			Tertiary			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	85	0	85	310	1	311	12	0	12	5	0	5	412	1	413
Sexual exploitation	0	1	1	2	13	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	14	17
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>															
Robbery (firearm)	26	3	29	117	7	124	17	3	20	2	0	2	162	13	175
Robbery (without firearm)	274	15	289	716	20	736	54	0	54	5	0	5	1,049	35	1,084
<b>Acts against property only</b>															
Burglary	294	14	308	901	47	948	75	1	76	26	1	27	1,296	63	1,359
Theft	697	40	737	2,634	254	2,888	231	14	245	96	13	109	3,658	321	3,979
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	128	5	133	485	25	510	29	3	32	20	1	21	662	34	696
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>															
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	160	27	187	1,097	163	1,260	90	10	100	40	6	46	1,387	206	1,593
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	30	24	54	179	89	268	21	4	25	4	3	7	234	120	354
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>															
Fraud	20	2	22	210	45	255	59	9	68	53	22	75	342	78	420
Forgery/counterfeiting	1	0	1	6	2	8	2	0	2	3	0	3	12	2	14
Corruption	7	2	9	10	5	15	3	0	3	2	2	4	22	9	31
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>															
Acts against public order sexual standards	24	0	24	46	2	48	1	0	1	1	0	1	72	2	74
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	11	3	14	28	3	31	1	0	1	3	0	3	43	6	49

**Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	No Education, Primary or Some Primary			Lower secondary or Some Secondary			Upper Secondary or Some Secondary			Tertiary			Total		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Acts related to migration	140	50	190	260	54	314	28	1	29	22	6	28	450	111	561
Acts against the justice system	32	12	44	154	18	172	15	1	16	6	0	6	207	31	238
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	32	0	32	231	8	239	17	1	18	4	1	5	284	10	294
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>															
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	3	0	3	17	2	19	5	0	5	5	0	5	30	2	32
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	17	0	17	32	4	36	1	0	1	0	0	0	50	4	54
Acts against computer systems	1	1	2	4	3	7	1	0	1	1	0	1	7	4	11
Acts against state security	7	0	7	12	4	16	2	0	2	6	0	6	27	4	31
Terrorism	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Non-injurious traffic violations	21	1	22	90	3	93	9	0	9	3	1	4	123	5	128
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>															
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	115	3	118	91	4	95	1	0	1	2	0	2	209	7	216
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	58	2	60	167	13	180	12	0	12	10	0	10	247	15	262
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>															
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	11	1	12	52	10	62	5	0	5	3	0	3	71	11	82
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	134	11	145	704	50	754	36	3	39	26	4	30	900	68	968
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>13,358</b>	<b>1,210</b>	<b>14,568</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>20,391</b>

#### **4.5 Crime Counts, Type and Employment Status**

The counts of crimes committed in relation to employment status are shown in Table 4.4. Employed and unemployed new male prisoners committed mostly theft, assault, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors, burglary and robbery (without firearms). On the other hand, employed new female prisoners were imprisoned mostly for theft, assault and unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors whilst unemployed new female prisoners were mostly imprisoned for assault, theft, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors and acts related to migration.

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**Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025**

Crime / Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
<b>Acts leading to death or intending to cause death</b>									
Murder	207	4	211	179	15	194	386	19	405
Murder (intimate partner)	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Infanticide	0	1	1	3	3	6	3	4	7
Attempted intentional homicide	169	14	183	157	20	177	326	34	360
Non-intentional homicide	38	4	42	20	2	22	58	6	64
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	4	0	4	4	0	4
Illegal feticide	5	0	5	1	1	2	6	1	7
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>									
Assaults	1,816	140	1,956	1,812	194	2,006	3,628	334	3,962
Domestic Violence	549	15	564	381	23	404	930	38	968
All threats	72	3	75	101	9	110	173	12	185
Kidnapping	18	1	19	14	2	16	32	3	35
Acts against liberty	2	0	2	4	0	4	6	0	6
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	3
Coercion	14	3	17	1	3	4	15	6	21
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	40	0	40	5	0	5	45	0	45
Other acts of negligence	4	7	11	2	7	9	6	14	20
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	37	0	37	12	0	12	49	0	49
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic-related offences)	5	0	5	1	1	2	6	1	7
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	33	0	33	15	1	16	48	1	49
Defamation or insult	20	1	21	11	1	12	31	2	33
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Injurious acts of a sexual nature</b>									
Rape	428	1	429	393	4	397	821	5	826
Attempted Rape (Adult)	9	0	9	36	1	37	45	1	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	73	11	84	60	3	63	133	14	147

**Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 4th Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	205	0	205	207	1	208	412	1	413
Sexual exploitation	2	14	16	1	0	1	3	14	17
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>									
Robbery (firearm)	76	7	83	86	6	92	162	13	175
Robbery (without firearm)	668	20	688	381	15	396	1,049	35	1,084
<b>Acts against property only</b>									
Burglary	709	20	729	587	43	630	1,296	63	1,359
Theft	2,056	161	2,217	1,602	160	1,762	3,658	321	3,979
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	389	17	406	273	17	290	662	34	696
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>									
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	886	117	1,003	501	89	590	1,387	206	1,593
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	102	57	159	132	63	195	234	120	354
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>									
Fraud	234	51	285	108	27	135	342	78	420
Forgery/counterfeiting	9	0	9	3	2	5	12	2	14
Corruption	13	4	17	9	5	14	22	9	31
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>									
Acts against public order sexual standards	33	1	34	39	1	40	72	2	74
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	27	2	29	16	4	20	43	6	49
Acts related to migration	180	15	195	270	96	366	450	111	561
Acts against the justice system	119	9	128	88	22	110	207	31	238

**Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 4th Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime / Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	233	3	236	51	7	58	284	10	294
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>									
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	20	0	20	10	2	12	30	2	32
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	27	1	28	23	3	26	50	4	54
Acts against computer systems	6	2	8	1	2	3	7	4	11
Acts against state security	16	2	18	11	2	13	27	4	31
Terrorism	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Non-injurious traffic violations	63	3	66	60	2	62	123	5	128
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>									
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	117	5	122	92	2	94	209	7	216
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	162	12	174	85	3	88	247	15	262
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>									
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	28	5	33	43	6	49	71	11	82
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	610	37	647	290	31	321	900	68	968
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,534</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>11,305</b>	<b>8,182</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>9,086</b>	<b>18,716</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>20,391</b>

**Appendix 1: List of main prisons and their satellites in Zimbabwe**

	<b>Manicaland</b>		<b>Matabeleland North</b>		<b>Masvingo</b>
1	Chipinge	1	Binga	1	Chiredzi
2	Little Kraal	2	Hwange	1a	Chikombedzi
3	Mutare	2a	Lupane	1b	Mwenezi
4	Mutare Farm	2b	Victoria Falls	1c	Zaka
4a	Inyanga	3	Nkayi	2	Masvingo
5	Rusape	3a	Inyathi	2a	Bikita
5a	Murambinda	4	Tsholotsho	2b	Chivi
6	Chipinge	5	Anju	2c	Gutu
		5a	Ntabazinduna	3	Mutimurefu
	<b>Mashonaland Central</b>		<b>Matabeleland South</b>		<b>Harare</b>
1	Bindura	1	Beitbridge	1	Chikurubi Farm
1a	Guruve	1a	Beitbridge farm	1a	Telstar
1b	Chawagona	2	Gwanda	2	Chikurubi Female
1c	Pednor	2a	Esigodini	3	Chikurubi Max
1d	Kingston	2b	Filabusi	4	Harare Central
2	Mazowe	2c	Kezi	4a	Kentucky
3	Mt Darwin	3	Plumtree	5	Harare Remand
				6	Chikurubi Psychiatric Unit
	<b>Mashonaland East</b>		<b>Midlands</b>		
1	Chivhu	1	Connemara Open		<b>Bulawayo</b>
2	Marondera	2	Gokwe	1	Bulawayo
2a	Goromonzi	3	Kwekwe	1a	Imbizo
3	Marondera Female	4	Mberengwa	1b	Woodville
4	Murewa	5	Shurugwi	2	Khami Max
4a	Mutawatawa	6	Whawha	3	Khami Med
5	Mutoko	7	Whawha Med	4	Khami Remand
5a	Tabudirira	7a	Thornhill	5	Mlondolozhi
6	Ridigita	8	Zvishavane		
7	Murewa				
	<b>Mashonaland West</b>				
1	Chinhoyi				
1a	Chinhoyi farm				
1b	Baruka				
2	Kadoma				
3	Karoi				
3a	Kariba				
4	Hurungwe				

**\* Prisons marked a, b and c are satellites of the main prisons**