

OVERVIEW

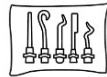
- Criminal incidents have increased by an average of 12.06% per month for the past 4 months with an increase of 4% from May. And we are up 57.14% as compared to June 2023.
- Historically we should be seeing lower crime during the winter months, however we are experiencing the highest reported crime rates in the past year.
- 32% of all incidents targeted residential premises. This is an increase of 8% from May.
- Most criminal activity reported is between 1800 – 0500hrs. Many of these incidents occur around midnight.
- Weak perimeters are the primary concern, and properties with security systems not activated or maintained.
- The number of thefts (Property stolen) at sites have decreased since May. While the number of attempted thefts (No property stolen) have increased.
- Armed robberies have remained consistent since May.
- The use of firearms remains a constant around those incidents targeting cash.
- Where there is an armed robbery, it is generally well organized with 2 – 3 times more criminals than the number of guards on site. Where sites experienced major loss was due to late detection of intruders and poor alarm coverage on site. There is also a need for higher awareness and the need to verify response as response teams arrive in cases unaware of the size of the force onsite.

MODUS OPERANDI/METHOD OF EXECUTION AND TARGETED ITEMS



Common Access Points

- Sections of Durawall with easy access over the top or electric fencing or razor wire in disrepair.
- Durawall with topguarding is being bypassed by breaking weak sections of the wall.
- Roof where there is easy access to it .
- Doors and windows that are not secure, and burglar bars that are easy to bend.



Tools and Weapons

- Angle grinders
- Bolt cutters
- Explosives
- Pistols
- Rifles
- Machetes
- Knives



Targeted Items

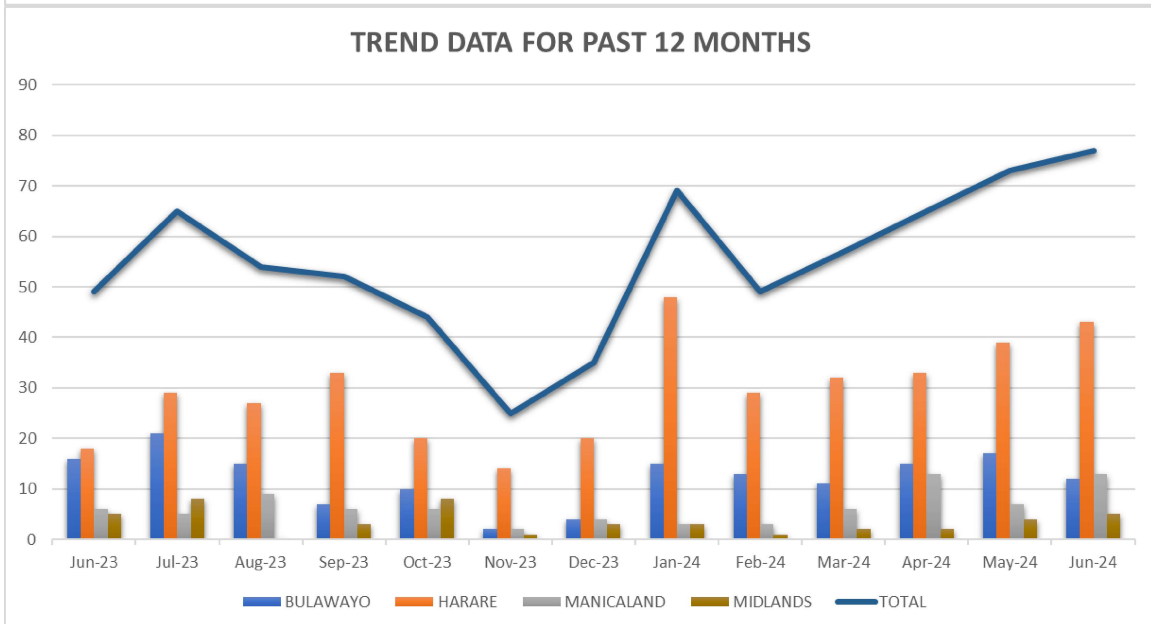
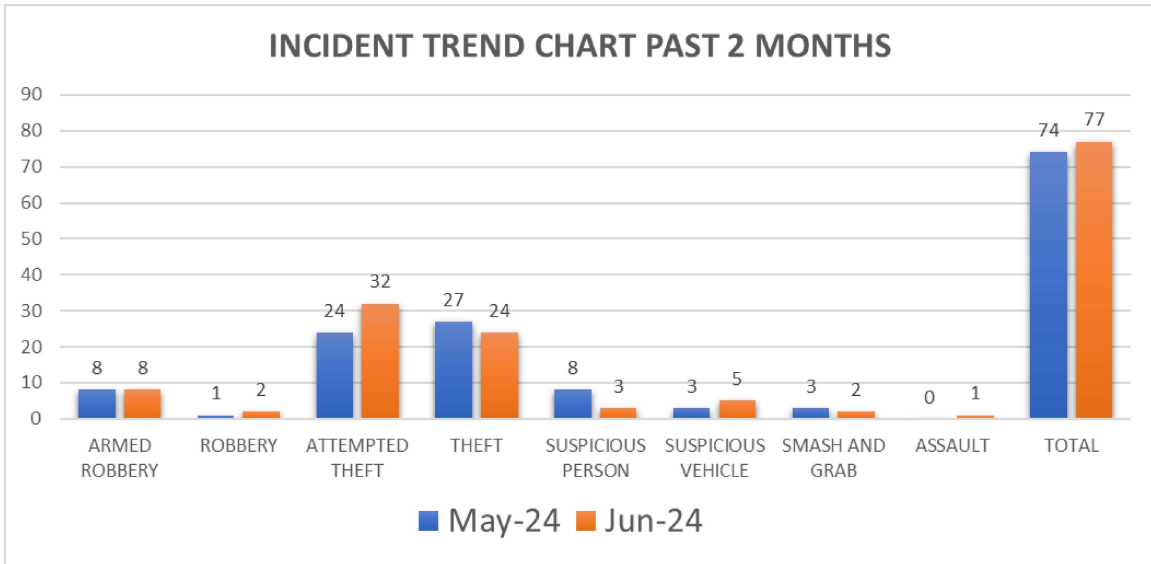
- Money
- Laptops
- Cell Phones
- Solar inverters and solar batteries
- Diesel Fuel
- Vehicle Batteries

HIGH RISK SITUATIONS

Business Sites:
 Businesses who keep large sums of cash on site.
 Fuel storage tanks that are unsecured.
 Weak perimeter and detection.
 Vehicles parked on the exterior of the premises.

Residential Sites:
 Weak perimeter and easy access.
 Alarm systems not armed.
 Weak window, door locks, and barriers.
 Cottages on property with no alarm coverage.

CRIME STATS



OUTLOOK

While the number of criminal incidents has increased slightly this month, we are seeing that those who follow security advice, remain security aware, and use their security systems regularly have little to no property loss during an incident.

As stated in the previous months report we should not expect to see crime slowing down in the months to come. Criminal incidents are targeting more residential clients in the past month, and we may continue to see this shift continue moving ahead.

With the increased road work and serious traffic congestion around Harare there is an increased chance of a smash and grab incidents occurring. Remain vigilant and do not have valuables left out in the open whilst driving.

GENERAL ADVISORY

Remain aware and place security on your checklist to review for home and business.

Avoid cash in site as it remains the biggest target.

Use your security system. In many cases not armed and needless loss. For many systems maintenance is simple and does NOT require a technician on site. Ask for advice on common repairs and get to know your alarm system. If you are having trouble using your systems give us a call for advice or have a look at the website for common user instructions. (<https://www.safeguard.co.zw/faqs/>) Contact us: <https://www.safeguard.co.zw/contact-us/>

More theft solar equipment and batteries which are usually stored outside in less protected garages and sheds. Add some early warning with a simple contact that guards against movement day or night.

If you have a CCTV system installed speak to Safeguard Alarms about allowing the control room access to your cameras for purposes of remote viewing of your site during an alarm or panic signal. This will help us understand the incident before we get there ensuring the most effective response possible.

Work on perimeter security and ensure that you have an effective barrier to deter, detect, and delay intrusion.

Light of premises is important for the safety of security teams on site and responders. Solar standalone is cost effective and needs to be deployed if you do not have reliable power on site.

The UR Fog system by Ajax is perfect for delaying intruders from accessing your safe or server room due to poor visibility upon zone activation. This is ideal for small strong rooms where you keep valuables.

Thank you for using Safeguard.

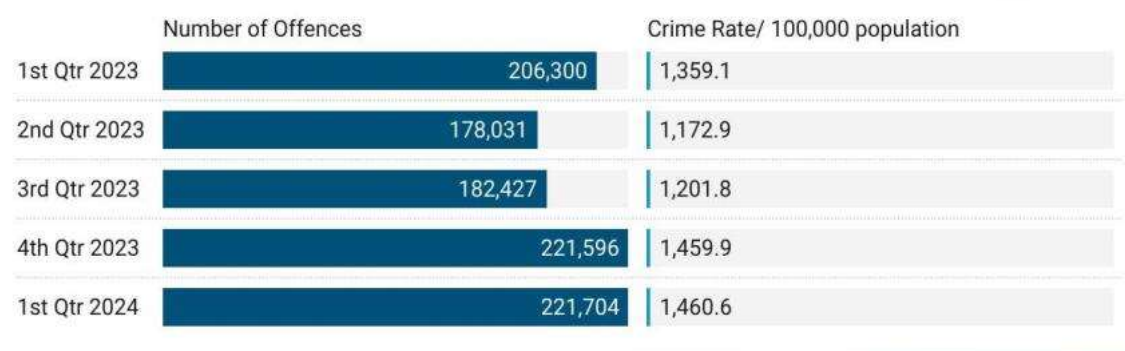
The Safeguard Team

If you want to know more about crime in your area, or would like security solutions advice, please drop us a line at info@safeguard.co.zw. You can also call Safeguard on +263 242 751395-9 the Safeguard extension 1092/1009 for assistance)- or speak to your local Safeguard manager for advice on site. Please see more information relating to crime statistics below.

1st QUARTER 2024 CRIME STATS.

LINK: <https://www.zimstat.co.zw/crime/>

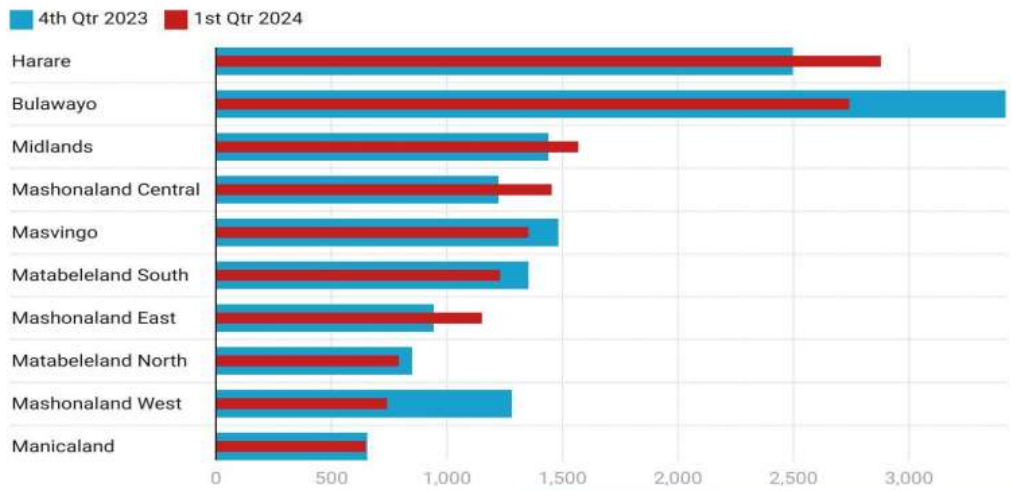
National Crime Rate



The police recorded 221,704 offences over the period from January to March 2024. The recorded offences rose by 108 cases from 221,596 offences recorded in the first quarter of 2023.

The national crime rate was 1,460.6 crimes per 100,000 people, a slight uptick from 1,459.9 per 100,000 observed in the fourth quarter of 2023.

Crime Rate by Province – 4th Quarter 2023 & 1st Quarter 2024 per 100,000 Population



The above graph shows an uptick in crime rates in four provinces in the period under review.