**BELIZE**

Population: 324,060

Gross national per capita: US$ 4,620

Income group: Middle

Income inequality: 53.13

### National action plans

- **Interpersonal violence**: YES  
- **Child maltreatment**: YES
- **Youth violence**: YES  
- **Intimate partner violence**: YES
- **Sexual violence**: YES  
- **Elder abuse**: NO

### Firearms

- **Laws to regulate civilian access**: YES
- **Mandatory background check**: YES
- **Handguns/long guns/automatic weapons**: YES/YES/YES
- **Carrying firearms in public**: YES
- **Programmes to reduce civilian firearm possession and use**: YES

### Alcohol

- **Adult (15+) per capita consumption (litres of pure alcohol)**: 8.5
- **Patterns of drinking score**: LEAST RISKY
- **Excise taxes**: Beer: NO  
  Wine: NO  
  Spirits: NO

### Laws and prevention programmes by type of violence

#### Child maltreatment laws

- **Legal age of marriage (male/female)**: 16 / 16
- **Against child marriage**: YES
- **Against statutory rape**: YES
- **Against female genital mutilation**: NO  
- **Ban on corporal punishment (all settings)**: YES (NO)

#### Youth violence laws

- **Against weapons on school premises**: YES
- **Against gang or criminal group membership**: YES

#### Intimate partner violence laws

- **Against rape in marriage**: YES
- **Allowing removal of violent spouse from home**: YES

#### Sexual violence laws

- **Against rape**: YES
- **Against contact sexual violence without rape**: YES
- **Against non-contact sexual violence**: YES

#### Elder abuse laws

- **Against elder abuse**: NO  
- **Against elder abuse in institutions**: NO

### Victim laws

- **Providing for victim compensation**: NO
- **Providing for victim legal representation**: YES

### Victim services

- **Adult protective services**: YES
- **Child protection services**: YES
- **Medico-legal services for sexual violence**: YES
- **Mental health services**: YES

### Data on violence

**National prevalence surveys for non-fatal violence**

- **Child maltreatment**: YES
- **Youth violence**: NO
- **Intimate partner violence**: NO
- **Sexual violence**: NO
- **Elder abuse**: NO

**Mechanism of homicide**

- **Firearm**: 67%
- **Sharp force**: 20%
- **Blunt force**: 7%
- **Other**: 3%
- **Unknown**: 3%

**Reported homicides (2011)**

- **N**: 124
- **Rate**: 39/100,000 (90% M, 10% F)

**Trends in homicides**

Data collection by multisectoral consensus meeting and cleared by National Security Council Secretariat.