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Crime Analysis Unit Statistical Report

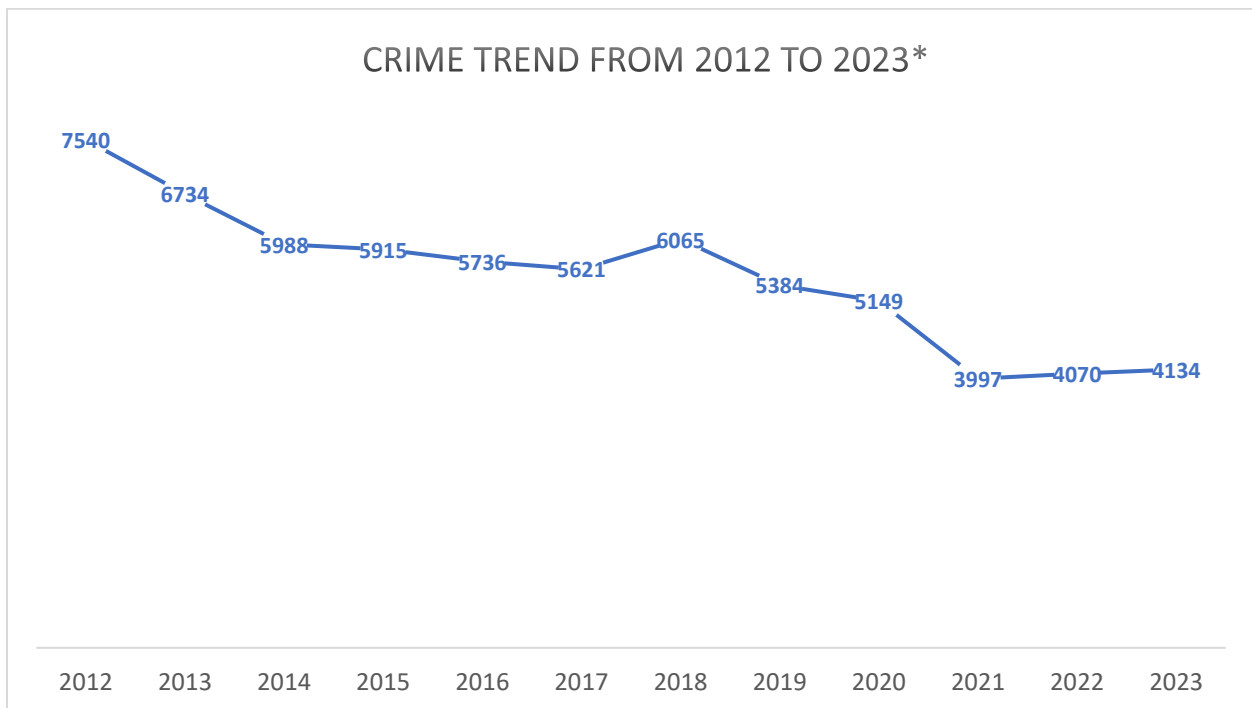


**A GENERAL ANALYSIS OF THE
TREND OF CRIME FOR THE
PERIOD 2012 – 2023 AND
ASSESSING THE CRIME
SITUATION FOR 2023.**

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Overall figures from 2012 to 2023

Years	Total Crimes Reported
2012	7540
2013	6734
2014	5988
2015	5915
2016	5736
2017	5621
2018	6065
2019	5384
2020	5149
2021	3997
2022	4070
2023	4134



As can be seen in the table above, crime has generally trended downwards within the past ten years with 2018 and 2022 being exceptions, as there were moderate spikes which in succeeding years reverted to the original trend, being even lesser than years prior. The pandemic of 2020-2022 should also be considered a contributing factor in the continued downward trend.

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Percentage Difference for the years 2012 to 2022

Years	Percentage of change over previous year
2012-2013	-10.7% ↓
2013-2014	-11.1% ↓
2014-2015	-1.2% ↓
2015-2016	-3.0% ↓
2016-2017	-2.0% ↓
2017-2018	+7.3% ↑
2018-2019	-11.2% ↓
2019-2020	-4.4% ↓
2020-2021	-22.4% ↓
2021-2022	+1.8% ↑
2022-2023	+1.5% ↑

The percentages show the constant decrease in crime over the period 2012 to 2022 with the positive percentages indicating years in which crime increased when compared to the year prior. The positive figures are shown at years 2017 – 2018, 2021 - 2022 as well as 2022 -2023 as previously indicated, crime moderately increased those years.

The Year that had the most crimes was 2012 with 7540 and the year with the least was 2022 with 3997 reports.

The rate of Crime for every 10000 persons

Years	Population	Crime for every 10000 persons	Percentage Diff
2012	109,991	685.51	11%
2013	110,079	611.74	11%
2014	110,166	543.54	1%
2015	110,255	536.48	3%
2016	110,343	519.83	2%
2017	110,431	509.01	-8%
2018	110,520	548.77	11%
2019	110,608	486.76	4%
2020	110,608	465.52	18%
2021	104,332	383.01	-2%
2022	104,332	390.10	
2023	103,698	398.65	

The years that show the same population numbers are those in which an up-to-date figure of the population could not be obtained, hence the previous year's population numbers were used.

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Ending December 31st 2023, the total number of crimes reported was 4143. Here is a table and a bar chart showing the crime situation, broken down by months.

Monthly Crime Situation 2023

Months of 2023	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Sep-23
Total number of reported crimes	378	376	381	346	367	364	357	298	310	329	319	309



Area of stepped-up police activity after mass shooting in Kingstown.

Noted in the table and bar chart above, for the first 7 months (January to July) the monthly crime report average is 367. Then for the months of August to December, a significant decline in the figures can be observed (a decline of **18.8% in August**, **15.6% in September**, **11.4% in October**, **13.1% in November** and **15.8% in December**) from monthly crime report average of 367 recorded from January to July. This decline has been attributed to the stepped-up police activity across the country, following the mass homicide event of July 21, 2023. As the police activities are being gradually relaxed, we can see a fluctuated trend that has carried on through to the end of December even though the figures have still maintained averages below 367.

Credence is therefore given to the fact that the availability of a heightened police presence in our communities helps in the reduction of crime and provides for a safer St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

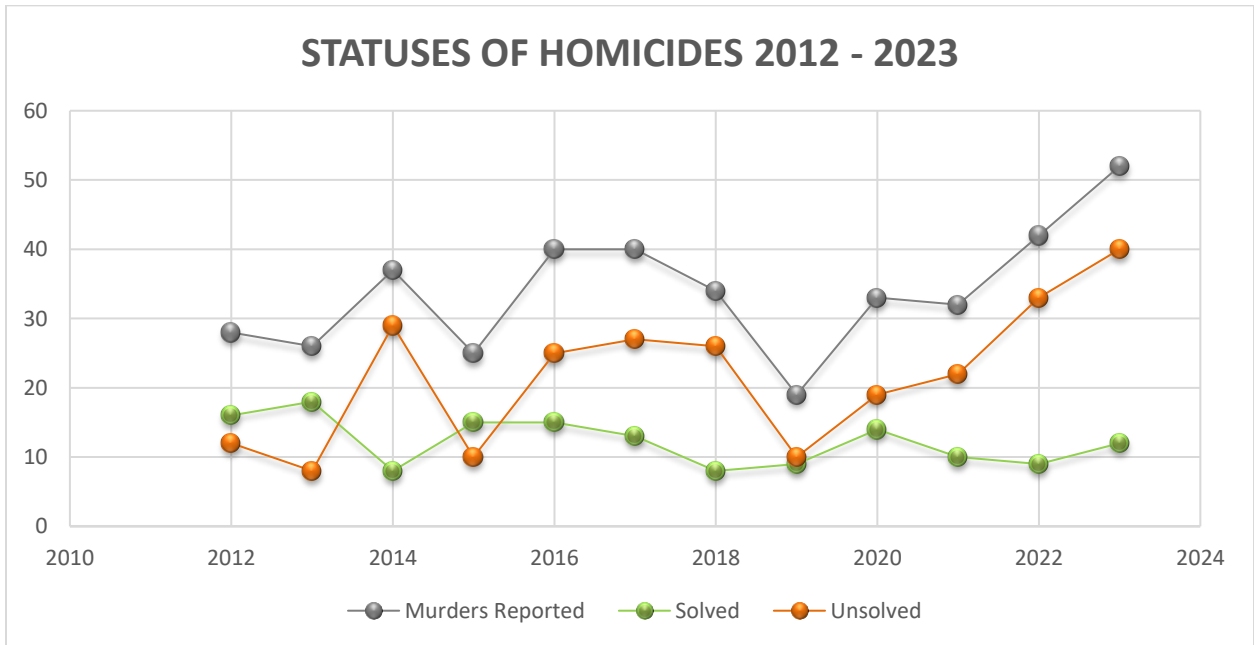
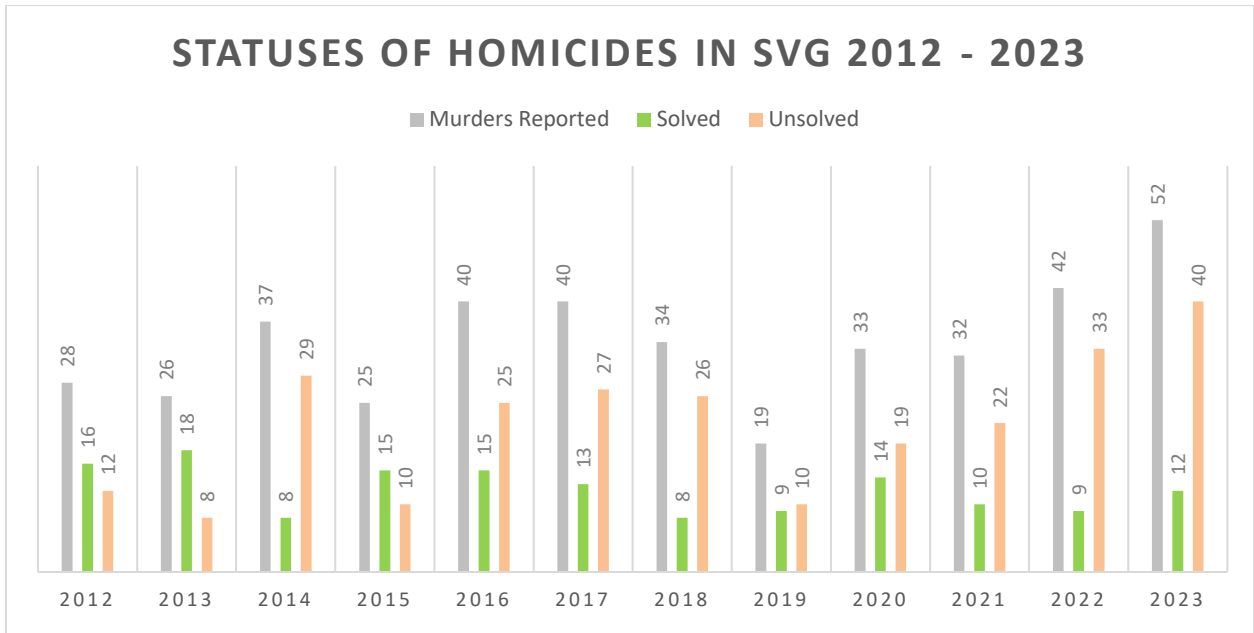
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The disaggregation of homicides reported from 2012 to 2023

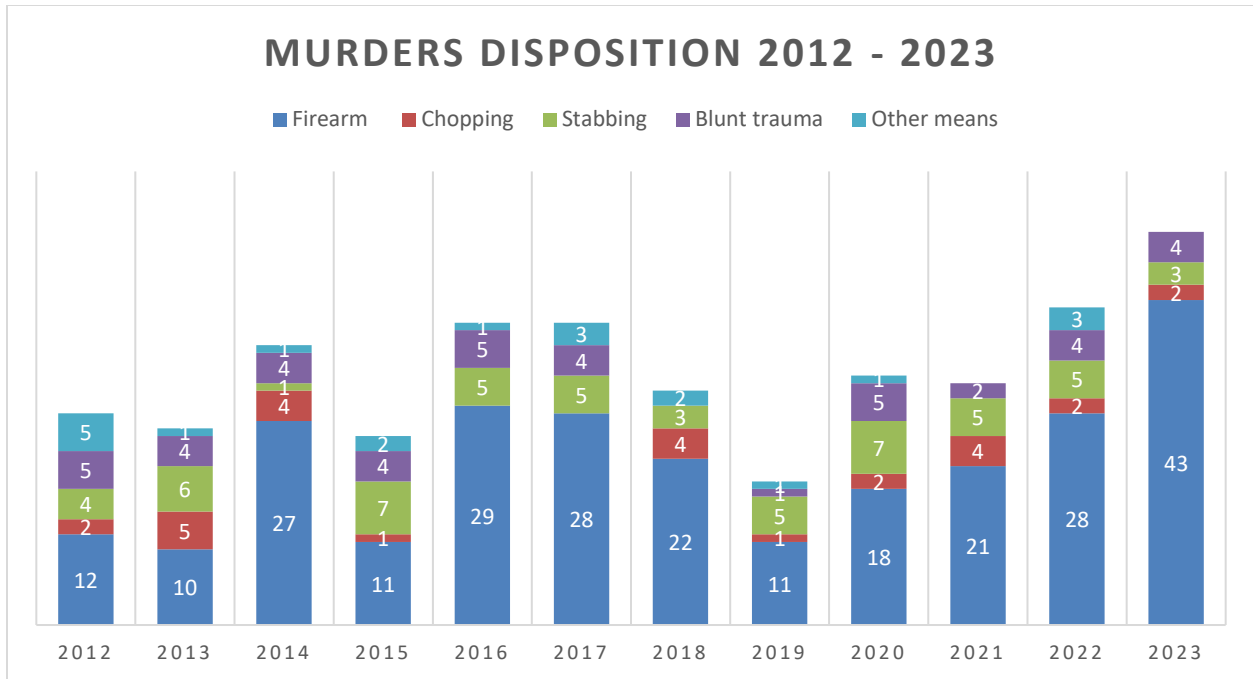
Ending the 31st December 2023, the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force recorded **52** murders, (**43 done using a firearm**). Up to the same date in 2022, there were **42** murders (**28 done using a firearm**). The year 2022 ended with what at that time was a record breaking **42** murders. The year 2023 ended with 10 more murders than 2022 and thus, breaking the previously set record. Table and graphs depicting how our current homicide situation compares to the last 11 years' figures are shown below.

Year	Murders Reported	Solved	Unsolved	Solve Percentage	Unsolved percentage	Firearm		Chopping		Stabbing		Blunt trauma		Other means	
2012	28	16	12	57.14%	42.86%	5	7	1	1	3	1	4	1	3	2
2013	26	18	8	69.23%	30.77%	2	8	5	0	6	0	4	0	1	0
2014	37	8	29	21.62%	78.38%	3	24	2	2	1	0	2	2	0	1
2015	25	15	10	60.00%	40.00%	4	7	1	0	7	0	3	1	0	2
2016	40	15	25	37.50%	62.50%	6	23	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	1
2017	40	13	27	32.50%	67.50%	5	23	0	0	4	1	3	1	1	2
2018	34	8	26	23.53%	76.47%	2	20	3	1	3	0	0	3	0	2
2019	19	9	10	47.37%	52.63%	3	8	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	1
2020	33	14	19	42.42%	57.58%	5	13	2	0	5	2	2	3	0	1
2021	32	10	22	31.25%	68.75%	2	19	3	1	4	1	1	1	0	0
2022	42	9	33	21.43%	78.57%	1	27	1	1	4	1	3	1		3
Total (2012 to 2022)	356	135	254	37.92%	71.35%	39	206	19	8	50	8	31	14	5	18
2023	52	12	40	23.08%	76.92%	5	38	1	1	3	0	3	1	0	0
Total (incl 2023)	408	147	294	36.03%	72.06%	44	244	20	9	53	8	34	15	5	18

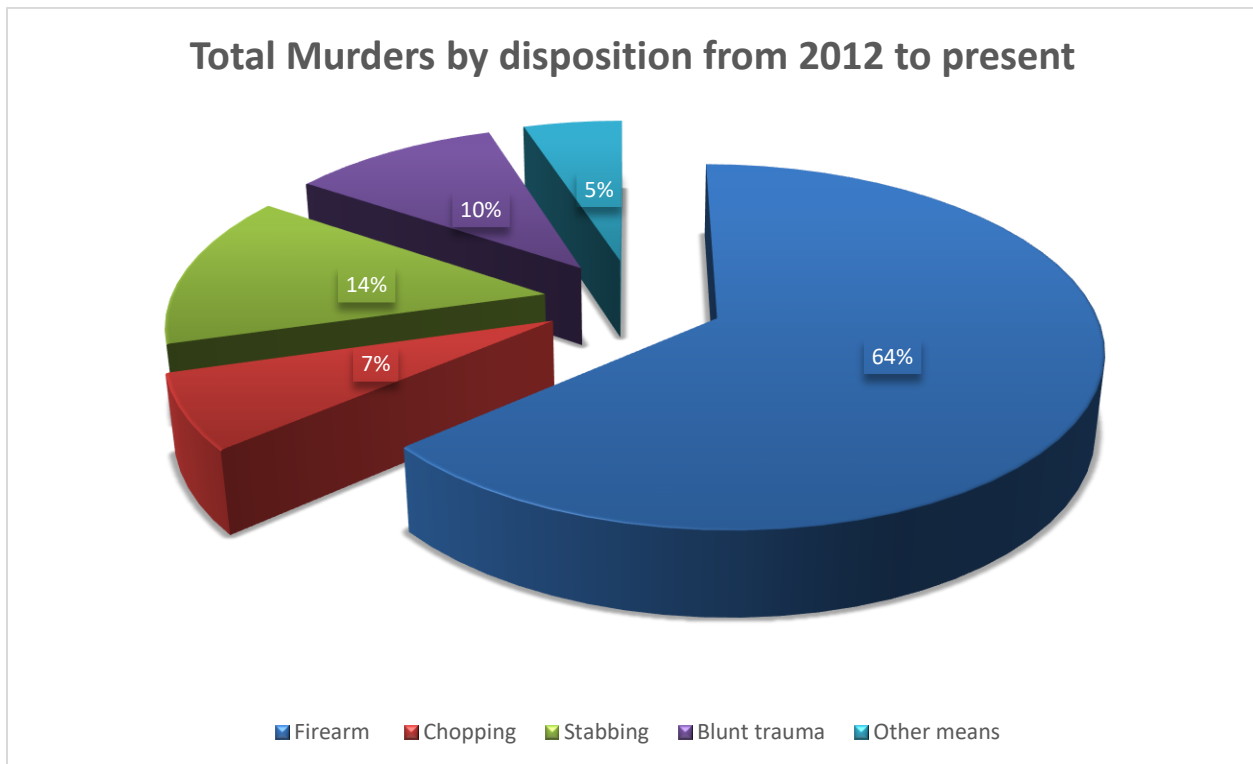
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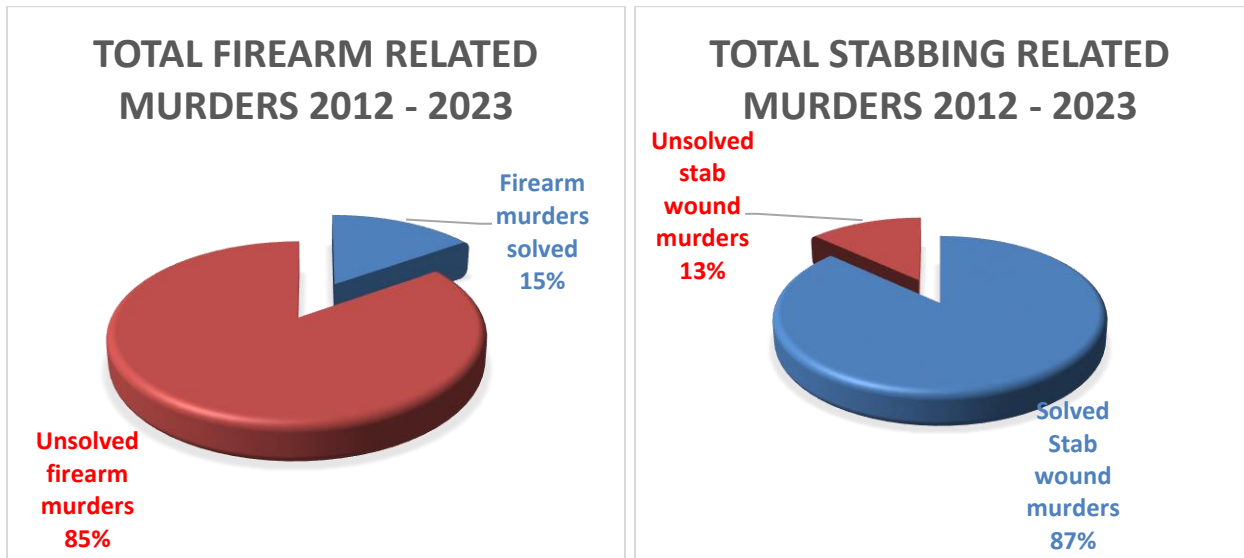
Every year from 2012 to 2023, firearms have accounted for the most murder reports. Although it has fluctuated throughout the decade, since 2019 firearm murders have been on an upward trend.



64 percent or **288** murders have been committed using firearm. Approximately **15%** of these have yielded positive results

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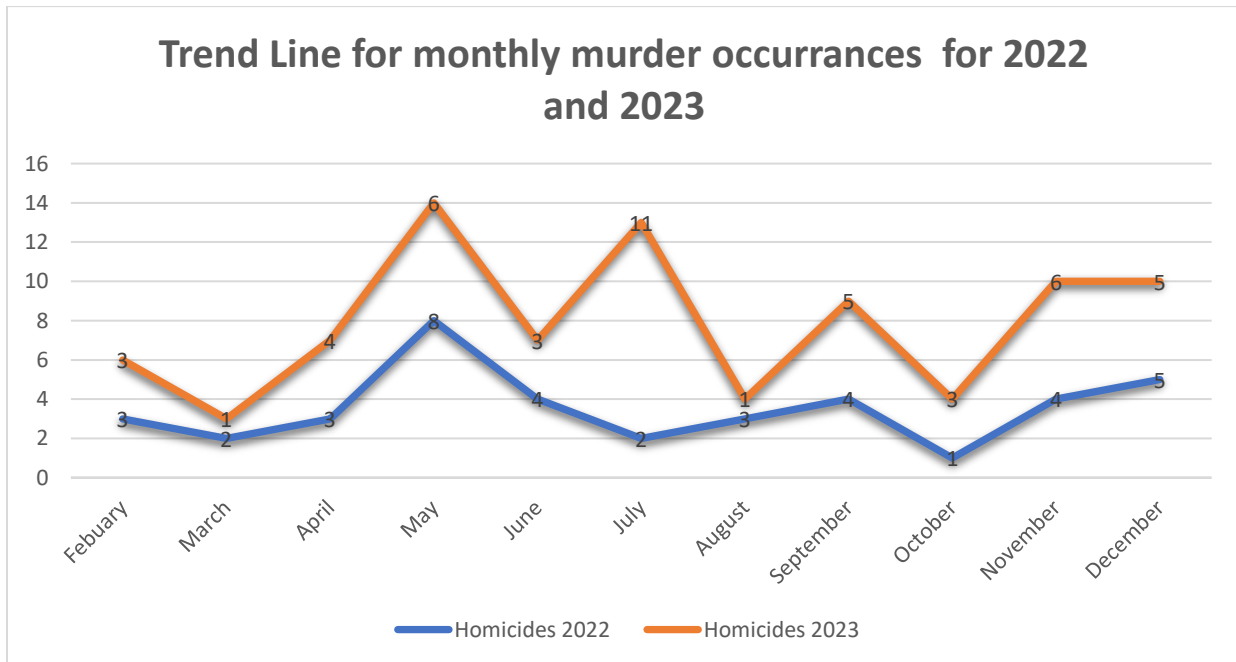
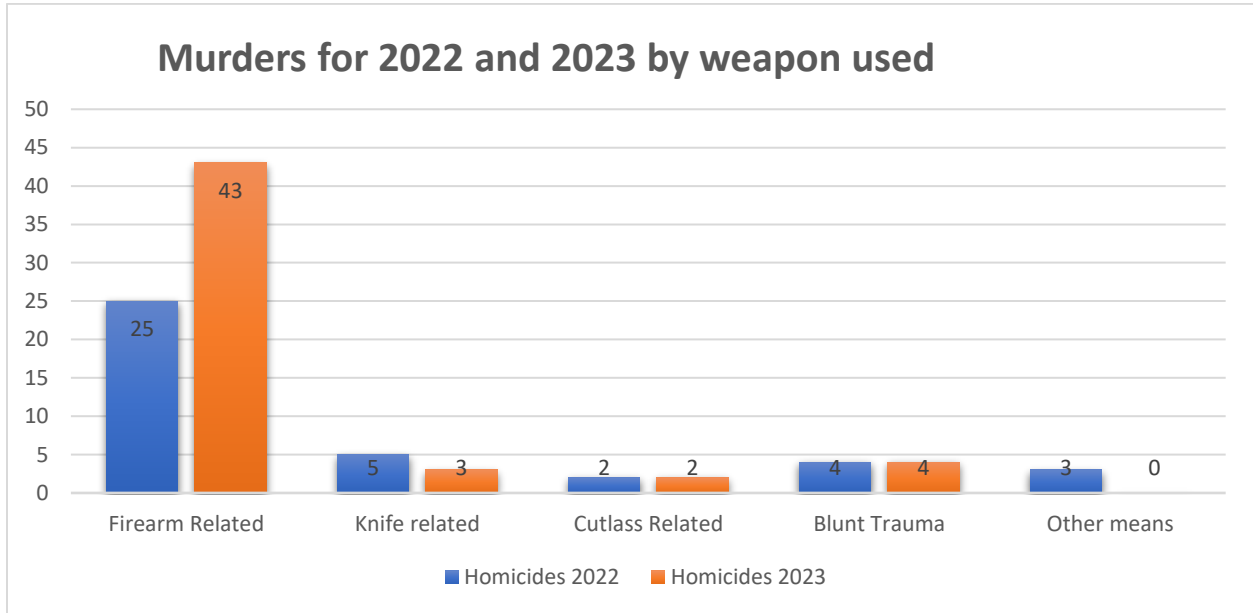
The RSVGPF is currently going through a crisis as the organization struggles to apprehend and prosecute suspects for gun-related murders. This has been going on for the past decade as more and more firearms find their way into the country, coupled with some unscrupulous activities. Below are two graphs outlining the vast differences between the last decade's gun and knife related murders. Note that there is an above **85%** solve rate (53 of 61) for stab-related homicides while only **15%** (44 of 288) of gun-related homicides have been solved from 2012 to 2023. This can be attributed to the fact that there are less witnesses cooperating with the police in firearm related matters. Unlike in a situation where a homicide is committed using a knife or a cutlass, where most of the time there is likely an altercation leading to the incident, more witnesses are present hence, the police better benefits from information leading to the apprehension and prosecution of perpetrators of these categories of offenses,



On an annual basis the RSVGPF on average makes more than 25 firearms arrests which include the seizure of firearms. Given our high firearms homicide rate which has fluctuated over the past decade and now is at an all-time high, it is likely that some seized firearms may have been used to commit murders in the past. This suggests that possible forensic information or evidence may still be obtained from these firearms. Since eye witnesses are basically non-existent in these matters, the RSVGPF need to turn to forensics. Officers should be better trained in the collecting and preservation of exhibits, local laboratories including ballistics and DNA should be established. Crime Scene Investigators should acquire training in the classification of figure prints, tactical units should maintain an unmitigated presence in communities with high prevalence of gun related activities

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The graphs below are showing the differences in disposition and trend of murders up to 31st December 2022 and 2023

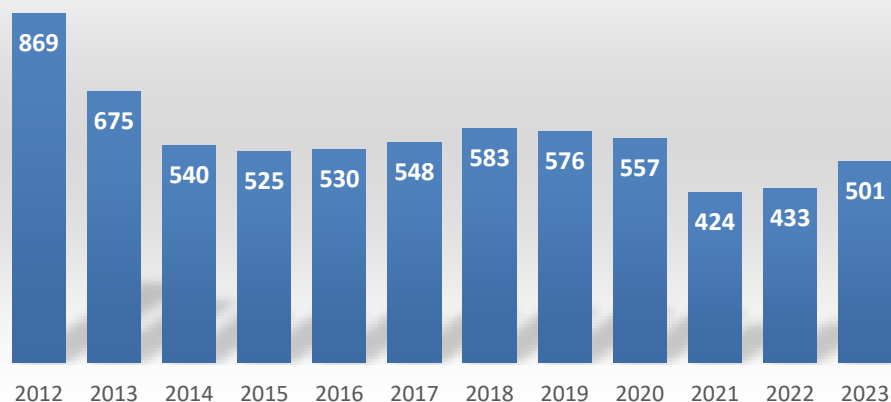


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Reported Violent and Property crimes from 2012 to 2023

REPORTED CRIME	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
VIOLENT CRIMES												
CRIMES	869	675	540	525	530	548	583	576	557	424	433	501
wounding	857	655	535	426	455	426	457	469	452	343	342	412
wounding with intent	0	0	0	15	8	33	26	32	14	15	18	18
attempted murder	12	20	5	20	16	46	45	15	22	18	19	13
manslaughter (incl motor)	8+2	0	0	7	1	1	2	3	2	1	1	2
greivous bodily harm	0	0	0	57	50	42	53	57	67	47	53	56
PROPERTY CRIMES												
CRIMES	4130	3840	3323	3206	2985	2891	2928	2765	2605	1909	2083	2057
TOTAL ROBBERIES	160	149	78	83	78	69	135	118	62	41	68	47
with a firearm	60	63	34	34	36	47	104	79	40	26	43	35
other weapon	100	86	44	49	42	22	31	39	22	15	25	12
BURGLARIES	1274	1389	1032	930	856	926	908	775	638	518	500	524
aggravated	21	39	33	35	25	31	37	47	19	23	22	22
building	486	444	328	317	313	321	267	241	162	172	172	184
dwelling house	1008	906	671	563	508	566	593	472	451	322	302	310
yacht	-241	0	0	15	10	8	11	15	6	1	4	8
TOTAL THEFTS	2137	1750	1725	1664	1579	1469	1384	1373	1378	969	1130	1041
livestock	375	313	370	233	245	219	207	221	228	219	244	198
farm goods	228	153	242	169	110	123	125	148	153	80	94	93
other theft	1349	1171	1019	1072	1067	1073	1000	966	931	648	766	730
from vehicle	113	80	45	75	44	45	31	33	32	11	17	15
deception	72	33	49	115	113	9	21	5	34	11	9	5
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	559	552	488	529	472	427	501	499	527	381	385	445
TOTAL	4999	4515	3863	3731	3515	3439	3511	3341	3162	2333	2516	2558

VIOLENT CRIME REPORTS 2012 - 2023



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Violent crimes have generally trended downwards with some relative fluctuations over the last 12 years.



Property crimes have trended downward over the last 12 years.

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RESIST ARREST/OBSTRUCT POLICE	5	2	5	1	3	1	8	6	4	1	1	4	41
BREACH OF COURT ORDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
BREACH OF PROTECTION ORDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
ESCAPE LAWFUL CUSTODY	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	7
GOING EQUIPPED TO STEAL	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	6
CONSPIRACY	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
DISCHARGED FIREARM	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	5	2	16
POSSESSION OF FIREARM WITH INTENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3
POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED AMMUNITION	4	1	1	0	3	3	2	0	3	6	3	1	27
POSSESSION OF UNLICENSED FIREARM	3	3	3	1	2	5	3	2	3	2	3	9	39
UNLAWFUL USE OF FIREARM	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	6
OFFENSIVE WEAPON	3	4	3	5	4	4	7	7	3	2	3	3	48
TOTALS	336	313	354	319	376	347	364	329	317	330	342	343	4070