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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 third quarter of 2024. 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. Prison 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).

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Chapter 1 : Distribution of Prisons and Prison Population

1.1 Distribution of Prisons

The Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS) operates 48 main and 32 satellite prisons throughout the country. Midlands Province has the highest number of main prisons (eight), followed by Manicaland and Harare with six main prisons each, while Mashonaland Central, Matabeleland South and Masvingo have the lowest number of main prisons, with three each. The list of all prisons in the ten provinces of Zimbabwe is shown 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 27 December 2024. The total prison population at the end of the 4th Quarter of 2024 was 22,878 (22,130 males and 748 females). Males thus constituted 96.7 percent of the prison population whilst women were 3.3 percent. The national imprisonment rate was 146 prisoners per 100,000 people. The imprisonment rate for males and females was 294 per 100,000 and 9 per 100,000, respectively.



Figure 1. 1: Prison Population and Imprisonment Rates, 4th Quarter 2024

1.3 Prison Population, 1st quarter 2023 – 4th quarter 2024

The prison population increased from 22,156 at the end of the third quarter of 2024 to 22,878 at the end of the fourth quarter of 2024. During the same period, the male prison population increased from 21,373 to 22,130 and the female population decreased from 783 to 748. Table 1.1 illustrates the trend of the prison population.

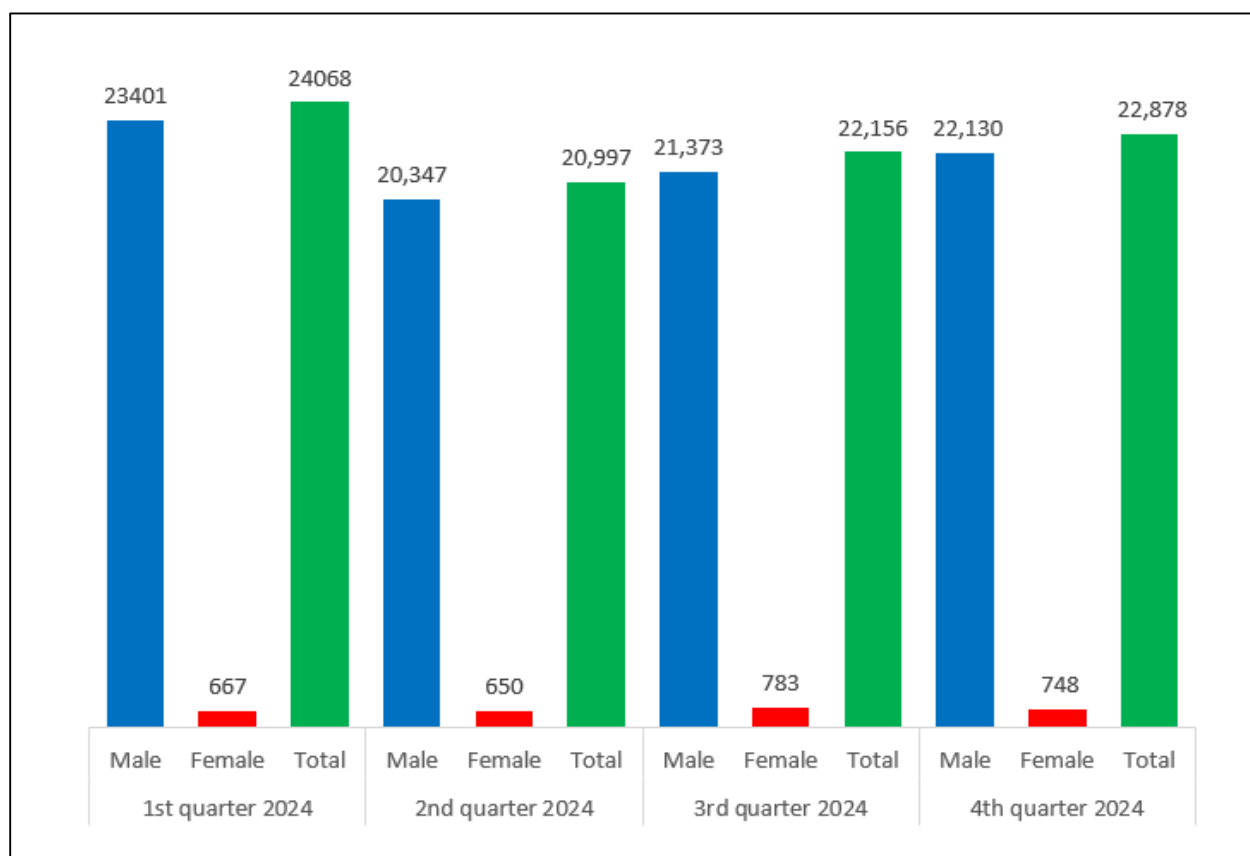


Figure 1.2: Trend of the prison population, 1st quarter 2024 – 4th quarter 2024

1.4 Sentenced and Unsented Prisoners

Out of the 22,878 persons who were in prison, 17,610 (77.4%) were sentenced and 5,268 (22.6%) were unsentenced. The proportion of un-sentenced male and female prisoners was 23% and 35% respectively. The number and proportion of sentenced and unsentenced prison population are illustrated in Figure 1.2.

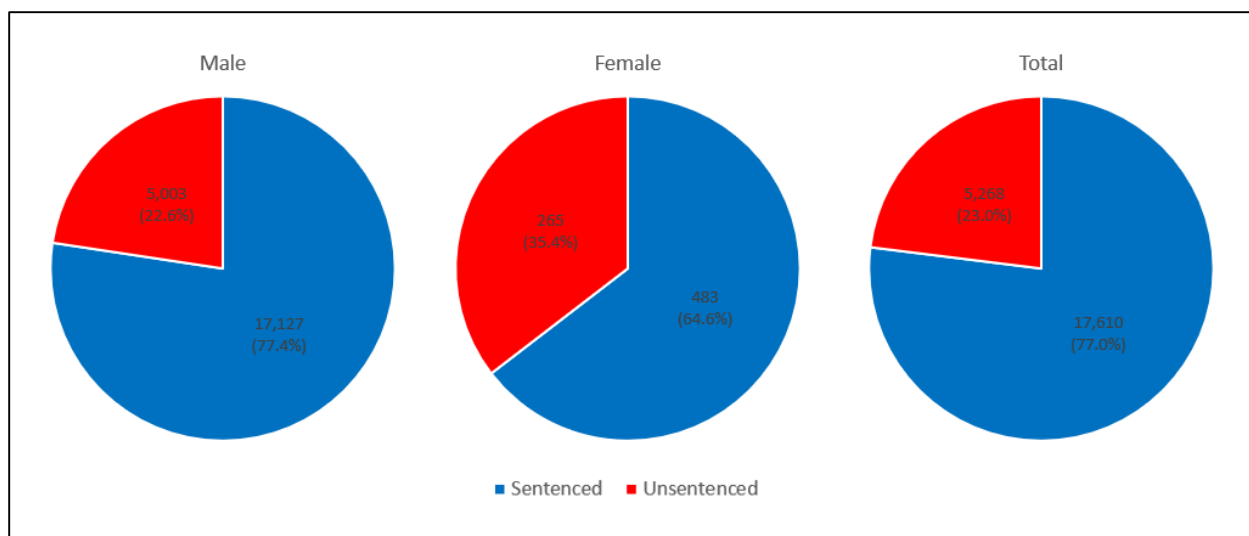


Figure 1. 3: Number and Proportion of sentenced and unsentenced Prisoners, 4th Quarter 2024

1.5 Sentenced and Unsentenced Prison Population, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

At the end of the fourth quarter of 2024, the sentenced prisoner population had risen from 17,151 at the end of the third quarter of 2023 to 17,610. During the same period, the unsentenced prisoner population grew slightly, from 5,005 to 5,268. Table 1.1 illustrates changes in both sentenced and unsentenced prison populations over this period.

Table 1.1: Sentenced and unsentenced prison population, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

Sex	Sentenced		Unsentenced		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
First quarter 2024						
Male	18,307	78.2	5,094	21.8	23,401	100.0
Female	429	64.3	238	35.7	667	100.0
Total	18,736	77.8	5,332	22.2	24,068	100.0
Second quarter 2024						
Male	15,673	77.0	4,674	23.0	20,347	100.0
Female	382	58.8	268	41.2	650	100.0
Total	16,055	76.5	4,942	23.5	20,997	100.0
Third quarter 2024						
Male	16,687	78.1	4,686	21.9	21,373	100.0
Female	464	59.3	319	40.7	783	100.0
Total	17,151	77.4	5,005	22.6	22,156	100.0
Fourth quarter 2024						
Male	17,127	77.4	5,003	22.6	22,130	100.0
Female	483	64.6	265	35.4	748	100.0
Total	17,610	77.0	5,268	23.0	22,878	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 14,670 new prisoners were admitted into the country's prisons during the fourth quarter of 2024. Of these, 13,656 (93.1%) were male and 1,014 (6.9%) were female.

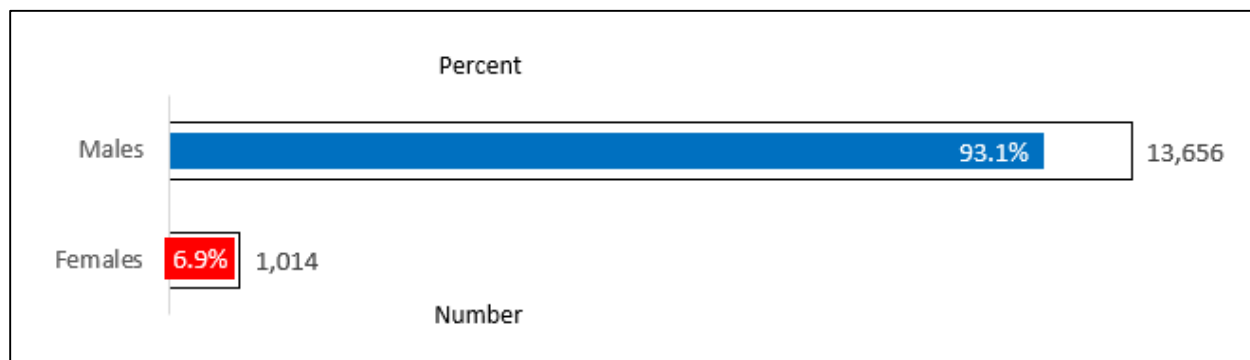


Figure 2. 1 : New Prisoners Admissions, 4th Quarter 2024

2.2 New Prisoner Population, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

The new prisoner population decreased from 15,422 during the third quarter of 2024 to 14,670 in the fourth quarter of 2024. During the same period, the new male prisoner population decreased from 14,275 to 13,656. The female population, similarly decreased from 1,147 to 1,014. Table 1.1 illustrates the trend of the prison population.

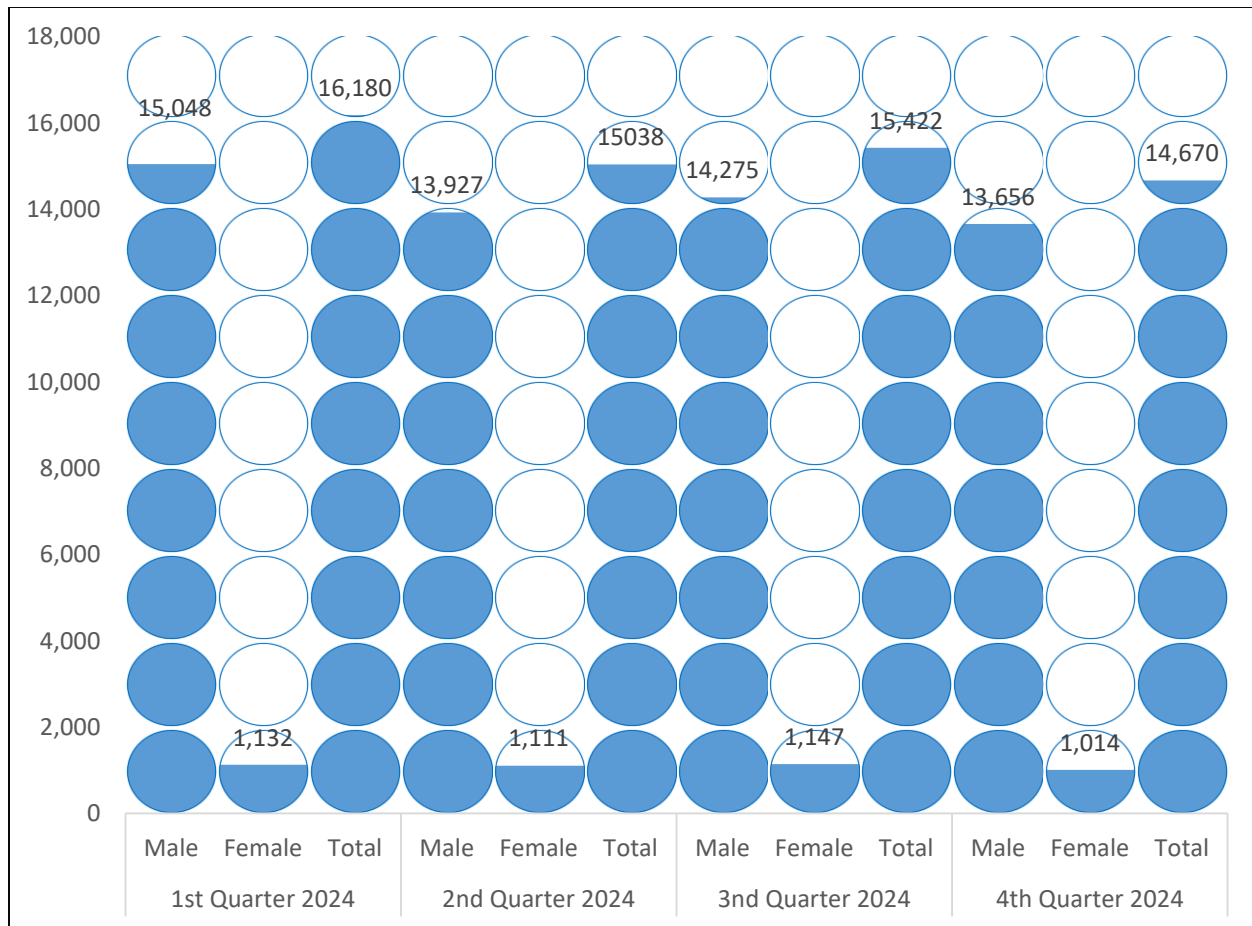


Figure 2. 2: New Prisoners Admissions, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

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 2024, 86.1% of new male prisoners and 90.6 percent new female prisoners were admitted as unsented prisoners.

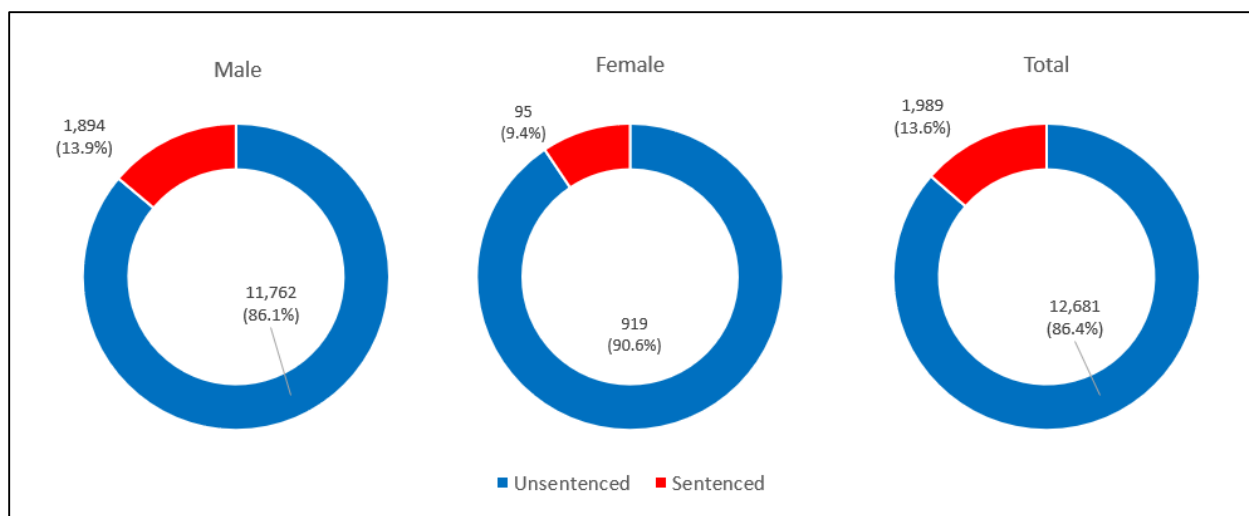


Figure 2. 3: Number and Percent of Sentenced and Unsentenced Prisoners, 4th Quarter 2024

2.3 Number of Discharges

A total of 13,876 prisoners were discharged from prison during the 4th Quarter of 2024. Of these, 12,654 (91.2%) were male and 1,222 (8.8%) were female. Figure 2.4. depicts the distribution of prisoners that were discharged during the second quarter of 2024.

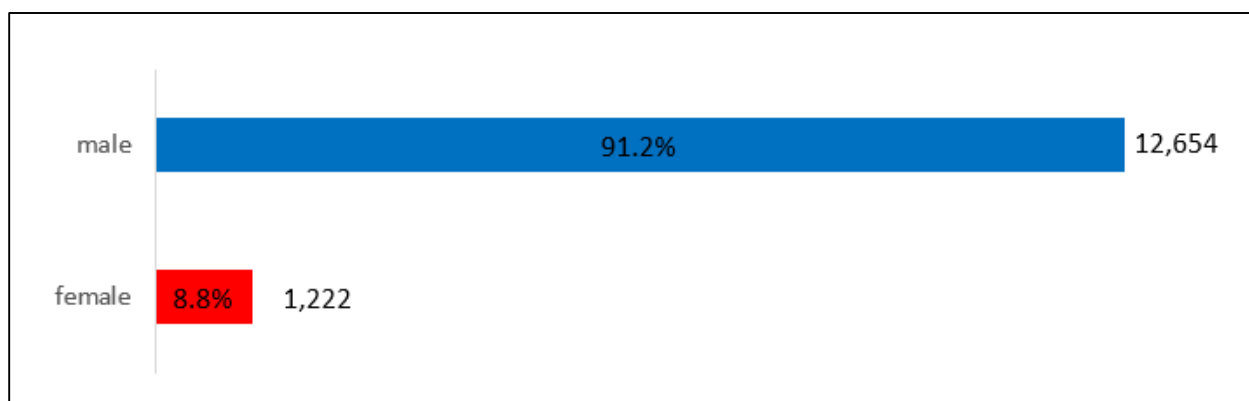


Figure 2. 4: Number and Percent of Discharged Prisoners and Sex, 4th Quarter 2024

2.4 Reason(s) for Discharge

Of the 13,876 prisoners that were discharged during the 4th quarter of 2024, 7,839 (56.4%) were serving a sentence and 6,037 (43.6%) were unsentenced. Table 2.1 shows that 36.2 percent of sentenced prisoners were discharged because their sentences had expired, 26.4% of the prisoners in the same category were discharged after getting community service sentences and 13.4 percent were discharged after being given time to pay fines or restitutions. Among unsentenced prisoners,

50.4% were discharged after getting bail (free or paid), 11.1% were discharged because their cases were withdrawn, 10.7% were remanded out of custody and 10.1 percent were discharged because after they were not found guilty by courts.

Table 2.1: Reason for discharges of prisoners, 4th Quarter 2024

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sentenced prisoners						
Amnesty parole	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	1,836	25.5	233	36.3	2,069	26.4
Community service with time to pay	436	6.1	34	5.3	470	6.0
Fine paid	563	7.8	87	13.6	650	8.3
Sentence expired	2,745	38.1	93	14.5	2,838	36.2
Time to pay	941	13.1	111	17.3	1,052	13.4
Suspended sentence	200	2.8	31	4.8	231	2.9
Other	476	6.6	53	8.3	529	6.7
Total	7,197	100.0	642	100.0	7,839	100.0
Un-sentenced prisoners						
Bail paid or free bail	2,753	50.4	290	50.0	3,043	50.4
Found not guilty by courts	559	10.2	50	8.6	609	10.1
Further remand refused	443	8.1	23	4.0	466	7.7
Released to immigration	255	4.7	47	8.1	302	5.0
Remanded out of custody	598	11.0	46	7.9	644	10.7
Case Withdrawn	612	11.2	57	9.8	669	11.1
Other	237	4.3	67	11.6	304	5.0
Total	5,457	100.0	580	100.0	6,037	100.0

2.5 Reasons for Discharging Prisoners: 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

Sentenced prisoners that were discharged because their sentences had expired increased from 2,567 in the third quarter of 2024 to 2,838 in the fourth quarter of 2024. Those who were discharged to do community service increased from 1,936 to 2,069 during the same period. Unsentenced prisoners that were discharged after paying bail increased from 2,758 in the third quarter of 2024 to 3,043 in the fourth quarter 2024. Those who were discharged because they were found not guilty by courts decreased from 796 to 609 during the same period. Tables 2.2 show the distribution of the reasons for discharging prisoners from the first quarter of 2024 to the fourth quarter of 2024.

Table 2.2 Reason(s) for discharging sentenced prisoners, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

	1 st Quarter 2024			2 nd Quarter 2024			3 rd Quarter 2024			4 th Quarter 2024		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Sentenced												
Amnesty/parole	-	-	-	4,574	128	4,702	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community service	2,330	188	2,518	2,124	224	2,348	1,734	202	1,936	1,836	233	2,069
Community service with time to pay	430	29	459	452	22	474	505	31	536	436	34	470
Fine paid	356	23	379	423	65	488	515	43	558	563	87	650
Sentence expired	2,475	104	2,579	1,907	54	1,961	2,474	93	2,567	2,745	93	2,838
Time to pay restitution or fine	1,150	96	1,246	1,297	81	1,378	1,023	96	1,119	941	111	1,052
	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	27	327	200	31	231
Other	489	61	550	623	67	690	561	148	709	476	53	529
Total	7,230	501	7,731	11,400	641	12,041	7,112	640	7,752	7,197	642	7,839
Unsentenced												
Bail paid or free bail pending trial	3,034	261	3,295	2,603	251	2,854	2,510	248	2,758	2,753	290	3,043
Found not guilty by court(s)	906	22	928	737	37	774	764	32	796	559	50	609
Further remand refused	625	37	662	571	14	585	477	20	497	443	23	466
Released to immigration	412	54	466	203	14	217	550	132	682	255	47	302
Remanded out of custody	753	51	804	522	55	577	475	41	516	598	46	644
Case Withdrawn	839	24	863	646	30	676	629	25	654	612	57	669
Other	165	31	196	237	48	285	429	77	506	237	67	304
Total	6,734	480	7,214	5,519	449	5,968	5,834	575	6,409	5,457	580	6,037

Chapter 3 : Profile of New Prisoners

This and ensuing chapters describe characteristics of prisoners who were admitted during the fourth quarter of 2024 and their socio-economic backgrounds such as age group, nationality, level of education completed and employment status.

3.1 Age Group of New Prisoners

The distribution of prisoners by age group is shown in Figure 3.1. The highest proportion of new prisoners were in the 20 to 24 years followed by those of age 25 to 29 years. The highest share of new male prisoners was between 20 to 24 years of age, followed by those aged 25 to 29. Most new female prisoners were in the 20 to 24 age group followed by those who were in the 25 to 29 age group. It can be observed that from the age group 20 to 24 going up, the number of both male and female new prisoners decreased with increasing age.

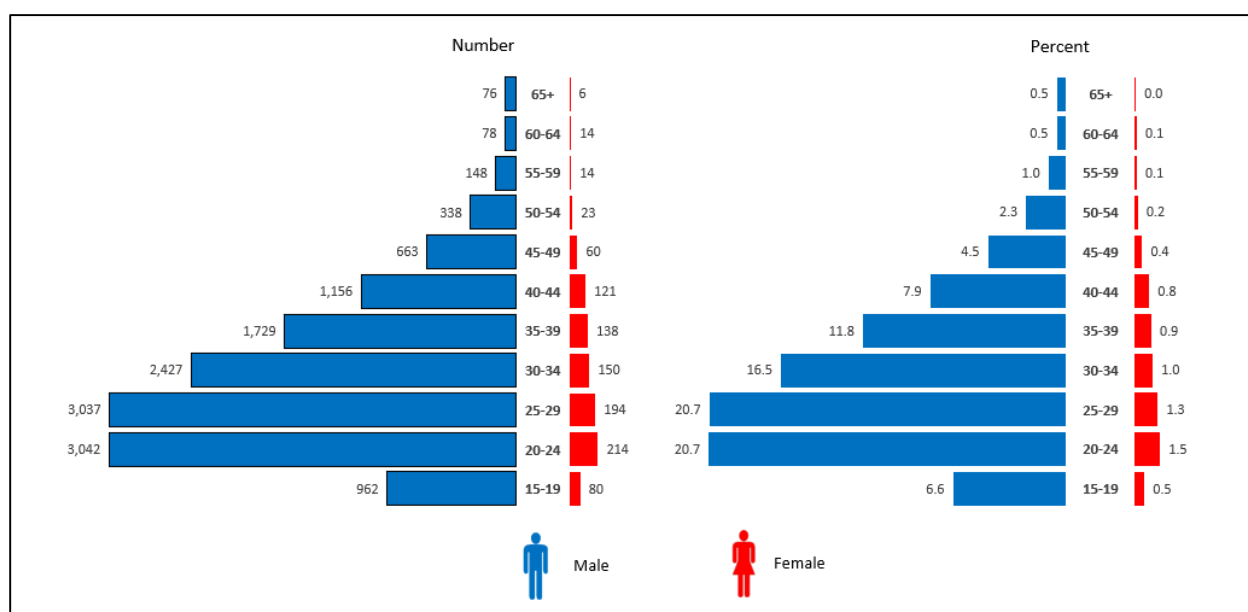


Figure 3.1: Number and Proportion of New Prisoners by Age Group, 4th Quarter 2024

3.2 New Prisoner Population by Age Group: 1st Quarter 2023 – 4th Quarter 2024

There was a decrease in the number of prisoners in the broad age group 15-44 years between the third and fourth quarters of 2024. The distribution of prisoners who were admitted from the beginning of the first quarter to the end of the fourth quarter of 2024 by age group is shown in Table 3.1

Table 3.1: New prisoner population by age group, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

Age group	1st Quarter 2024			2nd Quarter 2024			3rd Quarter 2024			4th Quarter 2024		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
15-19	1,074	86	1,160	921	81	1,002	969	78	1,047	962	80	1,042
20-24	3,326	229	3,555	3,108	240	3,348	3,127	261	3,388	3,042	214	3,256
25-29	3,286	230	3,516	2,919	236	3,155	3,124	238	3,362	3,037	194	3,231
30-34	2,680	197	2,877	2,441	203	2,644	2,569	184	2,753	2,427	150	2,577
35-39	1,985	162	2,147	1,861	150	2,011	1,809	160	1,969	1,729	138	1,867
40-44	1,321	101	1,422	1,303	85	1,388	1,343	111	1,454	1,156	121	1,277
45-49	672	59	731	675	60	735	662	56	718	663	60	723
50-54	371	37	408	382	28	410	362	32	394	338	23	361
55-59	132	21	153	148	14	162	140	11	151	148	14	162
60-64	87	7	94	88	4	92	79	8	87	78	14	92
65+	114	3	117	81	10	91	91	8	99	76	6	82
Total	15,048	1,132	16,180	13,927	1,111	15,038	14,275	1,147	15,422	13,656	1,014	14,670

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 lived in Harare (27.2%). The least proportion of prisoners usually lived in Matabeleland North and South province, each province accounted for 5.2% of the new prisoner population.

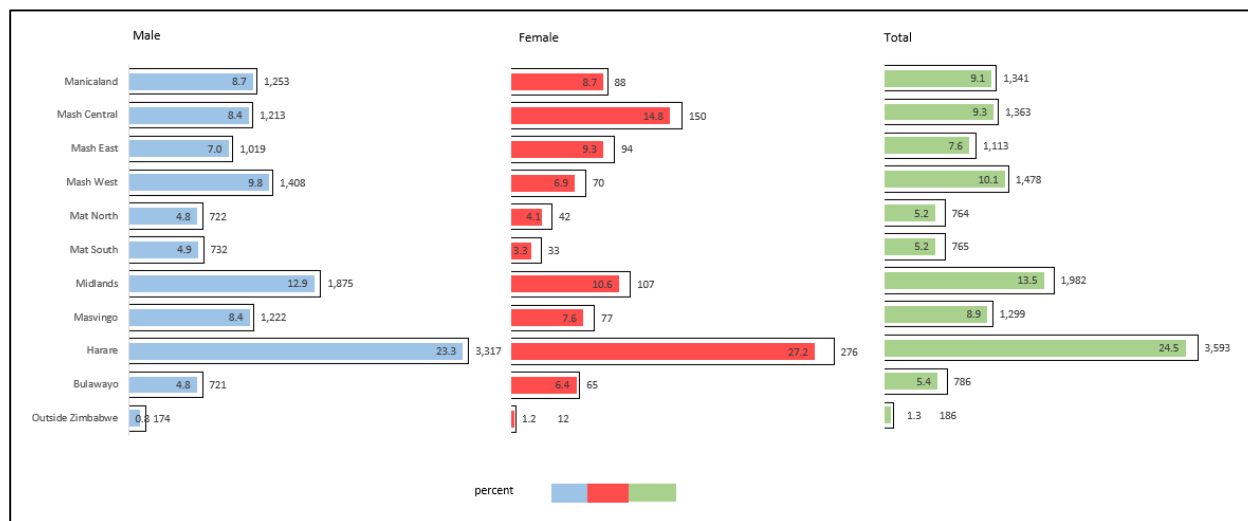


Figure 3.2: New Prisoners by Province of Usual Residence, 4th quarter 2024

3.4 Nationality of Prisoners

A total of 211 non-Zimbabwean prisoners were admitted into Zimbabwe's prisons during the 4th Quarter of 2024. This translated to a proportion of 1.4 percent of the new prisoner population. Most of the foreign prisoners were from other Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries (141). Of these, 130 were male and 11 were female. The number of new prisoners from other African countries and outside Africa was 26 and 44, respectively. Figure 3.4 depicts new prisoners by their nationality.

Table 3.2: Number of Prisoners by Nationality, 4th Quarter 2024

Nationality	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Zimbabwe	13,462	98.6	997	98.3	14,459	98.6
Other SADC Countries	130	1.0	11	1.1	141	1.0
Other African Countries	23	0.2	3	0.3	26	0.2
Outside Africa	41	0.3	3	0.3	44	0.3
Total	13,656	100.0	1,014	100.0	14,670	100.0

3.5 New Prisoner Population by Nationality, 1st Quarter 2023 – 4th Quarter 2024

The number of new prisoners from Zimbabwe decreased from 14,785 in the third quarter of 2024 to 14,459 in the fourth quarter of 2024. Non-Zimbabwean new prisoners too, decreased from 637 in the third quarter of 2024 to 211 during the fourth quarter of 2024. Non-Zimbabwean female prisoners decreased from 122 during the third quarter of 2024 to 17 in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Table 3.3: Nationality of New Prisoners, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

	Male		Female		Total	
Nationality	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1st Quarter 2024						
Zimbabwe	14,743	98.0	1,018	89.9	15,761	97.4
Other SADC Countries	231	1.5	102	9.0	333	2.1
Other African Countries	52	0.3	6	0.5	58	0.4
Outside Africa	22	0.1	6	0.5	28	0.2
Total	15,048	100.0	1,132	100.0	16,180	100.0
2nd Quarter 2023						
Zimbabwe	13,594	97.6	1,052	94.7	14,646	97.4
Other SADC Countries	265	1.9	56	5.0	321	2.1
Other African Countries	31	0.2	1	0.1	32	0.2
Outside Africa	37	0.3	2	0.2	39	0.3
Total	13,927	100.0	1,111	100.0	15,038	100.0
3rd Quarter 2024						
Zimbabwe	13,760	96.4	1,025	89.4	14,785	95.9
Other SADC Countries	418	2.9	110	9.6	528	3.4
Other African Countries	25	0.2	2	0.2	27	0.2
Outside Africa	72	0.5	10	0.9	82	0.5
Total	14,275	100.0	1,147	100.0	15,422	100.0
4th Quarter 2024						
Zimbabwe	13,462	98.6	997	98.3	14,459	98.6
Other SADC Countries	130	1.0	11	1.1	141	1.0
Other African Countries	23	0.2	3	0.3	26	0.2
Outside Africa	41	0.3	3	0.3	44	0.3
Total	13,656	100.0	1,014	100.0	14,670	100.0

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, 70.1 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 21.5%. New prisoners with tertiary education constituted 2.6 percent of the total admissions.

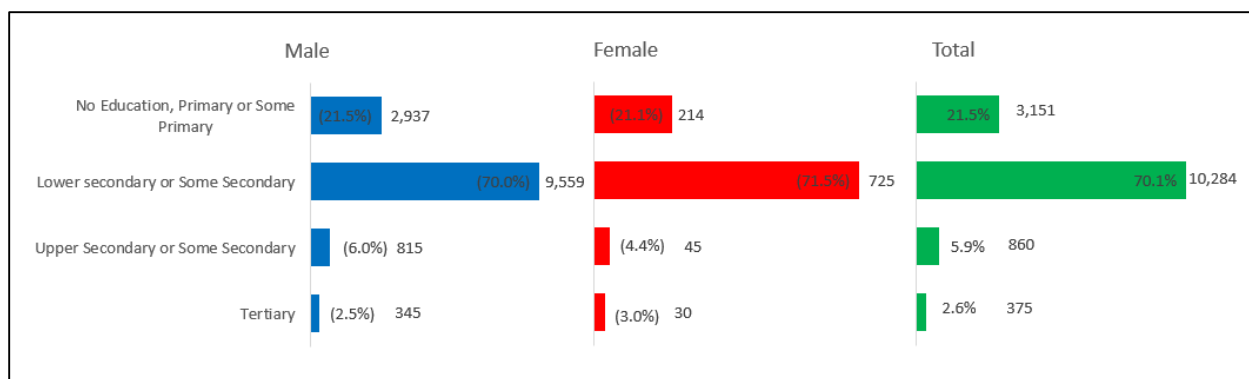


Figure 3.3: Distribution of Prisoners by Educational Level, 4th Quarter 2024

3.7 New prisoner population by level of Education: 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

The distribution of new prisoners by level of education is shown in table 3.4, from the table, it is notable that the majority of new prisoners that were admitted during the four quarters had completed lower secondary or some secondary level of education.

Table 3.4: Distribution of new prisoner population by level of education and sex, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

Education level	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1st Quarter 2024						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	3,308	22.0	266	23.5	3,574	22.1
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	10,650	70.8	792	70.0	11,442	70.7
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	781	5.2	31	2.7	812	5.0
Tertiary	309	2.1	43	3.8	352	2.2
Total	15,048	100.0	1,132	100.0	16,180	100.0
2nd Quarter 2024						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	2,967	21.3	243	21.9	3,210	21.3
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	9,954	71.5	781	70.3	10,735	71.4
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	666	4.8	55	5.0	721	4.8
Tertiary	340	2.4	32	2.9	372	2.5
Total	13,927	100.0	1,111	100.0	15,038	100.0
3rd Quarter 2024						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	3,235	22.7	267	23.3	3,502	22.7
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	9,947	69.7	793	69.1	10,740	69.6
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	737	5.2	50	4.4	787	5.1
Tertiary	356	2.5	37	3.2	393	2.5
Total	14,275	100.0	1,147	100.0	15,422	100.0
4th Quarter 2024						
No Education, Primary or Some Primary	2,937	21.5	214	21.1	3,151	21.5
Lower secondary or Some Secondary	9,559	70.0	725	71.5	10,284	70.1
Upper Secondary or Some Secondary	815	6.0	45	4.4	860	5.9
Tertiary	345	2.5	30	3.0	375	2.6
Total	13,656	100.0	1,014	100.0	14,670	100.0

3.8 Employment Status

The distribution of prisoners by employment status is shown in Figure 3.8. Most of the prisoners who were admitted into prison during the fourth quarter of 2024 were employed (53.2%). The proportion of unemployed new male prisoners was 46.1 percent whilst among new female prisoners it was 56.1 percent.

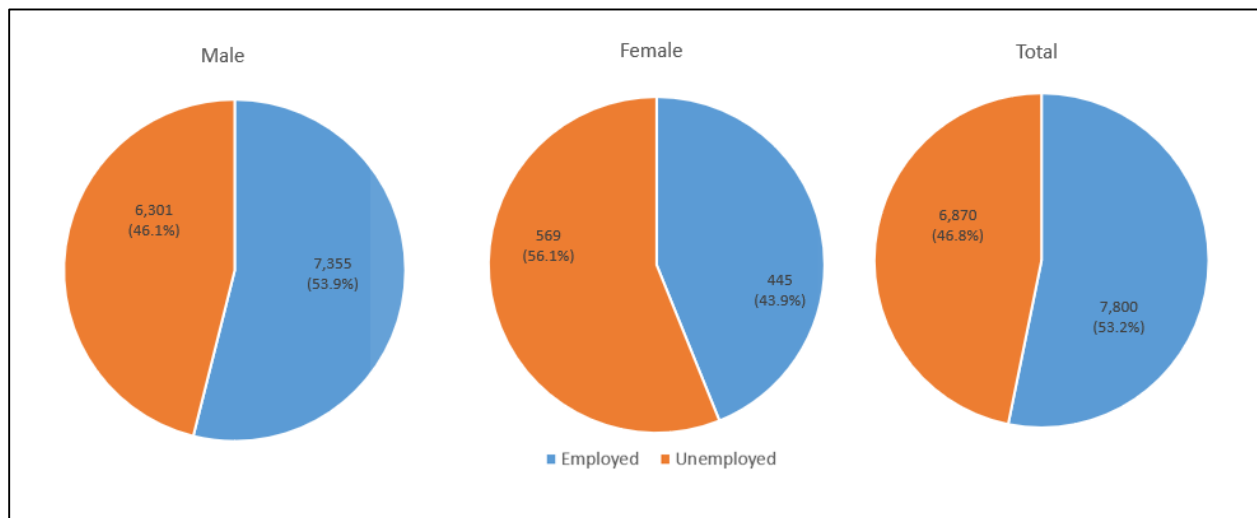


Figure 3.4: Distribution of Prisoners by Employment status, 4th Quarter 2024

3.9 New Prisoner Population by Employment Status, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

When compared to the third quarter of 2024, the proportion of employed prisoners increased slightly from 51.9 percent to 53.2 percent. The proportion of unemployed male prisoners decreased slightly from 46.7 percent to 46.1 percent. On the other hand, the share of unemployed female prisoners decreased from 65.1 percent to 56.1 percent.

Table 3.5: Distribution of Prisoners by Employment Status, 1st Quarter 2024 – 4th Quarter 2024

Employment status	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1st Quarter 2024						
Employed	8,366	55.6	458	40.5	8,824	54.5
Unemployed	6,682	44.4	674	59.5	7,356	45.5
Total	15,048	100.0	1,132	100.0	16,180	100.0
2nd Quarter 2024						
Employed	7,972	57.2	501	45.1	8,473	56.3
Unemployed	5,955	42.8	610	54.9	6,565	43.7
Total	13,927	100.0	1,111	100.0	15,038	100.0
3rd Quarter 2024						
Employed	7,602	53.3	400	34.9	8,002	51.9
Unemployed	6,673	46.7	747	65.1	7,420	48.1
Total	14,275	100.0	1,147	100.0	15,422	100.0
4th Quarter 2024						
Employed	7,355	53.9	445	43.9	7,800	53.2
Unemployed	6,301	46.1	569	56.1	6,870	46.8
Total	13,656	100.0	1,014	100.0	14,670	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.

4.1 Crime Type and Counts

The crimes/ offences that the prisoners were imprisoned for are shown in Figure 4.1. Most of the new prisoners were admitted into prison for committing theft, assaults, burglary, other criminal acts not elsewhere classified and robbery (without firearm). This distribution seems to mirror that of crimes that led to the imprisonment of new male prisoners. The crimes that were mostly committed by new female prisoners were theft, assault, migration related offences and fraud.

	Male	Female	Total
Theft	3,589	303	3,892
Assaults	2,992	261	3,253
Burglary	1,411	36	1,447
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	962	87	1,049
Robbery (without firearm)	862	34	896
Rape	730	9	739
Domestic Violence	675	40	715
Property damage	582	28	610
Murder	429	16	445
Fraud	316	66	382
Attempted intentional homicide	330	20	350
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	321	22	343
Acts against the justice system	242	33	275
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	258	10	268
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	241	3	244
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	204	34	238
Acts related to migration	196	18	214
Non-injurious traffic violations	153	2	155
Indecent assault (adult victim)	132	10	142
All threats	132	8	140
Robbery (firearm)	119	2	121
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	88	7	95

Figure 4.1: Crime Type and Counts Committed by New Prisoners, 4th Quarter 2024

	Male	Female	Total
Kidnapping	70	3	73
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	52	9	61
Corruption	40	8	48
Non-intentional homicide	46	1	47
Defamation or insult	38	9	47
Attempted Rape (Adult)	46	0	46
Acts against public order sexual standards	42	1	43
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	40	1	41
Coercion	37	2	39
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	37	1	38
Other acts of negligence	18	16	34
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	31	2	33
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	28	4	32
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	23	1	24
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	22	2	24
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences))	23	0	23
Acts against state security	11	4	15
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	6	5	11
Acts against computer systems	9	0	9
Forgery/counterfeiting	8	0	8
Murder (intimate partner)	5	2	7
Infanticide	1	4	5
Acts against liberty	5	0	5
Dangerous acts (Non traffic related offences)	4	0	4
Illegal feticide	2	1	3
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	3	0	3
Sexual exploitation	2	0	2
Assisting or instigating suicide	1	0	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	1	1
Mental patient	0	0	0
Discrimination	0	0	0
Robbery (without firearm)	0	0	0
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0
Terrorism	0	0	0

Figure 4.1: Crime Type and Counts Committed by New Prisoners, 4th Quarter 2024 (Cont'd)

4.2 Crime Type and Counts by Age Group

Theft, assaults, burglary, other criminal acts not elsewhere classified and robbery (without firearm) were the most frequent crimes for prisoners in the 15-54 age groups. This pattern was observed among both male and female new prisoners. Males age 65 years and above were imprisoned mostly for rape and theft. Table 4.1 shows crime counts of new prisoners by sex and age group.

Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4th Quarter 2024

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
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death																		
Murder	31	1	32	89	6	95	111	1	112	70	1	71	55	2	57	31	2	33
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Infanticide	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Attempted intentional homicide	28	2	30	77	4	81	95	0	95	56	4	60	35	2	37	22	4	26
Non-intentional homicide	2	0	2	6	1	7	7	0	7	10	0	10	8	0	8	2	0	2
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illegal feticide	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person																		
Assaults	162	22	184	757	53	810	738	60	798	513	31	544	393	42	435	218	28	246
Domestic Violence	8	0	8	87	11	98	132	2	134	161	8	169	125	11	136	80	4	84
All threats	10	1	11	28	5	33	38	1	39	21	0	21	22	0	22	7	0	7
Kidnapping	3	0	3	22	0	22	14	0	14	10	0	10	5	0	5	6	2	8
Acts against liberty	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	3
Coercion	3	0	3	8	0	8	3	1	4	6	0	6	12	0	12	3	0	3
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	0	0	0	9	0	9	10	1	11	5	0	5	3	0	3	4	0	4
Other acts of negligence	0	2	2	2	5	7	2	4	6	5	4	9	6	0	6	0	0	0
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences))	1	0	1	7	0	7	4	0	4	6	0	6	4	0	4	1	0	1
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	2	0	2	2	0	2	5	0	5	6	0	6	1	1	2	2	0	2
Defamation or insult	1	0	1	7	3	10	5	1	6	8	1	9	4	1	5	8	1	9
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature																		
Rape	75	0	75	152	4	156	128	0	128	91	2	93	87	1	88	76	0	76

Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4th Quarter 2024 (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
Attempted Rape (Adult)	2	0	2	12	0	12	14	0	14	11	0	11	1	0	1	3	0	3
Indecent assault (adult victim)	9	0	9	23	7	30	22	1	23	15	0	15	22	1	23	10	1	11
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	41	0	41	98	1	99	42	1	43	26	1	27	16	0	16	8	0	8
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person																		
Robbery (firearm)	5	0	5	17	0	17	25	1	26	35	0	35	23	0	23	8	1	9
Robbery (without firearm)	67	3	70	239	7	246	218	4	222	148	6	154	93	3	96	57	10	67
Acts against property only																		
Burglary	183	4	187	383	8	391	306	8	314	223	5	228	152	4	156	96	4	100
Theft	291	42	333	784	71	855	852	49	901	679	42	721	433	47	480	285	37	322
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	33	1	34	119	2	121	140	10	150	105	8	113	68	2	70	62	4	66
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances																		
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	9	0	9	46	4	50	49	11	60	40	7	47	26	4	30	12	3	15
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	4	0	4	7	2	9	17	2	19	5	3	8	7	1	8	6	1	7
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption																		
Fraud	11	1	12	32	6	38	54	13	67	45	8	53	55	10	65	45	13	58
Forgery/counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0
Corruption	0	0	0	4	0	4	7	1	8	9	2	11	7	2	9	3	2	5
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State																		
Acts against public order sexual standards	0	0	0	10	0	10	11	0	11	7	0	7	5	0	5	3	0	3

Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4th Quarter 2024 (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 leading to death or intending to cause death																		
Murder	19	0	19	14	0	14	3	1	4	4	1	5	2	1	3	429	16	445
Murder (intimate partner)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
Infanticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Attempted intentional homicide	7	2	9	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	330	20	350
Non-intentional homicide	6	0	6	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	46	1	47
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person																		
Assaults	109	14	123	56	6	62	20	3	23	17	1	18	9	1	10	2,992	261	3,253
Domestic Violence	43	4	47	22	0	22	9	0	9	4	0	4	4	0	4	675	40	715
All threats	5	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	8	140
Kidnapping	3	1	4	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	70	3	73
Acts against liberty	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	11
Coercion	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	37	2	39
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	38
Other acts of negligence	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	18	16	34
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences))	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	23
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	23	1	24
Defamation or insult	1	2	3	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	9	47
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature																		
Rape	48	2	50	24	0	24	17	0	17	12	0	12	20	0	20	730	9	739

Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4th Quarter 2024 (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
Attempted Rape (Adult)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	46	0	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	15	0	15	8	0	8	3	0	3	3	0	3	2	0	2	132	10	142
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	6	0	6	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	3	244
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person																		
Robbery (firearm)	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	2	121
Robbery (without firearm)	15	1	16	16	0	16	7	0	7	1	0	1	1	0	1	862	34	896
Acts against property only																		
Burglary	42	2	44	14	1	15	7	0	7	1	0	1	4	0	4	1,411	36	1,447
Theft	165	9	174	63	4	67	15	2	17	9	0	9	13	0	13	3,589	303	3,892
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	28	1	29	15	0	15	4	0	4	4	0	4	4	0	4	582	28	610
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances																		
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	16	3	19	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	204	34	238
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	9	61
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption																		
Fraud	38	6	44	21	2	23	7	3	10	2	2	4	6	2	8	316	66	382
Forgery/counterfeiting	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Corruption	5	0	5	1	1	2	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	40	8	48
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State																		
Acts against public order sexual standards	2	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	42	1	43

Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 4th Quarter 2024 (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 contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	0	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	33
Acts related to migration	8	0	8	2	1	3	2	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	196	18	214
Acts against the justice system	20	2	22	14	2	16	9	1	10	1	2	3	6	1	7	242	33	275
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	6	0	6	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	88	7	95
Acts against public safety and state security																		
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	5	0	5	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	24
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	4	32
Acts against computer systems	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Acts against state security	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	4	15
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-injurious traffic violations	4	0	4	5	0	5	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	153	2	155
Acts against the natural environment																		
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	13	0	13	12	0	12	11	0	11	2	2	4	1	0	1	258	10	268
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	20	2	22	8	1	9	7	1	8	2	2	4	1	0	1	321	22	343
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified																		
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	40	1	41
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	59	6	65	36	3	39	14	3	17	11	1	12	5	1	6	962	87	1,049
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	730	62	792	367	24	391	166	14	180	86	15	101	92	6	98	15,614	1,126	16,740

4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Nationality

The most frequent crimes committed by new Zimbabwean prisoners were theft, assault, burglary, other criminal acts not elsewhere classified and robbery (without firearms). Immigration related offences, non-injurious traffic violations and trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna & 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, 4th Quarter 2024

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 leading to death or intending to cause death															
Murder	429	16	445	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	429	16	445
Murder (intimate partner)	5	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
Infanticide	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Attempted intentional homicide	328	20	348	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	330	20	350
Non-intentional homicide	46	1	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	1	47
Assisting or instigating suicide	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Illegal feticide	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person															
Assaults	2,984	261	3,245	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	2,992	261	3,253
Domestic Violence	672	40	712	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	675	40	715
All threats	132	8	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	8	140
Kidnapping	70	3	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	3	73
Acts against liberty	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	6	5	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	5	11
Coercion	37	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	2	39
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	37	1	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	38
Other acts of negligence	17	16	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	18	16	34
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences))	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	23
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	23	1	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1	24
Defamation or insult	38	9	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	9	47
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature															

Table 4.2: Crime Type and Counts by Nationality, 4th Quarter 2024 (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
Rape	730	9	739	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	730	9	739
Attempted Rape (Adult)	46	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	132	10	142	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	132	10	142
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	241	3	244	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	241	3	244
Sexual exploitation	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person															
Robbery (firearm)	119	2	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	2	121
Robbery (without firearm)	861	34	895	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	862	34	896
Acts against property only															
Burglary	1,409	36	1,445	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,411	36	1,447
Theft	3,580	301	3,881	8	2	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	3,589	303	3,892
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	578	28	606	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	582	28	610
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances															
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	204	34	238	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	204	34	238
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	51	9	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	52	9	61
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption															
Fraud	316	64	380	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	316	66	382
Forgery/counterfeiting	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Corruption	40	8	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	8	48
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State															
Acts against public order sexual standards	37	1	38	0	0	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	42	1	43

Table 4.2: Crime Type and Counts by Nationality, 4th Quarter 2024 (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 contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	28	2	30	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	33
Acts related to migration	65	6	71	83	8	91	18	2	20	30	2	32	196	18	214
Acts against the justice system	241	33	274	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	242	33	275
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	87	7	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	88	7	95
Acts against public safety and state security															
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	21	2	23	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	24
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	28	4	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	4	32
Acts against computer systems	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Acts against state security	11	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4	15
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-injurious traffic violations	152	2	154	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	153	2	155
Acts against the natural environment															
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	220	10	230	36	0	36	0	0	0	2	0	2	258	10	268
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	316	22	338	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4	321	22	343
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified															
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	40	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1	41
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	958	86	1,044	3	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	962	87	1,049
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15,393	1,109	16,502	154	11	165	23	3	26	44	3	47	15,614	1,126	16,740

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, burglary and other criminal acts not elsewhere classified. Those who completed tertiary levels of education were mostly imprisoned for theft, fraud and assault. Table 4.3.

Table 4.3: Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 4th Quarter 2024

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 leading to death or intending to cause death															
Murder	112	7	119	301	8	309	12	1	13	4	0	4	429	16	445
Murder (intimate partner)	0	1	1	4	0	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	5	2	7
Infanticide	0	1	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
Attempted intentional homicide	86	4	90	229	16	245	11	0	11	4	0	4	330	20	350
Non-intentional homicide	5	0	5	35	1	36	6	0	6	0	0	0	46	1	47
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Illegal feticide	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person															
Assaults	673	60	733	2,148	190	2,338	125	5	130	46	6	52	2,992	261	3,253
Domestic Violence	144	10	154	476	29	505	33	1	34	22	0	22	675	40	715
All threats	35	2	37	82	6	88	10	0	10	5	0	5	132	8	140
Kidnapping	28	0	28	42	3	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	3	73
Acts against liberty	1	0	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	5
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	2	2	5	3	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	5	11
Coercion	1	0	1	29	1	30	6	0	6	1	1	2	37	2	39
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	2	0	2	34	0	34	0	0	0	1	1	2	37	1	38
Other acts of negligence	6	3	9	10	12	22	1	1	2	1	0	1	18	16	34
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences))	1	0	1	20	0	20	1	0	1	1	0	1	23	0	23
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	2	0	2	21	1	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1	24
Defamation or insult	7	4	11	28	5	33	1	0	1	2	0	2	38	9	47
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature															
Rape	225	0	225	470	9	479	22	0	22	13	0	13	730	9	739

Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 4th Quarter 2024 (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
Attempted Rape (Adult)	17	0	17	29	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	0	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	47	1	48	73	9	82	6	0	6	6	0	6	132	10	142
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	56	2	58	170	1	171	13	0	13	2	0	2	241	3	244
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person															
Robbery (firearm)	21	0	21	88	2	90	3	0	3	7	0	7	119	2	121
Robbery (without firearm)	153	7	160	639	25	664	46	2	48	24	0	24	862	34	896
Acts against property only															
Burglary	375	9	384	938	25	963	84	1	85	14	1	15	1,411	36	1,447
Theft	729	58	787	2,510	228	2,738	259	14	273	91	3	94	3,589	303	3,892
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	114	3	117	427	24	451	29	1	30	12	0	12	582	28	610
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances															
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	37	6	43	146	26	172	19	2	21	2	0	2	204	34	238
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	8	1	9	36	6	42	3	0	3	5	2	7	52	9	61
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption															
Fraud	14	6	20	199	33	232	62	14	76	41	13	54	316	66	382
Forgery/counterfeiting	2	0	2	5	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	0	8
Corruption	4	0	4	22	3	25	4	3	7	10	2	12	40	8	48
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State															
Acts against public order sexual standards	9	0	9	24	1	25	1	0	1	8	0	8	42	1	43
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	6	1	7	22	1	23	3	0	3	0	0	0	31	2	33
Acts related to migration	70	4	74	88	10	98	25	2	27	13	2	15	196	18	214

Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 4th Quarter 2024 (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 against the justice system	35	8	43	169	22	191	25	3	28	13	0	13	242	33	275
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	10	2	12	64	5	69	12	0	12	2	0	2	88	7	95
Acts against public safety and state security															
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	3	0	3	17	0	17	1	0	1	1	2	3	22	2	24
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	2	1	3	26	3	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	4	32
Acts against computer systems	1	0	1	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	9
Acts against state security	1	1	2	7	2	9	0	1	1	3	0	3	11	4	15
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-injurious traffic violations	26	0	26	117	2	119	5	0	5	5	0	5	153	2	155
Acts against the natural environment															
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	123	0	123	127	10	137	5	0	5	3	0	3	258	10	268
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	93	7	100	212	15	227	9	0	9	7	0	7	321	22	343
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified															
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	9	0	9	29	1	30	1	0	1	1	0	1	40	1	41
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	146	22	168	714	62	776	80	2	82	22	1	23	962	87	1,049
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,441	233	3,674	10,852	805	11,657	926	54	980	395	34	429	15,614	1,126	16,740

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, burglary and other criminal acts not elsewhere classified. On the other hand, employed new female prisoners were imprisoned mostly for theft, assault, other criminal acts not elsewhere classified and fraud whilst unemployed new female prisoners were mostly imprisoned for theft and assault.

Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 4th Quarter 2024

Crime/ Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Acts leading to death or intending to cause death									
Murder	195	5	200	234	11	245	429	16	445
Murder (intimate partner)	2	0	2	3	2	5	5	2	7
Infanticide	0	0	0	1	4	5	1	4	5
Attempted intentional homicide	160	11	171	170	9	179	330	20	350
Non-intentional homicide	26	1	27	20	0	20	46	1	47
Assisting or instigating suicide	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	1	3
Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person									
Assaults	1,477	105	1,582	1,515	156	1,671	2,992	261	3,253
Domestic Violence	368	15	383	307	25	332	675	40	715
All threats	50	2	52	82	6	88	132	8	140
Kidnapping	24	1	25	46	2	48	70	3	73
Acts against liberty	2	0	2	3	0	3	5	0	5
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	1	4	5	5	1	6	6	5	11
Coercion	28	1	29	9	1	10	37	2	39
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	30	1	31	7	0	7	37	1	38
Other acts of negligence	8	9	17	10	7	17	18	16	34
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences))	16	0	16	7	0	7	23	0	23
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	2	0	2	2	0	2	4	0	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	19	0	19	4	1	5	23	1	24
Defamation or insult	22	5	27	16	4	20	38	9	47
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injurious acts of a sexual nature									
Rape	372	5	377	358	4	362	730	9	739

Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 4th Quarter 2024 (Cont'd)

Crime/ Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Attempted Rape (Adult)	19	0	19	27	0	27	46	0	46
Indecent assault (adult victim)	69	5	74	63	5	68	132	10	142
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	126	0	126	115	3	118	241	3	244
Sexual exploitation	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2
Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person									
Robbery (firearm)	71	2	73	48	0	48	119	2	121
Robbery (without firearm)	500	13	513	362	21	383	862	34	896
Acts against property only									
Burglary	696	12	708	715	24	739	1,411	36	1,447
Theft	1,995	120	2,115	1,594	183	1,777	3,589	303	3,892
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	318	12	330	264	16	280	582	28	610
Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances									
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	115	11	126	89	23	112	204	34	238
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	31	5	36	21	4	25	52	9	61
Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption									
Fraud	205	45	250	111	21	132	316	66	382
Forgery/counterfeiting	6	0	6	2	0	2	8	0	8
Corruption	28	7	35	12	1	13	40	8	48
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	0	2	1	0	1	3	0	3
Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State									
Acts against public order sexual standards	23	0	23	19	1	20	42	1	43
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	16	2	18	15	0	15	31	2	33

Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 4th Quarter 2024 (Cont'd)

Crime/ Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	16	2	18	15	0	15	31	2	33
Acts related to migration	86	7	93	110	11	121	196	18	214
Acts against the justice system	131	17	148	111	16	127	242	33	275
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	63	5	68	25	2	27	88	7	95
Acts against public safety and state security									
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	13	0	13	9	2	11	22	2	24
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	19	2	21	9	2	11	28	4	32
Acts against computer systems	7	0	7	2	0	2	9	0	9
Acts against state security	4	3	7	7	1	8	11	4	15
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-injurious traffic violations	67	1	68	86	1	87	153	2	155
Acts against the natural environment									
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	113	0	113	145	10	155	258	10	268
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	113	4	117	208	18	226	321	22	343
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified									
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	16	0	16	24	1	25	40	1	41
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	609	41	650	353	46	399	962	87	1,049
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8,265	479	8,744	7,349	647	7,996	15,614	1,126	16,740

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

	Manicaland		Matabeleland North		Masvingo
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
	Mashonaland Central		Matabeleland South		Harare
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
	Mashonaland East		Midlands		
1	Chivhu	1	Connemara Open		Bulawayo
2	Marondera	2	Gokwe	1	Bulawayo
2a	Goromonzi	3	Kwekwe	1a	Imbizo
3	Marondera Fema	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				
	Mashonaland West				
1	Chinhoyi				
1a	Banket				
1b	Baruka				
2	Kadoma				
3	Karoi				
3a	Kariba				
4	Hurungwe				

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