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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 first 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. 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 31 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 28 March 2025. The total prison population at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025 was 23,654 (22,889 males and 765 females). Males thus constituted 96.8 percent of the prison population whilst women were 3.2 percent. The national imprisonment rate was 149 prisoners per 100,000 people. The imprisonment rate for males and females was 299 per 100,000 and 9 per 100,000, respectively.



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

### 1.3 Prison Population, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025

The prison population increased from 22,878 at the end of the fourth quarter of 2024 to 23,654 at the end of the first quarter of 2025. During the same period, the male prison population increased from 22,130 to 22,889 and the female population increased slightly from 748 to 765. Table 1.1 illustrates the trend of the prison population.

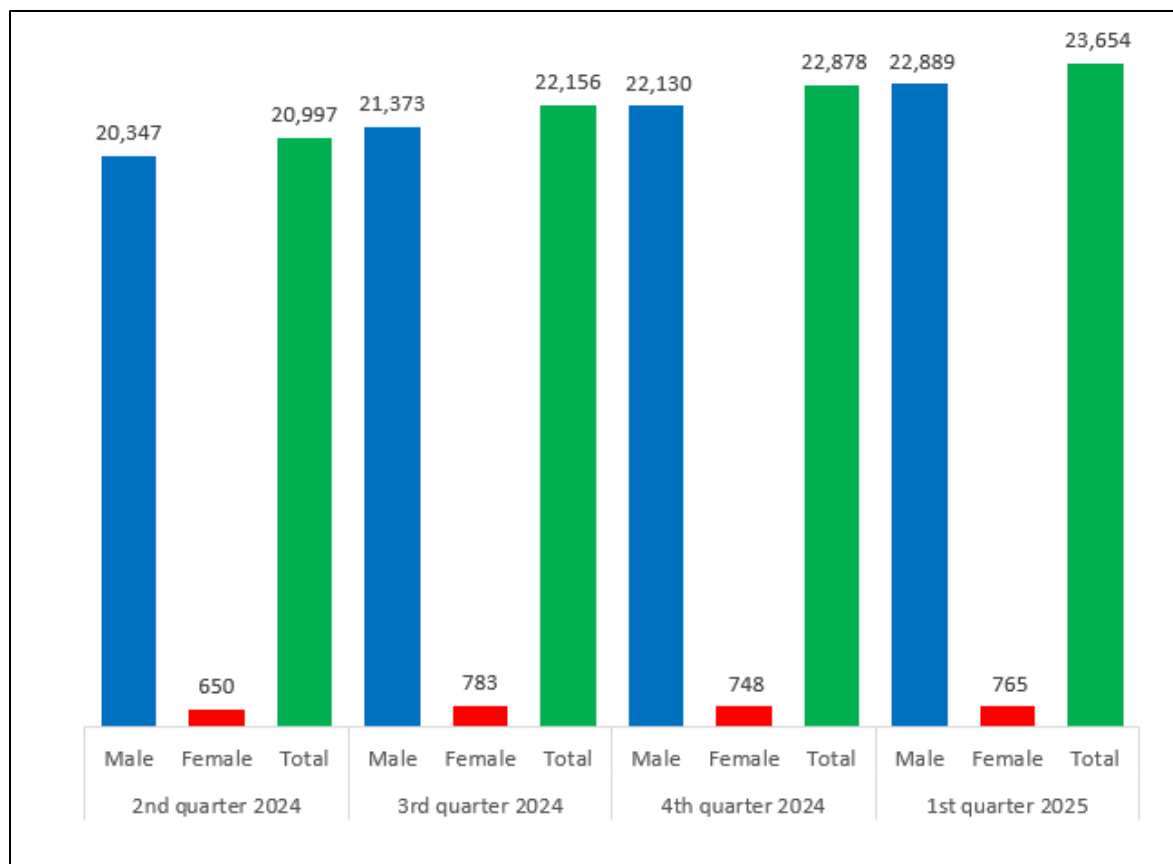


Figure 1.2: Trend of the prison population, 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025

### 1.4 Sentenced and Unsented Prisoners

Out of the 23,654 persons who were in prison, 18,857 (79.7%) were sentenced and 4,797 (20.3%) were unsentenced. The proportion of un-sentenced male and female prisoners was 19.8% and 33.5% respectively. The number and proportion of sentenced and unsentenced prison population are illustrated in Figure 1.2.

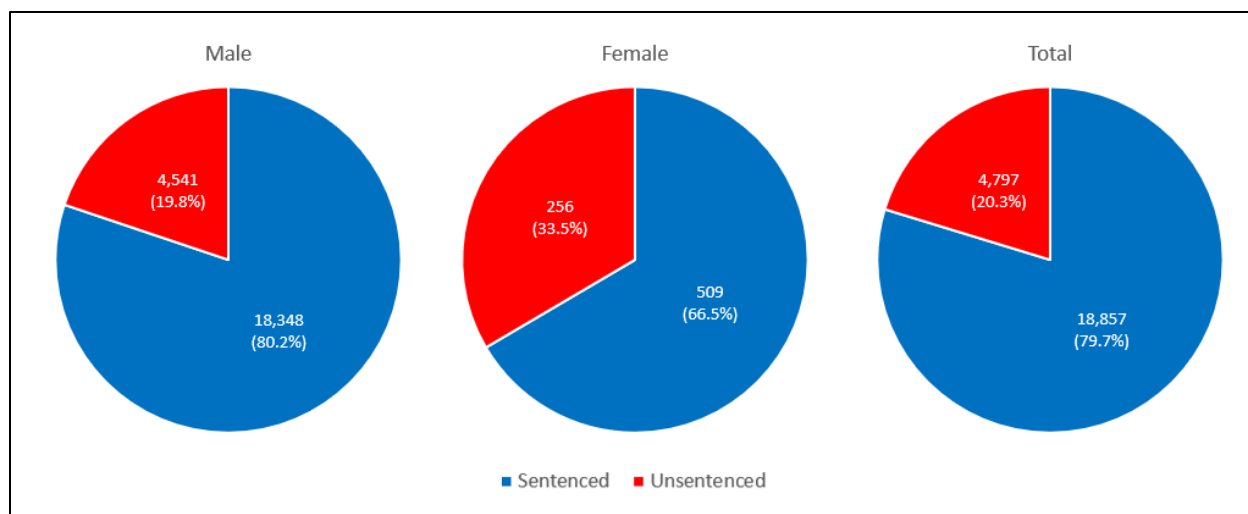


Figure 1. 3: Number and Proportion of sentenced and unsentenced Prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

### 1.5 Sentenced and Unsentenced Prison Population, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

Sex	Sentenced		Unsentenced		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Second quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>Third quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>Fourth quarter 2024</b>						
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
<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

## 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 16,762 new prisoners were admitted into the country’s prisons during the first quarter of 2025. Of these, 15,581 (93.0%) were male and 1,181 (7.0%) were female.

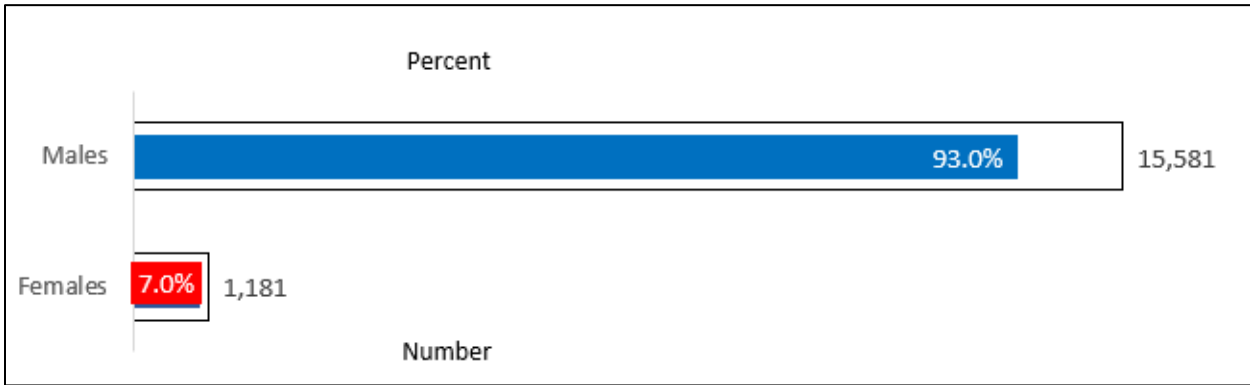


Figure 2. 1 : New Prisoners Admissions, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.2 New Prisoner Population, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

The new prisoner population increased from 14,670 during the fourth quarter of 2024 to 16,762 in the first quarter of 2025. During the same period, the new male prisoner population increased significantly from 13,656 to 15,581. The female population, similarly increased from 1,014 to 1,181. Table 1.1 illustrates the trend of the prison population.

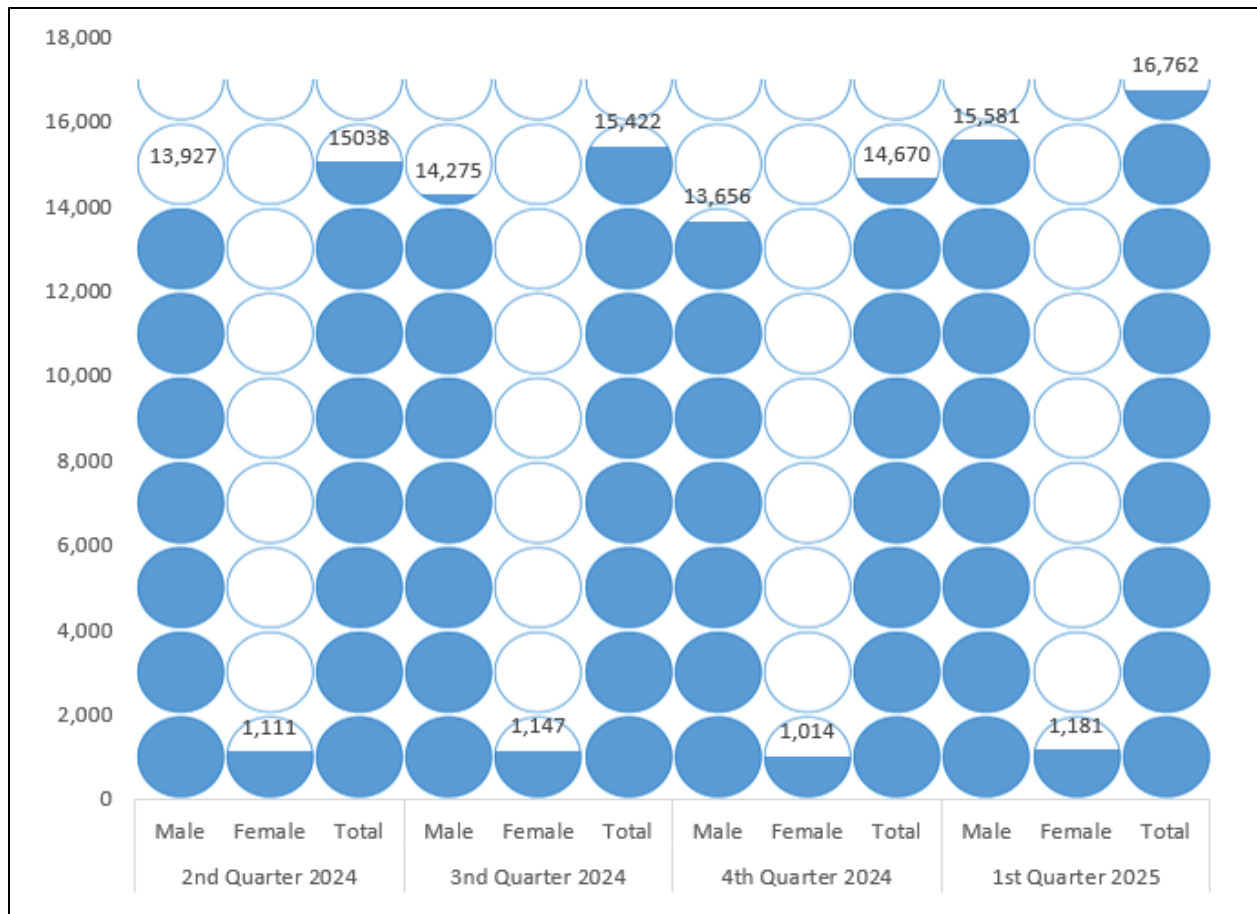


Figure 2. 2: New Prisoners Admissions, 2nd Quarter 2024 – 1st Quarter 2025

### 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 first quarter of 2025, 84.1% of new male prisoners and 78.8 percent new female prisoners were admitted as unsented prisoners.

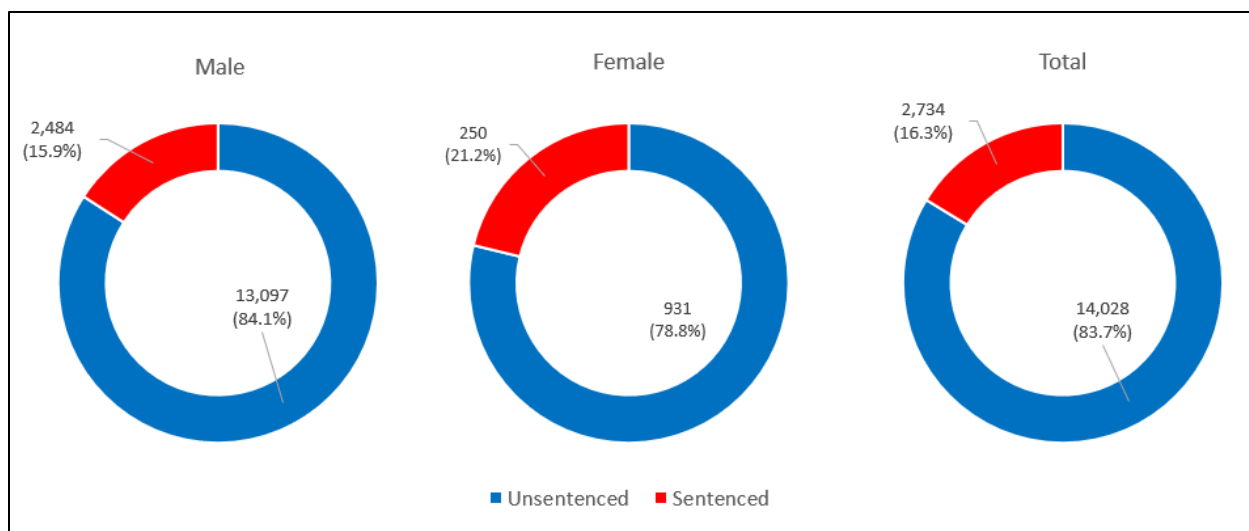


Figure 2. 3: Number and Percent of Sentenced and Unsentenced Prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.3 Number of Discharges

A total of 16,648 prisoners were discharged from prison during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025. Of these, 15,356 (92.2%) were male and 1,292 (7.8%) were female. Figure 2.4. depicts the distribution of prisoners that were discharged during the first quarter of 2025.

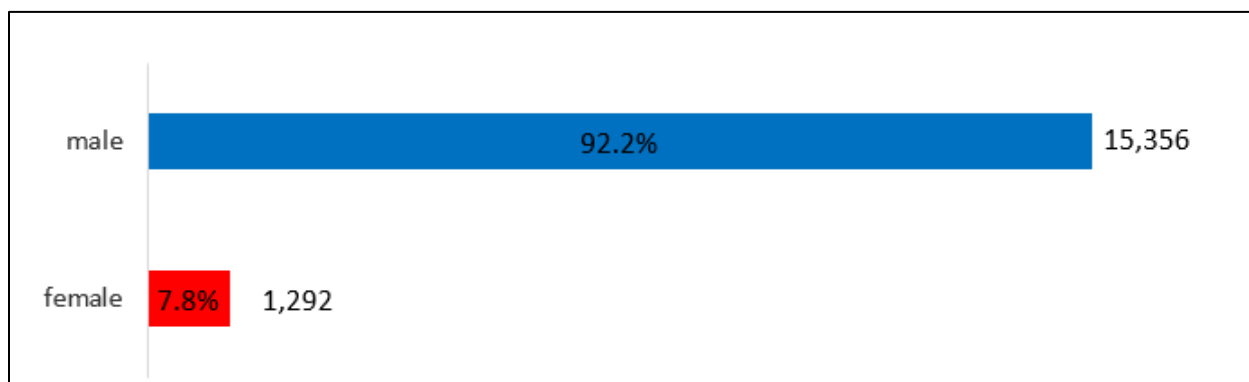


Figure 2. 4: Number and Percent of Discharged Prisoners and Sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

### 2.4 Reason(s) for Discharge

Of the 16,648 prisoners that were discharged during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025, 9,104 (54.7%) were serving a sentence and 7,544 (45.3%) were unsentenced. Table 2.1 shows that 34.9 percent of sentenced prisoners were discharged because their sentences had expired, 31.5% of the prisoners in the same category were discharged after getting community service sentences and 13.7 percent were discharged after being given time to pay fines or restitutions. Among unsentenced prisoners,

41.0% were discharged after getting bail (free or paid), 15.8% were discharged after they were found not guilty by courts, 13.6% were remanded out of custody and 12.1 percent were discharged after their cases were withdrawn.

**Table 2.1: Reason for discharges of prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sentenced prisoners</b>						
Amnesty parole	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community service	2,663	31.6	206	30.5	2,869	31.5
Community service with time to pay	505	6.0	49	7.2	554	6.1
Fine paid	502	6.0	116	17.2	618	6.8
Sentence expired	3,041	36.1	138	20.4	3,179	34.9
Time to pay	1,151	13.7	97	14.3	1,248	13.7
Suspended sentence	368	4.4	39	5.8	407	4.5
Other	198	2.3	31	4.6	229	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,428</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,104</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Un-sentenced prisoners</b>						
Bail paid or free bail	2,803	40.5	287	46.6	3,090	41.0
Found not guilty by courts	1,132	16.3	57	9.3	1,189	15.8
Further remand refused	652	9.4	31	5.0	683	9.1
Released to immigration	227	3.3	44	7.1	271	3.6
Remanded out of custody	972	14.0	55	8.9	1,027	13.6
Case Withdrawn	855	12.3	60	9.7	915	12.1
Other	287	4.1	82	13.3	369	4.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2.5 Reasons for Discharging Prisoners: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

Sentenced prisoners that were discharged because their sentences had expired increased from 2,838 in the fourth quarter of 2024 to 3,179 in the first quarter of 2025. The number of prisoners discharged to perform community service increased from 2,069 to 2,869 during the same period. Unsentenced prisoners that were discharged after paying bail increased from 3,043 in the fourth quarter of 2024 to 3,090 in the first quarter 2025. Those who were discharged because they were found not guilty by courts increased from 609 to 1,189 during the same period. Tables 2.2 show the distribution of the reasons for discharging prisoners from the second quarter of 2024 to the first quarter of 2025.

**Table 2.2 Reason(s) for discharging sentenced prisoners, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024			3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024			4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024			1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Sentenced</b>												
Amnesty/parole	4,574	128	4,702	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community service	2,124	224	2,348	1,734	202	1,936	1,836	233	2,069	2,663	206	2,869
Community service with time to pay	452	22	474	505	31	536	436	34	470	505	49	554
Fine paid	423	65	488	515	43	558	563	87	650	502	116	618
Sentence expired	1,907	54	1,961	2,474	93	2,567	2,745	93	2,838	3,041	138	3,179
Time to pay restitution or fine	1,297	81	1,378	1,023	96	1,119	941	111	1,052	1,151	97	1,248
	-	-	-	300	27	327	200	31	231	368	39	407
Other	623	67	690	561	148	709	476	53	529	198	31	229
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>12,041</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>7,752</b>	<b>7,197</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>7,839</b>	<b>8,428</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>9,104</b>
<b>Unsentenced</b>												
Bail paid or free bail pending trial	2,603	251	2,854	2,510	248	2,758	2,753	290	3,043	2,803	287	3,090
Found not guilty by court(s)	737	37	774	764	32	796	559	50	609	1,132	57	1,189
Further remand refused	571	14	585	477	20	497	443	23	466	652	31	683
Released to immigration	203	14	217	550	132	682	255	47	302	227	44	271
Remanded out of custody	522	55	577	475	41	516	598	46	644	972	55	1,027
Case Withdrawn	646	30	676	629	25	654	612	57	669	855	60	915
Other	237	48	285	429	77	506	237	67	304	287	82	369
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>5,968</b>	<b>5,834</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>6,409</b>	<b>5,457</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>6,037</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>7,544</b>

## Chapter 3 : Profile of New Prisoners

This and ensuing chapters describe characteristics of prisoners who were admitted during the first 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 new prisoners across different age groups. The 25 to 29-year-old cohort represents the largest proportion of new inmates, followed closely by those aged 20 to 24. This trend is consistent for both male and female prisoners, with the 25–29 age group accounting for the highest share in each category. Beyond this peak, the number of new prisoners declines steadily with increasing age, showing a clear downward trend in incarceration rates among older populations.

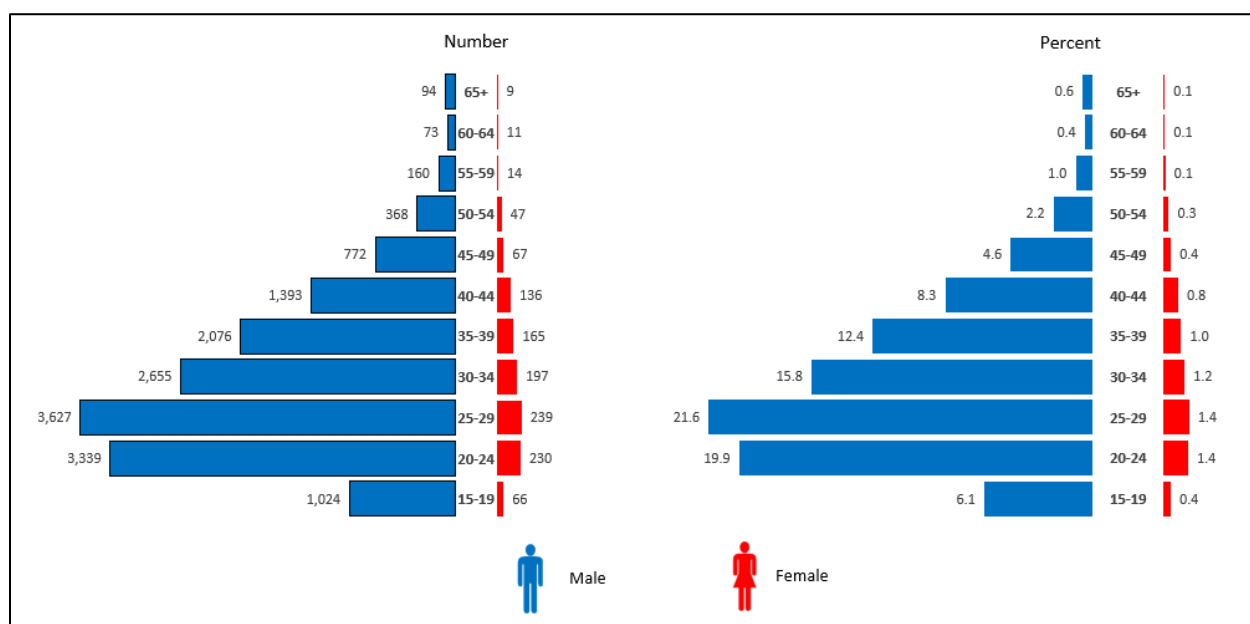


Figure 3.1: Number and Proportion of New Prisoners by Age Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

### 3.2 New Prisoner Population by Age Group: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

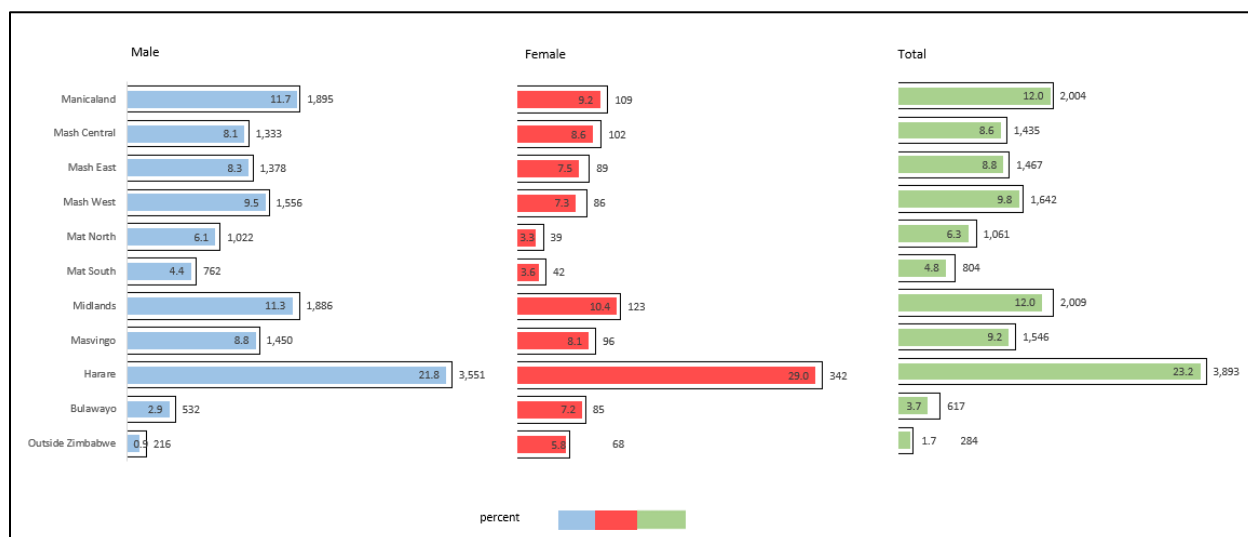
There was a decrease in the number of prisoners in the broad age group 15-44 years between the third and fourth quarters of 2024. The distribution of prisoners who were admitted from the beginning of the first quarter to the end of the fourth quarter of 2024 by age group is shown in Table 3.1

**Table 3.1: New prisoner population by age group, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

Age group	2nd Quarter 2024			3rd Quarter 2024			4th Quarter 2024			1st Quarter 2025		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
15-19	921	81	1,002	969	78	1,047	962	80	1,042	1,024	66	1,090
20-24	3,108	240	3,348	3,127	261	3,388	3,042	214	3,256	3,339	230	3,569
25-29	2,919	236	3,155	3,124	238	3,362	3,037	194	3,231	3,627	239	3,866
30-34	2,441	203	2,644	2,569	184	2,753	2,427	150	2,577	2,655	197	2,852
35-39	1,861	150	2,011	1,809	160	1,969	1,729	138	1,867	2,076	165	2,241
40-44	1,303	85	1,388	1,343	111	1,454	1,156	121	1,277	1,393	136	1,529
45-49	675	60	735	662	56	718	663	60	723	772	67	839
50-54	382	28	410	362	32	394	338	23	361	368	47	415
55-59	148	14	162	140	11	151	148	14	162	160	14	174
60-64	88	4	92	79	8	87	78	14	92	73	11	84
65+	81	10	91	91	8	99	76	6	82	94	9	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,927</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>15,038</b>	<b>14,275</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>15,422</b>	<b>13,656</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>14,670</b>	<b>15,581</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>16,762</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 lived in Harare (29.0%). The least proportion of prisoners usually lived in Bulawayo province (3.7%) and Outside Zimbabwe (1.7%).



**Figure 3.2: New Prisoners by Province of Usual Residence, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025**

### 3.4 Nationality of Prisoners

A total of 318 non-Zimbabwean prisoners were admitted into Zimbabwe's prisons during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025. This translated to a proportion of 1.9 percent of the new prisoner population. Most of the foreign prisoners were from other Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries (233). Of these, 172 were male and 61 were female. The number of new prisoners from other African countries and outside Africa was 38 and 47, respectively. Figure 3.4 depicts new prisoners by their nationality.

**Table 3.2: Number of Prisoners by Nationality, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

Nationality	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
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
Total	15,581	100.0	1,181	100.0	16,762	100.0

### 3.5 New Prisoner Population by Nationality, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

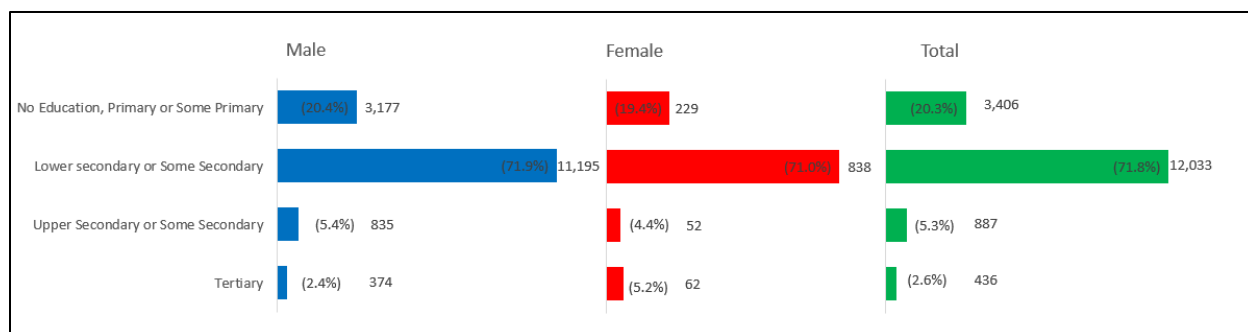
The number of new prisoners from Zimbabwe increased from 14,459 in the fourth quarter of 2024 to 16,444 in the first quarter of 2025. Non-Zimbabwean new prisoners too, increased from 211 in the fourth quarter of 2024 to 318 during the first quarter of 2025. Non-Zimbabwean female prisoners decreased from 17 during the fourth quarter of 2024 to 69 in the first quarter of 2025.

**Table 3.3: Nationality of New Prisoners, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

	Male		Female		Total	
Nationality	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<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
Total	15,581	100.0	1,181	100.0	16,762	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, 71.8 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 20.3%. New prisoners with tertiary education constituted 2.6 percent of the total admissions.



*Figure 3.3: Distribution of Prisoners by Educational Level, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025*

### 3.7 New prisoner population by level of Education: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

Table 3.4 displays the distribution of new prisoners by educational attainment. The data reveals that the majority of new prisoners admitted over the four quarters had completed either lower secondary or some secondary education, indicating a notable trend in educational backgrounds among new admissions.

**Table 3.4: Distribution of new prisoner population by level of education and sex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

Education level	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>2nd Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>3rd Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>4th Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<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

### 3.8 Employment Status

Figure 3.8 shows the employment status of prisoners admitted in the first quarter of 2025. Just over half (51.5%) were employed prior to incarceration. Unemployment rates varied by gender: 47.8% of newly admitted male prisoners were unemployed, compared to 58.2% of female prisoners.

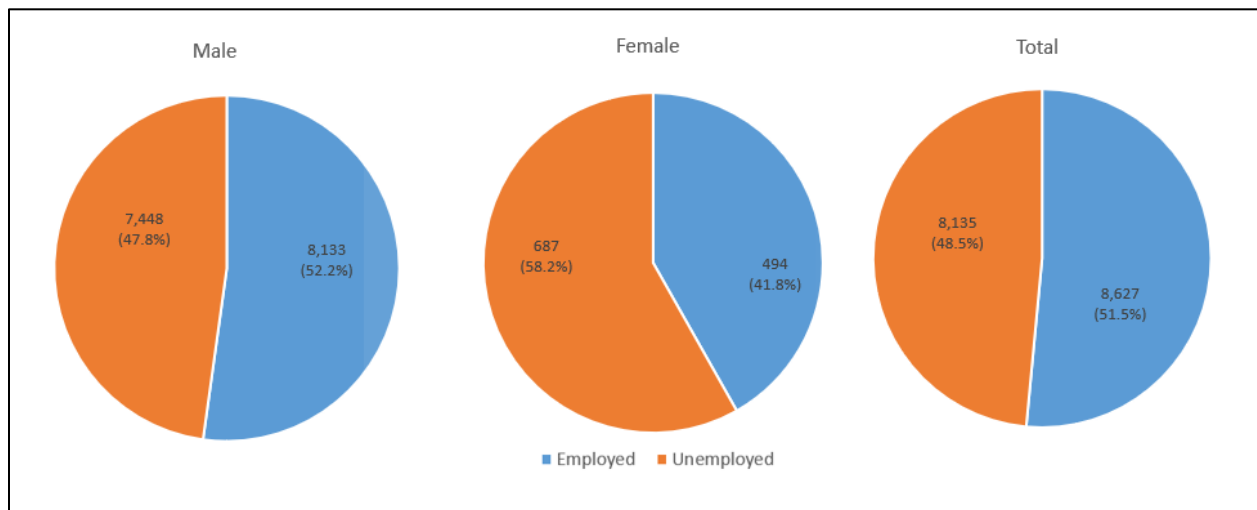


Figure 3.4: Distribution of Prisoners by Employment status, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

### 3.9 New Prisoner Population by Employment Status, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

Compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, the share of employed prisoners declined slightly from 53.2% to 51.5%. Among male prisoners, the proportion of those who were unemployed rose modestly from 46.1% to 47.8%, while female prisoners saw a sharper increase, from 46.1% to 58.2%.

**Table 3.5: Distribution of Prisoners by Employment Status, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2024 – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025**

Employment status	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>2nd Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2024</b>						
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
<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

## 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 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, robbery (without firearm) and other criminal acts not elsewhere classified. 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 and unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors and migration related offences.

Crime/ Offence	Male	Female	Total
Theft	3,911	335	4,246
Assaults	3,532	222	3,754
Burglary	1,754	76	1,830
Robbery (without firearm)	1,119	29	1,148
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	828	71	899
Domestic Violence	839	41	880
Rape	804	10	814
Property damage	579	33	612
Murder	460	35	495
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	354	119	473
Fraud	361	54	415
Attempted intentional homicide	362	23	385
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	351	2	353
Acts related to migration	254	81	335
Acts against public order sexual standards	286	3	289
Acts against the justice system	227	27	254
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	221	8	229
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	209	5	214
Non-injurious traffic violations	152	5	157
All threats	154	2	156
Robbery (firearm)	150	3	153
Indecent assault (adult victim)	135	9	144

Figure 4.1: Crime Type and Counts Committed by New Prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025

Crime / Offence	Male	Female	Total
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	110	19	129
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	84	9	93
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	66	7	73
Non-intentional homicide	64	7	71
Attempted Rape (Adult)	65	0	65
Kidnapping	51	6	57
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	55	2	57
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	54	0	54
Corruption	33	11	44
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	39	1	40
Coercion	34	3	37
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	35	0	35
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	34	0	34
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	28	0	28
Other acts of negligence	9	17	26
Defamation or insult	22	3	25
Acts against state security	22	2	24
Forgery/counterfeiting	11	1	12
Acts against computer systems	6	0	6
Infanticide	1	3	4
Acts against liberty	4	0	4
Dangerous acts (Non traffic related offences)	3	1	4
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	2	4
Murder (intimate partner)	1	1	2
Assisting or instigating suicide	2	0	2
Illegal feticide	2	0	2
Sexual exploitation	1	1	2
Mental patient	0	2	2
Terrorism	1	0	1
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0
Discrimination	0	0	0
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0

Figure 4.1: Crime Type and Counts Committed by New Prisoners, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)

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

Theft, assaults, burglary, robbery (without firearm) and other criminal acts not elsewhere classified 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, assault 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, 1<sup>st</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	38	0	38	89	5	94	97	6	103	81	12	93	74	6	80	37	4	41
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Infanticide	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Attempted intentional homicide	42	1	43	101	4	105	79	4	83	46	5	51	40	1	41	19	5	24
Non-intentional homicide	1	0	1	10	0	10	10	0	10	10	2	12	13	1	14	6	2	8
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>																		
Assaults	222	9	231	716	61	777	887	47	934	629	30	659	487	33	520	278	19	297
Domestic Violence	21	2	23	121	10	131	169	6	175	161	6	167	146	5	151	119	5	124
All threats	9	0	9	21	0	21	43	1	44	21	0	21	20	0	20	29	1	30
Kidnapping	2	0	2	12	0	12	9	0	9	10	0	10	6	3	9	2	1	3
Acts against liberty	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coercion	1	0	1	8	0	8	7	2	9	1	1	2	6	0	6	4	0	4
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	0	0	0	9	0	9	7	0	7	11	1	12	6	0	6	0	0	0
Other acts of negligence	1	1	2	2	5	7	1	4	5	1	3	4	1	0	1	1	1	2
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	1	0	1	5	0	5	4	0	4	13	0	13	1	0	1	2	0	2
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	1	0	1	5	0	5	8	0	8	7	0	7	7	0	7	5	0	5
Defamation or insult	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	0	3	4	0	4	4	0	4	3	3	6
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>																		

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 1<sup>st</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
Rape	91	3	94	150	2	152	118	0	118	132	1	133	85	0	85	75	1	76
Attempted Rape (Adult)	4	0	4	10	0	10	16	0	16	14	0	14	8	0	8	7	0	7
Indecent assault (adult victim)	6	0	6	16	0	16	22	2	24	20	3	23	18	2	20	18	2	20
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	62	0	62	157	0	157	73	0	73	24	1	25	13	0	13	11	0	11
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>																		
Robbery (firearm)	5	0	5	36	0	36	22	2	24	21	1	22	16	0	16	40	0	40
Robbery (without firearm)	102	2	104	323	9	332	272	6	278	179	5	184	138	2	140	69	3	72
<b>Acts against property only</b>																		
Burglary	163	13	176	452	17	469	433	19	452	325	8	333	189	12	201	107	3	110
Theft	231	27	258	901	76	977	980	66	1,046	685	54	739	479	48	527	347	35	382
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	16	6	22	123	4	127	145	10	155	101	5	106	88	4	92	57	2	59
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>																		
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	18	5	23	68	7	75	80	17	97	64	23	87	54	27	81	34	18	52
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	5	1	6	23	1	24	20	2	22	22	6	28	15	4	19	15	2	17
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>																		
Fraud	10	0	10	28	4	32	73	4	77	84	4	88	52	10	62	44	20	64
Forgery/counterfeiting	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	5	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Corruption	0	1	1	3	2	5	5	4	9	4	1	5	10	2	12	9	0	9
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>																		

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 1<sup>st</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
Acts against public order sexual standards	19	0	19	74	0	74	95	0	95	31	1	32	30	0	30	23	0	23
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	4	1	5	15	1	16	19	1	20	9	1	10	11	1	12	3	2	5
Acts related to migration	31	6	37	60	19	79	58	29	87	37	18	55	24	5	29	27	3	30
Acts against the justice system	8	0	8	29	1	30	34	2	36	44	3	47	36	5	41	27	6	33
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	8	0	8	4	2	6	19	2	21	23	4	27	17	0	17	7	1	8
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>																		
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	1	0	1	1	0	1	7	0	7	12	0	12	6	0	6	2	0	2
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	6	0	6	9	0	9	15	0	15	6	0	6	10	0	10	5	0	5
Acts against computer systems	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Acts against state security	0	1	1	3	0	3	4	0	4	8	1	9	1	0	1	3	0	3
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Non-injurious traffic violations	4	0	4	28	0	28	46	2	48	25	1	26	22	1	23	14	0	14
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>																		
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	10	0	10	41	0	41	37	3	40	38	0	38	26	0	26	18	0	18
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	18	0	18	56	3	59	48	0	48	37	1	38	36	2	38	15	1	16
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>																		
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	7	0	7	27	0	27	10	1	11	5	0	5	1	0	1	4	0	4
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	25	5	30	111	13	124	170	12	182	124	8	132	154	9	163	116	7	123
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,194	84	1,278	3,856	248	4,104	4,156	256	4,412	3,074	212	3,286	2,357	186	2,543	1,602	149	1,751

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 1<sup>st</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	23	2	25	10	0	10	2	0	2	0	0	0	9	0	9	460	35	495
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Infanticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Attempted intentional homicide	16	0	16	16	3	19	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	362	23	385
Non-intentional homicide	9	0	9	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	64	7	71
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>																		
Assaults	160	12	172	92	6	98	34	2	36	16	2	18	11	1	12	3,532	222	3,754
Domestic Violence	54	3	57	25	3	28	12	1	13	6	0	6	5	0	5	839	41	880
All threats	4	0	4	5	0	5	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	154	2	156
Kidnapping	5	1	6	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	51	6	57
Acts against liberty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coercion	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	34	3	37
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	3	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	39	1	40
Other acts of negligence	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	9	17	26
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34
Defamation or insult	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	22	3	25
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	57	1	58	41	0	41	21	0	21	10	0	10	24	2	26	804	10	814

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 1<sup>st</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
Attempted Rape (Adult)	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	65	0	65
Indecent assault (adult victim)	18	0	18	11	0	11	4	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	135	9	144
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	7	1	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	351	2	353
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>																		
Robbery (firearm)	8	0	8	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	3	153
Robbery (without firearm)	30	2	32	5	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1,119	29	1,148
<b>Acts against property only</b>																		
Burglary	62	1	63	14	2	16	3	1	4	4	0	4	2	0	2	1,754	76	1,830
Theft	156	12	168	82	10	92	31	3	34	9	2	11	10	2	12	3,911	335	4,246
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	21	2	23	15	0	15	6	0	6	4	0	4	3	0	3	579	33	612
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>																		
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	23	7	30	6	5	11	4	3	7	2	4	6	1	3	4	354	119	473
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	7	1	8	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	19	129
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>																		
Fraud	23	4	27	27	4	31	14	2	16	2	1	3	4	1	5	361	54	415
Forgery/counterfeiting	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	1	12
Corruption	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	33	11	44
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>																		
Acts against public order sexual standards	9	1	10	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	286	3	289

**Table 4.1: Crime Type and Counts by Age Group, 1<sup>st</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 contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	66	7	73
Acts related to migration	11	1	12	4	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	254	81	335
Acts against the justice system	29	6	35	10	1	11	5	2	7	0	1	1	5	0	5	227	27	254
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	2	0	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	9	93
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>																		
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	5	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	35
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54
Acts against computer systems	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Acts against state security	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	22	2	24
Terrorism	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Non-injurious traffic violations	5	1	6	3	0	3	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	5	157
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>																		
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	13	1	14	12	1	13	6	0	6	2	0	2	6	0	6	209	5	214
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	8	1	9	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221	8	229
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>																		
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	55	2	57
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	65	9	74	21	5	26	25	1	26	9	1	10	8	1	9	828	71	899
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	847	71	918	427	46	473	186	16	202	84	12	96	98	11	109	17,881	1,291	19,172

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

The most frequent crimes committed by new Zimbabwean prisoners were theft, assault, burglary, robbery (without firearms) and other criminal acts not elsewhere classified. Immigration-related offences, 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, 1<sup>st</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	459	35	494	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	460	35	495
Murder (intimate partner)	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Infanticide	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Attempted intentional homicide	361	23	384	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	362	23	385
Non-intentional homicide	64	7	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	7	71
Assisting or instigating suicide	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Illegal feticide	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>															
Assaults	3,524	222	3,746	6	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	3,532	222	3,754
Domestic Violence	839	41	880	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	839	41	880
All threats	153	2	155	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	154	2	156
Kidnapping	51	6	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	6	57
Acts against liberty	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coercion	34	3	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3	37
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	39	1	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1	40
Other acts of negligence	9	17	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	17	26
Dangerous acts (Traffic related offences)	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	28
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	34	0	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34
Defamation or insult	22	3	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	3	25
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	803	10	813	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	804	10	814

**Table 4.2: Crime Type and Counts by Nationality, 1<sup>st</sup> 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
Attempted Rape (Adult)	65	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	65
Indecent assault (adult victim)	135	9	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	9	144
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	350	2	352	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	351	2	353
Sexual exploitation	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>															
Robbery (firearm)	150	3	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	3	153
Robbery (without firearm)	1,119	29	1,148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,119	29	1,148
<b>Acts against property only</b>															
Burglary	1,752	76	1,828	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,754	76	1,830
Theft	3,909	335	4,244	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,911	335	4,246
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	575	33	608	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	579	33	612
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>															
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	353	117	470	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	354	119	473
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	108	19	127	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	19	129
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>															
Fraud	360	54	414	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	361	54	415
Forgery/counterfeiting	11	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	12
Corruption	33	5	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	33	11	44
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>															
Acts against public order sexual standards	275	3	278	9	0	9	2	0	2	0	0	0	286	3	289
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	49	5	54	17	2	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	7	73

<b>Crime / Offence</b>	<b>Zimbabwe</b>			<b>Other SADC Countries</b>			<b>Other African Countries</b>			<b>Outside Africa</b>			<b>Total</b>		
Acts related to migration	73	2	75	123	64	187	32	2	34	26	13	39	254	81	335
Acts against the justice system	227	26	253	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	227	27	254
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	84	9	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	9	93
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>															
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	35	0	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	35
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	54	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	54
Acts against computer systems	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Acts against state security	22	2	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	24
Terrorism	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Non-injurious traffic violations	152	5	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	5	157
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>															
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	166	5	171	43	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	209	5	214
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	221	8	229	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221	8	229
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>															
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	55	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	2	57
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	826	71	897	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	828	71	899
Mental patient	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,601</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>18,802</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>17,881</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>19,172</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, burglary and robbery (without firearm). Those who completed tertiary levels of education were mostly imprisoned for theft, fraud, assault and acts related to migration. Table 4.3.

**Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 1<sup>st</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	136	8	144	298	26	324	17	0	17	9	1	10	460	35	495
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Infanticide	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Attempted intentional homicide	105	10	115	242	13	255	13	0	13	2	0	2	362	23	385
Non-intentional homicide	10	4	14	50	2	52	1	0	1	3	1	4	64	7	71
Assisting or instigating suicide	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Illegal feticide	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>															
Assaults	731	53	784	2,628	157	2,785	132	10	142	41	2	43	3,532	222	3,754
Domestic Violence	165	5	170	601	34	635	49	2	51	24	0	24	839	41	880
All threats	35	1	36	103	1	104	13	0	13	3	0	3	154	2	156
Kidnapping	14	2	16	35	4	39	1	0	1	1	0	1	51	6	57
Acts against liberty	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coercion	3	0	3	24	3	27	7	0	7	0	0	0	34	3	37
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	10	0	10	29	0	29	0	0	0	0	1	1	39	1	40
Other acts of negligence	1	4	5	7	12	19	0	1	1	1	0	1	9	17	26
Dangerous acts (traffic-related offences)	1	0	1	22	0	22	5	0	5	0	0	0	28	0	28
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	1	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	11	0	11	22	0	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	34	0	34
Defamation or insult	3	0	3	17	3	20	1	0	1	1	0	1	22	3	25
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	254	1	255	484	9	493	39	0	39	27	0	27	804	10	814

**Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 1<sup>st</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
Attempted Rape (Adult)	14	0	14	48	0	48	2	0	2	1	0	1	65	0	65
Indecent assault (adult victim)	34	1	35	79	7	86	11	0	11	11	1	12	135	9	144
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	69	1	70	265	1	266	13	0	13	4	0	4	351	2	353
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>															
Robbery (firearm)	15	0	15	127	2	129	5	1	6	3	0	3	150	3	153
Robbery (without firearm)	211	8	219	840	20	860	47	1	48	21	0	21	1,119	29	1,148
Acts against property only															
Burglary	375	10	385	1,285	63	1,348	67	3	70	27	0	27	1,754	76	1,830
Theft	715	44	759	2,833	254	3,087	267	16	283	96	21	117	3,911	335	4,246
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	122	4	126	410	28	438	36	0	36	11	1	12	579	33	612
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>															
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	48	20	68	281	88	369	20	4	24	5	7	12	354	119	473
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	10	3	13	88	15	103	8	1	9	4	0	4	110	19	129
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>															
Fraud	25	5	30	224	27	251	58	12	70	54	10	64	361	54	415
Forgery/counterfeiting	3	0	3	6	0	6	0	1	1	2	0	2	11	1	12
Corruption	3	0	3	25	4	29	4	1	5	1	6	7	33	11	44
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>															
Acts against public order sexual standards	30	1	31	231	2	233	17	0	17	8	0	8	286	3	289
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	13	1	14	45	6	51	7	0	7	1	0	1	66	7	73

**Table 4.3 Crime Type and Counts by Level of Education Completed, 1<sup>st</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	113	39	152	99	33	132	15	3	18	27	6	33	254	81	335
Acts against the justice system	37	5	42	163	20	183	15	0	15	12	2	14	227	27	254
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	15	1	16	57	7	64	10	1	11	2	0	2	84	9	93
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>															
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	5	0	5	26	0	26	2	0	2	2	0	2	35	0	35
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	11	0	11	41	0	41	2	0	2	0	0	0	54	0	54
Acts against computer systems	0	0	0	4	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	1	6	0	6
Acts against state security	5	0	5	15	2	17	1	0	1	1	0	1	22	2	24
Terrorism	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Non-injurious traffic violations	35	0	35	103	4	107	10	0	10	4	1	5	152	5	157
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>															
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	105	1	106	99	3	102	2	0	2	3	1	4	209	5	214
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	70	0	70	147	8	155	3	0	3	1	0	1	221	8	229
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>															
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	10	1	11	41	0	41	3	1	4	1	0	1	55	2	57
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	144	12	156	605	55	660	55	1	56	24	3	27	828	71	899
Mental patient	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2
Total	3,719	247	3,966	12,763	919	13,682	960	60	1,020	439	65	504	17,881	1,291	19,172

#### **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 robbery (without firearms). On the other hand, employed new female prisoners were imprisoned mostly for theft, assault, unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors and fraud whilst unemployed new female prisoners were mostly imprisoned for theft, assault, acts related to migration and unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors.

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**Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 1<sup>st</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	224	14	238	236	21	257	460	35	495
Murder (intimate partner)	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2
Infanticide	0	2	2	1	1	2	1	3	4
Attempted intentional homicide	177	12	189	185	11	196	362	23	385
Non-intentional homicide	39	3	42	25	4	29	64	7	71
Assisting or instigating suicide	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Illegal feticide	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	2
<b>Acts causing harm or intending to cause harm to the person</b>									
Assaults	1,698	76	1,774	1,834	146	1,980	3,532	222	3,754
Domestic Violence	471	17	488	368	24	392	839	41	880
All threats	69	1	70	85	1	86	154	2	156
Kidnapping	28	1	29	23	5	28	51	6	57
Acts against liberty	1	0	1	3	0	3	4	0	4
Trafficking in persons (TIP)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coercion	23	1	24	11	2	13	34	3	37
Negligence related to driving a vehicle	22	1	23	17	0	17	39	1	40
Other acts of negligence	5	6	11	4	11	15	9	17	26
Dangerous acts (Traffic-related offences)	16	0	16	12	0	12	28	0	28
Dangerous acts (Non-traffic related offences)	1	0	1	2	1	3	3	1	4
Acts intended to induce fear or emotional distress	24	0	24	10	0	10	34	0	34
Defamation or insult	10	2	12	12	1	13	22	3	25
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Injurious acts of a sexual nature</b>									
Rape	377	6	383	427	4	431	804	10	814
Attempted Rape (Adult)	32	0	32	33	0	33	65	0	65

**Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime/ Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Indecent assault (adult victim)	73	9	82	62	0	62	135	9	144
Other sexual or indecent offences against young people	166	0	166	185	2	187	351	2	353
Sexual exploitation	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2
<b>Acts against property involving violence or threat against a person</b>									
Robbery (firearm)	94	2	96	56	1	57	150	3	153
Robbery (without firearm)	618	14	632	501	15	516	1,119	29	1,148
<b>Acts against property only</b>									
Burglary	846	23	869	908	53	961	1,754	76	1,830
Theft	2,124	157	2,281	1,787	178	1,965	3,911	335	4,246
Intellectual property offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property damage	296	13	309	283	20	303	579	33	612
<b>Acts involving controlled drugs or other psychoactive substances</b>									
Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	194	47	241	160	72	232	354	119	473
Unlawful acts involving alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances	69	8	77	41	11	52	110	19	129
<b>Acts involving fraud, deception or corruption</b>									
Fraud	246	38	284	115	16	131	361	54	415
Forgery/counterfeiting	9	1	10	2	0	2	11	1	12
Corruption	22	6	28	11	5	16	33	11	44
Acts involving the proceeds of crime	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4
<b>Acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State</b>									
Acts against public order sexual standards	240	1	241	46	2	48	286	3	289
Acts contrary to public revenue or regulatory provisions	39	4	43	27	3	30	66	7	73
Acts related to migration	106	7	113	148	74	222	254	81	335

**Table 4.4: Crime Type and Counts by Employment Status and Sex, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 (Cont'd)**

Crime/ Offence	Employed			Unemployed			Total		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Acts against the justice system	113	12	125	114	15	129	227	27	254
Other acts against public order, authority and provisions of the State	59	5	64	25	4	29	84	9	93
<b>Acts against public safety and state security</b>									
Acts related to possession and handling of firearms	23	0	23	12	0	12	35	0	35
Acts involving other weapons, explosives and destructive materials	29	0	29	25	0	25	54	0	54
Acts against computer systems	4	0	4	2	0	2	6	0	6
Acts against state security	13	0	13	9	2	11	22	2	24
Terrorism	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Non-injurious traffic violations	67	1	68	85	4	89	152	5	157
<b>Acts against the natural environment</b>									
Trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna and flora	93	1	94	116	4	120	209	5	214
Acts that result in the depletion or degradation of natural resources	85	3	88	136	5	141	221	8	229
<b>Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified</b>									
Acts contrary to youth regulations and acts on minors	17	1	18	38	1	39	55	2	57
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	476	37	513	352	34	386	828	71	899
Mental patient	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	9,342	535	9,877	8,539	756	9,295	17,881	1,291	19,172

**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 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				
	<b>Mashonaland West</b>				
1	Chinhoyi				
1a	Baruka				
2	Kadoma				
3	Karoi				
3a	Kariba				
4	Hurungwe				

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