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Historical and Political Context

The end of the dictatorship in 1980 began a long transition to democracy in which the Executive passed to civilian control and little by little the system of state security institutions was also democratized through a series of reforms in which new civilian-controlled institutions replaced those subordinate to the military. Initially, the Armed Forces maintained a central role in everyday politics and institutional reform, with the 1982 Constitution preserving their extensive authority, but a changing regional context in which peace accords were signed in El Salvador and negotiated in Guatemala accompanied a period of transition in which the power of military

institutions was reduced and a new and autonomous national police force was created. Whilst the interruption of civilian democratic rule in 2009 brought questions regarding the role of the military to the forefront, after a period new elections were held later that year. Honduras is facing chronic public security challenges: the growth in violent crime has led the country to have one of the highest murder rates in Latin America. Policies focused on institutional initiatives, an improved management of crime statistics and information, and a comprehensive process of police reform have been embarked upon.

Country Information

Political System:	Presidential Republic / Unitary
Administrative Organization:	18 Departments, 298 Municipalities
Population:	8,555,072*
Territorial Extension:	112,492 km ²
GDP (US\$ / current prices):	18,388,000,000 (2012)
Minimum Monthly Salary (current US\$):	341.9
Illiteracy:	15.2%**

*2013 projection based upon 2001 census and growth models.
 **in those above 15 years old. 2005-2010.

Basic Security Indicators (2012)

National Police:	12,805 personnel
Homicides:	7,172 homicides reported. Homicide rate of 85,5 per 100,000 inhabitants.
Drug Trafficking:	982 people arrested for drug trafficking.
Traffic Accidents:	1,243 deaths resulting from traffic accidents.
Border Flows:	Total annual border movements average 1,320,368 people.
Estimated Number of Gang Members:	4,728
Private Security:	402 private security firms .
Penal Centers:	There are 24 correctional facilities with a prison population totaling 12 263 inmates.
Femicide:	606 violent deaths against women were registered.
The Perception of Security:	84% of the population has little or no trust in the Police.
Military Personnel dedicated to public security:	1,960

Post-dictatorship (1982-1993)	Reform of the security sector (1993 - 1998)	Constitutional and Legislative Reform (1998 - 2009)	Institutional Crisis and Political Reorganization (2009 -2010)	Current stage (2010 - now)
Constitutional Reform but the military political hegemony continues as the 1982 Constitution gives the military power over the government.	Security sector reform is advanced through talks and military draft is eliminated, but the Armed Forces continue to play a major role in public security through the Public Security Force (FUSEP), despite the creation of a civilian police force (DIC).	Development of a new legislative framework through constitutional reform and the Organic Law of the Police, completing the full separation of the Police from the Armed Forces, whilst a new Law of Military Organization and reform of the Penal Code is approved.	The Armed Forces are a central factor in the ousting of President Zelaya (2009).	Citizen demands regarding the security situation in general and for police reform in particular lead to a series of legislative initiatives and the creation of two special forces: a special unit of the Police, and the Military Police within the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces. Truce process: commitment between gangs to reduce the level of violence.

1993 Ad-hoc commission proposes the creation of the Public Ministry and the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DIC)	1995 Two police forces operate: Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DIC) - civilian character, and the Public Security Force (FUSEP) - a branch of the Armed Forces	1998 Constitutional Reform. New Organic Law of the Police.	2001 Anti-Gang Law	2003 Reform of the Penal Code	2009 Crisis and Institutional Reorganization	2010 - 2013 Police Reform Creation of a Military Police and a Special Police Unit-TIGRES
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Sources: National Statistics Institute; GDP: IMF, *World Economic Outlook Database*; Average Salary: Secretariat of Jobs and Social Security; Illiteracy: UNDP, *Human Development Report 2013*; National Police: Secretariat of Security, *Política Integral de Convivencia y Seguridad Ciudadana para Honduras 2011 a 2022*, (2011); Homicides: UNAH-IUDPAS Observatory of Violence *Boletín No. 28*, (January 2013); The Perception of Security: *Encuesta de Opinión Pública Centro América y República Dominicana*, February 2013, CID-Gallup, available in cidgallup.com/documentos; Drug Trafficking: Secretariat of Security, *Boletín de Incidencia Delictiva y Accionar Policial Anual de enero a diciembre 2012*; Traffic Accidents: CONADEH, *Informe Anual del Comisionado Nacional de los Derechos Humanos sobre el estado general de los derechos humanos en Honduras*, (2012); Border Flows: Honduran Tourism Institute, *Boletín de estadísticas turísticas*, 2012; Gang members: National Prevention, Rehabilitation and Social Reinsertion Program, *Situación de maras y pandillas en Honduras*, (2010); Private Security: United Nations General Assembly, *Informe del Grupo de Trabajo sobre Mercenarios, A/HRC/24/45*; Penal Centers: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, *Informe sobre la situación de las personas privadas de libertad en Honduras*, (2013); Femicide: CONADEH, *Informe Anual del Comisionado Nacional de los Derechos Humanos sobre el estado general de los derechos humanos en Honduras*, (2012).

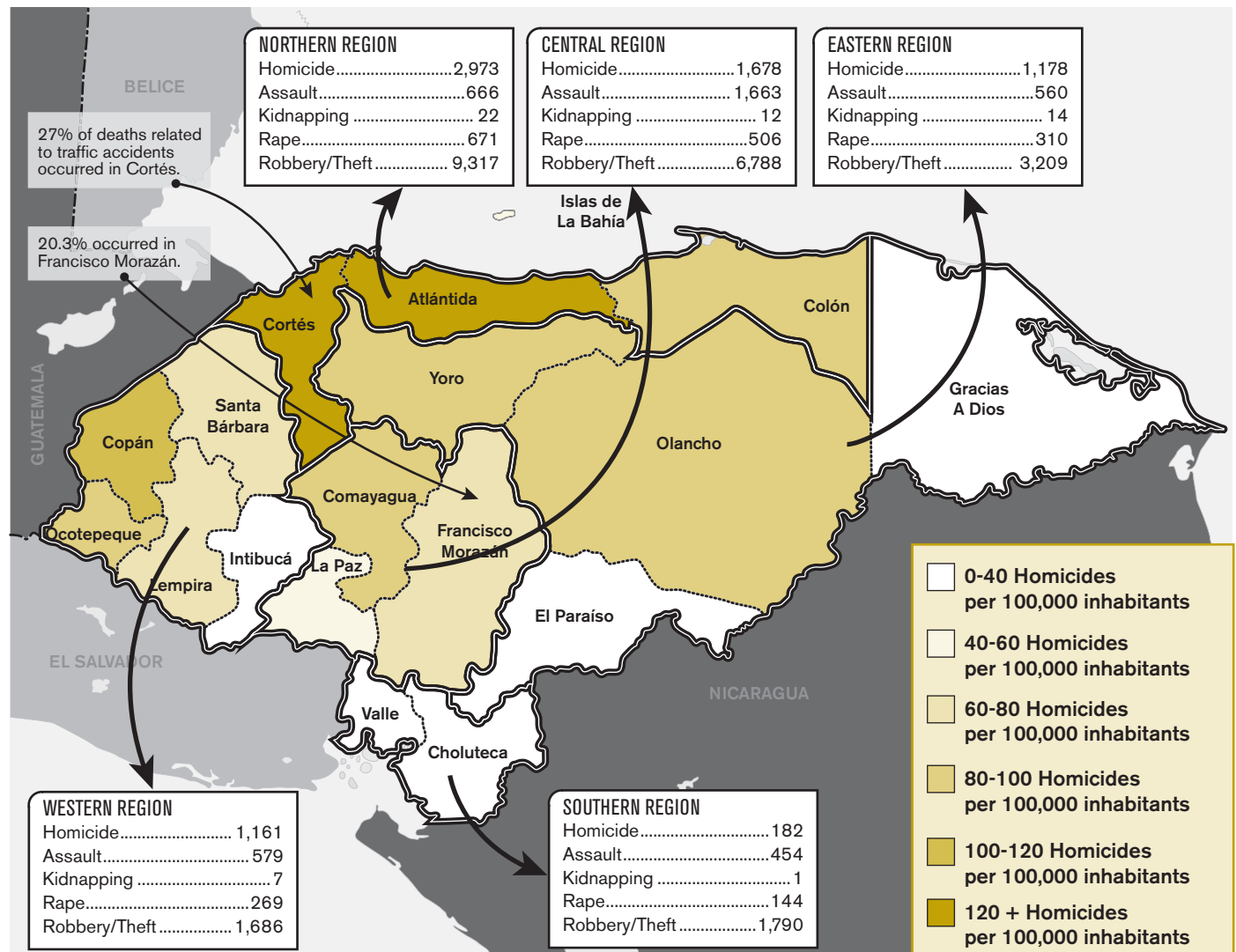
Security Challenges: An Overview

One person is a victim of homicide every 73 minutes in Honduras; in the last decade the public security situation has deteriorated exponentially, with the homicide rate moving from 30.7 per 100,000 inhabitants in 2004, to 85.5 in 2012.

The impact upon the population is acute. The lack of citizen security in public spaces leads to a culture of fear: 7 taxi drivers

were murdered per month and 60% of female victims killed in the open street in 2012. Whilst the unrelenting rise in the homicide rate was halted in 2012, and in fact decreased slightly from a rate of 86.5 in 2011, with 91% of cases of female homicides and 85% of murders of police officers unresolved, the situation remains defined by violence, impunity and insecurity.

Territorial Comparison of Crimes Committed (2012):



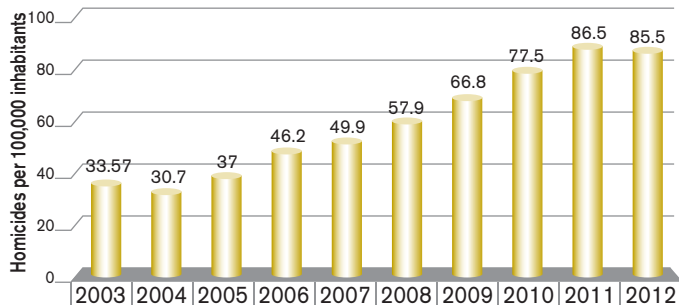
Every day there are **19.6** victims of homicide, **3.4** Traffic fatalities, **8** victims of sexual abuse, and **8,4** women are analyzed for domestic violence.

Sources: Informe Anual del Comisionado Nacional de los Derechos Humanos sobre el Estado General de los Derechos Humanos en Honduras y el Desempeño de sus Funciones 2012; Boletín Annual 2012, Human Rights Observatory.

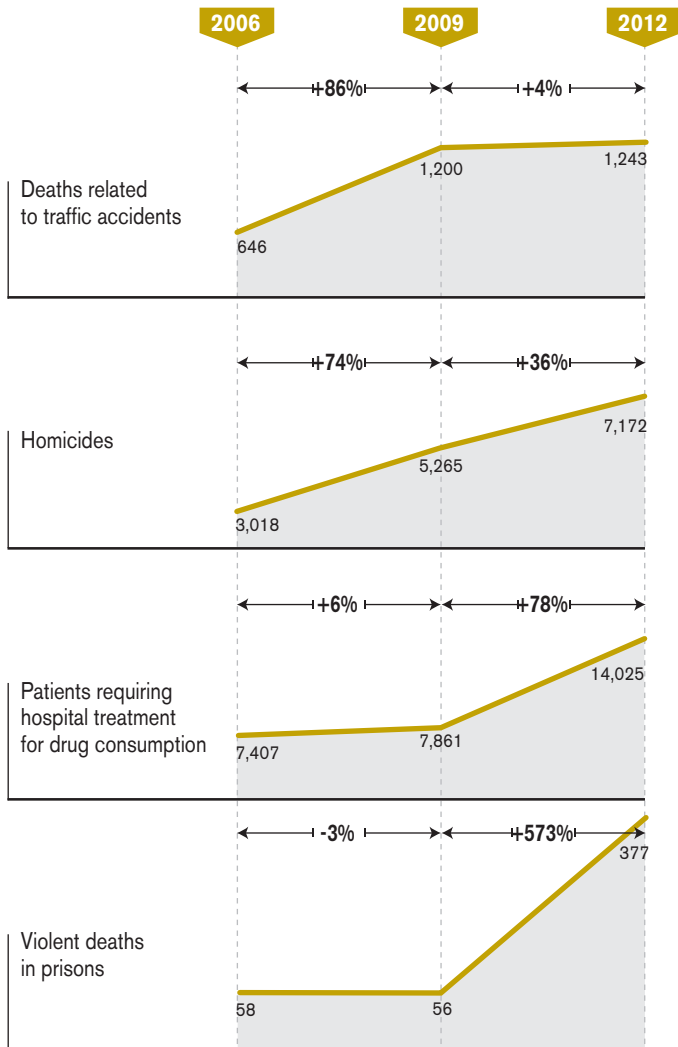
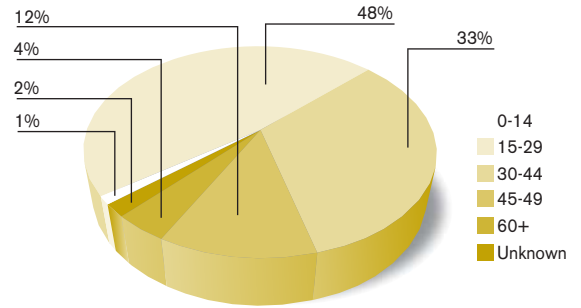
The national rate of 85.5 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants was passed by those zones along Honduras's coast and towards the border with Guatemala: Atlántida (129.4), Cortés (128.9), Copán (104.7), Ocotepeque (99.8), Yoro (93.4), Olancho (92.5), and Colón (90.3), in comparison to just 17.1 in the far eastern department of

Gracias a Dios. Only 3% of the country's homicides were recorded in the Southern Region, bordering with Nicaragua. 80% of victims are between 15 and 44 years old, thus having a significant debilitating impact upon the economically active part of the population and draining the country's human capital.

Evolution of Homicides: 2003 - 2012

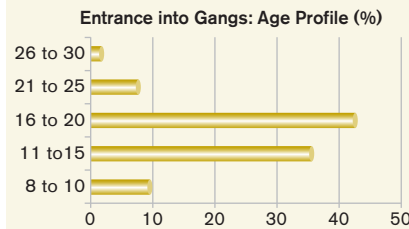


Victims of homicides, according to age: 2010 - 2012



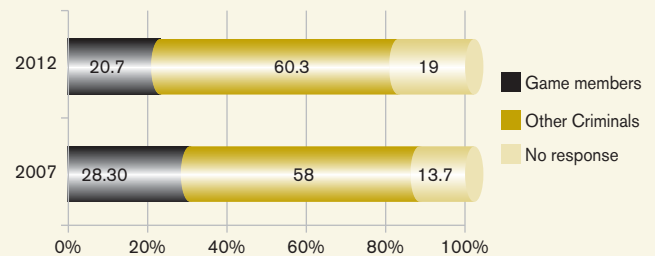
The Question of the Gangs

The presence of gangs in Honduras is said to have broad impact upon public security. The few available studies suggest that it is a clear factor in school attendance, violence within educational institutions, and even the relocation of families to other neighborhoods. According to a study of 14 municipalities*, there are approximately 4728 gang members, of which 447 are situated in jails.



In May 2013, leaders of 2 main gangs, the Mara Salvatrucha and Barrio 18, announced a truce to "stop the violence", in an initiative that would be mediated by representatives of the Catholic Church.

Who do you think commits the majority of crimes?



Is your neighborhood harmed by gangs?

	2007	2012
A lot	9.8%	23.8%
Partly	17.1%	70.1%
A little	30.3%	70.1%
None	39.8%	6.1%
NR	3.0%	6.1%

*Situación de Maras y Pandillas en Honduras 2010-2011, National Prevention Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration Program.

** Borge y Asociados, Encuesta Sobre Inseguridad CONADEH, May 2012, available in <http://www.conadeh.hn/index.php/7-conadeh/232-encuesta-sobre-inseguridad>

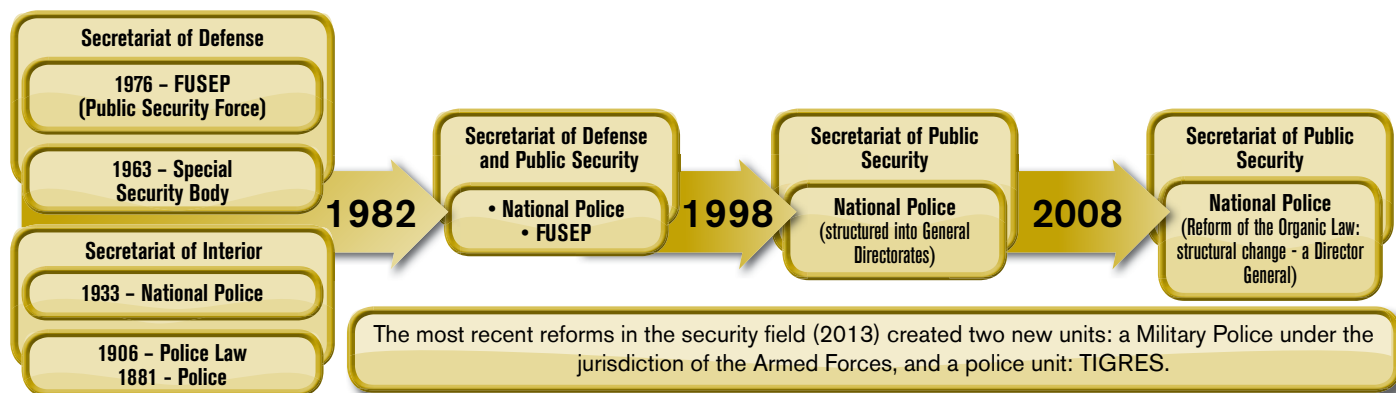
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Security Institutions and Guidelines

The institutional setting has been modified in the last two decades. In 1994 the Office of the Public Prosecutor was created as the body that exercises public criminal prosecutions and leads criminal investigations (carried out by the Directorate of Criminal Investigation of the National Police of Honduras (PNH)). A

year later, the constitutional figure of the National Human Rights Commissioner (CONADEH) was legally created. In 1998, a reform separated the military and police and created the Secretariat of Security, into which a new National Police body organized across different directorates was located.

Principal Actors

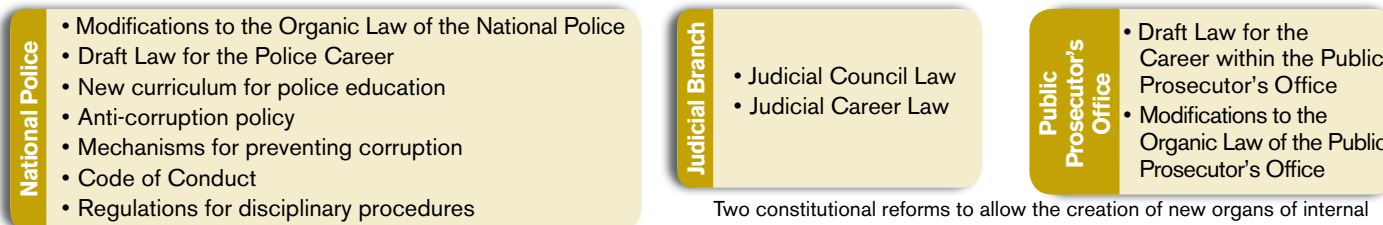


Commission for Public Security Reform

In October 2011, two university students were killed by police without any motive whilst in Tegucigalpa at night. The brutality and impunity of the act (the agents involved escaped punishment), plus the fact that one of the victims was the son of an important public figure, enraged citizens and an important movement to demand police reform began to dominate the agenda. A month later, in December, former security secretary Alfredo Landaverde was killed by gunmen in broad daylight

in the capital. In response to this, on January 31st, 2012, Decree 4-2012 was passed, creating the Commission for Public Security Reform (CRSP), as a temporary (3 years) and independent body responsible for designing, planning and certifying a comprehensive reform of public security.

The Commission presented proposals for reforms to the Executive and Legislature, but due to a lack of political will, the reform process finds itself stalled.



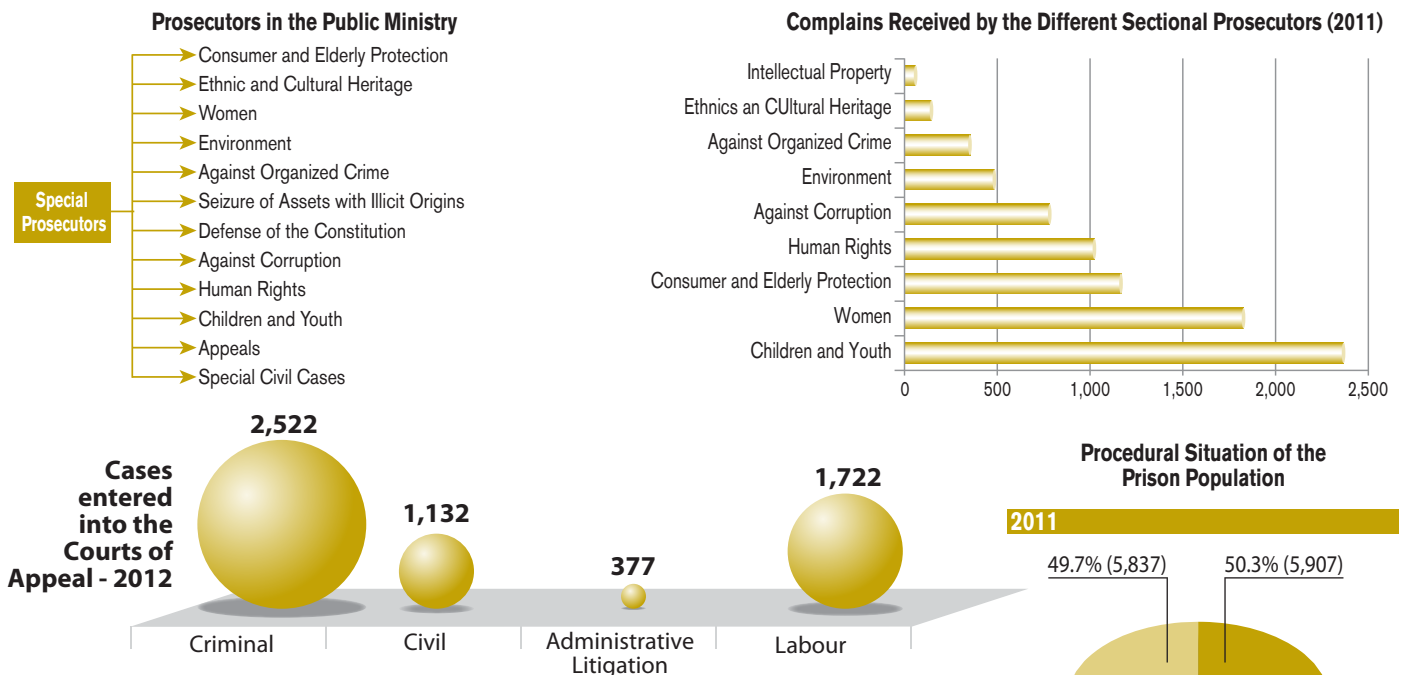
The Criminal Justice System

Effective transition from the inquisitorial model to the new double accusatory system was regulated by the Penal Code of 1999 (Decree No. 9-99-E); specifically for structural and organizational adequacy of the Office of the Public Prosecutor, which is responsible for investigating offenses and public criminal prosecutions.

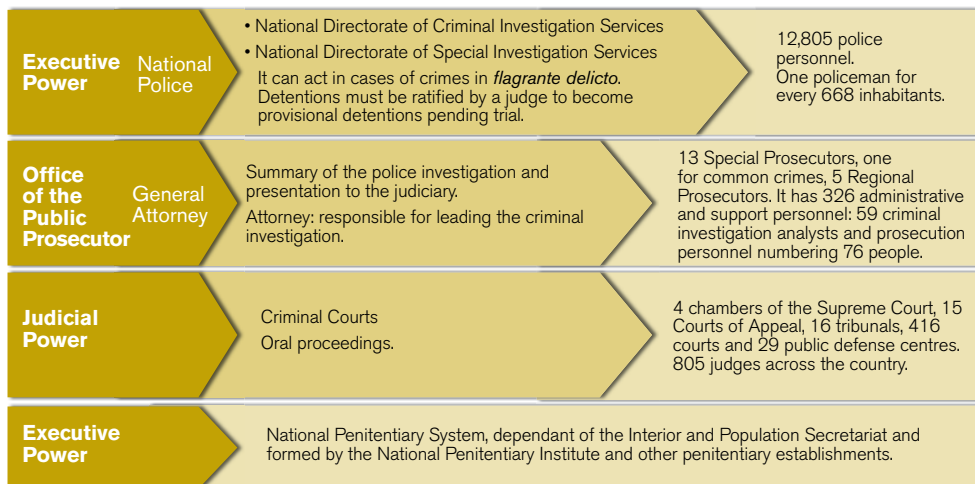
Prosecutors formulate their requirements, requests and findings orally in a clear, precise and substantiated manner at the initial hearing, as well as during debates and other hearings that judges or magistrates convene. In other cases, they are made in writing. In the case of Honduras, pre-trial detention may last up to a year, with an allowance for two years in cases where the sentence for the offense exceeds six years. In no case will pre-trial

detention exceed half the length of the minimum penalty applicable for the offense. For minors who violate criminal laws, the procedure is regulated by the Children and Adolescents Code.

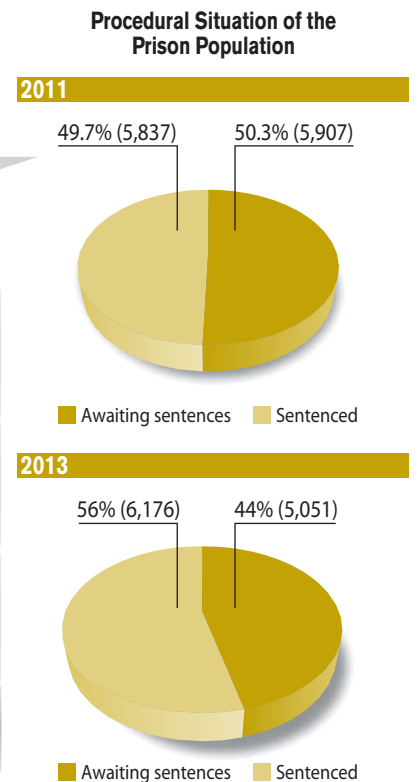
The relationship between the Office of the Public Prosecutor and the National Police (PNH) occurs through the different directorates. In the case of criminal investigation, the Public Prosecutor's Office has its own Investigation Directorate, which in turn works in a coordinated manner, providing legal and technical orientation to the PNH's National Directorate of Special Criminal Investigation Services during the investigative process. In turn, PNH's National Directorate of Special Criminal Investigation Services works together with the Directorate Against Drug Trafficking.



The State and Criminal Cases

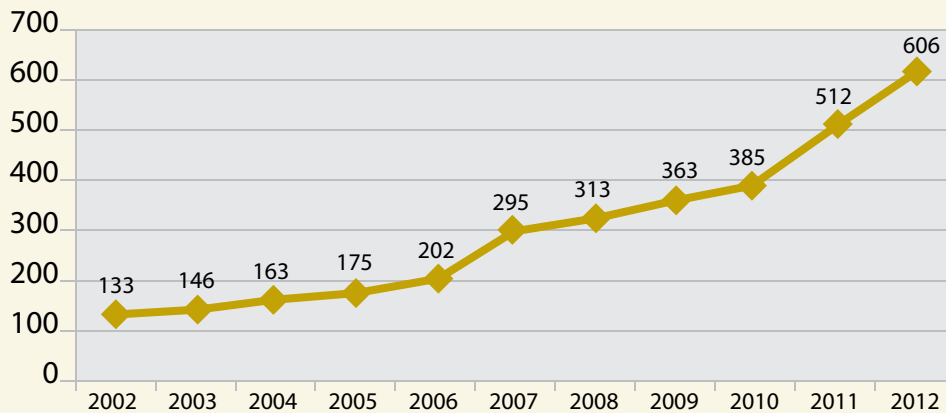


*Data for personnel, with the exception of the police, from 2011



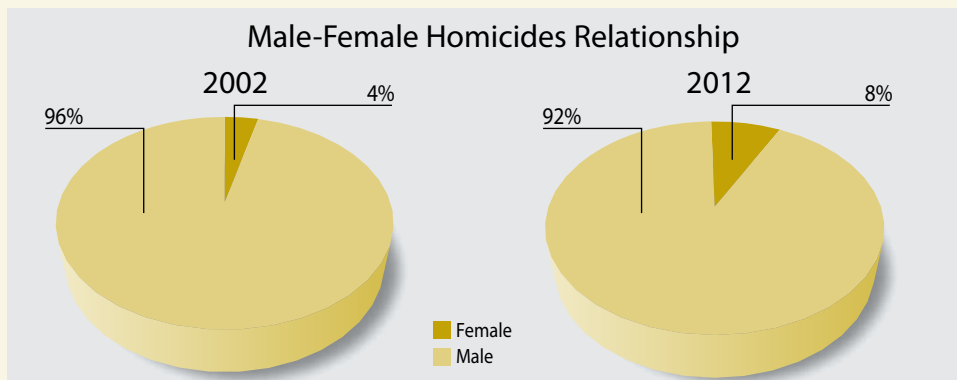
Sources: Código Procesal Penal; Secretariat of Security; Office of the Public Prosecutor, Memoria de Labores 2011, Judicial Power, Informe de Gestión Judicial 2012. Procedural Situation: Informes 2011 and 2012 of the National Human Rights Commissioner of Honduras.

Female Homicides: A Growing Trend

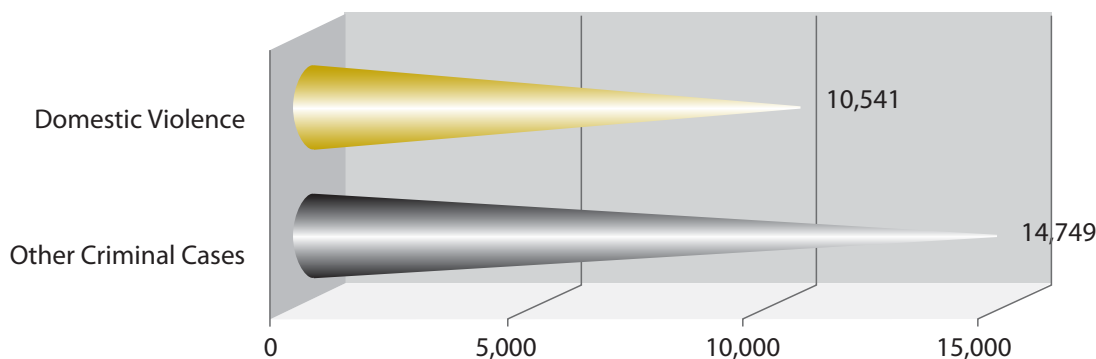


Female homicides have increased 355% in the past 10 years, with the rate of this increase accelerating further since 2010. This compares to a 97.6% growth in total homicides, displaying that the public security situation of women has deteriorated exponentially within the wider context of an already rapid decline in public security. Consequently, the proportion of female homicides as a percentage of total homicides has risen from 4% in 2002 to 8% in 2012.

In order to tackle the rise in violent deaths of women, in April 2013, Decree No 23 – 2013 was passed, reforming the penal code. It places a minimum sentence of between **30 and 40 years** for the crime of femicide.

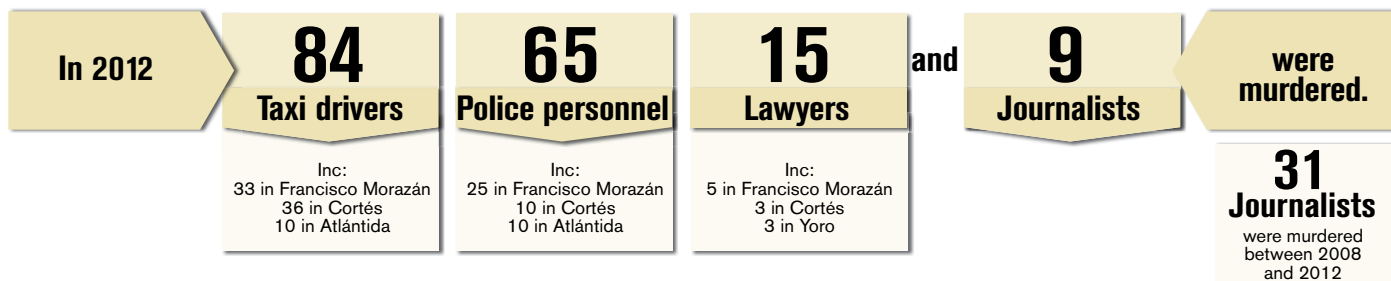


Comparison of Cases entered to Magistrates: Criminal Vs. Domestic Violence (2012)



If it is considered that recorded cases of domestic violence tend to under-represent the true number of cases, it is very striking that for every 3 criminal cases brought to court, there are 2.1 cases of domestic violence.

Other Effects of Insecurity



Sources: Informe Anual del Comisionado Nacional de los Derechos Humanos sobre el Estado General de los Derechos Humanos en Honduras y el Desempeño de sus Funciones 2012; Website of the National Human Rights Commissioner; Boletín Anual 2012, Human Rights Observatory; Situación de Maras y Pandillas en Honduras 2010-2011, National Prevention Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration Program; Reforma del Código Penal (DL 23 – 2013). Ley contra la trata de personas (Decree 59-2012).

The Security Budget

The total security budget in 2013 amounted to two hundred and eighty-one million dollars, representing 1.5% of gross domestic product.

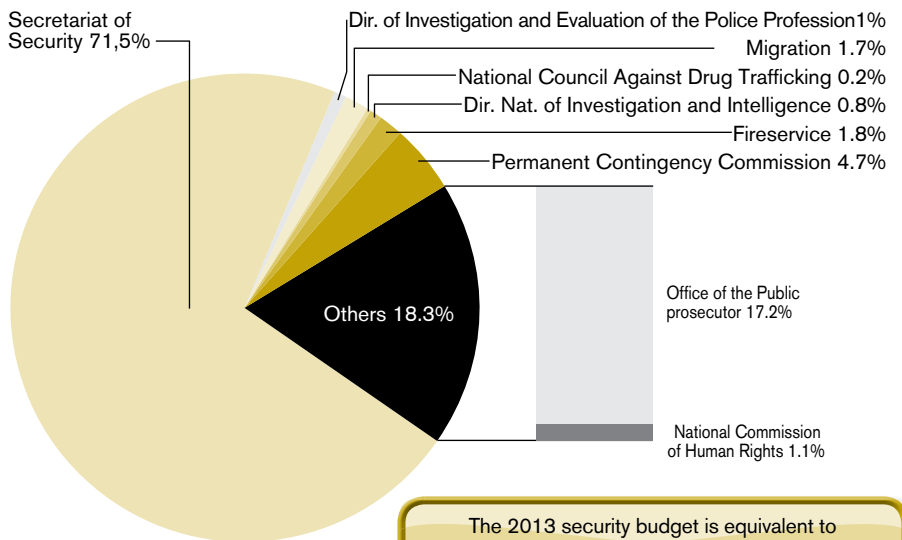
The Honduran budget presents within its functional classification the objective of "defense and security", incorporating the entire resources allocated to the Secretariat of Defense and the administration of justice in general in addition to that of the specific security area. In other areas, such as "general public services" the budget allocated to institutions such as

the National Council against Drug Trafficking, General Directorate of Migration, and the Human Rights Commissioner are added.

The largest portion of the budget falls institutionally within the Secretariat of Security, and more specifically the National Police, to which 70 % of the resources are allocated. Other items related to the crime problem, such as resources devoted to the defense sector for support to internal order, are not discernible using the current levels of budget disaggregation.

SECURITY BUDGET, 2013 (US\$)

Secretariat of Security		%
National Police	195,538,848	69.5
Other	5,586,570	2
Interior and Population Secretariat		
Migration	4,763,574	1.7
National Council Against Drug Trafficking	453,238	0.2
Firefighters		
5,201,200		1.8
Permanent Contingency Commission		
13,289,081		4.7
Office of the Public Prosecutor		
48,454,404		17.2
National Commissioner of Human Rights		
3,139,002		1.1
Directorate of Investigation and Evaluation of the Police Profession		
2,659,468		1
Dir. Nat. of Investigation and Intelligence		
2,207,098		0.8
Total Security Budget (2013)*		
US\$ 281,292,483		



The 2013 security budget is equivalent to 1.5% of GDP or 9.6% of the entire State budget.

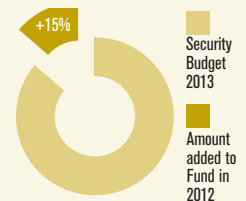
* In current US\$ at 1 dollar to 20.57 Lempiras, in accordance with the World Economic Outlook Database, IMF, 2013.

Between January and July 2013, the Commission for Public Security Reform received a total of US\$ 477,103 (for 2012, the amount totaled US\$ 750,951) from the Secretariat of Security.

Population Security and Protection Fund

This Fund, which functions through a trust financed through special contributions generated through the Population Security Law (which taxes financial transactions, the exploitation and commercialization of minerals, and the commercialization of food and beverages, for a period of five years) was created towards the end of 2011. The funds are destined to crime prevention and control activities carried out by the Judicial Branch, Public Prosecutor's office, Secretariat of Security, Secretariat of Defense and the National Electricity Company. In 2012, US\$43,241,450 (contributions and interest gained on the Fund's own investments) was entered into the Fund.

This amount represents an additional 15% of the security budget for 2013.



Source: Decreto-Ley de presupuesto general de ingresos y egresos de la República para el ejercicio fiscal 2013. Fund: Memoria Anual 2012, Central Bank of Honduras. Reform Commission: Reportes de Ejecución del Presupuesto 2012, Secretariat of Foreign Affairs. GDP and Exchange Rate: World Economic Outlook Database, IMF. All data in US current dollars.

Distribution of Tax Revenue

Tax revenue for 2012 was **US\$ 2,714,782,271**

On average, each economically active member of the population (EAP) contributes **807** dollars each year.

312 dollars of this total is assigned to **Education**

163 dollars of this total is assigned to **Health**

84 dollars of this total is assigned to **Security**

58 dollars of this total is assigned to **National Police**



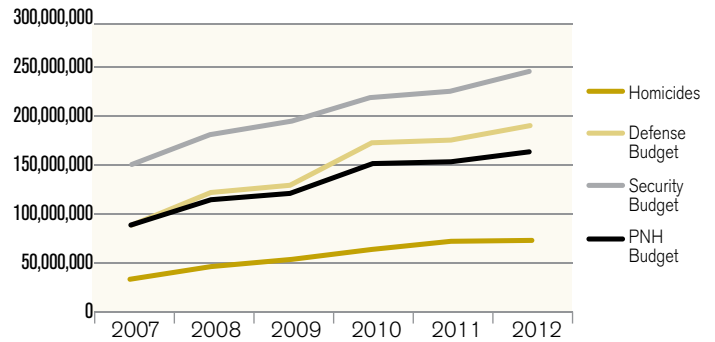
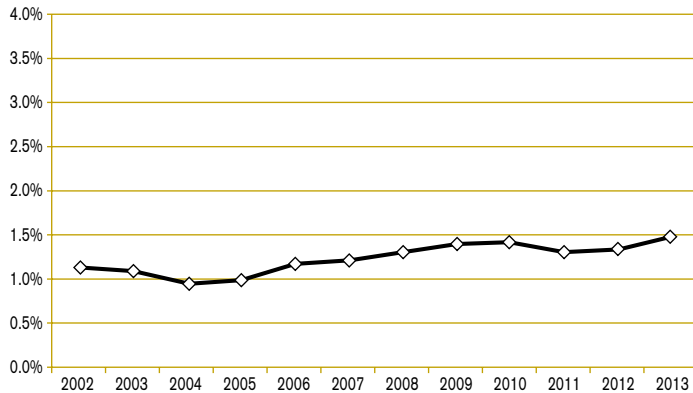
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Evolution of the Security Budget

The relationship between the security budget and GDP has remained stable at an average of 1.2%, displaying a slight increase in recent years in terms of the proportion of GDP allocated to the area. The growth in absolute terms of the security budget

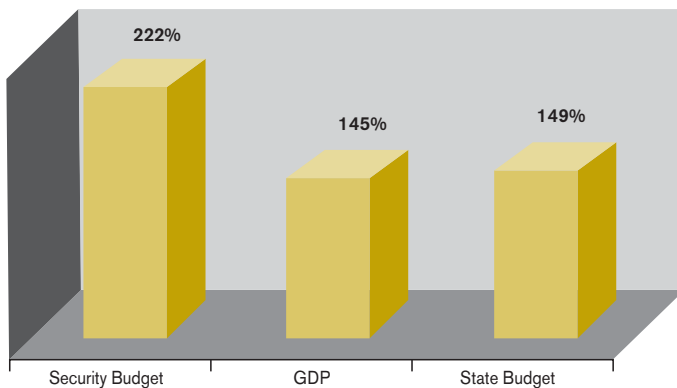
stands out, principally those resources assigned to the National Police, which grew by 357% between 2002 and 2013 (while other institutions saw their budgets grow in a similar proportion to the growth in resources available to the State).

Security Budget as a Percentage of GDP, 2002 – 2013



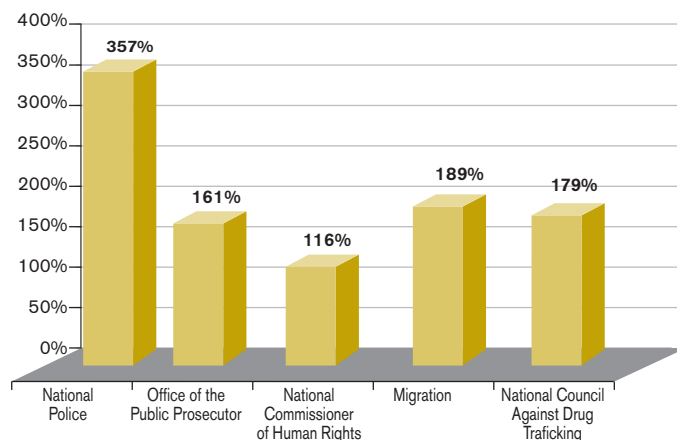
The evolution in recent years shows a similar growth trend for both security and defense, which carries out tasks to assist in public security. The growth in resources available to the PNH has been significantly higher than that of institutions such as the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Comparative Growth (2002 – 2013, in current US\$)



Year	Homicides	Defense Budget	Security Budget	PNH Budget
2007	3,262	86,837,651	149,480,373	89,849,908
2008	4,473	121,183,088	179,842,191	113,212,086
2009	5,265	127,963,147	195,180,217	119,946,017
2010	6,239	172,194,128	218,476,248	149,997,609
2011	7,104	175,902,076	223,686,320	150,988,281
2012	7,172	188,926,130	246,432,411	162,938,810

Variation in Budget Assignments, 2002-2013 (%)

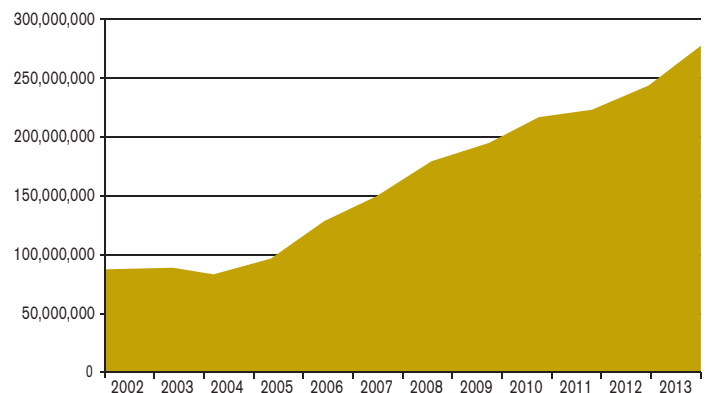


10,550 military personnel



12,805 police personnel

Security Budget (in current US\$), 2002 - 2013



Sources: Decreto-Leyes de presupuesto general de ingresos y egresos de la República para el ejercicio fiscal from 2002 to 2013. For 2012, those resources assigned by the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs to the Commission of Public Security Reform are included (Reportes de Ejecución del Presupuesto 2012, Secretariat of Foreign Relations). GDO and Exchange Rate: World Economic Outlook Database, IMF, for each year considered. All figures are expressed in current dollars. Homicides: Reporte Anual del Comisionado de Derechos Humanos, CONADEH, 2012. Military personnel: Comparative Atlas of Defence in Latin America and Caribbean. 2012 Edition, RESDAL. Police personnel: Secretariat of Security.

Legislation and Security Initiatives

A series of laws and measures of various kinds have been passed, all with the stated aim of addressing existing security demands. In the last three years there have been three amendments to the Organic Police Law and a special law for purging

the police; recently two new bodies have been added: the Military Police and TIGRES unit, headed by the PNH. The acronym stands for *Special Comprehensive Government Security Response Unit, within the Inter-institutional Security Strategy*.



The Legal Framework

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- PN
- PINU
- PDCH
- PUD
- PLH
- PNH

Composition of the Assembly	Laws	Presidency, period and Government party
	1981-1989 (average): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Penal Code (DL N° 144-83 - 08/23/1983). - Rehabilitation of Criminals Law (DL N° 173-1984 - 10/15/1984). 	Roberto Suazo Córdova (January 1982 - January 1986) P. Liberal
	1989-1993: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law Creating the National Council Against Drug Trafficking (DL N° 35-90 - 05/04/1990). - Law of Municipalities (DL N° 134-1990 - 10/29/1990). - Law of the Office of the Public Prosecutor (DL N° 228-93 - 12/20/1993). 	José Azcona Hoyo (January 1986 - January 1990) P. Liberal
	1993-1997:	Rafael Leonardo Callejas (January 1990 - January 1994) P. Nacionalista
	1997-2001: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law that separates and creates the Secretariat of Security (DL N° 155-98 - 06/18/1998). - Penal Code (DL N° 9-99-E - 12/19/1999). - Firearms, Ammunitions, Explosives and Other Similar Objects Law (DL N° 30-2000 - 06/19/2000). - Constitutive Law of the Armed Forces (DL N° 39-2001 - 04/16/2001). - Law for the Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Social Reinsertion of Gang Members (DL N° 141-2001 - 02/10/2001). 	Carlos Roberto Reina (January 1994 - January 1998) P. Liberal
	2001-2005: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police and Social Coexistence Law (DL N° 226-2001 - 01/23/2002). - Law Against Money Laundering (DL N° 45-2002 - 03/26/2002). - Migration and Foreign Persons Law (DL N° 208-2003 - 12/12/2003). - Personnel Law for Members of the Armed Forces (DL N° 231-2005 - 10/11/2005). 	Carlos Flores Facussé (January 1998 - January 2002) P. Liberal
	2005-2009: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Military Pension Institute Law (DL N° 197-2006 - 11/27/2006). - Organic Law of the National Police (DL N° 67-2008 - 06/30/2008). 	Ricardo Maduro Joset (January 2002 - January 2006) P. Nacional
	2010-2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law for the Permanent Confiscation of Goods Attained in an Illicit Manner (DL N° 27-2010 - 06/09/2010). - Law creating the Inter-institutional Commission of Criminal Justice (DL N° 248-2010-01/17/2011). - Population Security Law (DL N° 105-2011-07/08/2011). - Approval of the Convention of Cluster Munitions (DL N° 135-2011-0 12/02/2011). - Special Law of the Security and Defense Council (DL N° 239-2011-12/12/2011). - Special Law on the Interception of Private Communications (DL N° 243-2011-12/12/2011). - Law creating the Public Security Reform Commission (DL N° 4-2012-02/21/2012). - Special Police Purging Law (DL N° 89-2012-05/25/2012). - Law Against Human Trafficking (DL N° 59-2012-07/06/2012). - National Penitentiary System Law (DL N° 64-2012 - 12/03/2012). - Reforms to the Organic Law of the National Police (DL N° 198-2011-11/11/2011, DL N° 5-2012-02/21/2012, DL N° 25-2013 - 03/23/2013). - National Intelligence Law (DL N° 211-2012 - 04/15/2013). - Inter-institutional Security Strategy and Special Comprehensive Government Security Response (TIGRES) (DL N° 103-2013 - 06/27/2013). - Military Police of Public Order Law (DL N° 168-2013 - 08/24/2013). 	Manuel Zelaya Rosales (January 2006 - Mandate interrupted in June 2009) Roberto Micheletti (June 2009 - January 2010) P. Liberal Porfirio Lobo Sosa (January 2010 - January 2014) P. Nacional

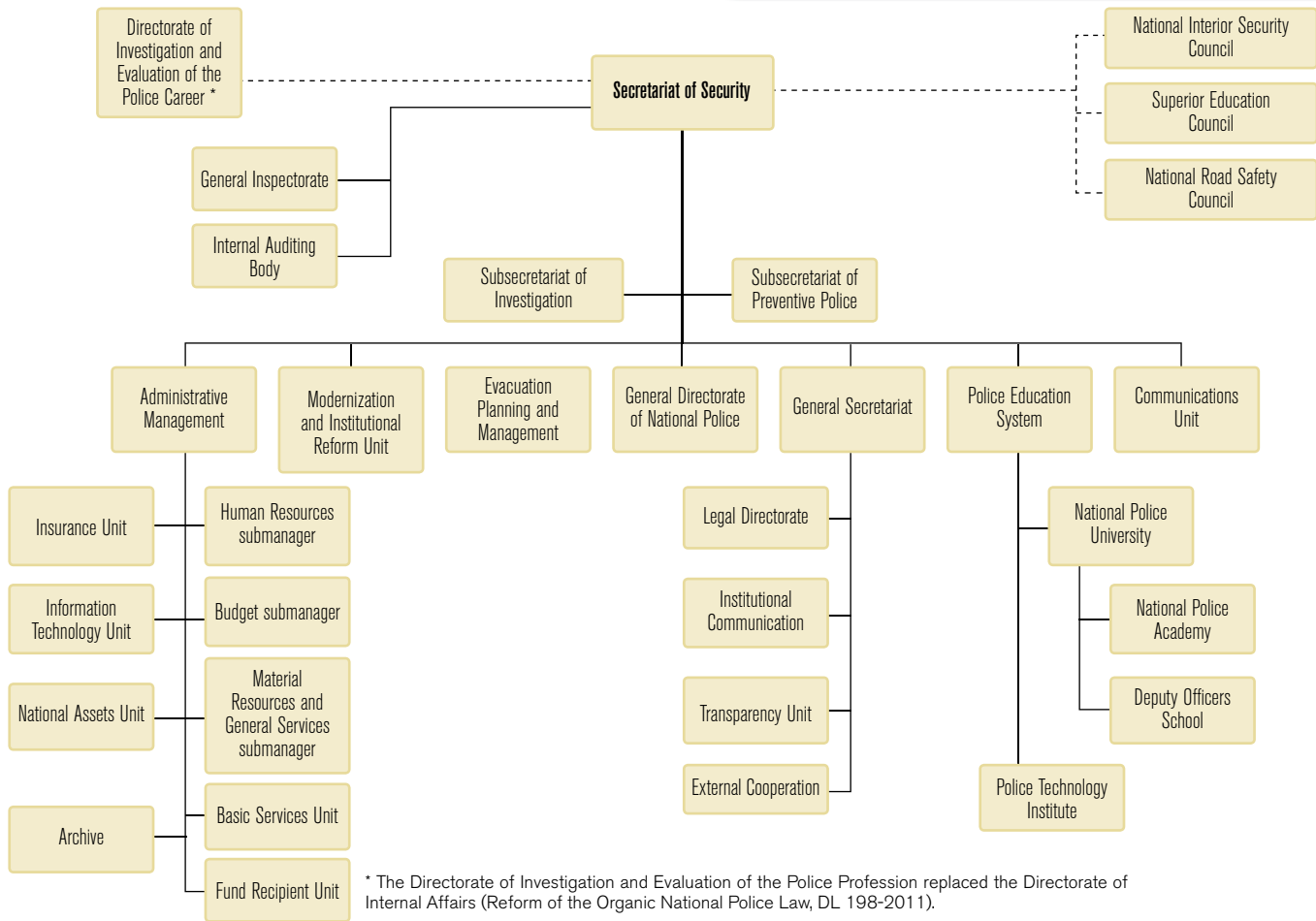
The Secretariat of Security

The Secretariat of Security was created in 1998 through Decree 155-98 as part of the reforms that followed the constitutional changes separating the Armed Forces and the Police. The National Police is under its jurisdiction.

In April 2013, the **National Security and Defense Commissioner** was created as coordinator of security and defense portfo-

lios and representative of the President on national defense and security issues. The Council, established in 2011, is the highest organ for the design and supervision of security policies

The Secretariat is structured into two vice-ministries. One with a headquarters in Tegucigalpa and the other in San Pedro Sula.



Security Sector Support Program (PASS)

PASS is a program supported by the European Union for institutional strengthening within the security sector.

It's the largest security program financed by the European Union in the world.

The Program has 3 main areas: prevention, security and rehabilitation. Includes the donation of equipment to security institutions.

Phase one:

Supports the design of a national sectoral security policy.

Budget

European Union	9,000,000 euros.
Honduran Government	1,090,000 euros.

Phase two:

Reform program to address the 3 main areas.

Total planned budget: 35,000,000 euros.

Association of Honduran Municipalities (AMHON)

AMHON is a civil association that brings together the 298 municipalities.

One of the programs carried out received funding from the Spanish Agency for Development Cooperation (AECID).

The democratic governance strengthening program began in 2010 and ended in early 2013. Its aim was to increase the capacity for the development of local security policies at the municipal level.

One of its products has been a *Manual for the Elaboration of Local Public Security and Violence Prevention Plan*, a proposal to be used in municipalities, for example in the formation of local committees.

Budget: 1,300,000 euros.

Program Areas:

- Institutional strengthening of AMHON.
- Improve citizen security and access to local justice.
- Strengthening the capacity of medical forensics.
- Gender violence and access to justice.

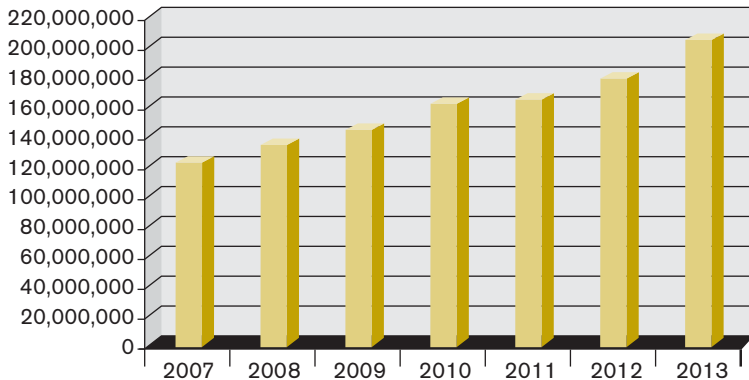
Sources: Secretariat of Security; *Convenio de Financiación entre el Gobierno de Honduras y la Unión Europea*, DL 163-2008, 02/10/2009; Association of Honduran Municipalities.

The Budget for Security Institutions

The Secretariat of Security has the National Police within its orbit, and in 2013, 97% of the resources assigned to the Secretariat corresponded to the Police.

On average, 91% of the Ministry's budget corresponds to the National Police.

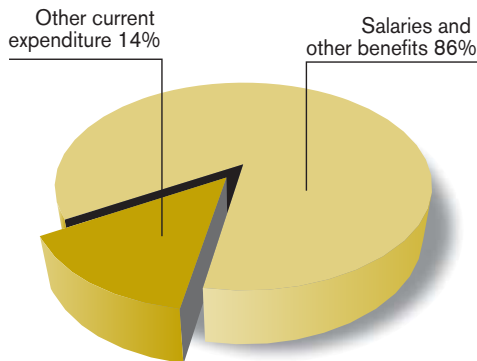
Evolution of the Budget Assigned to the Secretariat of Security (in current US\$)



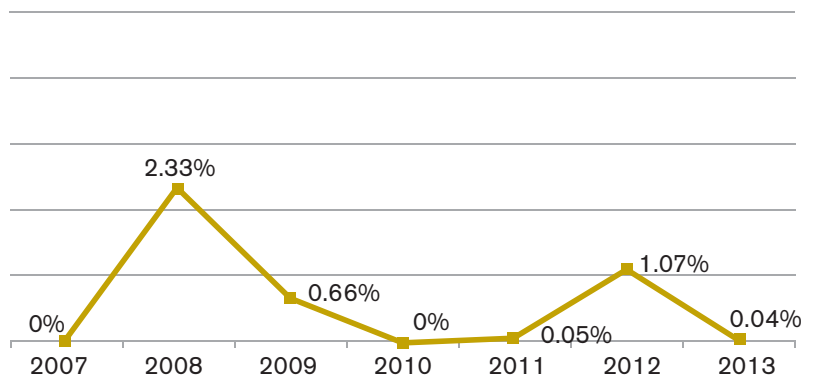
In recent years, resources for investment in the Secretariat were assigned within the PASS program (Security Sector Support Program, financed by the European Union with a small contribution by the State).

Between 2009 and 2013 the program's budget assignment was US\$12,895,053, of which US\$9,067,635 was destined to current expenditure and US\$3,827,418 to capital expenditure.

Distribution of the Police Budget, 2013

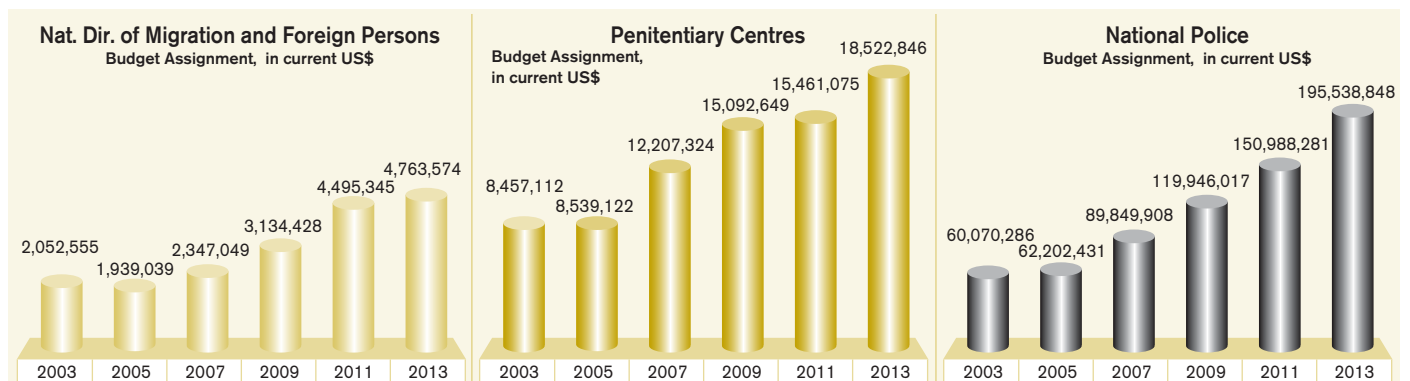


Capital Expenditure as a Percentage of the Secretariat's Total Budget



The 2013 budget (elaborated in 2012) presents what was finally passed in the Penitentiary Service Law at the end of the year: the emergence of the Directorate of Special Preventive Services within the National Police as a separate budget program

independent of the overall police program. It is estimated that by 2014 the new Penitentiary Institute will have its own budget, which will include funding for police personnel deployed in prisons.



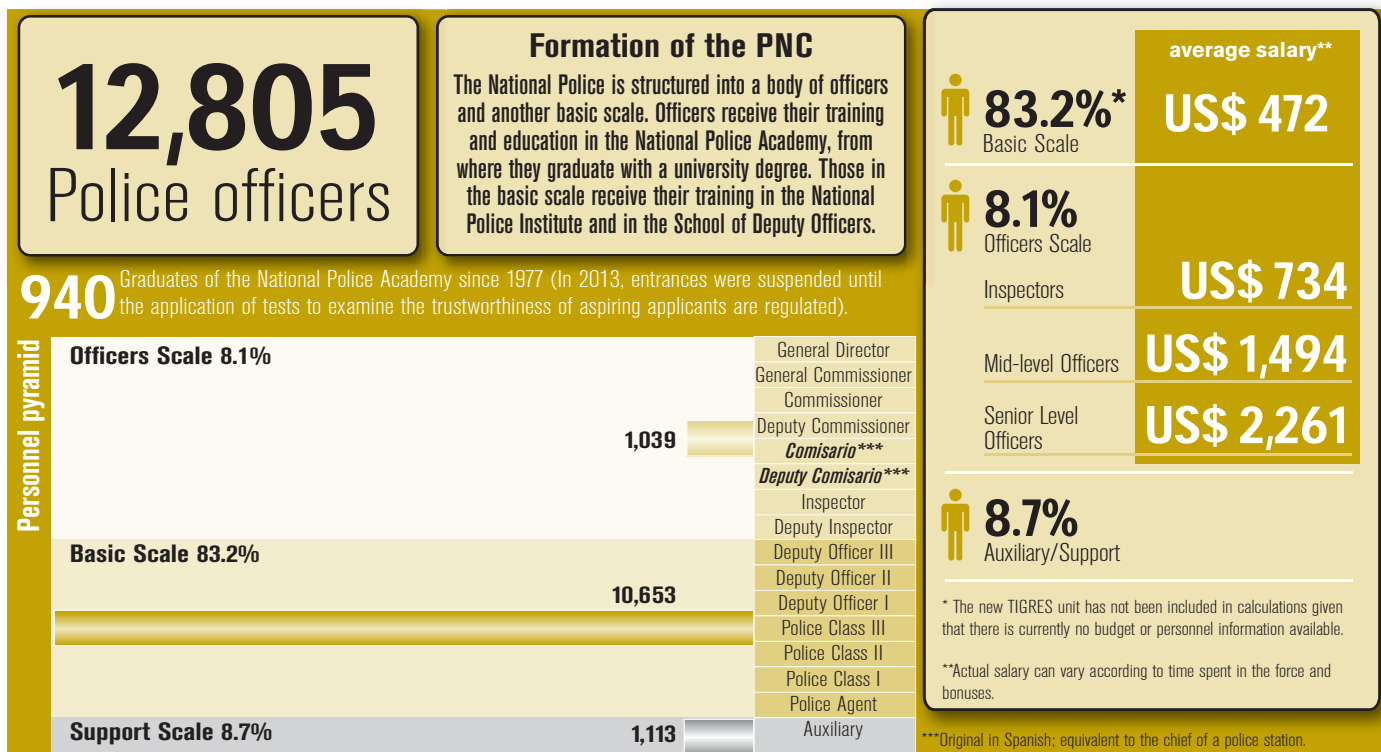
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National Police: 15 Years as the Only Police Force

The first police law in Honduras dates back to 1906. From this date onwards, in addition to police bodies, other organizations that carried out policing functions, such as the Civil Guard and FUSEP (Public Security Force), also existed. The Police operated under the authority of the defense sector up until 1996, when, within the framework of a series of constitutional reforms, a single unified police institution was developed: the National Police of

Honduras, following the ratification of its Organic Law in 1998. The Honduran National Police are notable for its structure, which is divided across various national directorates.

The National Police are currently undergoing a comprehensive process of reform and purging of corrupt officials, whilst inter-institutional public security forces have also been formed as part of efforts to increase the strength of public security forces.



940 Graduates of the National Police Academy since 1977 (In 2013, entrances were suspended until the application of tests to examine the trustworthiness of aspiring applicants are regulated).

Personnel pyramid

Officers Scale 8.1%	1,039	General Director General Commissioner Commissioner Deputy Commissioner Comisario*** Deputy Comisario*** Inspector Deputy Inspector Deputy Officer III Deputy Officer II Deputy Officer I Police Class III Police Class II Police Class I Police Agent
Basic Scale 83.2%	10,653	
Support Scale 8.7%	1,113	Auxiliary

* The new TIGRES unit has not been included in calculations given that there is currently no budget or personnel information available.

**Actual salary can vary according to time spent in the force and bonuses.

***Original in Spanish; equivalent to the chief of a police station.

New Police Unit: TIGRES

In 2013 a new security force that will operate within the *Inter-institutional Security Strategy and Special Comprehensive Government Security Response* was created. The strategy aims to provide a comprehensive response to the principal threats to public security through coordination between State institutions, such as the National Police, Armed Forces, Public Prosecutor's Office and Judicial Branch.

Special Comprehensive Government Security Response Unit (TIGRES)



Municipal Police

There are municipal police bodies present in Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula, and the most touristic municipalities. These bodies organize parks and parking in general, and work in conjunction with the National Police to arrange parking and order in cities. On occasions the municipal police request assistance from the National Police to train personnel.

	Personnel from Municipal Police*	
	Tegucigalpa	San Pedro Sula
2012	171	132
2013	132	140

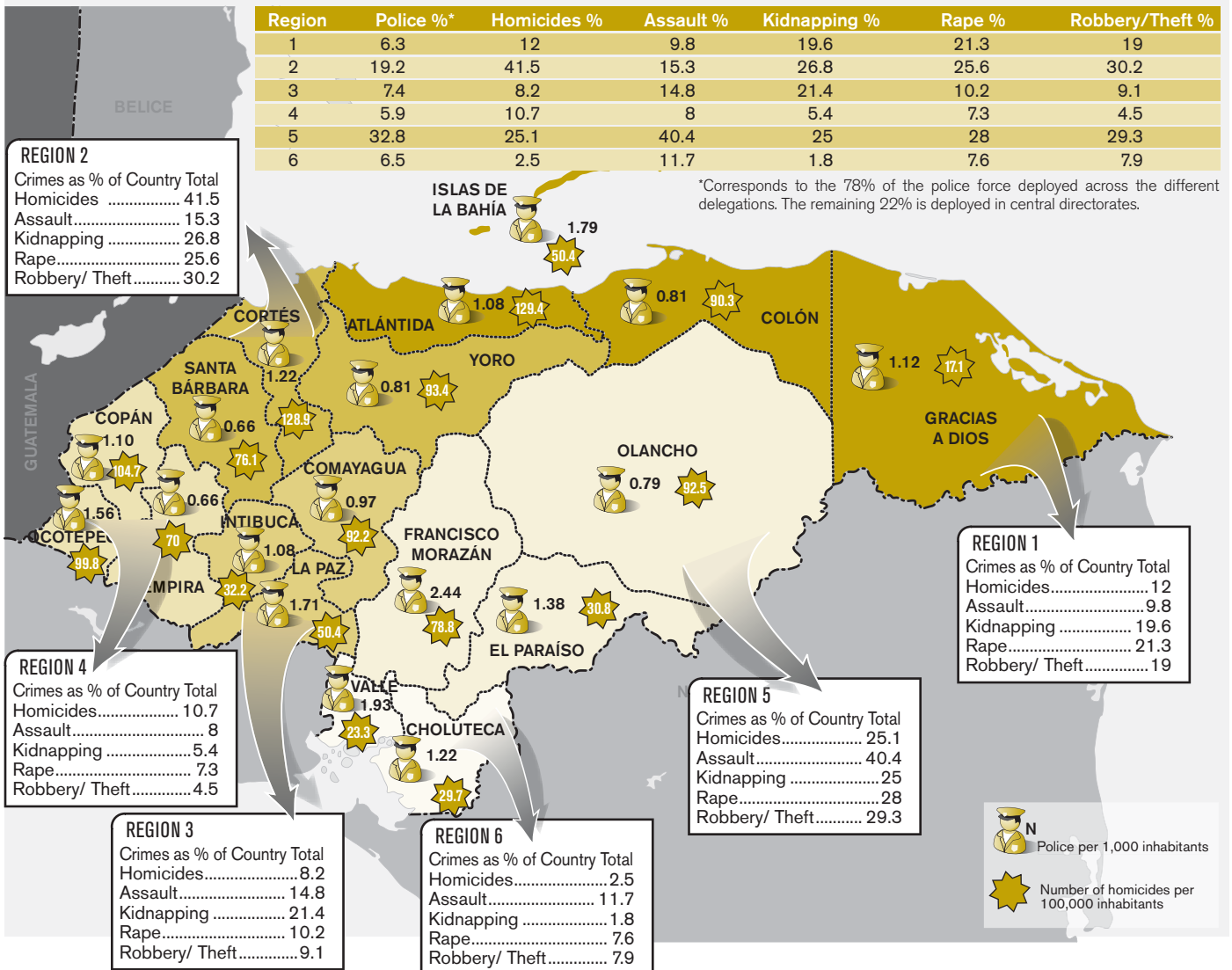
* Figures taken from August of each year.

Sources: Ley de Policia Militar del Orden Publico (DL 168 - 2013); Ley Estrategia Interinstitucional en Seguridad y Toma Integral Gubernamental de Respuesta Especial de Seguridad (TIGRES) (DL 103 - 2013). Ley de Creacion de la Comision de Reforma de la Seguridad (DL 4 - 2012). Municipal Police: Central District Municipality, Reporte de planillas de los meses de agosto de 2012 y 2013 available in www.capital450.hn/transparencia; San Pedro Sula Municipality, N6mina General Municipal de San Pedro Sula al mes de agosto de 2012 and information provided by the Municipality.

Indicators of Violence and the Distribution of Police

One of the functions of the National Police Directorate is to distribute its personnel according to demographics and security demands, but an insufficient resource capacity couples with the chronic security situation to create a situation in which the territorial distribution of police fails to achieve this objective, a point that is recognized by the General Directorate of the National Police.

Indicators of violence and police department distribution



Weaknesses of the PNH, according to General Directorate of the National Police*:

1. Underperformance in its preventive function.
2. The quality and quantity of human resources does not seem logical in relation to demographics and crime.
3. Lack of a program for updating police competence according to the security demands of the population.
4. Limited police logistical and technological capabilities given the "social breakdown of the population".
5. Inadequate infrastructure for the provision of police services. Requires improvement to create better working conditions and services that inspire confidence in the population.
6. Police educational system requires transformation and greater consistency between the occupational and educational profiles.
7. Strenuous workload in terms of responsibilities assigned and working hours. Situation creates behavioral problems that have a negative impact on the service.
8. Judicial officers fail to meet responsibilities with due diligence. Pass the blame on instead of improving coordination and communication processes between them.

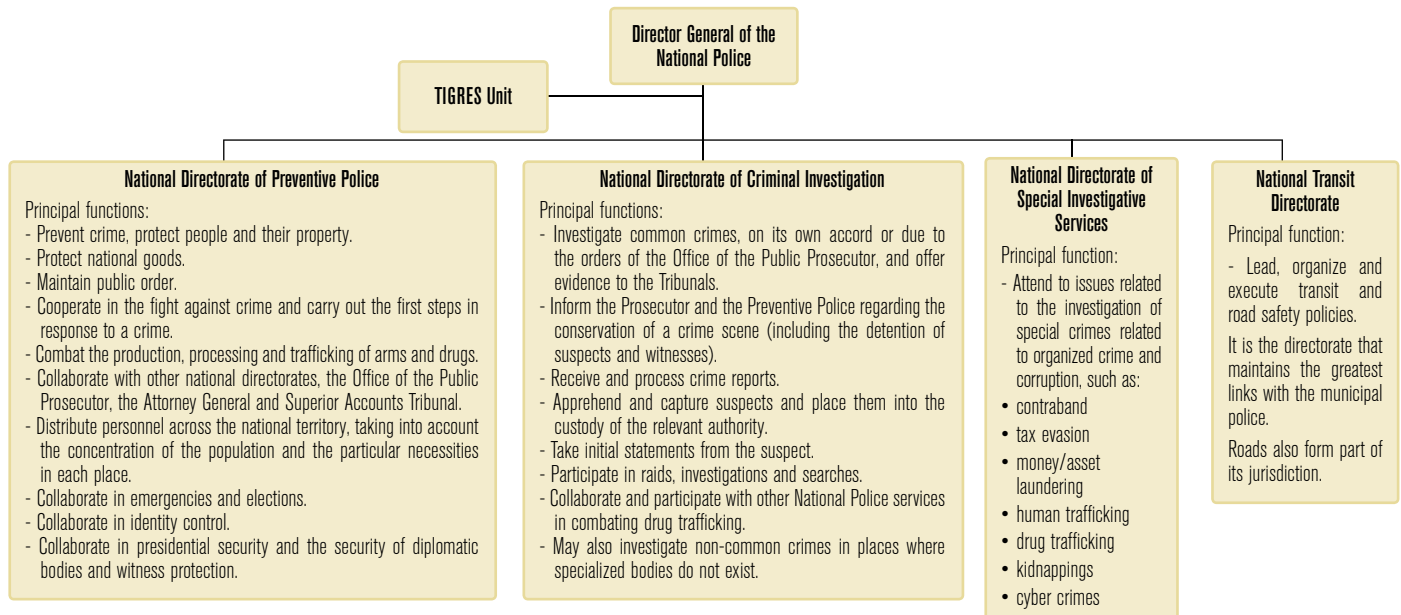
*Secretariat of Security, Boletín de Incidencia Delictiva y Accionar Policial Anual (enero – diciembre 2012).

Sources: Secretariat of Security, Boletín de Incidencia Delictiva y Accionar Policial Anual (enero – diciembre 2012); Plantilla de las Direcciones Nacionales de la Policía Nacional a marzo 2011.

Organization of the National Police

The Organic Law passed in 2008 structured the National Police below the figure of a Director General who is responsible for the management of the institution. The Director General makes appointments to fill the positions in each of the national directorates that depend on it, and makes these proposals to the Secretariat of Security.

Until 2012 there were 6 directorates. With the departure of Internal Affairs in that year (it was passed to the Secretariat) and Special Preventive Services (currently in transition to the penitentiary system) four directorates and the new TIGRES Unit remain.



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
National Directorate of Preventive Police		Organized into two metropolitan (Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula), six regional and eighteen departmental headquarters and 298 municipal delegations. May begin investigation in places where there are no members of the DNIC. Has the special COBRAS unit for anti-narcotics and hostage rescue operations.			Approximately 64% of all police personnel	Approximate annual budget: 139.5 million dollars
National Directorate of Criminal Investigation		Organized into two metropolitan (Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula), eighteen departmental, and 19 municipal headquarters. Has special units such as that for the death of minors, drug dealing, gangs, crimes against women and locating and apprehending criminal suspects.			Approximately 10% of all police personnel	Approximate annual budget: 14.1 million dollars
National Directorate of Special Investigative Services		Organized into six regions and eighteen departments. Covers 4 ports, 4 airports and 9 border crossings. The Migration, Border and Port Police are dependents.			Approximately 6% of all police personnel	Approximate annual budget: 7.1 million dollars
National Transit Directorate		Organized into two metropolitan (Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula), and eighteen departmental headquarters. Has a unit for registering fines and a section that investigates accidents as part of its internal organization.			Approximately 9% of all police personnel	Approximate annual budget: 11.5 million dollars
National Directorate of Special Preventive Services		Was in charge of penitentiary centers and the Penitentiary School. Ceases to exist in 2013 with the law creating the special penitentiary system.			Personnel in transition to the new penitentiary service 11% of police personnel should be reassigned	
National Directorate of Internal Affairs		Functioned as internal police control. Replaced in 2011 by the Directorate of Investigation and Evaluation of the Police Profession, which is located within the Secretariat.				

Note: The percentages of personnel given are approximate given the current process of purging the police force, which was begun by the Secretariat of Security in August 2013, and whose initial results displayed inconsistencies between the size of the police force on paper and the personnel that were actually carrying out their functions.

Sources: Directorate General of the National Police, National Directorates. *Ley orgánica de la Policía Nacional*. Secretariat of Security, *Boletín de Incidencia Delictiva y Accionar Policial Anual* (January – December 2012). *Ley Estrategia Interinstitucional en Seguridad y Toma Integral Gubernamental de Respuesta Especial de Seguridad (TIGRES)*, *Decreto 103-2013*. *Decreto-Ley de presupuesto general de ingresos y egresos de la República para el ejercicio fiscal 2013*. The value for the dollar corresponds to the exchange rate according to the World Economic Outlook Database, IMF, 2013.

The Police Framework

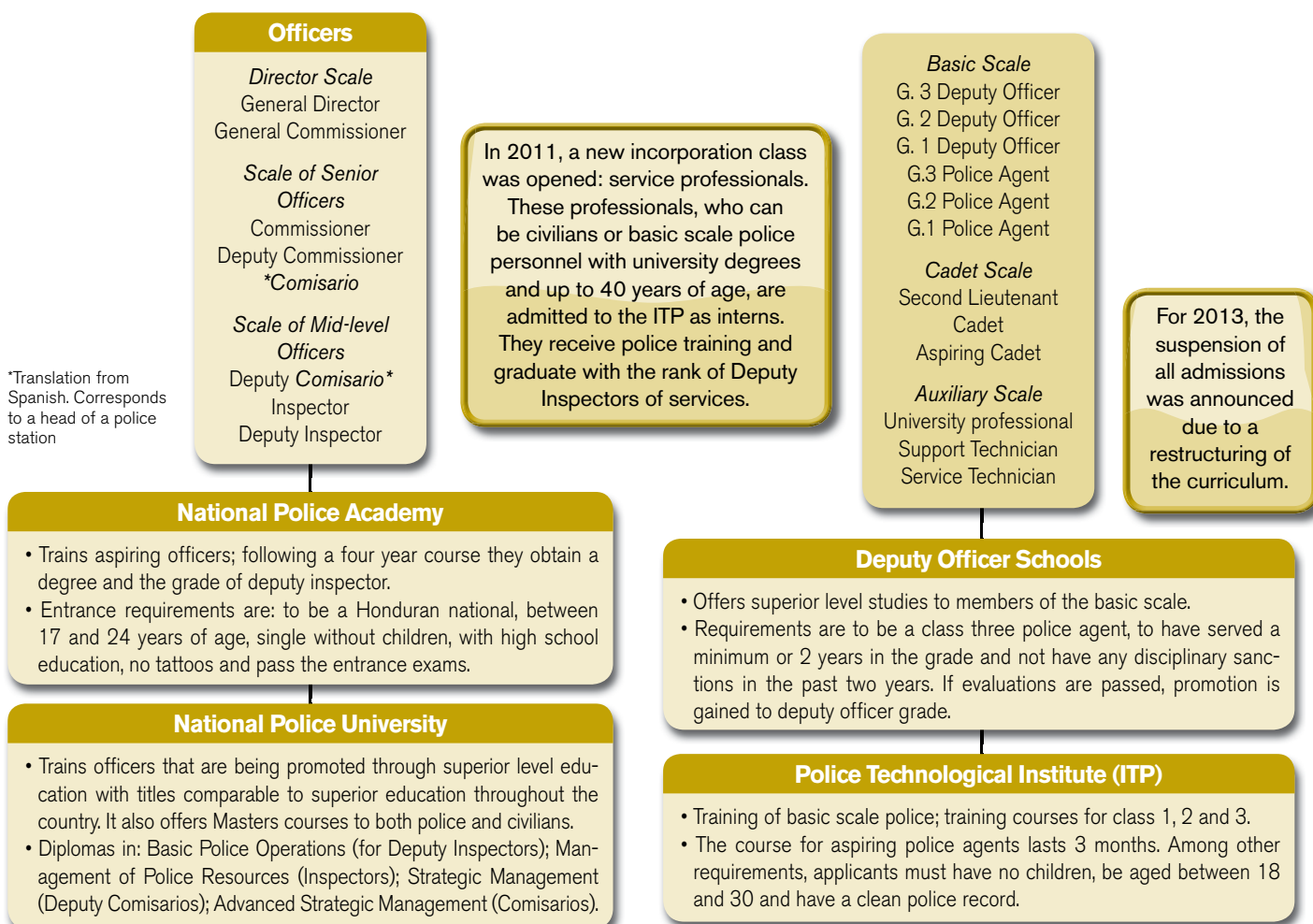
In the mid nineties a reform process began in Honduras that involved, among other things, that the National Police left the military orbit. Its first organic law dates from 1998, with successive reforms made. The police function is divided into central tasks, such as the maintenance of public order and the prevention and control of crime. In terms of registers, the police are responsible for private security services and arms control. As

for collaboration, there exists judicial resolutions between the Honduran National Police (PNH) and the Office of the Public Prosecutor, and the PNH cooperates with immigration control and in emergency and disaster situations. With the creation of the Penitentiary Institute the police are no longer responsible for – unlike up until 2012 - the management, control and monitoring of penitentiary centers.

Valid Legal Framework of the PNH

Organic Law of the PNH, Decree 156, 07/08/1998	Police and Social Co-existence Law, Decree 226, 12/29/2001	Organic Law of the PNH, Decree 67, 6/12/2008 (reforms in 2011, 2012 and 2013)	Regulations for the control of private security services Agreement 013, 09/21/2009	Creation of the Directorate of Investigation and Evaluation, Decree 198, 11/11/2011	Creation of the Commission of Public Security Reform Decree 4, 02/21/2012	Inter-institutional Security Strategy (TIGRES) Decree 103, June 06/27/ 2013
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Police Education



Sources: Ley Orgánica de la Policía Nacional Decreto 156 del 8 de julio de 1998 and amendments; Secretariat of Security, Police Education System.

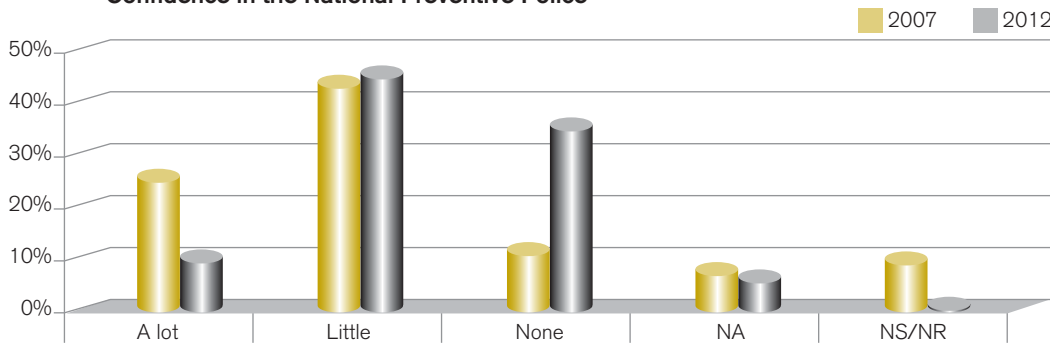
The System of Police Discipline and Control

Problems of indiscipline and abuse of power have been common within the Honduran National Police. In the context of claims made by citizens against the police, and the commotion regarding the responsibility of the police in the case of the university students murdered in late October 2011, in November 2011 Congress passed a law

creating the **National Directorate of Investigation and Evaluation of the Police Profession**, that functions as a decentralized entity of the Secretary of Security.

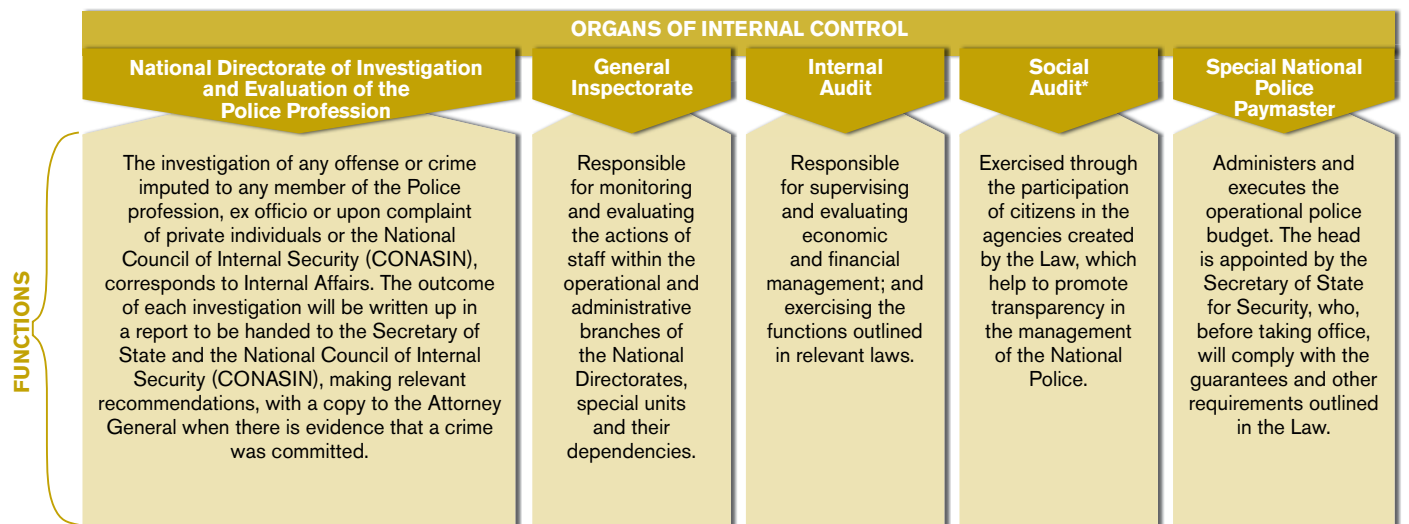
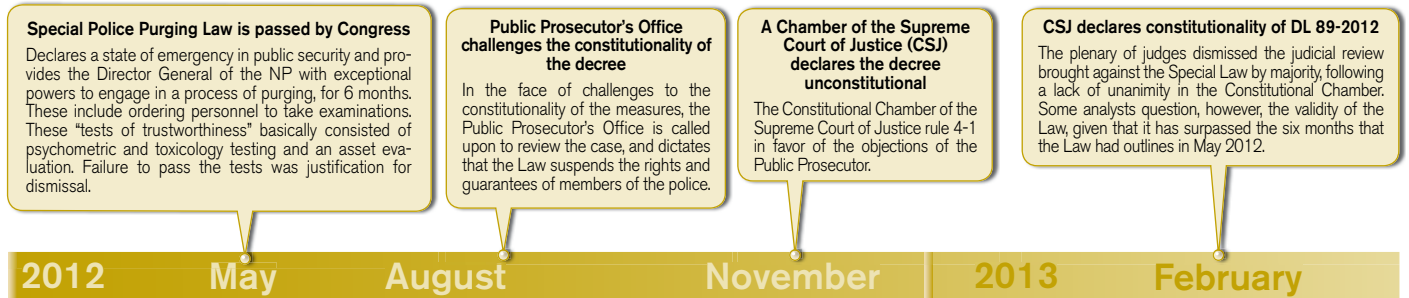
The system of external control includes the **Human Rights Commissioner**, which receives complaints against the police.

Confidence in the National Preventive Police



According to data prepared by the UNAH using official sources, 149 civilians were killed by the police between January 2011 and November 2012.

Purging the National Police



*Given that the Social Audit involves citizen participation, it is thought to fall within the scope of external control. However, the Organic Law does not provide further details on the operation of the system.

Sources: National Commissioner of Human Rights, Encuesta sobre Inseguridad, Comparativo 2012, available at <http://www.conadeh.hn/doc/GraficosInseguridad.pdf>. Ley Orgánica de la Policía Nacional, Articles 13 to 21. UNAH-IUDPAS, National Observatory of Violence, *Boletín Especial sobre Criminalidad Policial, Edición N° 5*, November 2012.

The Penitentiary System

The penitentiary system in Honduras is undergoing a process of transformation that began with the enactment of the Penitentiary System Law, passed in December 2012. One of the most relevant

transformations of the Law is the creation of a National Penitentiary Institute. The custody and management of prisons will thus no longer be under the jurisdiction of the National Police.

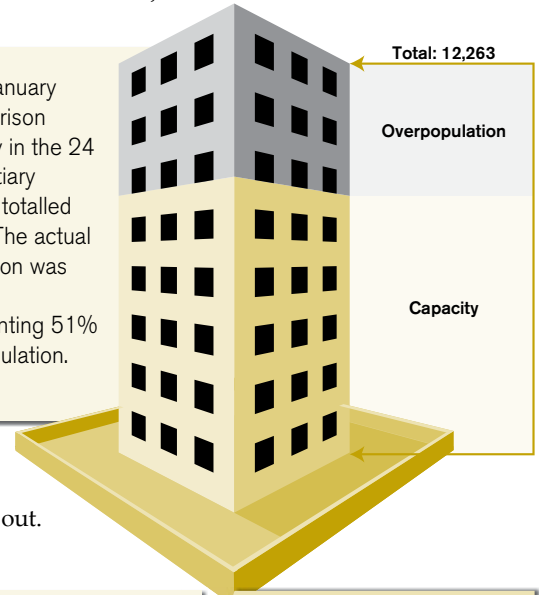
Honduras's prison system is made up of 24 centers.

In accordance with the law for the rehabilitation of criminals, they are classified as the following:

1. National Penitentiary Centers: for serving sentences in excess of 3 years.
2. Departmental or Sectional Prisons: for serving sentences less than 3 years in duration.
3. Local Prisons: for serving the minimal prison sentences.

This system would change with the new penitentiary system law, which establishes a division according to security regimes and the establishment of centers for pre-trial detentions.

As of January 2013, prison capacity in the 24 penitentiary centers totalled 8,120. The actual population was 12,263, representing 51% overpopulation.



The National Penitentiary Institute (INP) has been created as a decentralized entity within the Interior and Population Secretariat. Within its bodies, the Board of Directors, composed of five members including the Secretary for Security, stands out. The National Director is appointed by the President of the Republic.

The penitentiary service law foresees a transition from the old structure of the **National Directorate of Special Preventive Services (DNSEP)**, under the National Police, to the new Penitentiary Institute. Within a period of two years, the assets, rights, duties, archives and inventory concerning prison activity will be transferred. The whole process will be led by a Special Transition Committee.

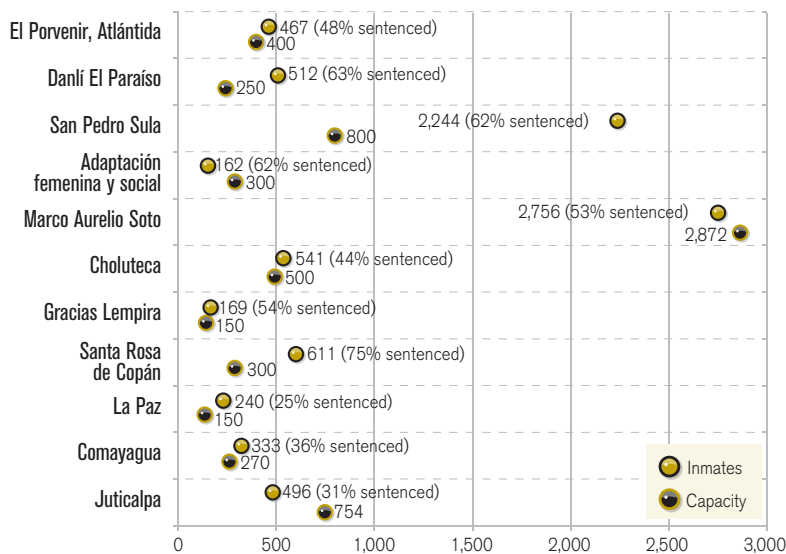
The INP will be responsible for organizing and developing the **penitentiary service career**.

Police personnel currently deployed on penitentiary functions may request transfer to the Penitentiary Institute, for which their seniority and benefits will be taken into account. Upon transferring, they will resign their police position and become part of the Institution's personnel structure. The Commission is responsible for assessing each of these transfer requests. In practice it is expected that most of the police personnel enter this system.

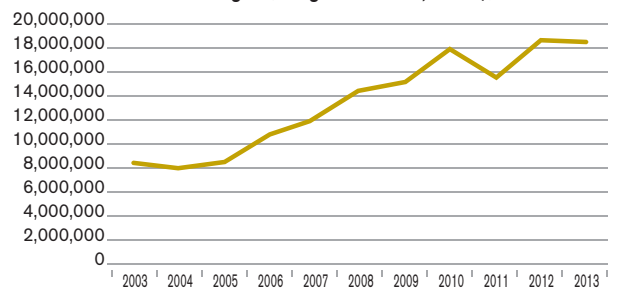
1 enforcement judge for each 603 prisoners.

1 penitentiary official for every 11 inmates in the penitentiary centers.

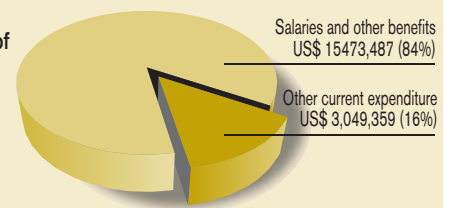
The average wage of penitentiary agents is 315 dollars a month.



Evolution of the National Directorate of Special Preventive Services's Budget (Budget allocation, in US\$)



Administration of Penitentiary Centres Budget Assignment 2013, (US\$)

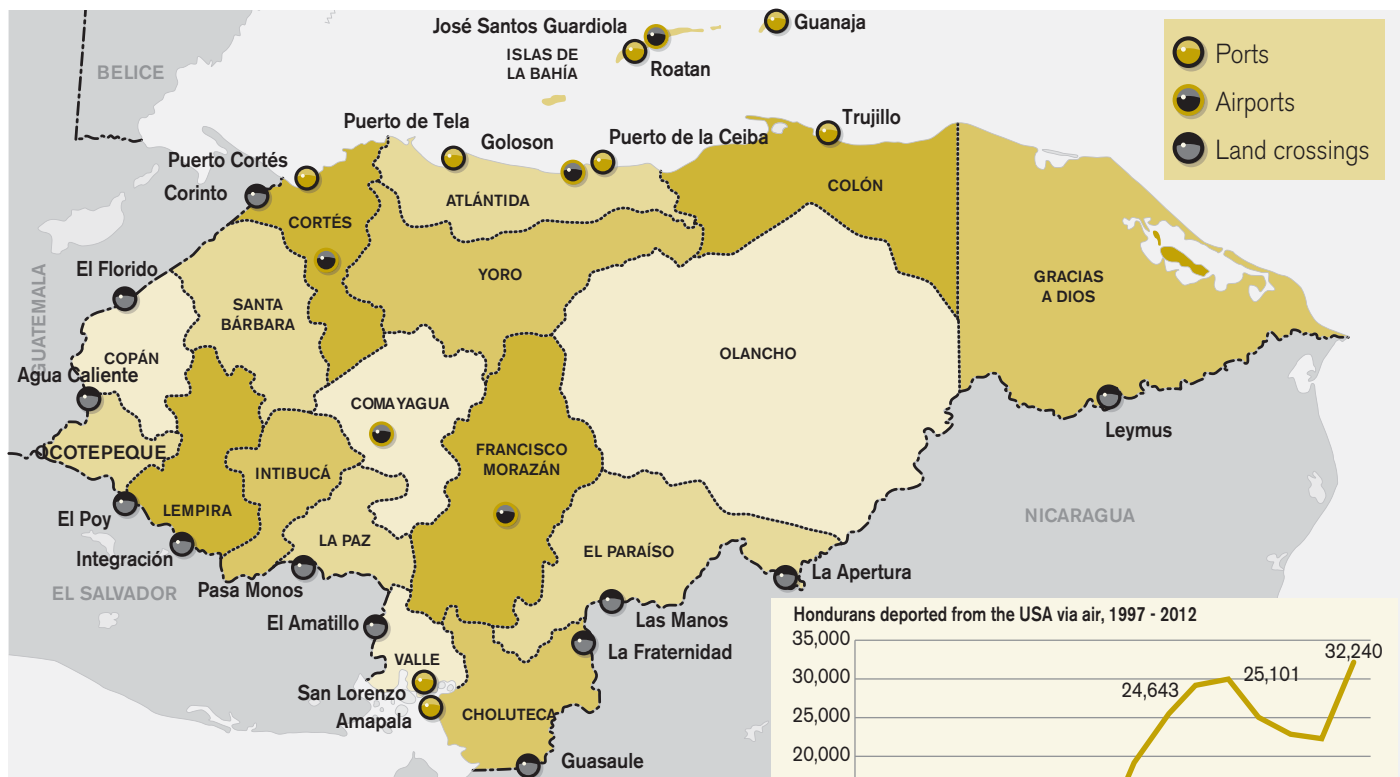


Sources: Ley del Sistema Penitenciario Nacional (DL 64-2012 of 12/03/2012); National Human Rights Commissioner of Honduras, Informe anual sobre el estado general de los derechos humanos en honduras, año 2012; Informe de la Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos sobre la situación de las personas privadas de libertad en Honduras (March 2013); Decreto-Leyes de presupuesto general de ingresos y egresos de la República para el ejercicio fiscal from 2003 to 2013. The value of the dollar taken corresponds to the exchange rate according to the World Economic Outlook Database, IMF, for each year considered. All figures are expressed in current dollars.

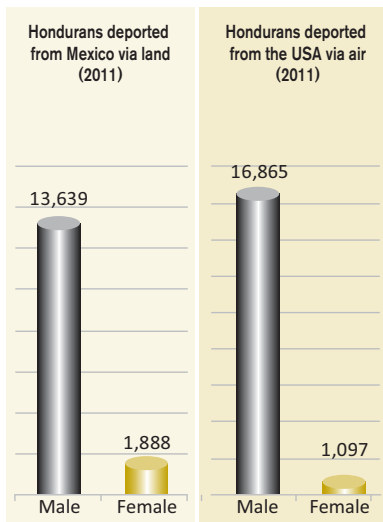
Border and Migration Control

Interior and Population Secretariat: Migration control and regulation correspond to the Secretariat of Interior and Population, through the General Directorate of Immigration and Foreign Persons, which regulates the State's migration policy, the entry and exit of nationals and foreigners, the permanence of the latter in Honduras and the issuance of migration documents, including passports and special travel permits. There are 11 land, 5 air and 8 maritime border delegations. It has a staff of approximately 250 people, divided between the central office and the various delegations.

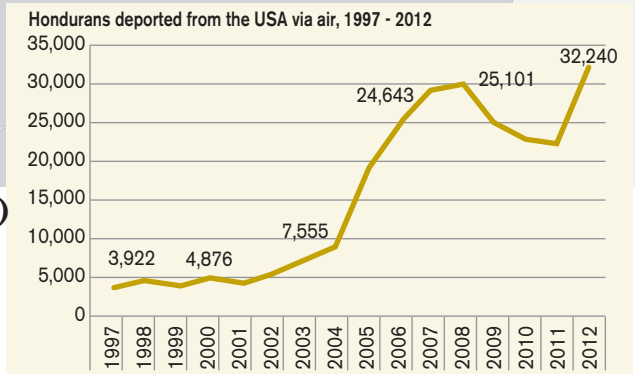
Secretariat of Security: The National Directorate of Special Investigation Services is in charge of the Immigration, Border and Port Police. Its function is to investigate special crimes, such as smuggling contraband, fraud and tax evasion, money or asset laundering, corruption, human trafficking, drug trafficking, cybercrime, transnational crimes and all that is related to organized crime



Centre of Attention of the Returning Migrant (CAMR)



The **Centre of Attention of the Returning Migrant (CAMR)** was founded in 2000. It provides assistance to Honduran migrants returning from the United States, seeking to support them in their return to the country. Their work is directed by the Hermanas Misioneras San Carlos Borromeo Scalabrinianas (Catholic Church), the General Directorate of Immigration and Foreign Persons, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). It coordinates its activities with the National Police and the Secretariats of Foreign Affairs, Health, Labor and Social Security. Deportations are carried out via air, with arrivals three times a week at the airport in Tegucigalpa and twice in San Pedro Sula.



Custody Centers have been established with Mexico, to which Honduran citizens deported by land arrive directly by bus. Once in the country they are attended to at the border crossing centers, where interviews are conducted in order to identify the causes of their irregular emigration, and to understand their work and family situation. In 2004 they signed an Action plan for cooperation on migratory issues.

- Activities:**
- Temporary housing, food and transport
 - Contact with families
 - Medical care
 - Assistance with paperwork
 - Assistance finding employment and support through educational and training centers.

Sources: National Police; General Directorate of Immigration and Foreign Citizens.

Cooperation of the Armed Forces in Public Security

According to the Constitution, the Armed Forces cooperate with public security institutions at the request of the Secretariat of Security to combat terrorism, arms trafficking and organized crime. The most frequent cooperation mechanism is developed through specific requests made by the Secretariat of Security, from which an order or operational plan between the Armed Forces and the Police is established in order to establish the details of the operation. The most frequent activities are urban patrol tasks and patrols and operations to combat drug trafficking.

In August 2013, a law created a new command for public security tasks: the **Military Police of Public Order**.

The mixed urban patrol teams are formed by one policeman and two military personnel. They accompany the policeman, who in turn is in charge of making arrests.

The Army collaborates in particular in urban and border zones, deploying 1,960 personnel. Both the Navy and on occasions the Air Force collaborate in operations in zones such as la Mosquitia.

“Guardians of the Motherland” Program

The program was initiated by the military in 2000 and the support and collaboration of different institutions was added.

It has the stated aim of contributing to the preparation and comprehensive development of youth, strengthening moral, spiritual, ethical and cultural values. In 2011, the project received greater interest from the Secretariat of Defense and the Secretariat of Development. The latter summoned two consultants to evaluate the program over a period of 30 days. As a result of this its expansion to the national level was planted.

It is financed through the budget of the Armed Forces.

It is aimed at children and youth, from 9 to 23 years, which are divided across 3 different age groups.

It links up with trustees and neighborhood associations to discuss the project and solicit contributions, especially from parents, for each area.

Parents sign consent.

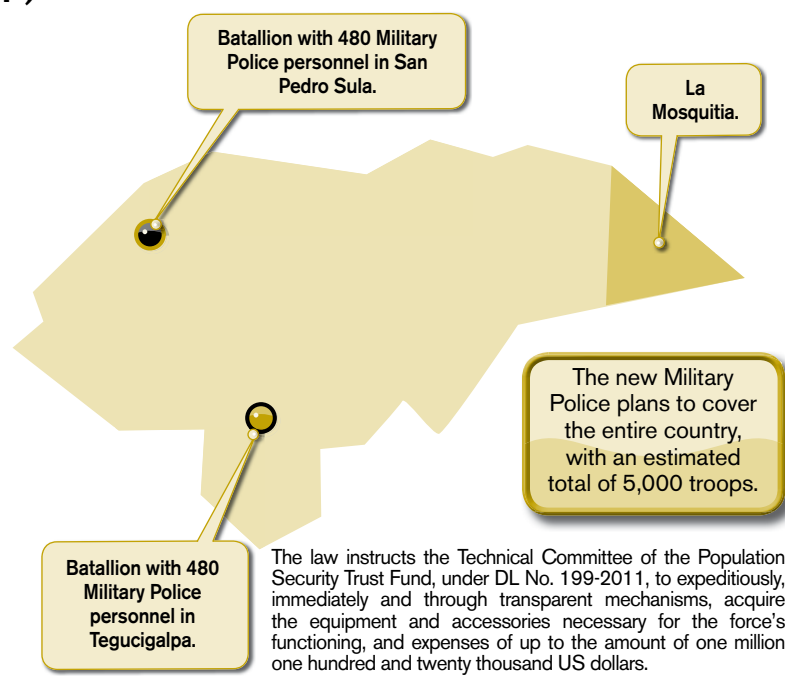
In the case of children, they attend the military unit on Saturdays from 8am to 4pm.

Stated Objectives

- Strengthen physical and mental development.
- Strengthen ethical, moral and spiritual values and principals.
- Prevent dropout.
- Improve school performance.
- Develop skills and abilities.
- Promote sport.
- Strengthen the culture of community service and community ties.
- Prevent sexually transmitted infections.
- Promote sexual abstinence to reduce pregnancies in young girls.
- Reduce youth crime and gangs.
- Strengthen family ties in the community.
- Raise self-esteem.
- Avoid the use of drugs in youth.

Military Police of Public Order (PMOP)

Legal Framework	Military Police of Public Order Law (DL 168, August 24th, 2013)
Character	Special command of the Armed Forces. Authorizes the Armed Forces to increase their force size by 5,000 personnel. Troops that form the Military Police must undergo the same 'confidence tests' that are currently practiced within the National Police. Must be accompanied by judges and prosecutors with national competence and jurisdiction. These may reside outside the country.
Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Act rapidly in circumstances that affect public order, constitute emergencies, and/or affect people or their properties. - Cooperate in the recuperation of areas where there is a presence of organized criminal groups or their activities - Carry out investigation and intelligence tasks. - Make arrests and place those arrested into the custody of the relevant authorities.



The law instructs the Technical Committee of the Population Security Trust Fund, under DL No. 199-2011, to expeditiously, immediately and through transparent mechanisms, acquire the equipment and accessories necessary for the force's functioning, and expenses of up to the amount of one million one hundred and twenty thousand US dollars.

Sources: Ley de Policía Militar del Orden Publico (DL 168 - 2013); Ley Estrategia Interinstitucional en Seguridad y Toma Integral Gubernamental de Respuesta Especial de Seguridad (TIGRES) (DL 103 - 2013). Joint Chief of Staff, Directorate of Policies and Civil Affairs.

Private Security

Regulated by DL 67-2008 of the Legislative Assembly, June 30th 2008, and by Regulations for the Control of Private Security Services of the Legislative Assembly, September 21st, 2009.

402 registered private security firms and 303 registered self-defence groups employ 14,787 Personnel

According to the law, no firm is able to surpass 6% of the total personnel size of the National Police.

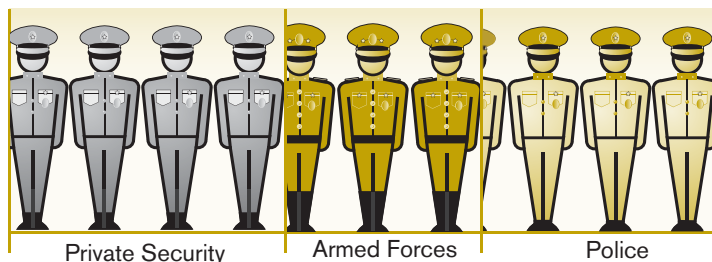
Licenses for the provision of private security services are valid for two years and then renewable for equal periods. The provision of an updated list of personnel and clients, along with a copy of the contracts, among other items, is necessary prior to renewal of contracts.

Quantity of Private Security Firms Registered	
City	%
Tegucigalpa y San Pedro	80%
Choluteca	5%
Comayagua	3%
Ciudades de occidente	3%
La Ceiba	2%
Resto de ciudades	7%

The Private Security Firms Control Unit recognizes that there are between 60,000 and 80,000 personnel employed in the sector. The difference is due to the Regulations for the Control of Private Security Services, 2009, which encourages companies that have licenses to renew them from November 2010, without a deadline for the process.

Foreign companies seeking to attain permission for the provision of private preventive security services must partner with Honduran companies engaged in the same activity and appoint a manager that is Honduran by birth.

If we add together personnel from the Armed Forces, police bodies and private security firms - what we could call the entire personnel devoted to security tasks, be it national or public and citizen security - the resulting figure would be*:



Self-protection groups are organized by neighborhood communities in some municipalities, and employ security officers.

*Comparison using 2012 figures. It takes into account the number of private guards registered in the formal system supervised by the State. It does not include informal guards.

Service Modalities			
Preventive vigilance services	Private investigation services	Training services	Related services
Type A: with authorized personnel from two hundred (200) security guards upwards (200). Type B: with authorized personnel of between one hundred (100) and two hundred (200) security guards. Type C: with authorized personnel of between ten (10) and one hundred (100) security guards. Type D: with ten (10) or less authorized security guards.	Professional detectives may obtain individual licenses within this modality.	Training programs are approved and monitored by the Private Security Firms Control Unit and assisted by the National Directorates of the Honduran National Police. The Secretariat of Security, through the Police Education system, can train members of private security companies in order to certify their operations.	Hunting and shooting services for tourists; services for the introduction of weapons in international sporting events and others; vigilance services at national and international sporting events; vigilance services for dignitaries, official national and international missions; bullet-proofing services, training and advice in security; concerts and national and international events.

Sources: Ley orgánica de la Policía Nacional; Reglamento para el Control de los Servicios Privados de Seguridad (09/21/2009); and Unidad de Control de Empresas de Seguridad Privada.