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Human Trafficking in Belize

Authorities have identified cases of sexual and labour exploitation, in some cases both. Have not yet uncovered other forms of human trafficking in Belize such organ removal, irregular adoption and others.

Familial Trafficking is becoming more evident affecting primarily girls under 18 years old. (Most suspected cases since January 2023 appear to be familial trafficking cases)

Human trafficking hot spots in Belize: San Pedro (island), Bella Vista (South), Orange Walk (North), Santa Cruz (South), Belize City (Coastal City/Largest City).

Foreign victims come mostly from the Central American Northern Triangle: Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Belizeans victims are identified each year.

No sophisticated or organized human trafficking networks or rings have been identified in Belize yet. Generally, for foreign nationals, it is a two-party operation with a recruiter in the country of origin and the intended trafficker in Belize.

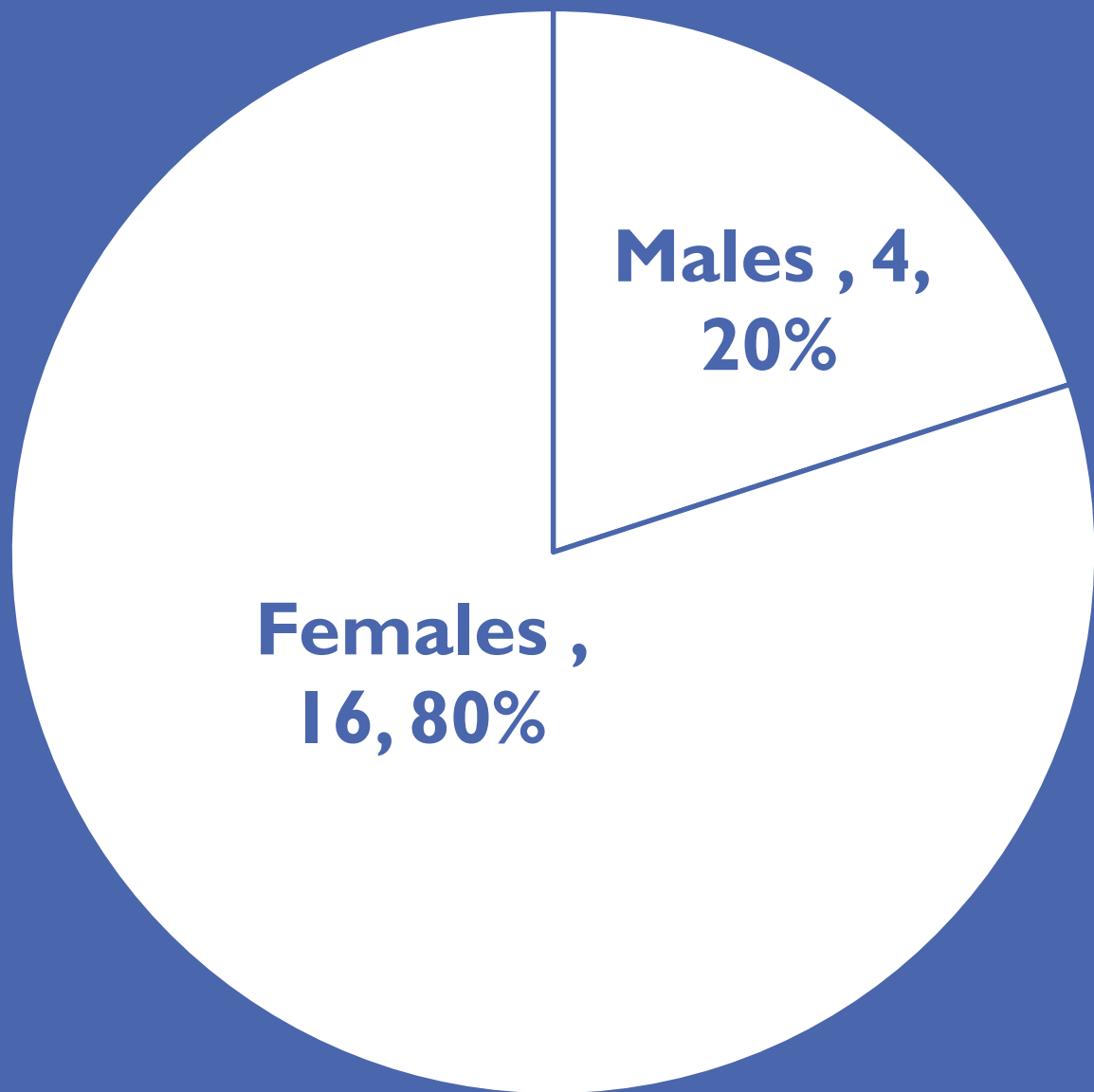




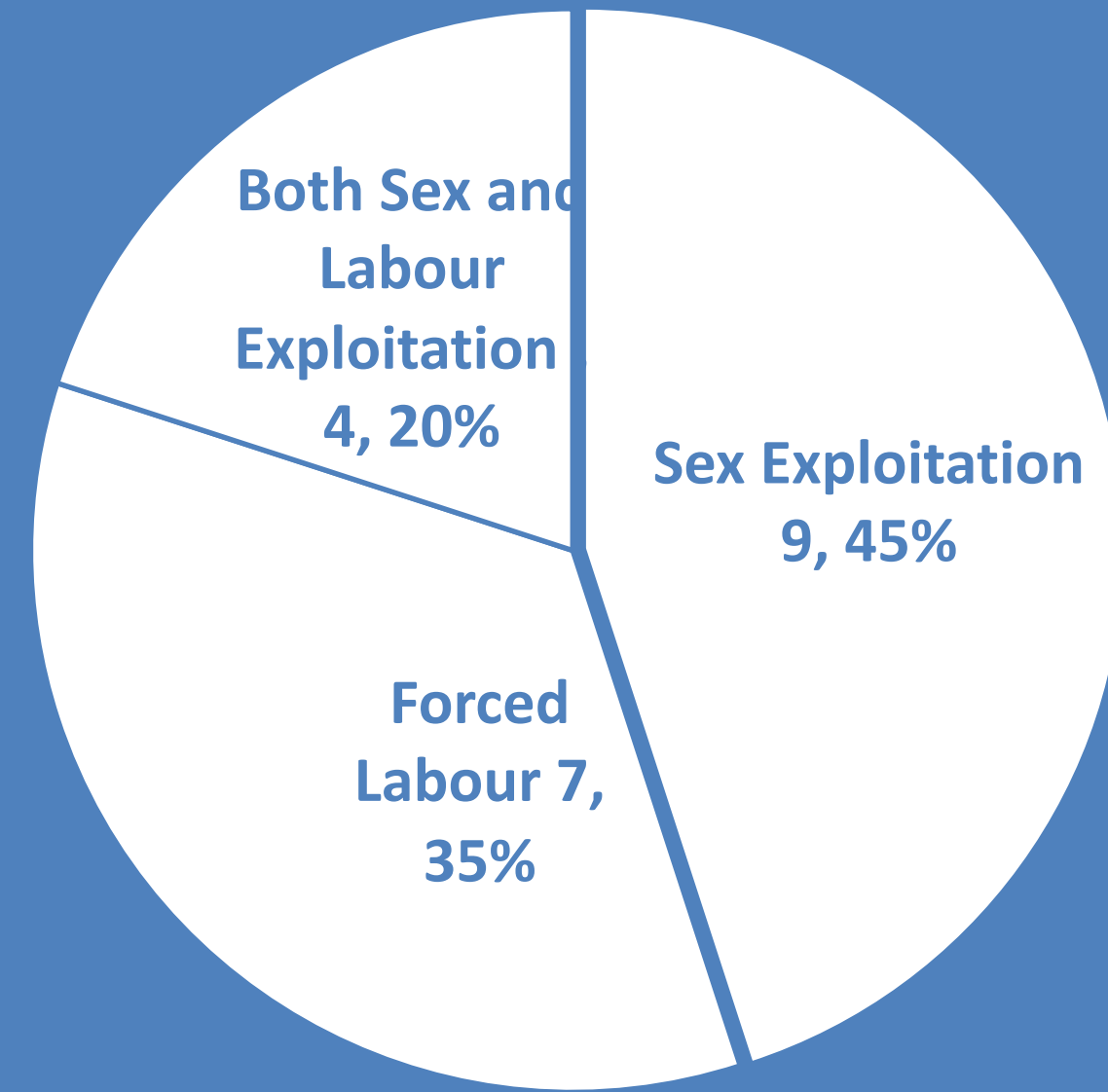
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Cases Under Investigation (20)

GENDER OF SUSPECTED VICTIMS



FORM OF EXPLOITATION

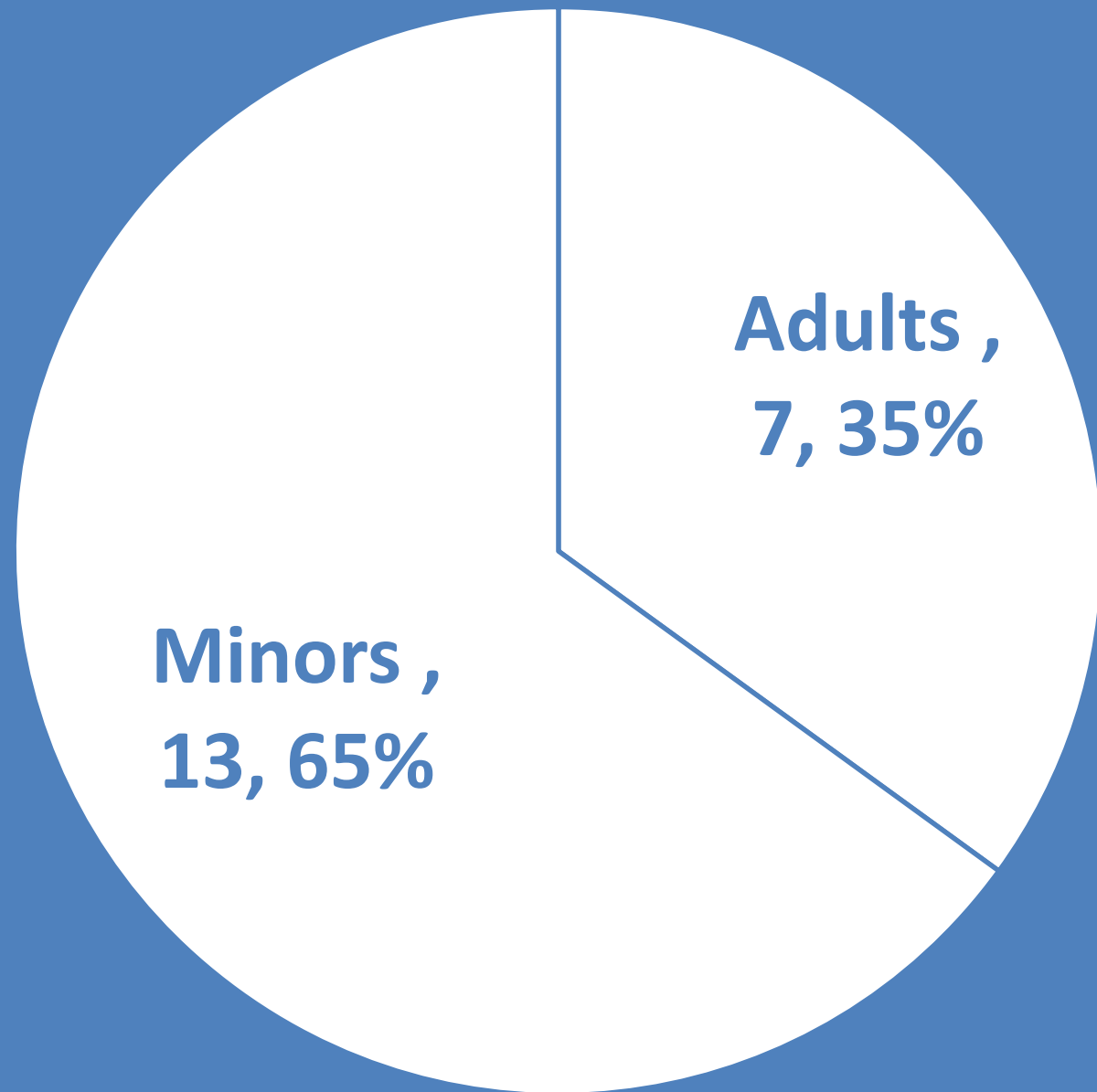




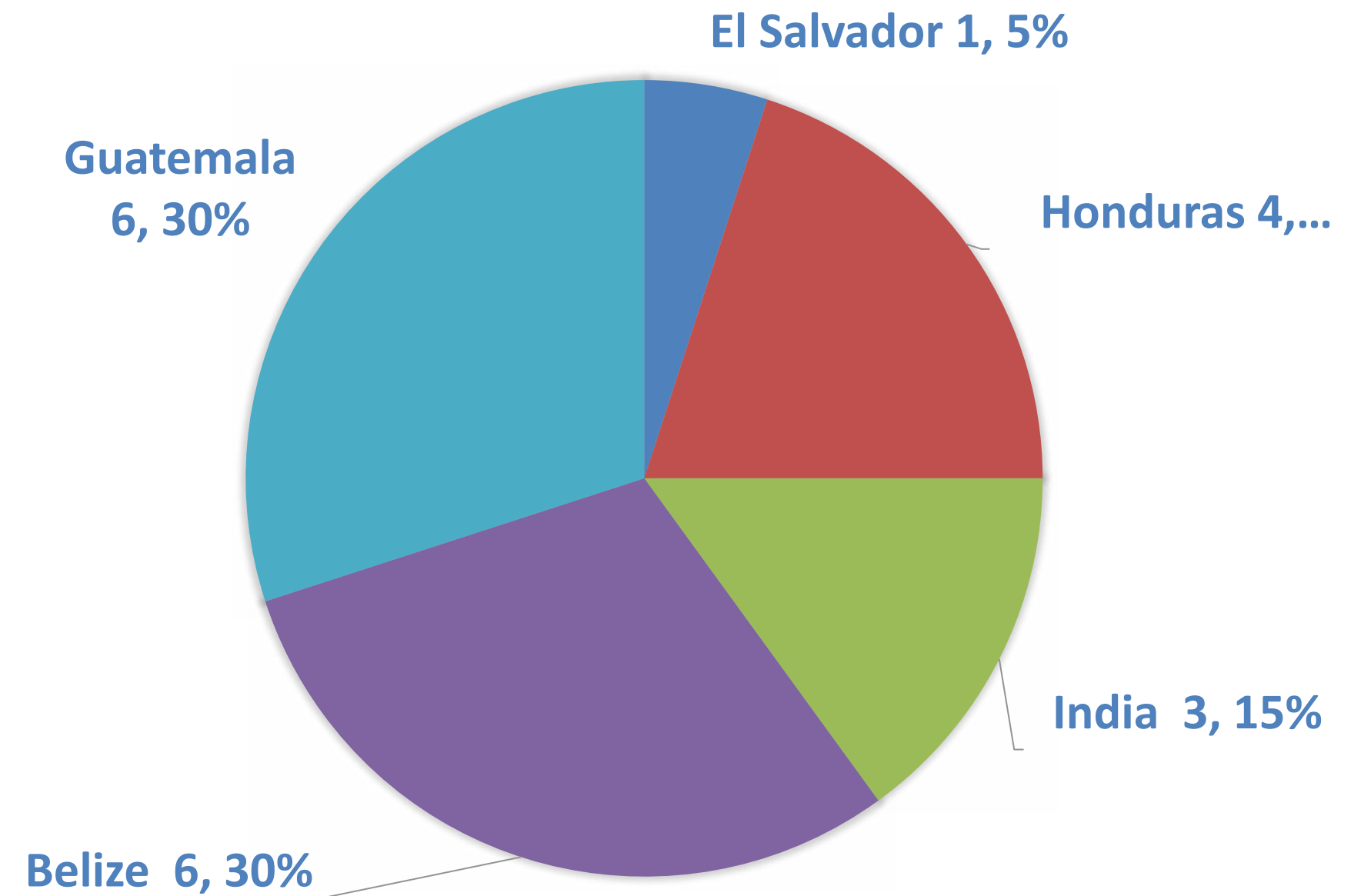
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AGE OF SUSPECTED VICTIMS



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF SUSPECTED VICTIMS





Migration Trends in Belize

Belize is both a transit and destination country for human smuggling and human trafficking. To a small degree Belize is an origin country for human smuggling.

Some migrants travel by land using bus as the primary transport and then traverse by foot at the blind spots near border crossings.

Brazilians, Venezuelans, Haitians, Jamaicans, Cubans and Central Americans have been utilizing Belize as a transit country with intentions to arrive in the United States of America.

Some migrants reserve hotels to defraud an immigration officer that they intend to vacation in Belize. They do not eventually stay in the hotel but are instead picked up by someone that will facilitate their illegal border crossing at the Belize/Mexico border.

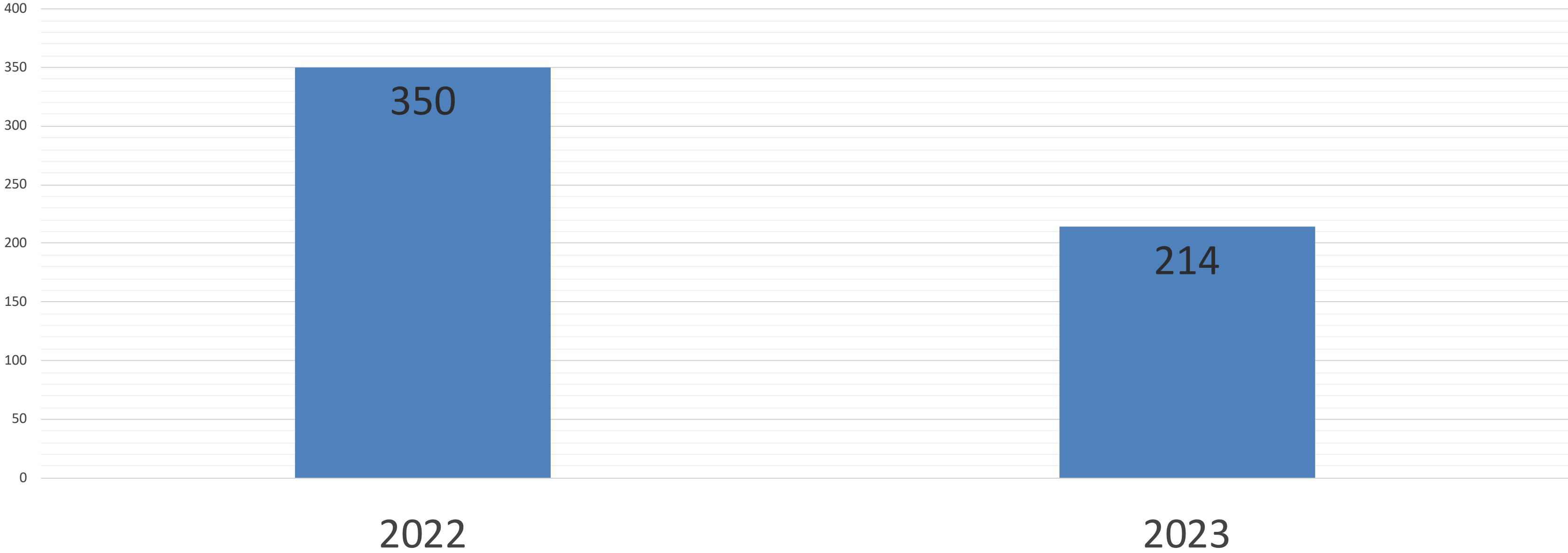
Persons may enter Belize legally but will exit Belize by irregular means.

All means of transportation are used including buses, boats, planes, foot, swimming, taxis.

Migrant Repatriation



TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS REPATRAITED FOR 2022 AND UP TO MAY 2023



Migrant Repatriation



MINORS REPATRAITED BY NATIONALITY FOR THE YEAR 2022 UP TO MAY 2023

