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# MEDELLÍN

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# SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

In 2025, Medellín closed the year with 346 homicides and a homicide rate of 13.13 per 100,000 inhabitants, representing a slight increase compared to 2024.

During 2026, however, the trend has reversed significantly: as of the end of May, homicides have decreased by 25% compared to the same period of the previous year, extortion has fallen by 59%, and motorcycle theft by 60%, according to data from the SISC.

Nevertheless, structural challenges persist organized crime continues to exercise parallel governance across multiple communes, and domestic violence is the only indicator showing a slight increase in 2026 (Infobae, 2026).



↓ 25%



↓ 59%



↓ 60%

Enero - mayo 2026.

# CRIME STATISTICS

## High-impact crimes in Medellín

| CRIME STATISTICS IN MEDELLÍN  | YEAR 2024 | YEAR 2025 | VARIATION % 2024VS 2025 | JAN-APR 2025 | JAN-APR 2026 | VARIATION % JAN-APR 2025 VS 2026 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| HOMICIDES                     | 301       | 325       | 8%                      | 105          | 94           | -10%                             |
| THEFTS FROM PERSONS           | 25.171    | 24.924    | -1%                     | 7.326        | 7.238        | -1%                              |
| EXTORTION                     | 960       | 972       | 1%                      | 221          | 248          | 12%                              |
| KIDNAPPING                    | 12        | 28        | 133%                    | 5            | 6            | 20%                              |
| TERRORISM                     | 0         | 3         | 300%                    | 0            | 0            | 0%                               |
| THREATS                       | 1.816     | 1.524     | -16%                    | 435          | 435          | 0%                               |
| RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY          | 1.634     | 1.534     | -6%                     | 560          | 353          | -37%                             |
| CARJACKING                    | 1.102     | 926       | -16%                    | 283          | 266          | -6%                              |
| FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ROBBERY | 2         | 0         | -100%                   | 0            | 0            | 0%                               |
| COMMERCIAL THEFT              | 2.621     | 1.877     | -28%                    | 675          | 439          | -35%                             |
| MOTORCYCLE THEFT              | 6.513     | 5.074     | -22%                    | 2.111        | 1.241        | -41%                             |
| CARGO THEFT                   | 0         | 0         | 0%                      | 0            | 0            | 0%                               |
| TOTAL                         | 40.132    | 37.187    | -7%                     | 11.721       | 10.320       | -5%                              |

133%  
Kidnapping

-16%  
Threats

-1%  
Theft from  
persons

Source: Prepared by the authors using data from National Police

# RISK-GENERATING ACTORS AND FACTORS



40.924kg

Seized (+0.8% vs 2024)

Seizures (kg) of illicit substances in Medellín

| SEIZED ILLICIT SUBSTANCE | YEAR 2024 Kg | YEAR 2025 Kg | JAN-MAY 2026 Kg |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| ECSTASY TYPE STIMULANT   | 20.573,50    | 19.557,8     | 20.208,8        |
| 2CB                      | 10.988,10    | 17.340,60    | 4.854,20        |
| COMPRESSED MARIJUANA     | 5.133,79     | 3.583,23     | 4.292,08        |
| LSD                      | 3.759,00     | 286,00       | 8,00            |
| COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE    | 112,12       | 152,48       | 488,07          |
| TOTAL                    | 40.556,51    | 40.920,11    | 29.851,15       |

## Micro trafficking

A central driver of urban violence in Medellín.

## Criminal structure

+350 active criminal "combos"

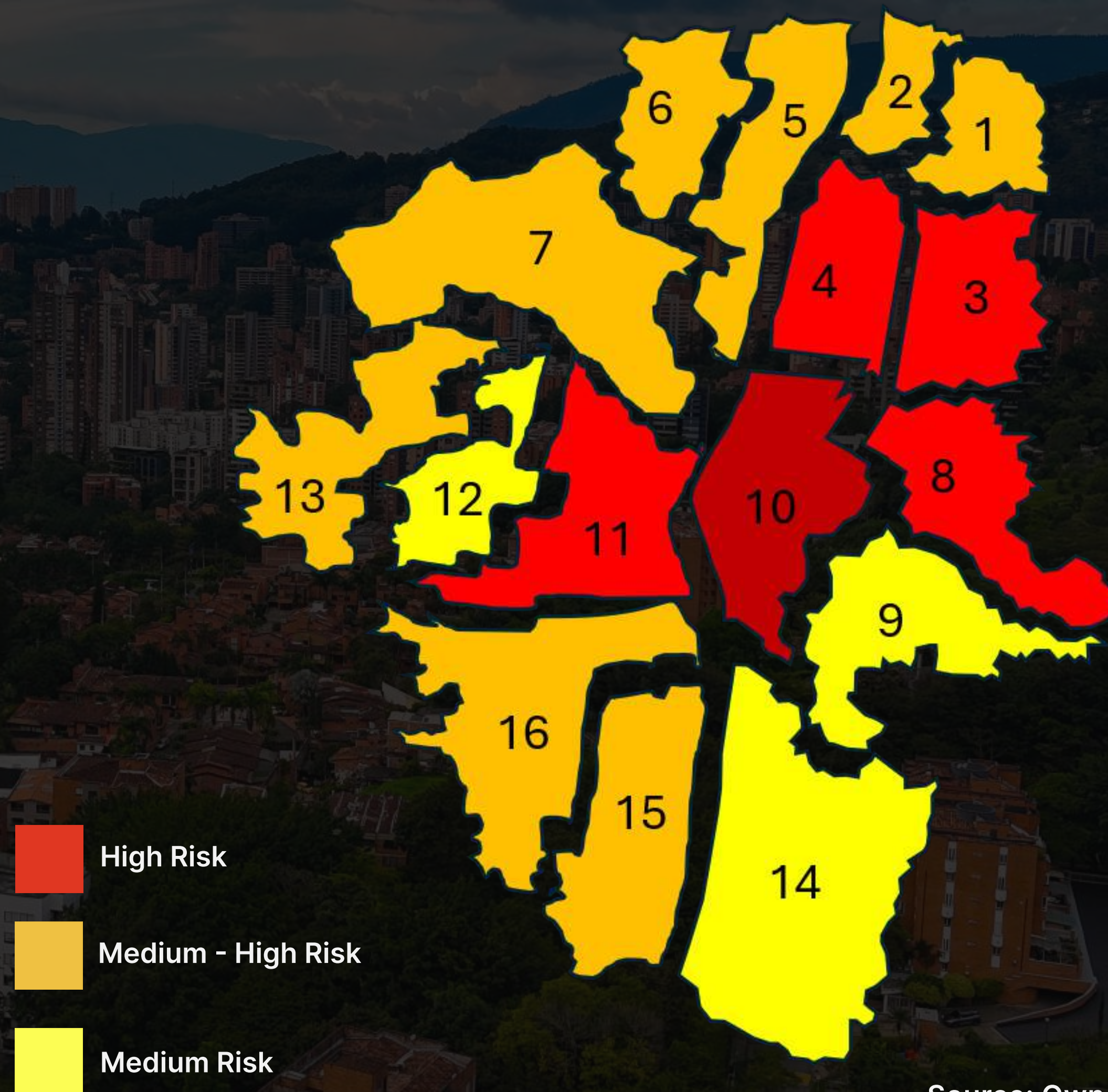
Source: Prepared by the authors based on information from the Colombian Drug Observatory, 2025.



# RISK LEVEL

The purpose of the risk-level assessment is to identify the area's most likely to experience violence and the occurrence of high-impact crimes.

For this assessment, the characterization is based on security and coexistence statistics (homicide, theft from persons, and extortion) from the Security and Coexistence Information System (SISC) of the Medellín Mayor's Office (SISC, 2026).



Source: Own elaboration.



# IMPACT OF CRIME

Crime in Medellín impacts the political, economic, social, and technological spheres, affecting governance, investment, the perception of security, and the digital environment, shaping a comprehensive risk scenario for urban development.

## Political



**25%**

The reduction in homicides reflects institutional progress.

## Economic



**35%**

The decline in property crimes benefits economic activity by reducing operational losses and improving logistics.

## Social



**7.200 cases**

Pickpocketing remains the crime with the greatest daily impact, affecting perceptions of safety and urban mobility.

## Technological



The city has made progress in the use of crime analytics and strategies based on territorial intelligence, which has contributed to a reduction in several indicators.

# RECOMMENDATIONS



If you are threatened by an Organized Criminal Group (OCG), refrain from discussing the matter with third parties and immediately report the situation to the competent authorities (GAULA Police and/or the Army).



If you face a robbery, “paseo millonario,” or “fleteo” situation, do not resist and prioritize your physical safety.



Never provide personal or banking information by phone, text message, or email; carry out any financial procedures directly with your bank.

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