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SECURITY OVERVIEW

CALI

July 2026

SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS

As the capital of the department of Valle del Cauca and one of the country's most important urban centers, Cali exhibits urban crime patterns marked by the involvement of a large number of gangs — around 23 organized crime groups (OCGs) — that compete for territorial control while simultaneously establishing “invisible borders” and pacts among themselves. According to the Observatorio para la Paz del Valle del Cauca, the FARC-EP dissident factions are the group with the greatest presence in the department, operating in 23 municipalities, that is, more than half of its territory.

Homicides:



8%

Extortion:



67%

Motorcycle theft:



4%

Jan-May 2026

CRIME STATISTICS

High-impact crimes in Cali

CRIME STATISTICS IN CALI	YEAR 2024	YEAR 2025	% VARIATION 2023 VS 2024	JAN-MAY 2025	JAN-MAY 2026	% VARIATION JAN-MAY 2025 VS 2026
HOMICIDES	947	1063	12%	424	460	8%
THEFT FROM PERSONS	21069	17985	-15%	7582	5383	-29%
EXTORTION	412	438	6%	112	187	67%
KIDNAPPING	11	19	73%	8	4	-50%
THREATS	2386	1084	-54%	419	496	18%
TERRORISM	3	16	433%	3	4	33%
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	1182	958	-19%	381	288	-24%
VEHICLE THEFT	1570	1415	-10%	629	492	-22%
MOTORCYCLE THEFT	2970	3557	20%	1505	1442	-4%
COMMERCIAL THEFT	1727	1734	-1%	773	501	-35%
TOTAL	32277	28269	-12%	11836	9257	-22%

Source: Prepared by the authors with information from the National Police.
Note: Figures subject to change based on the source's updating processes.

-50%
Kidnapping

18%
Threats

-29%
Robbery

RISK-GENERATING ACTORS AND FACTORS



 **2.956,5 kg**
Seized

Seizures (kg) of illicit substances in Cali

ILLICIT SUBSTANCE SEIZED	YEAR 2024 (kg)	YEAR 2025 (kg)	JAN-MAY 2026 (kg)
ECSTASY-TYPE STIMULANTS	365	2.690,22	754,65
PRESSED MARIJUANA	10.564,43	9.133,21	2.004,86
2CB	178,22	257,00	430,00
COCAINE HYDROCHLORIDE	462,67	171,77	601,36
TOTAL	11.570,32	12.252,20	2.956,50

Micro trafficking

A central driver of urban violence in Cali

Criminal structure

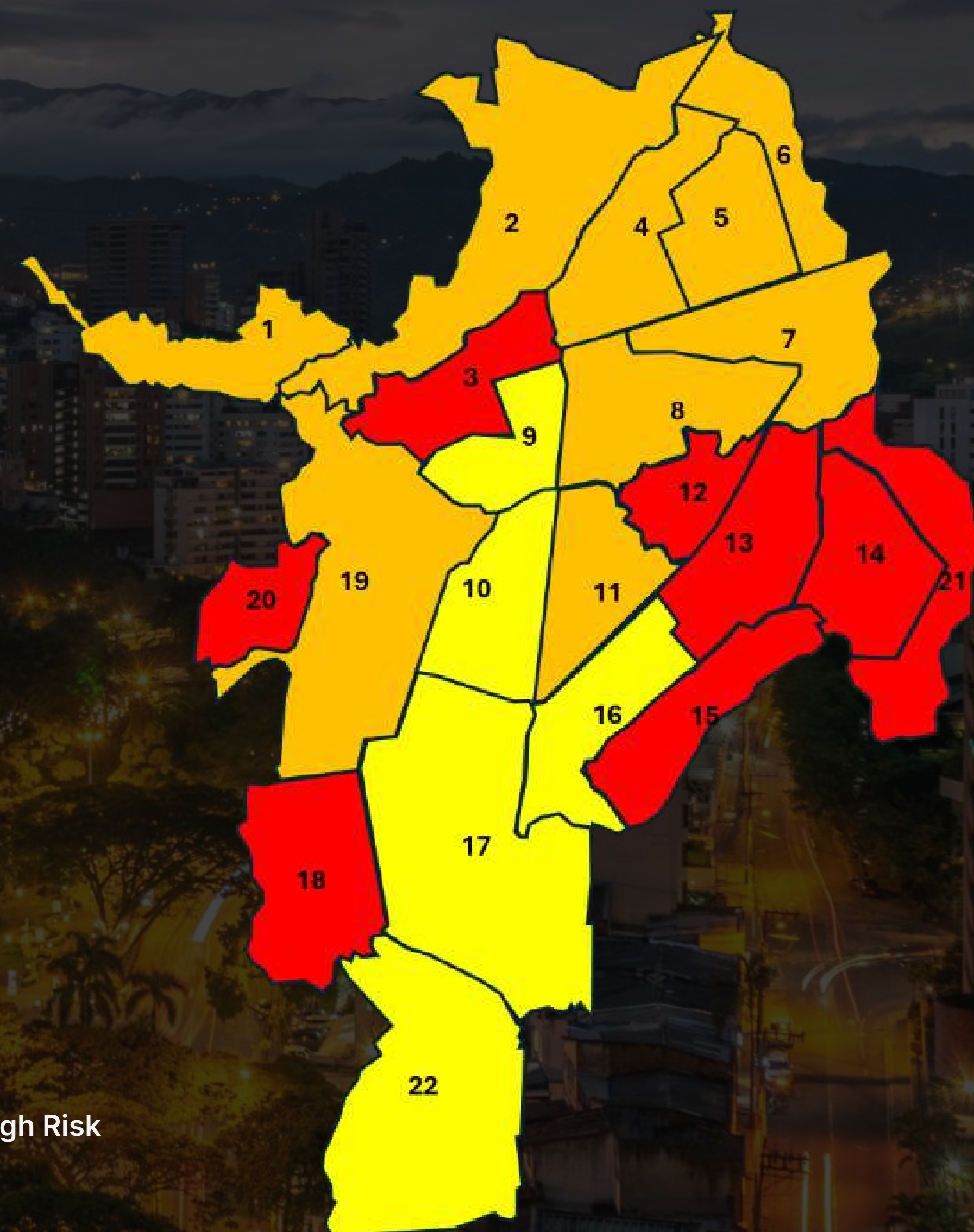
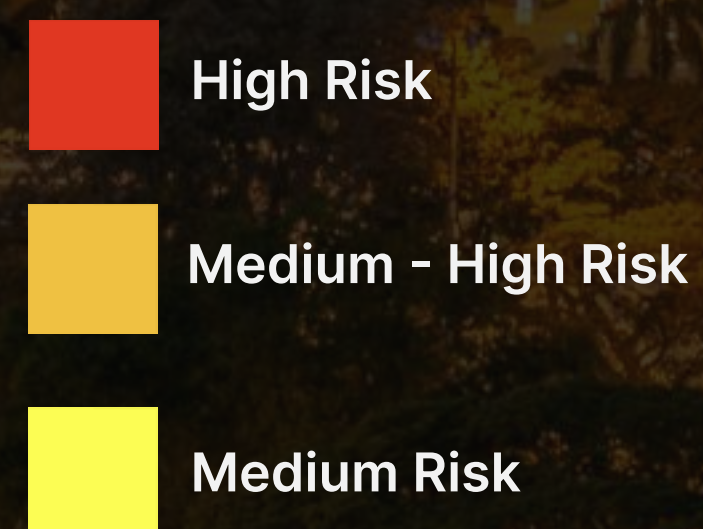
Cali has around 60 criminal gangs linked to microtrafficking and urban violence.

Source: Prepared by the authors with information from the Colombian Drug Observatory, 2025.
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RISK LEVEL

The risk-level analysis identifies the areas where, according to institutional statistics, there is a greater probability of high-impact crimes materializing. The characterization is based on the reports of the Santiago de Cali Security Observatory for 2026, prioritizing the concentration of homicides (Observatorio de Seguridad de Cali, 2026).



Source : Prepared by the authors, 2026.



IMPACT OF CRIME

Crime in Cali 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



8%

The slight increase in homicides reflects institutional progress.

Economic



-35%

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

Social



5,383 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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