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Districts with highest, low crime

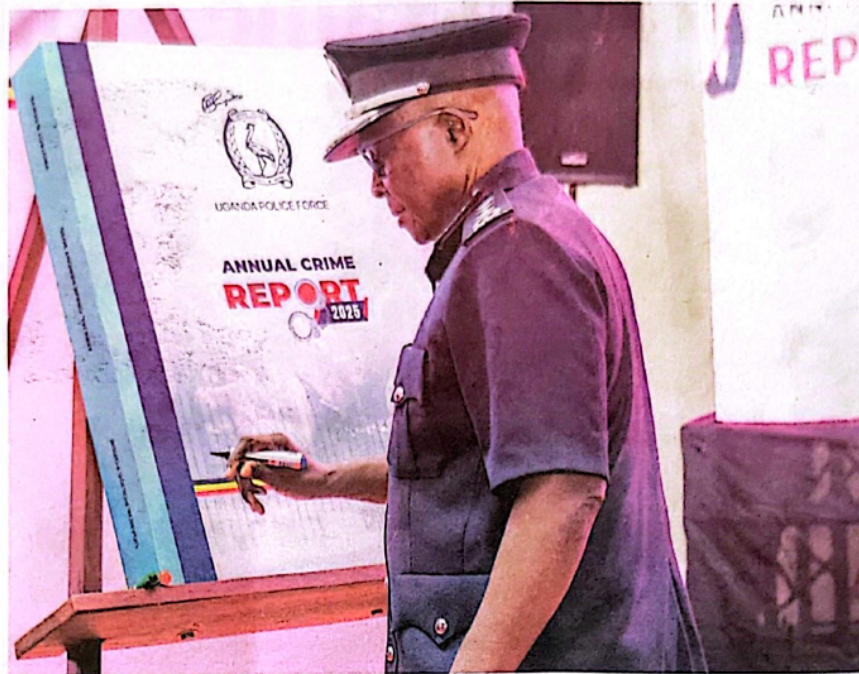
While a total of 196,405 cases were reported last year, down from 218,715 in 2024, there are concerns on what is fuelling high crime rates such as murders in Luweero District that has about 600,000 people compared to other districts with higher population figures.

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Kampala City divisions and the districts of Wakiso, Luweero, Mukono, Tororo and Ntungamo registered the highest number of criminal cases in the country, the Annual Crime report of 2025 shows.

In the police geographical areas, Luweero District registered the highest number of criminal cases in the country, with 3,123 incidents recorded in 2025.

At least 1,000 of the 3,123 criminal cases



Inspector General of Police Abbas Byakagaba signs the 2025 annual crime report, which was launched yesterday at the police headquarters in Naguru, Kampala City. PHOTOS/GEOFFREY MUTUMBA/ BENSON TUMUSIIME

es recorded in Luweero District were thefts.

Murder cases

Luweero District had the third highest number of murders in the country, with 70 cases registered last year, after districts of Isingiro (80) and Mukono (76).

Although Luweero District's population is only 600,000 people (according to the 2024 Census), it registered more crime incidents than the Nansana Municipality and the districts of Kumi, Bukedea, and Ngara combined.

Nansana Municipality, and the districts of Kumi, Bukedea and Ngara have a combined population of 1.4 million people.

Despite leading in the crime in the country, Luweero's crime incidents dropped from 3,374 cases in 2024 to 3,123 cases last year.

The police report doesn't show the causes of high crime in Luweero District.

Luweero District was followed by Kawempe Police Division with 2,997 cases and Kawempe Police Division in Kampala City with 2,967 criminal cases in 2025.

Katwe Police Division covers parts of Makindye Division while Kawempe Police Division covers parts of Kawempe Division.

Both divisions are in urban areas and have expansive slums and several unemployed youth.

District/Division	2024	2025
CID Headquarters	706	556
Jinja Road	2,324	2,188
Kira Division	2,197	1,994
Kira Road	2,109	1,888
Mukono	2,926	2,880
Nakasongola	1,651	1,438
KMP East	11,207	10,388
CPS Kampala	2,199	2,033
Katwe	3,584	2,997
Kabalagala	2,272	2,474
Kajansi	1,349	1,434
Entebbe	2,277	2,212
Nsangi	1,452	1,550
Natete	2,051	1,503
KMP South	15,184	14,203
Old Kampala	3,604	2,283
Wakiso	2,118	1,613
Wandegeya	1,711	1,431
Kawempe	3,362	2,967
Nansana	2,162	1,795
Kakiri	1,256	1,388
Kasangati	2,529	1,663
KMP North	16,742	13,340
Luweero	3,374	3,123
Nakasongola	1,421	1,459
Nakasongola	1,373	1,234
Savannah	6,168	5,816
Bukwe	1,641	1,196
Kayunga	1,219	1,515

District/Division	2024	2025
Greater Masaka	11,884	
Kisoro	985	903
Kabale	1,466	1,225
Rukiga	463	385
Rubanda	703	576
Kanungu	1,397	1,341
Rukungiri	1,620	1,720
Kigezi	6,634	6,150
Mbarara Central	1,888	1,585
Mbarara City North	725	740
Mbarara City South	1,024	968
Mbarara Rural	769	716
Ibando	2,222	1,921
Ntungamo	2,552	2,737
Kazo	934	918
Rwampara	3,877	786
Kinyuhire	991	953
Isingiro	2,123	2,092
Rwizi	17,105	13,416
Bushenyi	1,158	1,065
Mitooma	1,013	1,092
Rubirizi	873	995
Buhweju	829	473
Sheema	999	1,276
Greater Bushenyi	4,872	4,902
Masindi	1,574	1,407
Kinyandongo	1,713	2,159
Kibaale	949	882
Kakumiro	1,304	1,238
Kagadi	1,535	1,683

District/Division	2024	2025
Arua Rural	1,110	1,001
Ayivu East	324	408
Arua West	367	370
Arua West	306	203
Maracha	312	263
Zombo	728	729
Nebbi	723	606
Pakwach	949	734
Terego	517	484
Madi Okolo	226	230
Koboko	536	551
West Nile	6,098	5,579
Yumbe	1,821	2,089
Moyo	495	522
Obongli	645	315
Adjumani	687	1,225
North West Nile	3,848	4,151
Lamwo	735	575
Agago	1,173	848
Nwoya	827	855
Amuru	781	777
Omoro	931	1,032
Kitgum	1,622	1,106
Pader	1,071	832
Gulu Rural	347	539
Gulu East	628	577
Gulu West	425	370
Gulu Central	639	733
Aswa	9,179	961
Lira CPS	1,189	1,021
Lira Rural	1,425	1,021

District/Division	2024	2025
Soroti Central	429	308
Soroti East	601	540
Soroti West	213	226
Kapelebyong	794	748
Kabermalo	407	325
Katakwi	715	748
Ngara	867	741
Serere	680	519
Amuria	406	441
Kalaki	345	280
Bukedea	623	532
Kumi	1,137	998
East Kyoga	7,989	
Kapchorwa	1,405	1,653
Kween	2,244	1,832
Bukwo	2,431	1,219
Sipi	6,080	4,704
Mbale Rural- Busoba	934	537
Mbale Northern Div	1,019	818
Mbale Industrial Div	390	418
Mbale Central	1,063	952
Namisindwa	924	961
Manafwa	516	392
Bududa	810	774
Sironko	1,207	1,087
Bulambuli	774	717
Elgon	7,337	6,656
Butaleja	574	573
Tororo	2,259	2,831
Busia	2,083	1,969
Bukedi South	4,916	5,373