

Kidnapping

(number)

“Kidnapping” means unlawfully detaining a person or persons against their will (including through the use of force; threat; fraud or enticement) for the purpose of demanding for their liberation an illicit gain or any other economic gain or other material benefit; or in order to oblige someone to do or not to do something. “Kidnapping” excludes disputes over child custody. (UN-CTS M5.5)

		2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2005
1	Mexico	1,219	1,221	885	1,592	1,888	1,512	1,344	1,284	325
2	Ecuador	796	972	1,174	29	34	37	32	32	37
3	Chile	300	338	279	293	274	254	327	259	151
4	Peru	197	241	205	347	430	446	471	476	497
5	Colombia	195	207	213	288	299	305	305	282	800
6	Uruguay	37	11	9	-	20	19	-	-	-
7	Panama	35	23	14	22	26	17	25	38	17
8	Paraguay	30	3	2	2	3	0	2	3	1
	Bolivia (Plurinational...)	-	48	32	101	116	104	104	91	99
	Brazil	-	-	-	-	396	414	319	401	-

Source: [Violent Crime Statistics](#)