



**SUMMARY** In 2014, total LRA attacks rose 10% and abductions 32% compared to 2013.

LRA attacks and abductions declined each year from 2011–2013, reflecting the group’s reduced fighting capacity and Joseph Kony’s intentional strategy to minimize large-scale attacks that attract international attention. This trend reversed in 2014, with attacks increasing by 10% and abductions increasing by 32% compared to 2013. Killings by the LRA, however, continued to drop [see Section 6 for more analysis].

Despite the uptick in violence in 2014, nearly all LRA attacks remained focused on looting basic goods the group needs to survive, a trend consistent with recent years. LRA abductees were mostly adults used to porter looted goods into the bush who either escaped or were released within days. There remains little evidence that the LRA is abducting young children in order to rebuild its fighting capacity, though at least one LRA defector in 2014 reported Kony ordered the abduction of young boys for that purpose.

*Note: Hover your mouse over individual data points on the graph to see their exact value.*

## 2. Trends in LRA violence varied dramatically at the local level