

# Public Safety Stewardship Update

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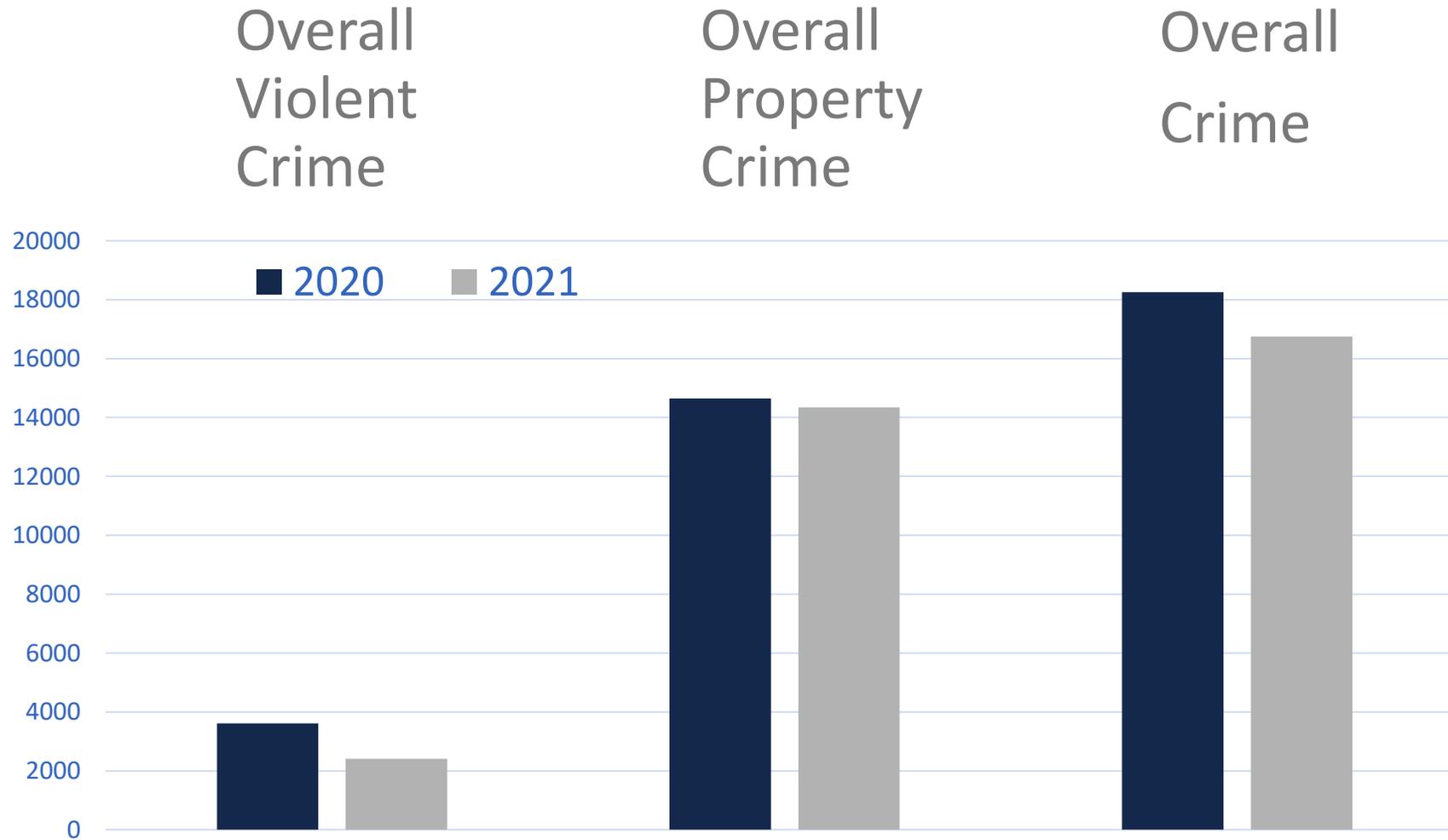
# Violence is on the rise nationwide

“2021 is on a pace to be the most violent year for the U.S. in two decades.” - [NPR](#)

“Homicide rates in large cities were up more than 30 percent on average last year, and up another 24 percent for the beginning of this year, according to criminologists.” – [NY Times](#)

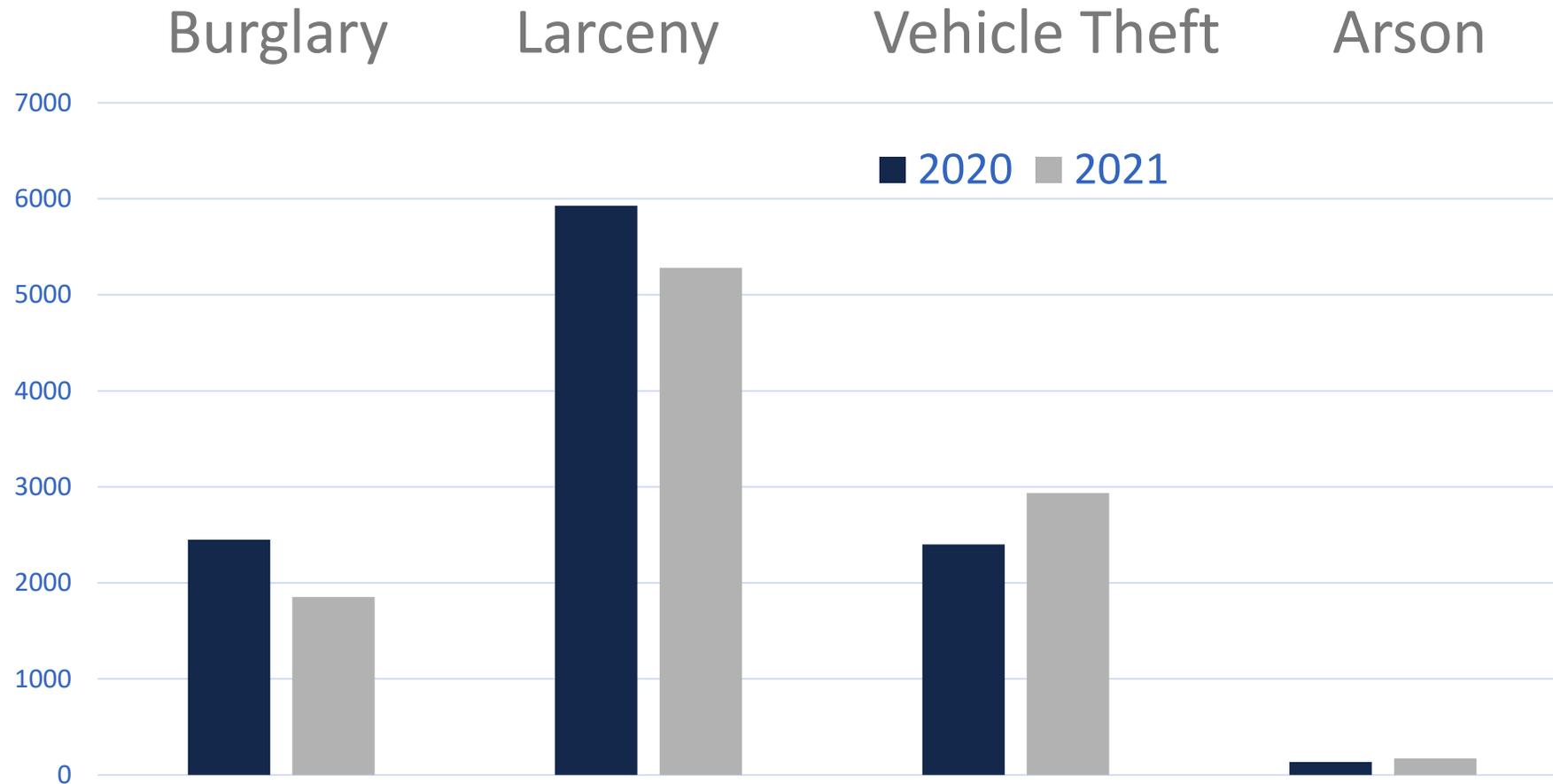
“With the weather warming, school letting out and virus-related restrictions falling away, leaders are worrying about a deadlier season than usual.” - [The Washington Post](#)

# Preliminary Overall Crime Data



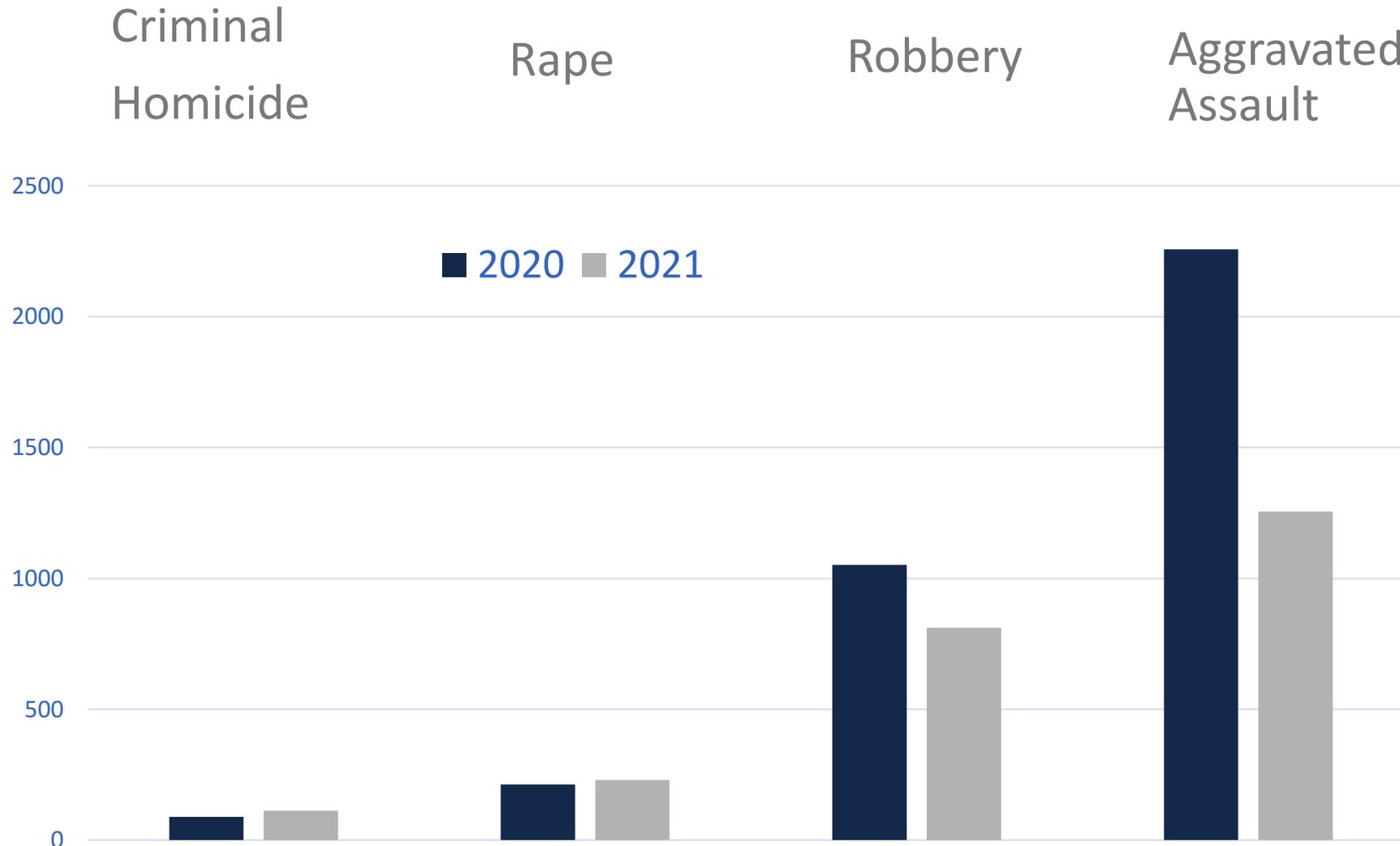
Data from Jan 1-  
June 30

# Preliminary Property Crime Data



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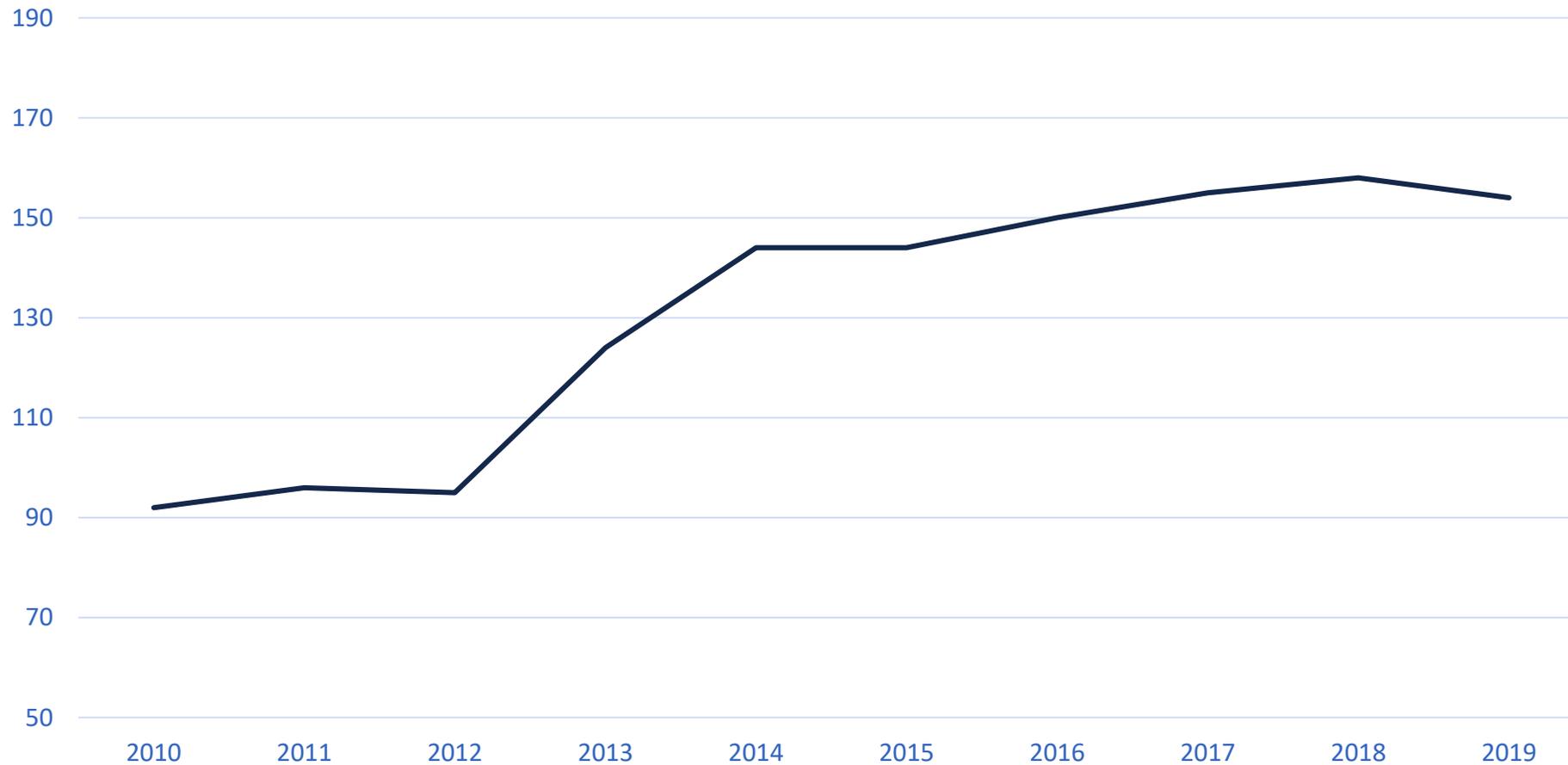
# Preliminary Violent Crime Data



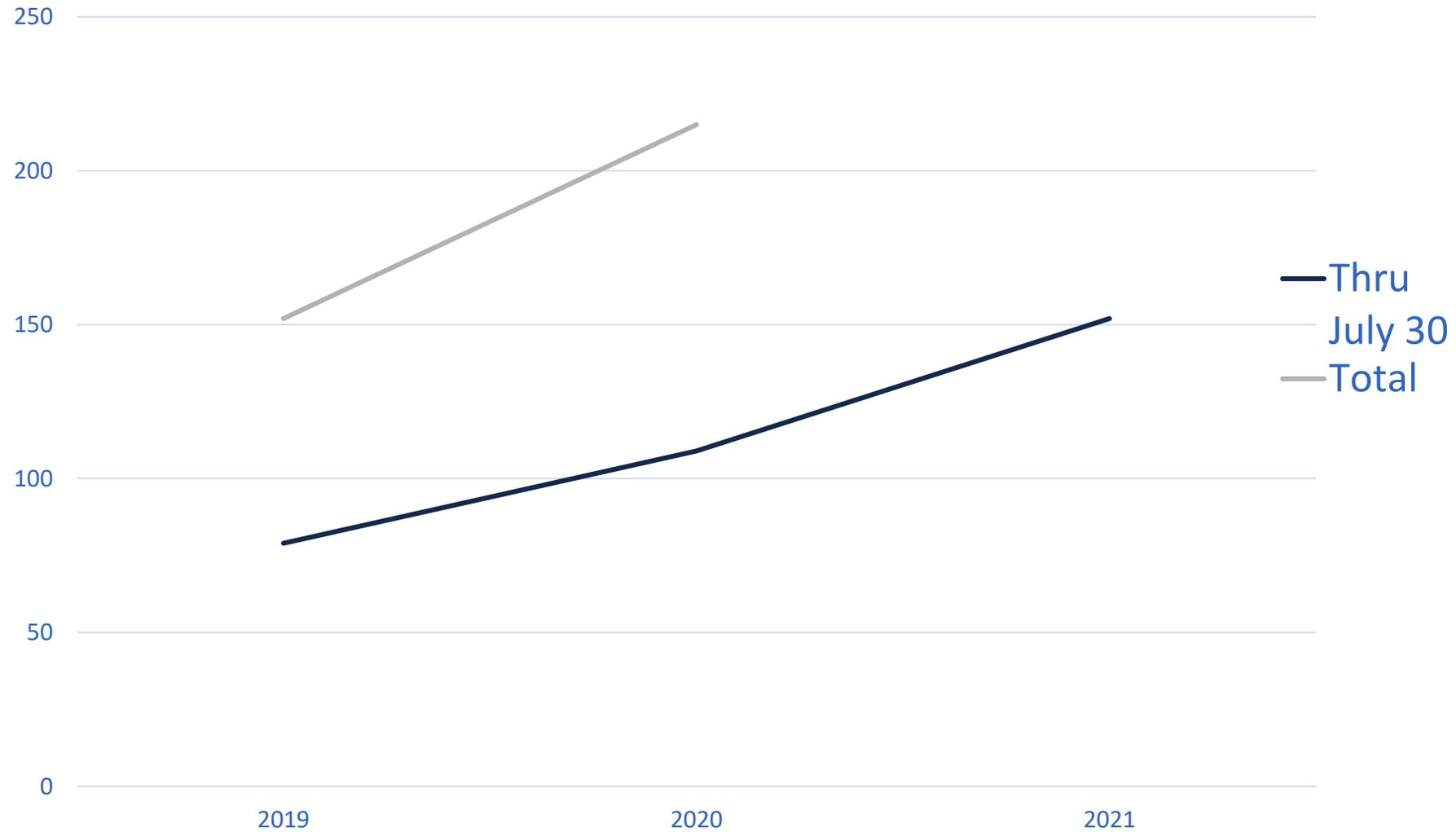
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# Criminal Homicides

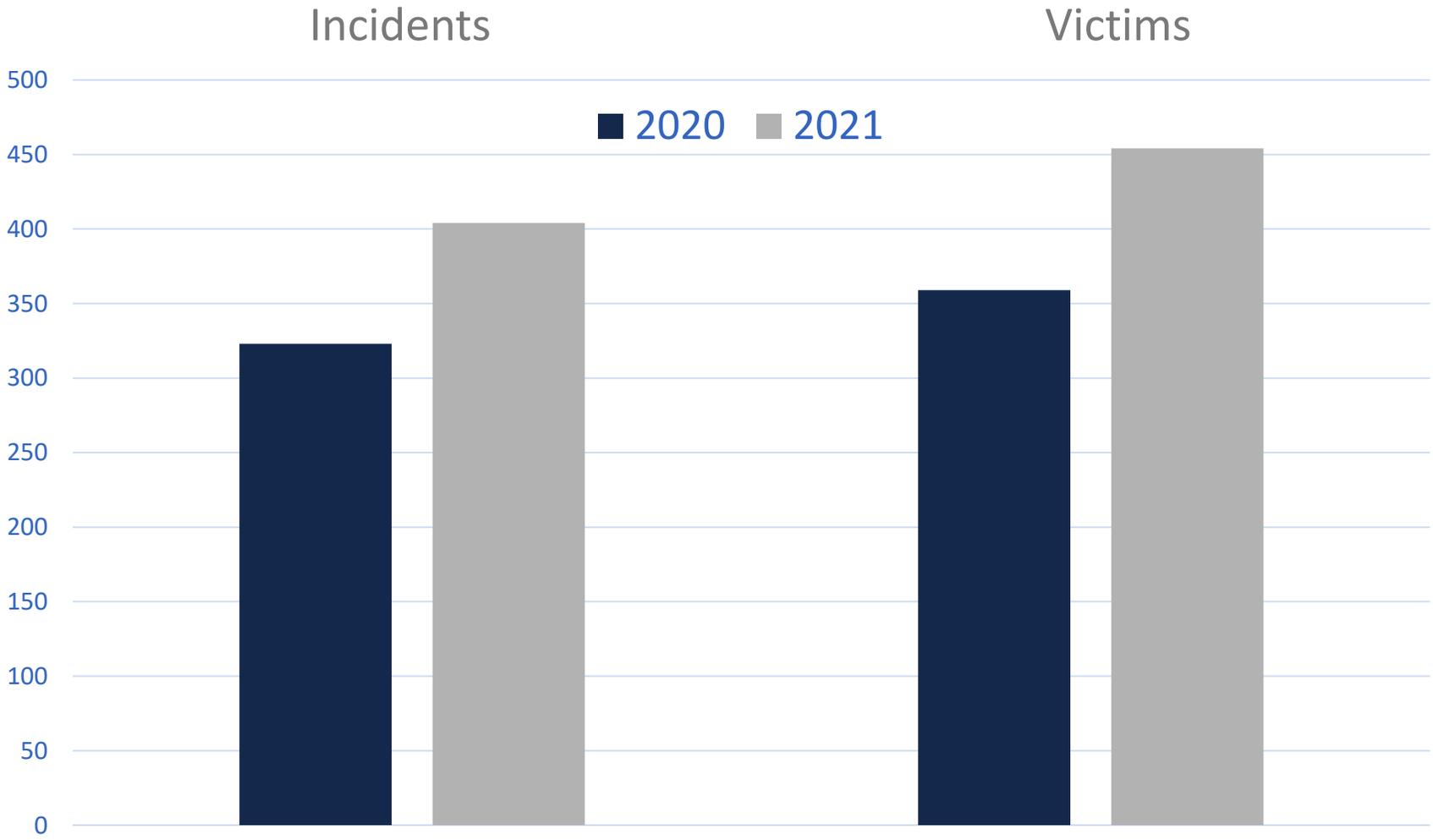
Year-End Totals



# Criminal Homicides



# Preliminary Non-Fatal Shooting Data



Data up to July 30

# Outside Reports on IMPD

- ❑ NYU School of Law's Criminal Justice Lab
  - Recommended & implemented the following reforms:
    - Managing the types of calls IMPD responds to
    - Use directed patrol
    - Following data to pinpoint violent offenders
    - Foot patrols
- ❑ National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) Part I
  - Commissioned study to examine the gaps in City's violence programming.

# Indianapolis Gun Violence Problem Analysis

NICJR Part II

## □ Findings:

- About 75% of victims and suspects were known to the criminal justice system prior to the homicide
- Report estimates between 44 - 81% of gun homicides were confirmed to involve group members as victims, suspects, or both
- Overall, most victims and suspects had been arrested about 8 times for 11 different offenses by the time of the homicide.

# Indianapolis Gun Violence Problem Analysis

NICJR Part II

## Report made the following recommendations:

- Improve intelligence gathering
- Enhance information sharing across units
- Bolster existing shooting review meetings
- Work with community & criminal justice partners to tailor interventions to those at highest risk of violence

Report recommendations affirm recent adjustments to IMPD's strategy



# A Focus on Violence Reduction

Data from April 5 – July 23

- ❑ Violence Reduction Teams (VRT)
  - 128 guns recovered
  - 43 search warrants
  - 377 arrests
- ❑ Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF)
  - 220 guns recovered
  - 38 NIBIN leads
  - 575 total arrests



# Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC)

Data up to 7/28

- ❑ Uses forensics and intelligence to connect the dots between crime guns and trigger pullers
- ❑ Plan is to add additional agencies this fall to have all seven surrounding counties represented
- ❑ 2021 stats
  - 174 guns seized
  - 163 arrests



# Transparency within IMPD

- Use of Force Review Board
- Use of Force policy revisions
- Generals Orders Board
- Officer Early Warning System
- Critical Incident Videos
- Body-worn cameras
- Outside reviews



# Body Worn Cameras

❑ 1,370 total body cameras have been deployed

- Last year: 1,100 cameras
- This year: 270 cameras
  - 50 Reserves
  - 60 Recruits
  - 10 Park Rangers
  - 20 Promoted Supervisors
  - 50 Detectives
  - Rest are unassigned

❑ 25 in-car cameras have been installed



# Community Engagement Bureau

- ❑ Recreational connection by allowing citizens to interact with police when they're not at the scene of a crime.
- ❑ Recently elevated to Chief's Office
- ❑ Programs include:
  - ❑ IMPD CARES
  - ❑ PAL
  - ❑ LGTBQ+ Liaison
  - ❑ Immigrant Outreach
  - ❑ IMPD Chaplains



# Recruiting

- 30 X 30 Initiative
  - Pledge to increase the percentage of female recruit officers to 30% by 2030
- College Visits
- PAR
- Mentoring
- Cadets
- In-state/out of state lateral officers
- Job fairs
- Advertising



# Training

- ❑ Implicit Bias
- ❑ Interrupting Racism
- ❑ Crisis Intervention, De-escalation, Use of Force – PERF ICAT
- ❑ Mental Health First-Aid
- ❑ Peer Intervention Training – ABLE
- ❑ Procedural Justice



# Mobile Crisis Assistance Team (M-CAT)

- ❑ Officers, along with a licensed professional clinician from Eskenazi Hospital, respond to active runs and follow-up involving where an individual is in need of immediate mental health services.
- ❑ Officer access mental health screening tool
  - Provide appropriate services & info when required.
  - Total M-CAT Responses for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: 297
  - 97% of MCAT runs do not result in an arrest.



# Assessment and Intervention Center

- AIC diverts low-level offenders from the criminal justice system to receive the support and mental health services they need
- 1061 encounters from December 2020 to August 3, 2021.



# Gun Violence Reduction Strategy

## Prevention

Long-term violence reduction strategies

- OPHS Peacemakers, community partners, OPHS staff

## Intervention

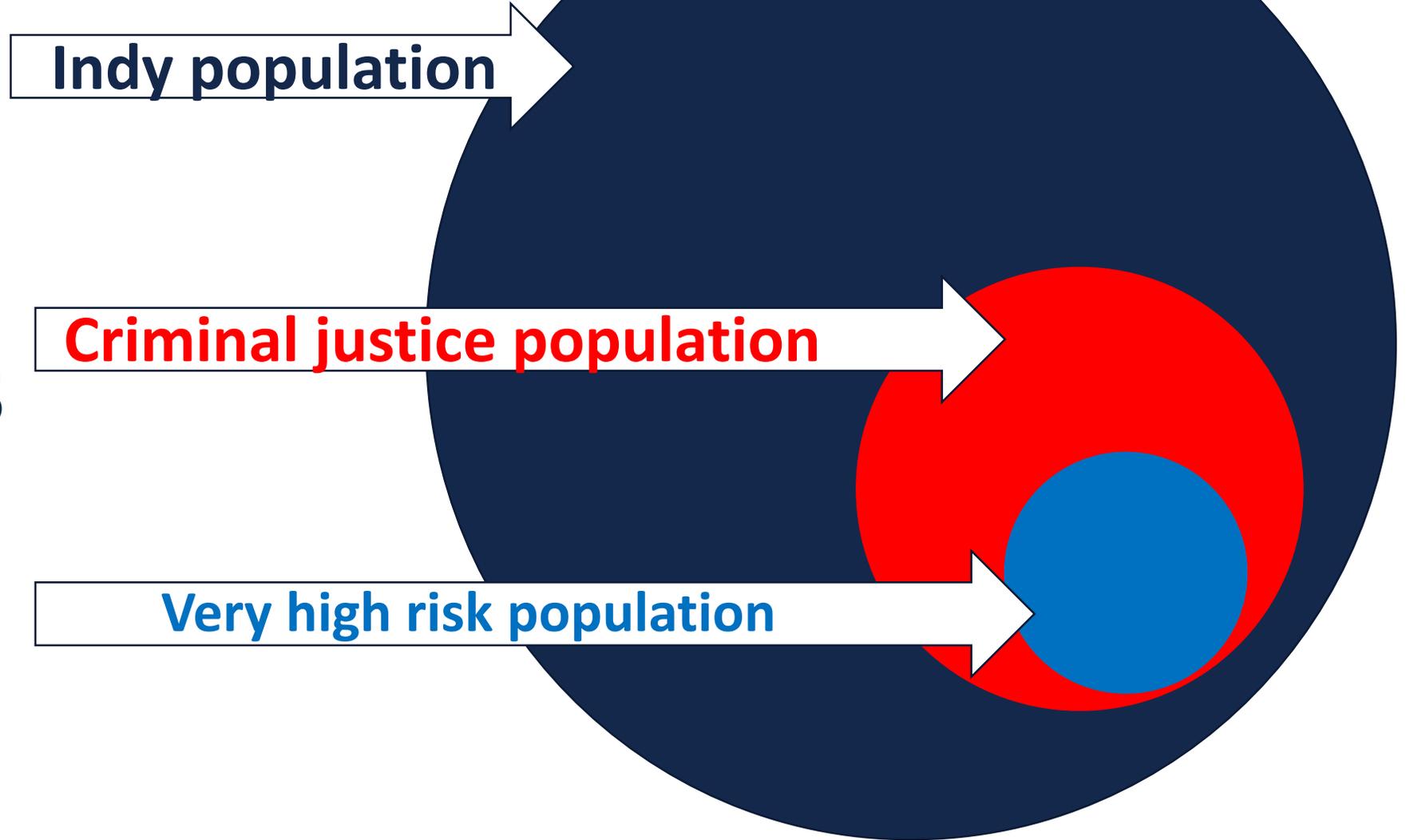
Violence reduction in the immediate term

- Interrupting conflict as it is happening or about to happen
- Individualized support through custom notifications

## Transformation

- Transforming communities so they do not induce violence
- Long term, systemic changes and economic investments in neighborhoods

# Focus on Very High- Risk Individuals



# Prevention

- **Peacemakers interact with high-risk individuals**
  - Work with IMPD to identify those most at-risk and connect these individuals to services, support, and opportunities.
- **OPHS' office-wide efforts**
  - Addressing housing, re-entry, and food issues also targets those at-risk for violence. Unstable circumstances in any of these areas greatly increases someone's chance of being a perpetrator or victim of violence.

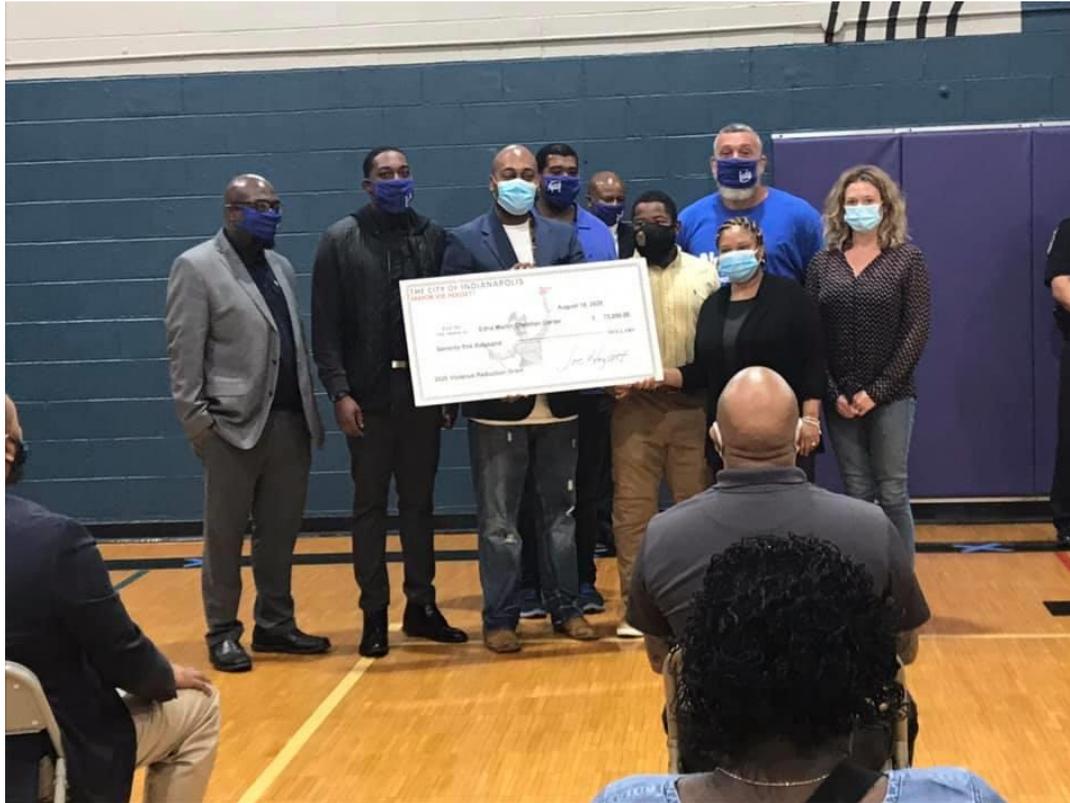


# Safe Summer

- Over 1,000 attendees over the summer at 3 Indy Parks locations
- Safe after-hours activities for kids
- Valuable opportunity not just for the day, but also to encourage long-term mentorship and support.



# Grassroots Investments



**2019-2020 cycle: \$3.1M**

**2020-2021 cycle: \$3.3M**

**2021-2022 cycle: \$4.8M**

# Intervention

- Community Safety Meetings
  - OPHS works with Marion County Community Corrections, Marion County Probation, and other law enforcement partners to identify these at-risk individuals, including those who have committed gun-related infractions that may escalate to crimes involving loss of life.
- Custom Notifications
  - Enables quick, tactical, direct communication with specific individuals to give specific advice, guidance, and support.
- Weekly shooting reviews
  - Weekly meeting with OPHS, interrupters, and IMPD to analyze recent shooting trends, hottest conflicts, and priorities for communication, outreach/interruption, and enforcement.

# Intervention



- Interrupters
  - Indy Public Safety Foundation employs interrupters, individuals with deep roots in the community who act as credible messengers and interrupt conflicts that have active threats, whether that be in-person, on social media, or at the scene of another crime.
  - Interrupters are purposely not affiliated with law enforcement. They engage highly influential individuals at the center of gun violence and take on a high-risk caseload.

# Interruption

<b>Violence Interrupter Data</b>	<b>As of 8/4/2021</b>
<b># of in-person conflicts interrupted</b>	226
<b># of social media conflicts interrupted</b>	201
	<b>=427 total interruptions</b>

# Transformation

- Transforming our community in the long term by addressing the issues that cause chronic poverty, food insecurity, economic uncertainty, and ultimately violence.
- OPHS was created to address public safety as a public health issue. Those who experience or are vulnerable to violence often experience other public health issues.
  - Food assistance/support. Food policy and nutrition team helped facilitate the establishment of 12 new groceries to food insecure, majority minority areas of the city.
  - Credit recovery program to help previously incarcerated individuals re-establish credit
  - HomeNow program provides up to 12 months in rental assistance and safe housing to those who have previously experienced unstable or no housing
  - Non-congregate shelter has placed over 220 individuals in permanent housing

# Priorities for the Remainder of the Year



- Keep up our efforts to move the dial on violence
- Improve our technology to be more data driven
- Community engagement and bridge building, partnerships
- Increase officer training
- Continue to appropriately help those suffering mental health crises

Any Questions?