

# Investing in Community Violence Interventions: Strategies to Reduce Violence in Counties

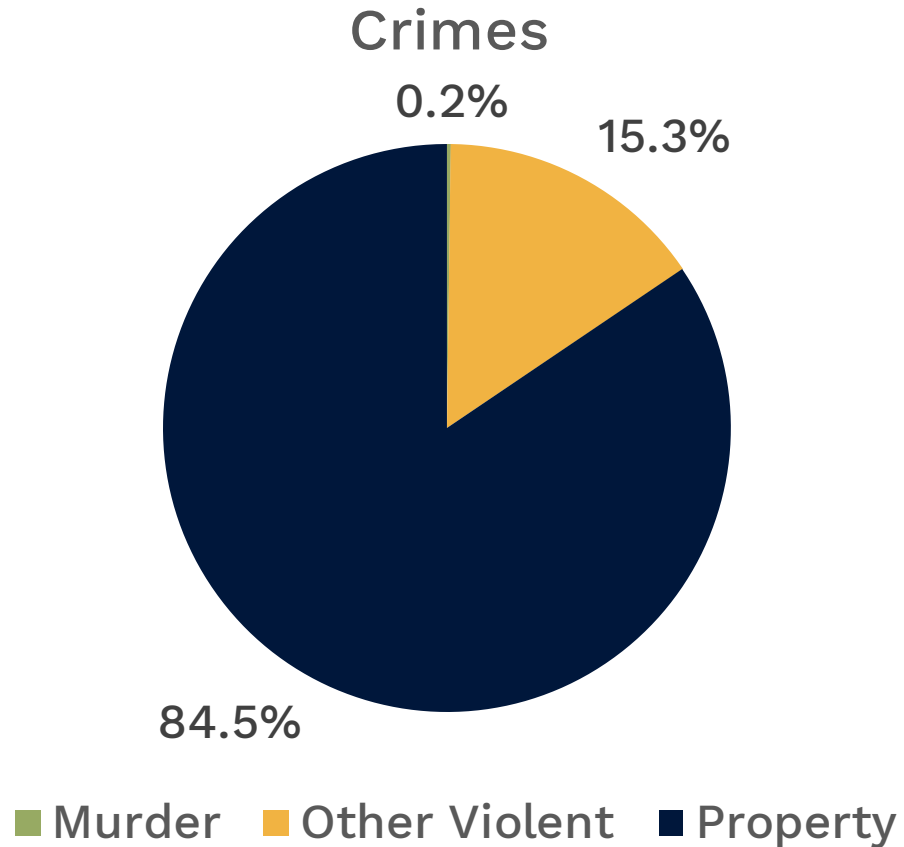
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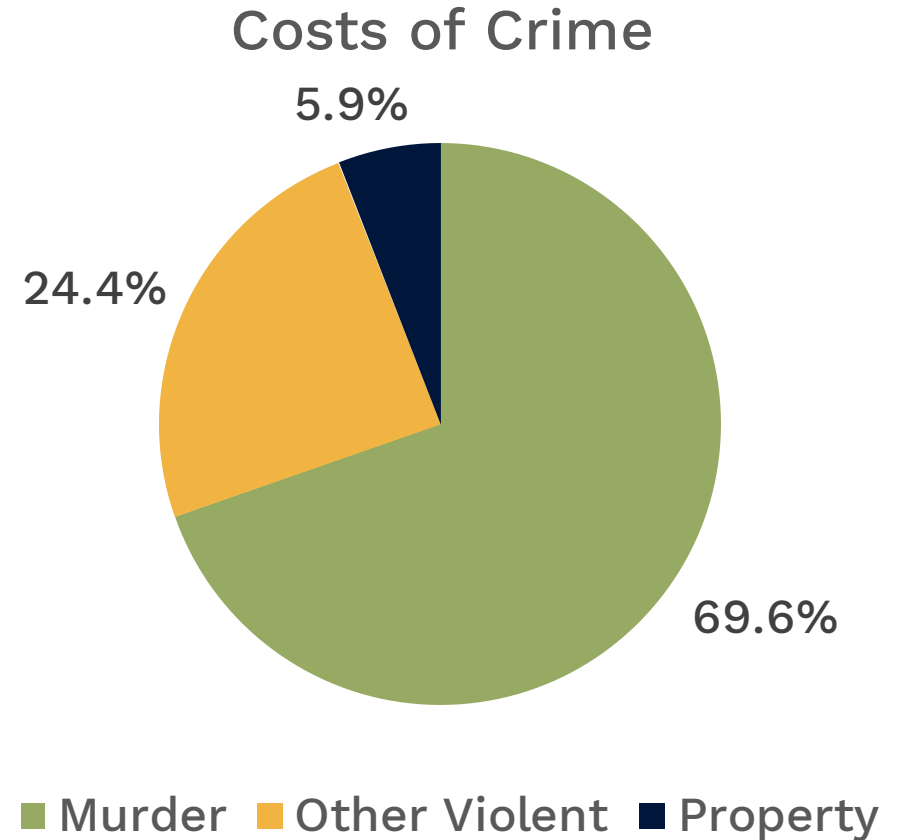
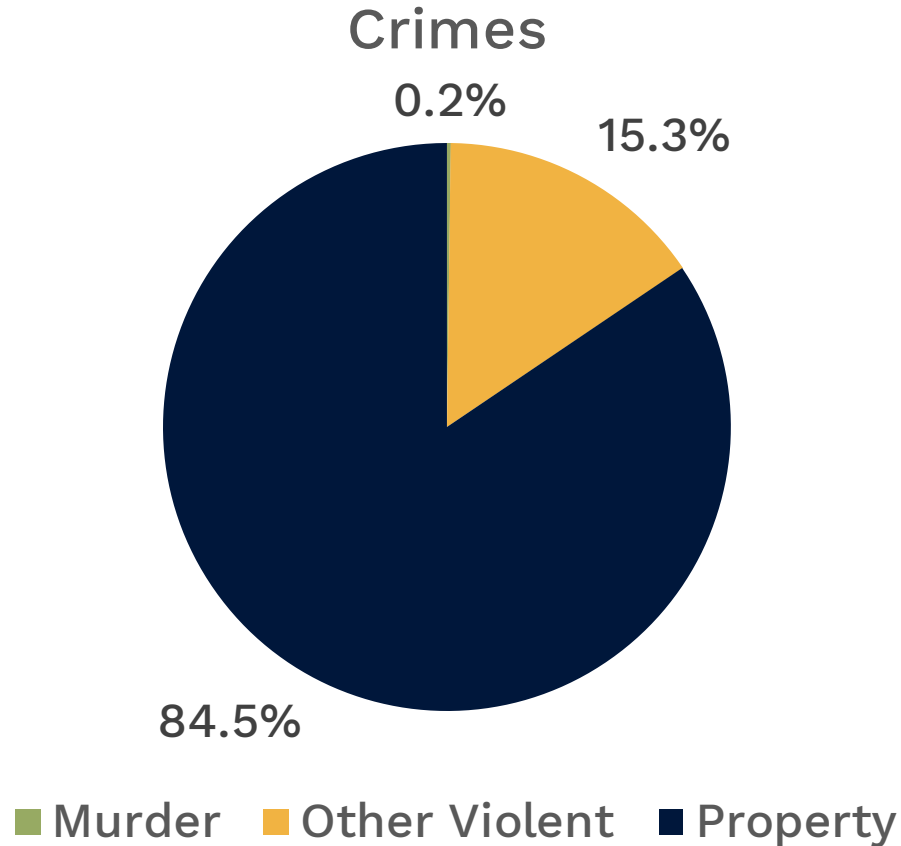


Harnessing Data to  
Advance Justice and  
Reduce Gun Violence

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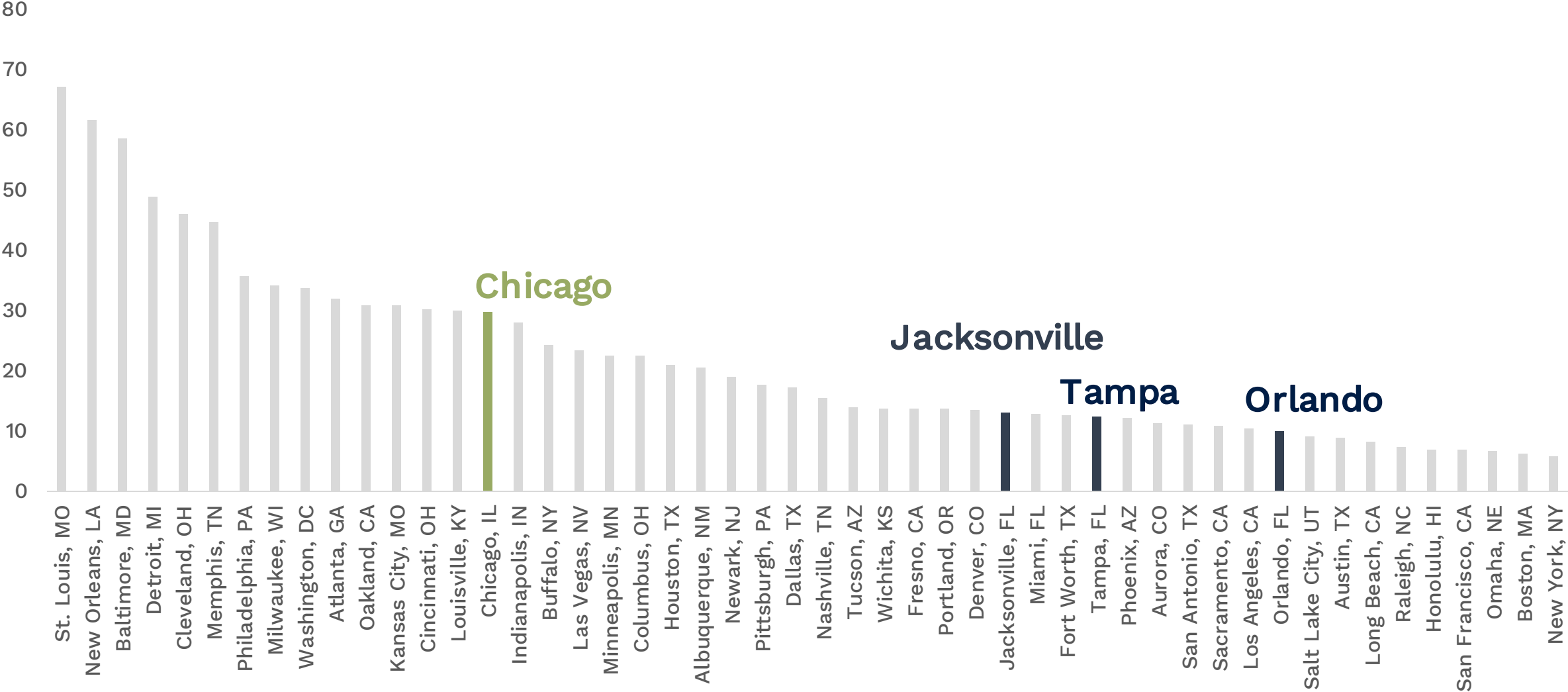


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Source: Chalfin and McCrary (2018)

# Homicide Rate per 100k (2021)

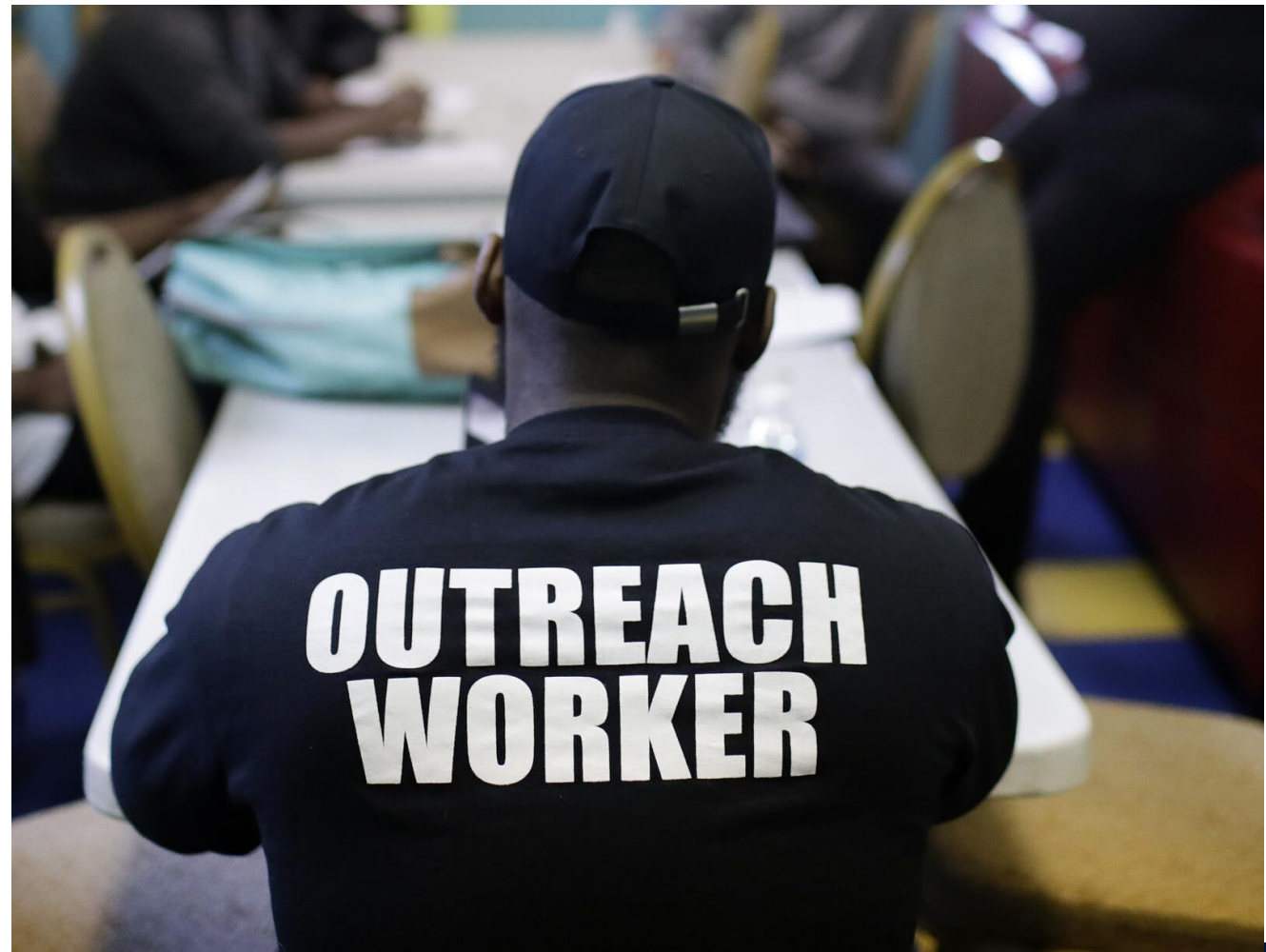


Sources: US Census, Major Cities Chiefs Association



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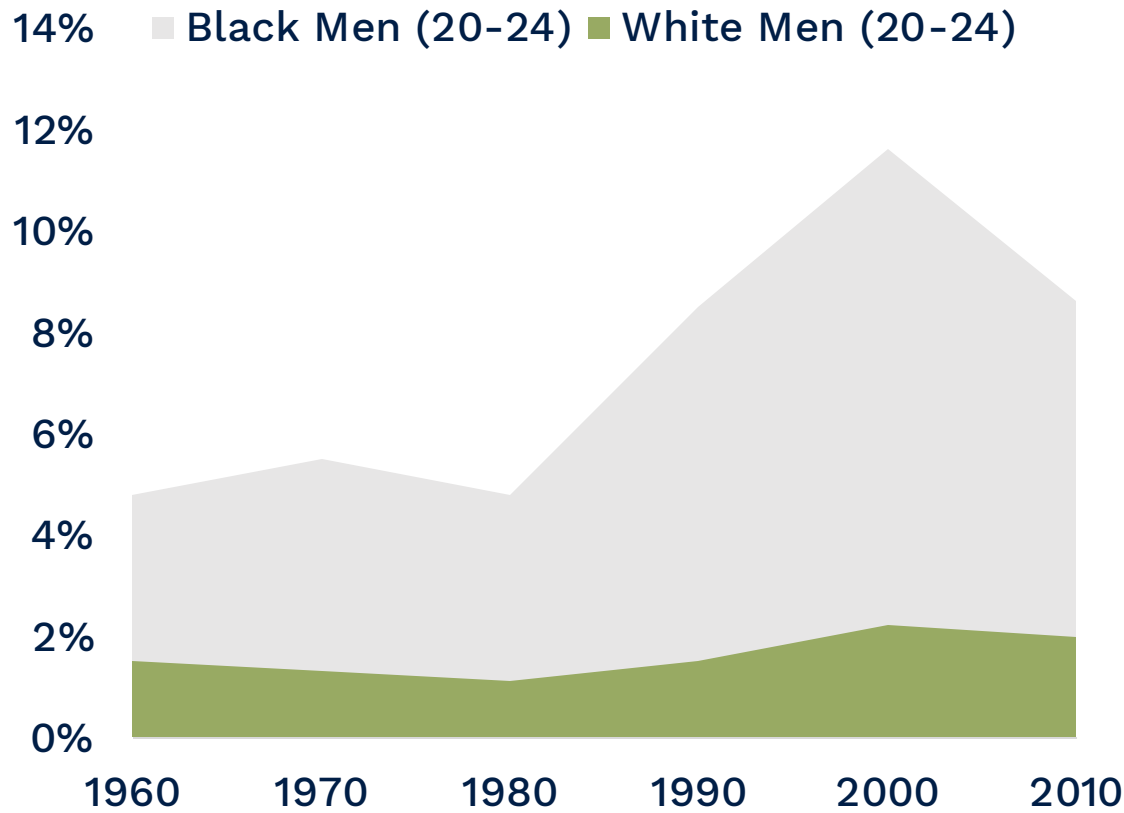


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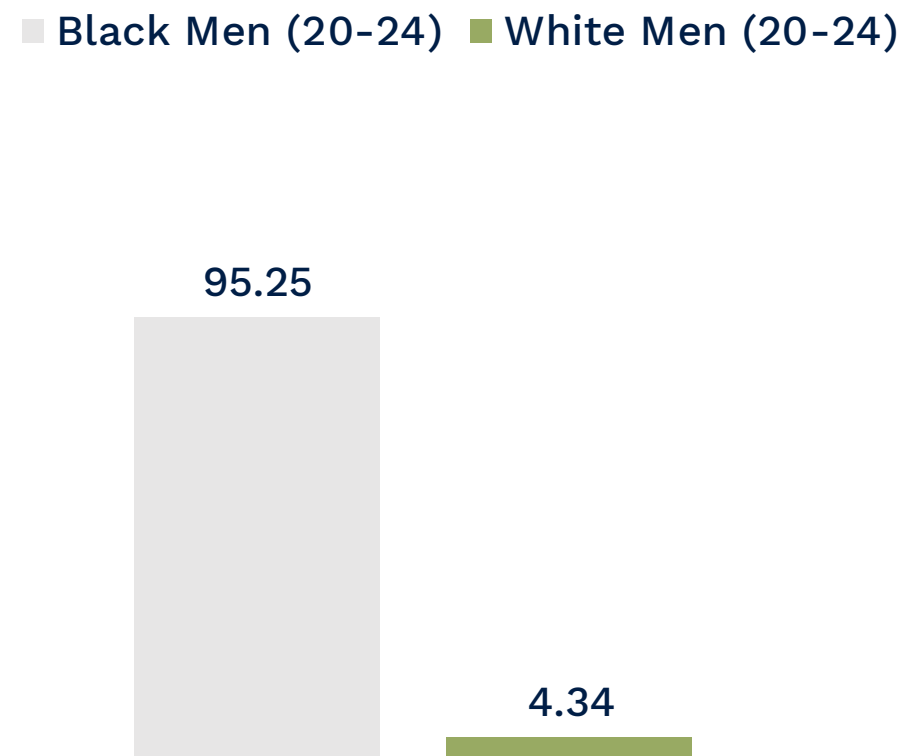
**Community Violence  
Intervention**

# Young Black men carry the dual burden of incarceration and gun violence victimization

## % of Young Men Incarcerated



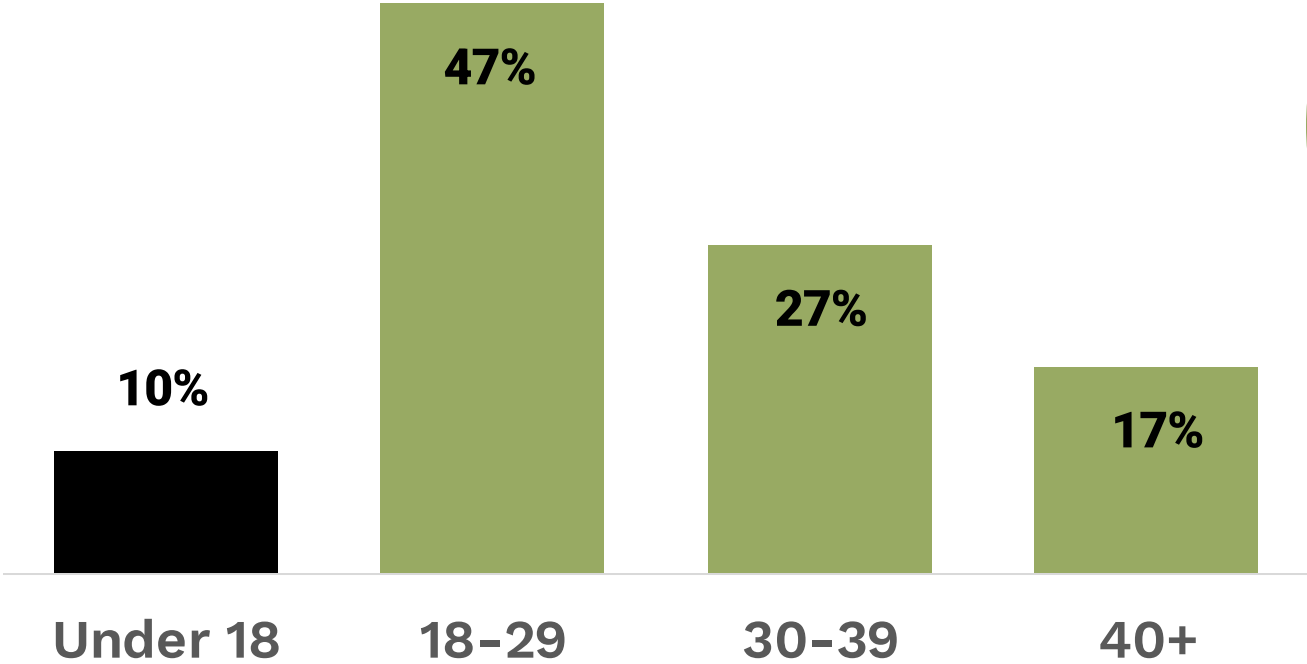
## Gun Homicide Rate per 100,000 (2019)



Source: Neal and Rick (2014) and CDC WISQARS

# Age of shooting victims in Chicago

Age of Shooting Victims (2020)



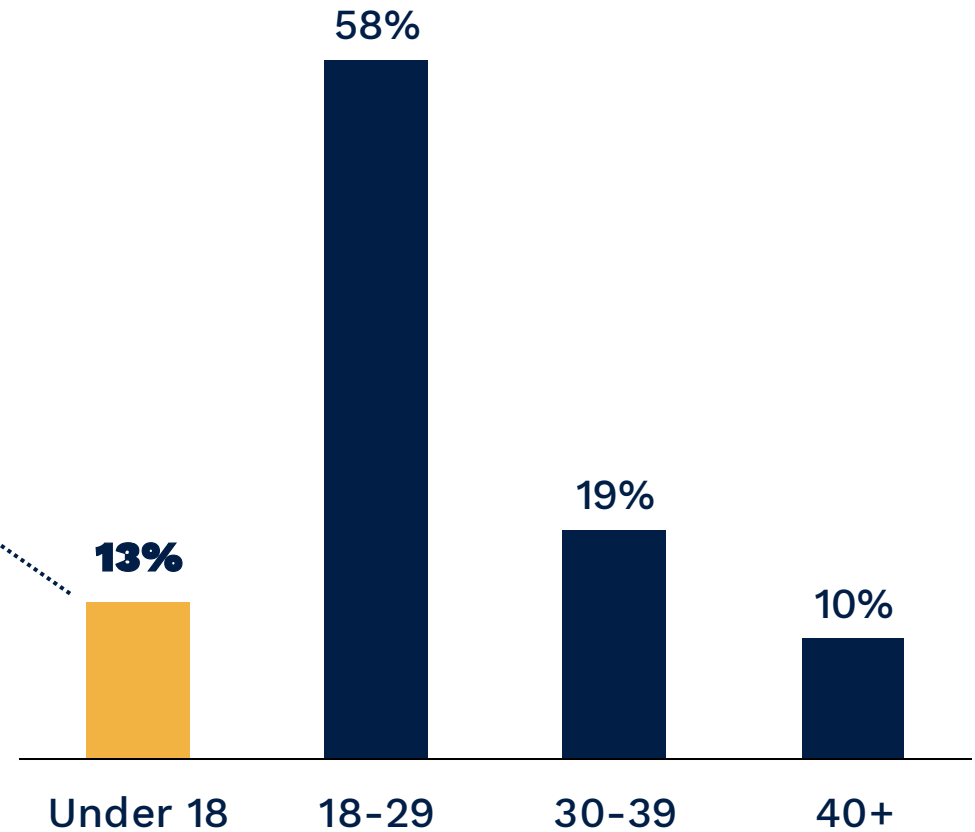
**90%**  
of shooting victims are above the age of 18

Source: UChicago Crime Lab analysis of Violence Reduction Dashboard Data: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/vrd/home.html>

# Service gap for the majority of shooting victims

**Ages of Shooting Victims (2016)**

**Majority of programs offered to youth**

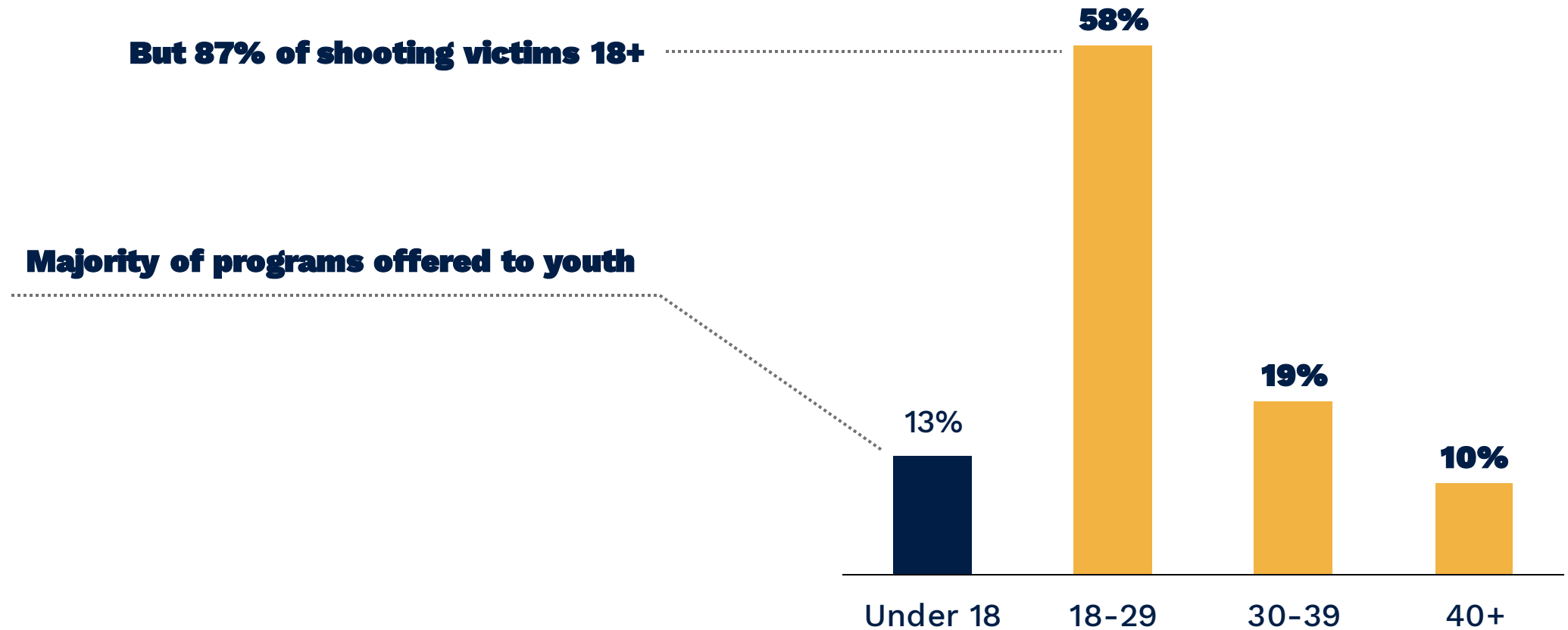


**Source: CPD records**



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# Chicago's 'Out of Control' Violence Produces 762 Homicides in 2016

Homicides last year in Chicago rose at the fastest rate in 60 years.



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*A \$10 million grant will support Crime Lab collaboration for police innovation*



BREAKING NEWS

## As shootings and homicides drop in Englewood, a new optimism grows

# Cognitive behavioral intervention and jobs: READI



## **Randomization and recruitment**

Once an individual is in the treatment group, outreach staff use their networks and public information to locate participants.



## **47 days of outreach engagement**

For a median of 47 days, participants and outreach work together to address barriers such as safety, transportation, and paperwork.



## **18 months of CBI, jobs, and services**

READI operates Monday-Friday with CBI or professional development in the mornings followed by work crews and coaching.



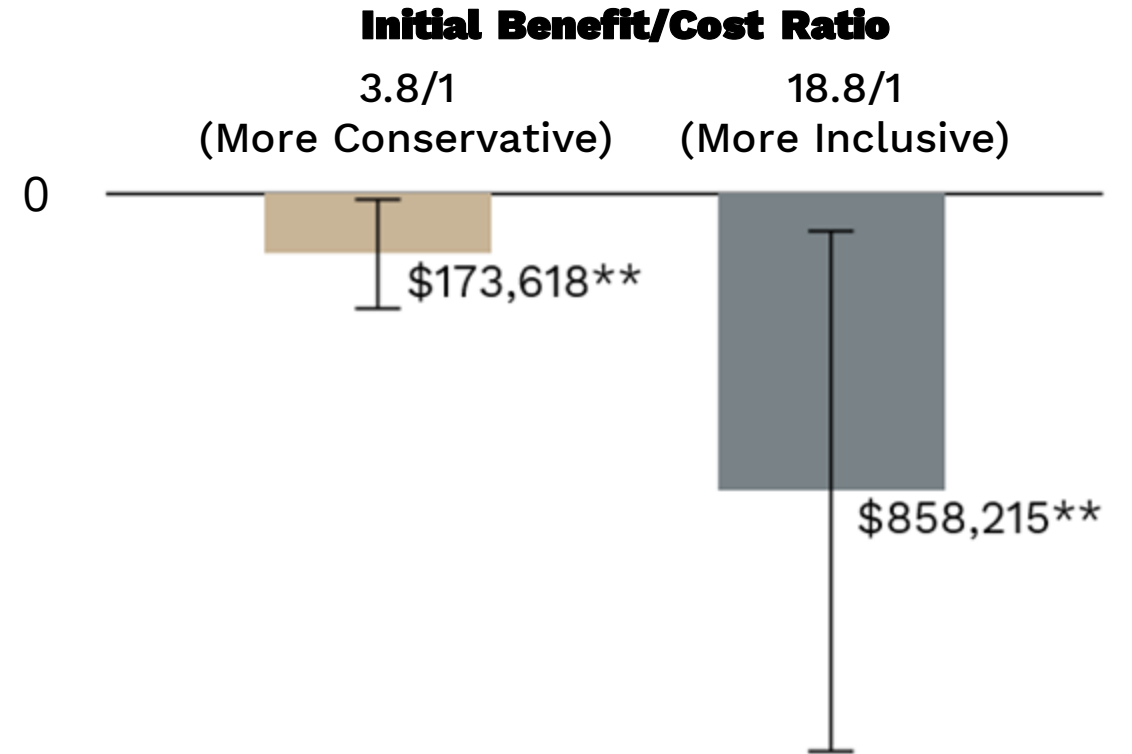
## **6 months of follow-up support**

After a participant works for 18 months, he can access support from READI through his transition to unsubsidized employment.

Photo credit: ***New York Times***, Heartland Alliance, ***Chicago Sun Times***



# Data shows CVI programs have enormous promise



**Source: Cohen & Piquero (2008) | Cost estimates in 2017 dollars**

# The Community Safety Leadership Academies



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Community Safety  
Leadership Academies

- The Community Safety Leadership Academies are offering first-of-their-kind programs to **train the next generation** of policing and Community Violence Intervention (CVI) leaders from cities across the United States.
- Composed of both the **Policing Leadership Academy** and the **CVI Leadership Academy**.
- The CSLA will draw on **data, behavioral science insights, and information from the field** to offer curricula focused on improving the leadership and management practices of policing and CVI.

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# Appendix







# Choose to Change (C2C)

# Choose to Change (C2C) serves youth who are justice-involved or disconnected from school



## Six-month program

Behavioral health support, relentless engagement, and mentorship

## Strong relationships

Staff bring lived experiences and compassion towards building life-long relationships

## Community-based

Youth outreach, intensive mentoring, and tailored supports offered *outside* of school

## Trauma-informed

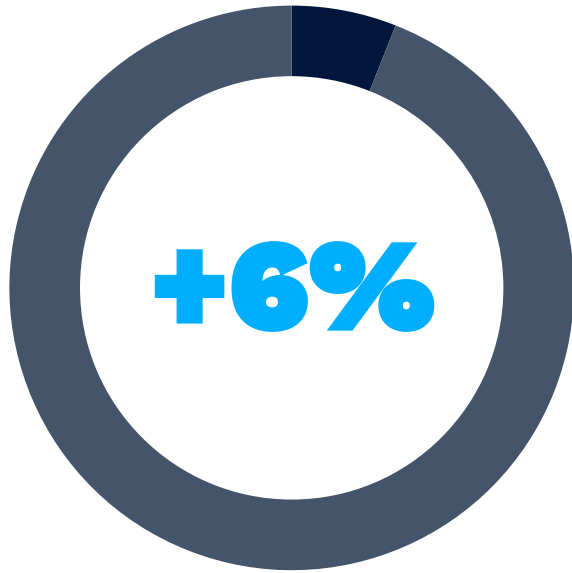
Group cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) sessions



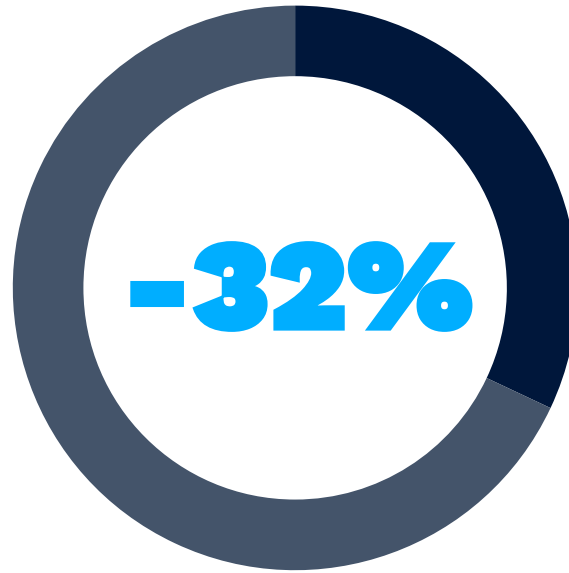


**48%**  
reduction in  
violent crime  
arrests

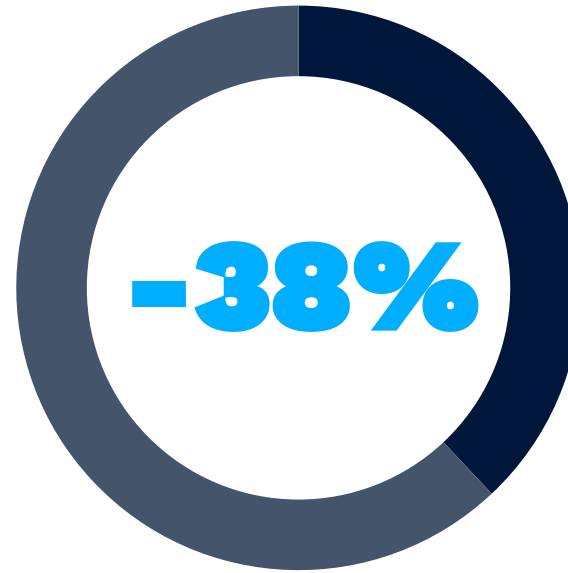
# C2C keeps youth safe and increases their attachment to school



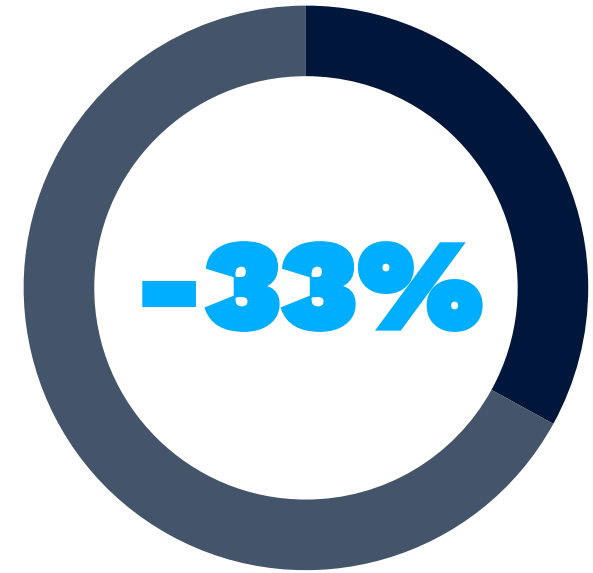
increase in **school attendance** (one full week of school) one year after program start



decrease in **CPS misconduct** one year after program start



decrease in **violent crime arrests** 1.5 years after program end



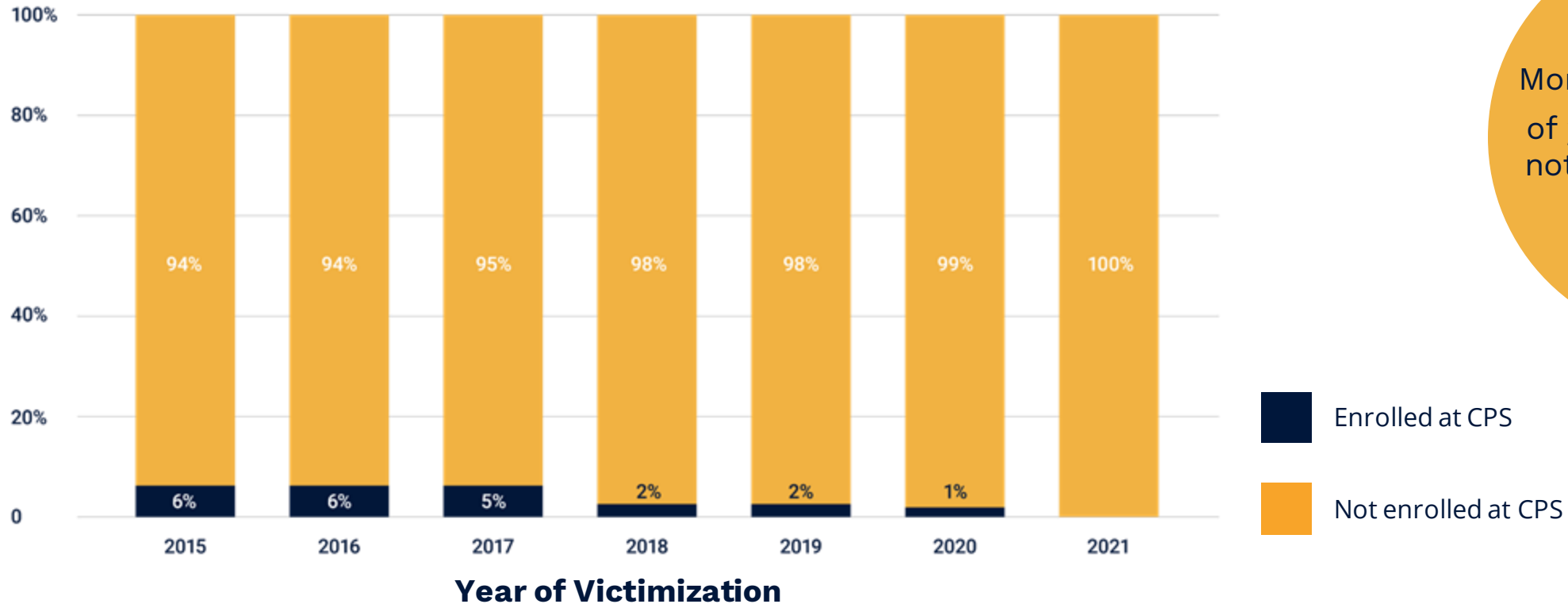
decrease in the probability of **any arrest** 2.5 years after program end



# Back to Our Future (B20F)

# Back to Our Future (B20F) seeks to reconnect students to CPS schools, especially those at risk of gun violence involvement

CPS Enrollment at Time of Victimization



More than **90%** of youth victims were not enrolled in school at time of victimization.

**Note:** We don't have enrollment data for 2021 and only half-year enrollment data for 2020 (SY 2020-2021 data)

# B2OF Program Components







# How we support B2OF partners

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## Participant Referrals

Education Lab uses administrative data from CPS and CPD to identify youth who are both disconnected from school and at risk of being involved in gun violence.

## Continuous Improvement

Education Lab shares analysis of participant characteristics and program engagement in real time to allow B2OF partners the ability to adjust and improve programming.

## Reporting

Education Lab provides technical assistance to CPS for their analysis needs around IDHS reporting requirements.



# VIOLENCE REDUCTION DASHBOARD

The Mayor's Office Violence Reduction Dashboard shares real-time data on violence trends in Chicago and its inequitable impact across the city, as well as critical information about the City's community-centered and trauma-informed response. This public dashboard is a critical component of the City's efforts to increase government transparency with the primary goal of supporting community-based violence reduction partners in their efforts.

The data on the Mayor's Office Violence Reduction Dashboard is updated daily with an approximately 48 hour lag. Due to the nature of CPD operations and often changing circumstances, some recorded data about incidents and victimizations may change once additional information arises and regularly updated datasets on the City's public portal may change to reflect new or corrected information.



## Our City, Our Safety: A comprehensive plan to reduce violence in Chicago

Mayor Lightfoot's pledge is to make Chicago the safest big city in America. The City is dedicated to a trauma-informed and holistic community-based approach to support the people and places most impacted by violence, in both its community and domestic forms.

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## Violence and Victimization Trends

Chicago experiences devastating levels of violence, and this has been especially true since 2016. From January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020, 3,276 people were killed. There have been 13,546 non-fatal shooting victims, and 101 domestic-related homicides. Serious victimizations, which are comprised of homicides and non-fatal shooting victimizations, represent the most severe forms of community violence, and serve as an

Select Date Range	Select Geography Type	Select Focus Geography	Select Victim Type
Year-to-date (2023) ▼	Community Area ▼	(All) ▼	All Victims ▼

### Victim Counts and Comparison in All Community Areas, Jan 1 through Jun 14

This chart compares the number of victimizations in the selected period to the prior year for different types of crime.

	2022	2023	% Change
Homicide Victimization	280	260	-7.1%
Fatal Shooting Victimization	253	241	-4.7%