

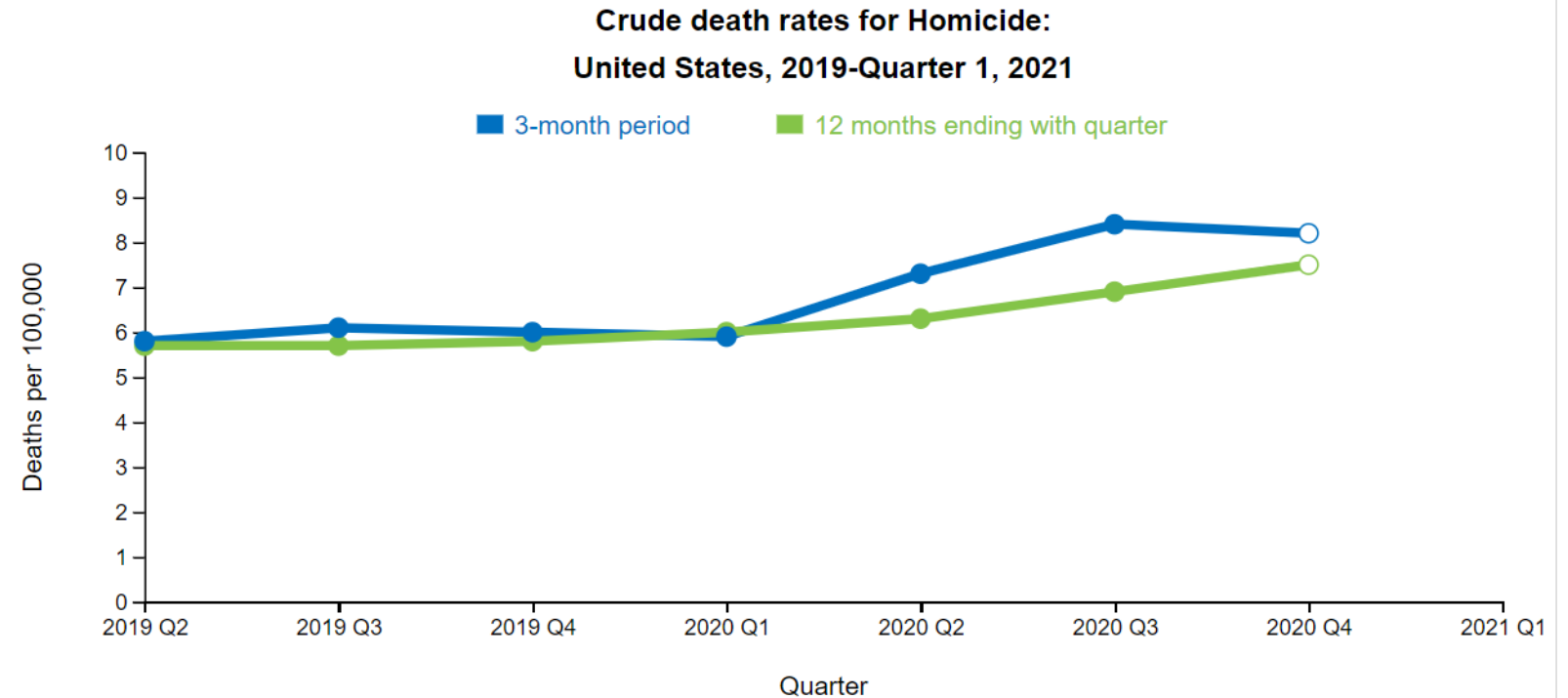
# **Strategy to Reduce Violent Crime**

Presented to the City Council

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# National Homicide Trends

- CDC reported that in 2020, the nation experienced largest one-year increase in U.S. homicide rate
- 2021 national data not available



| Homicide   | 2019 Q2 | 2019 Q3 | 2019 Q4 | 2020 Q1 | 2020 Q2 | 2020 Q3 | 2020 Q4 | 2021 Q1 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 5.7     | 5.7     | 5.8     | 6.0     | 6.3     | 6.9     | 7.5*    | ---     |
| <div> <div></div> Homicide, 12 months ending with quarter (Crude) </div> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |

Source: CDC/National Center for Health Statistics

## **National Firearm Violence**

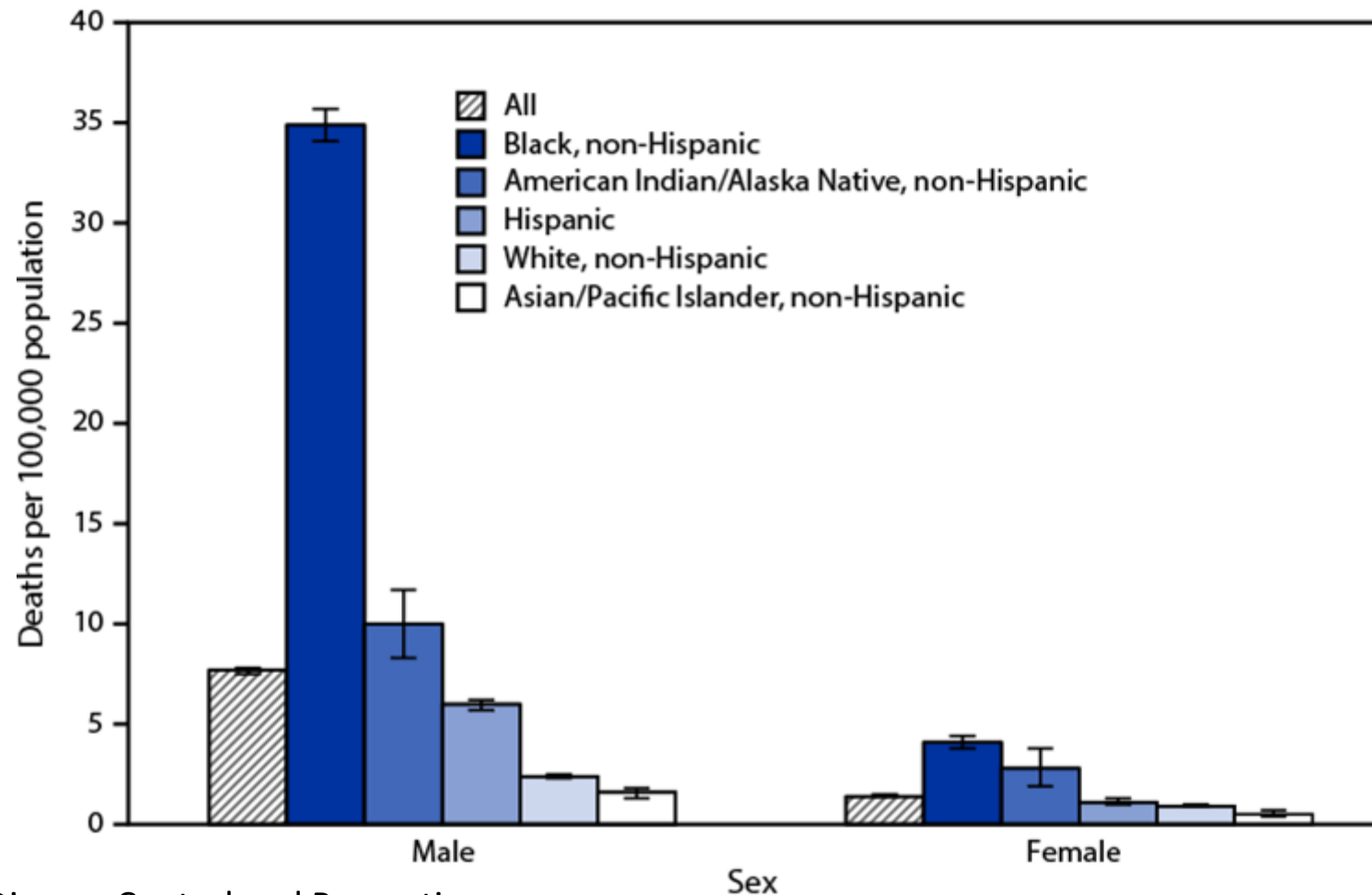
### **Firearm injuries affect people in all stages of life**

- Firearm-related injuries are among the **5** leading causes of death for people ages 1-64 in the United States

### **Firearm homicide rates are highest among:**

- Teens and young adults **15-34** years of age
- Black, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and Hispanic populations

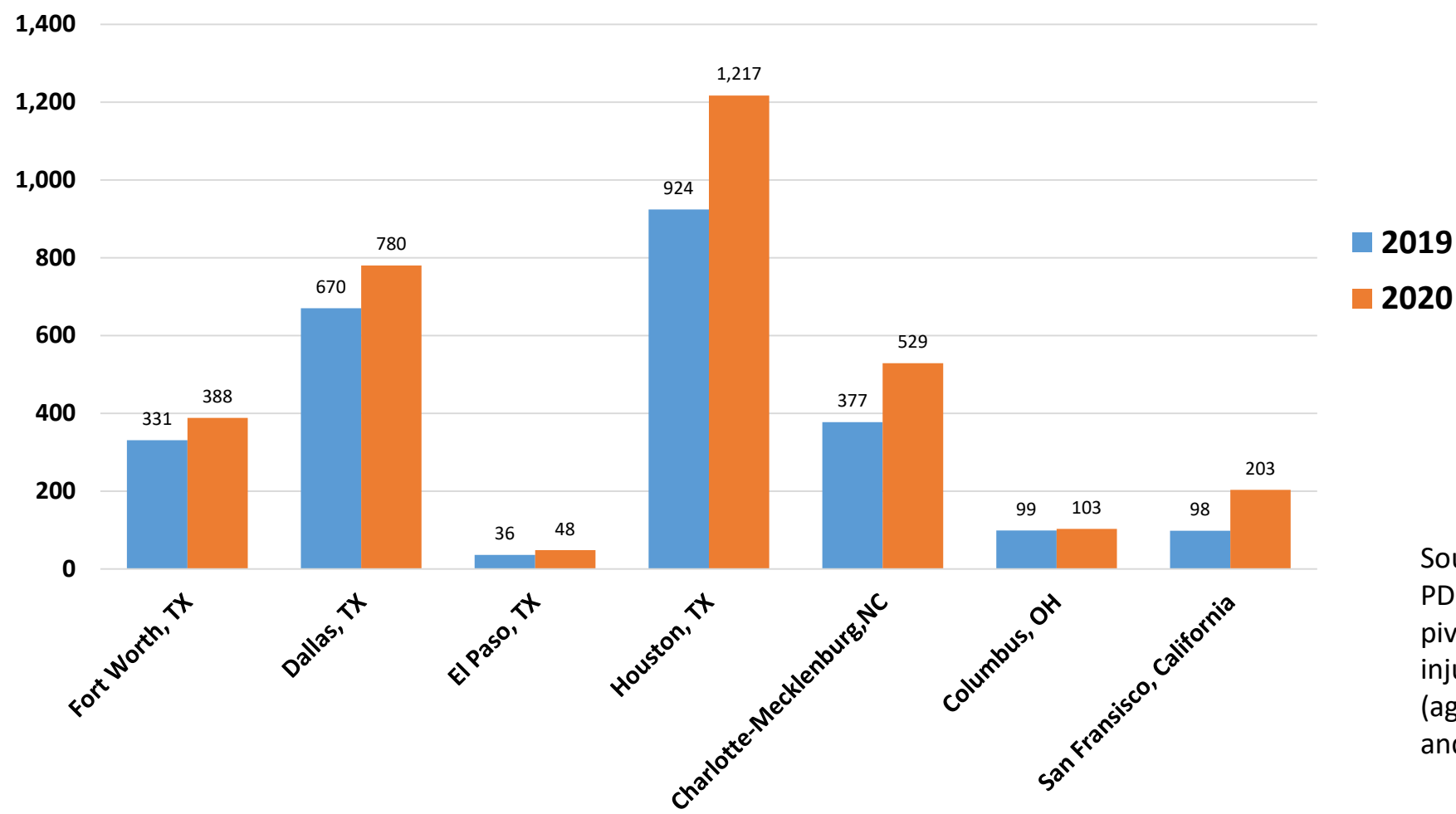
## 2019 National Firearm Homicides



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



# Injury and Fatal Shootings by City, 2019-2020

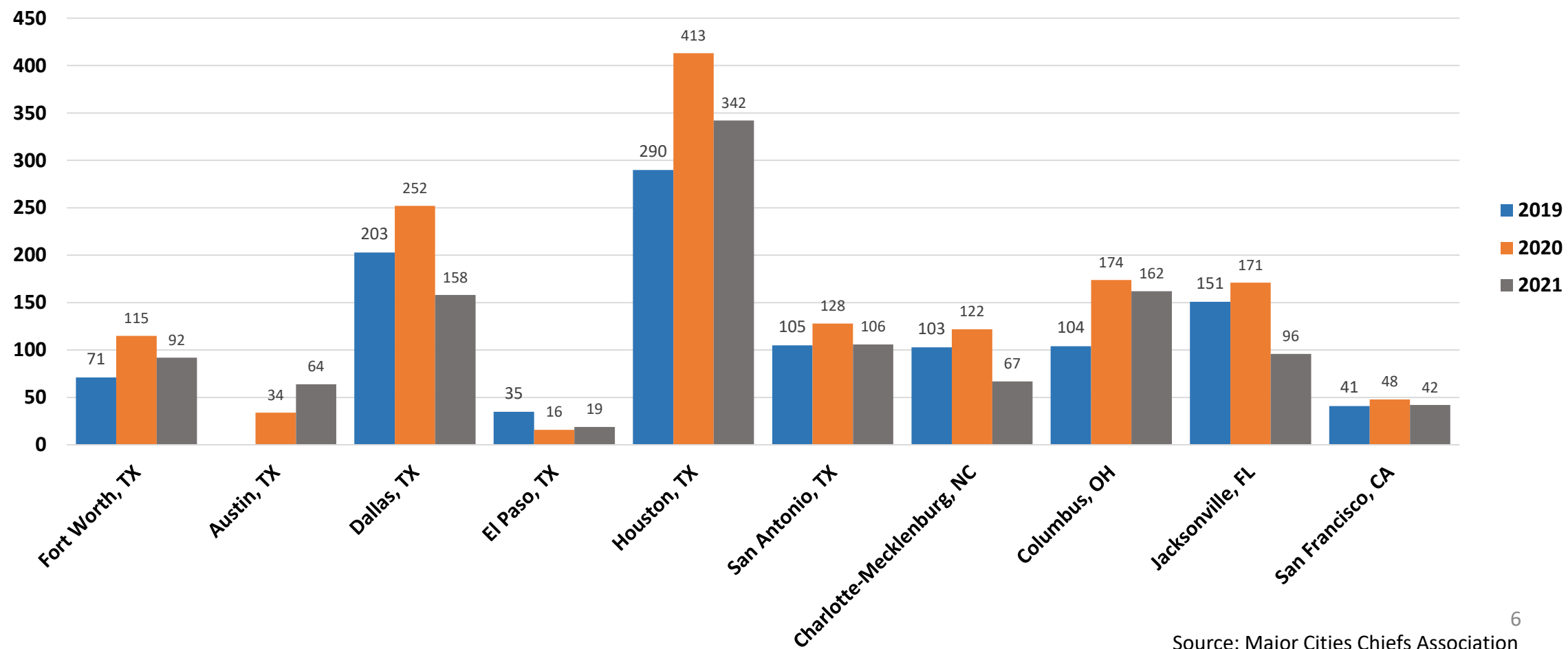


Sources: FWPD; San Francisco PD; and, FBI raw data using pivot tables to determine injury and fatal shootings (aggravated assault, robbery, and homicide offenses only)



# Homicides in Major Cities, 2019-2021\*

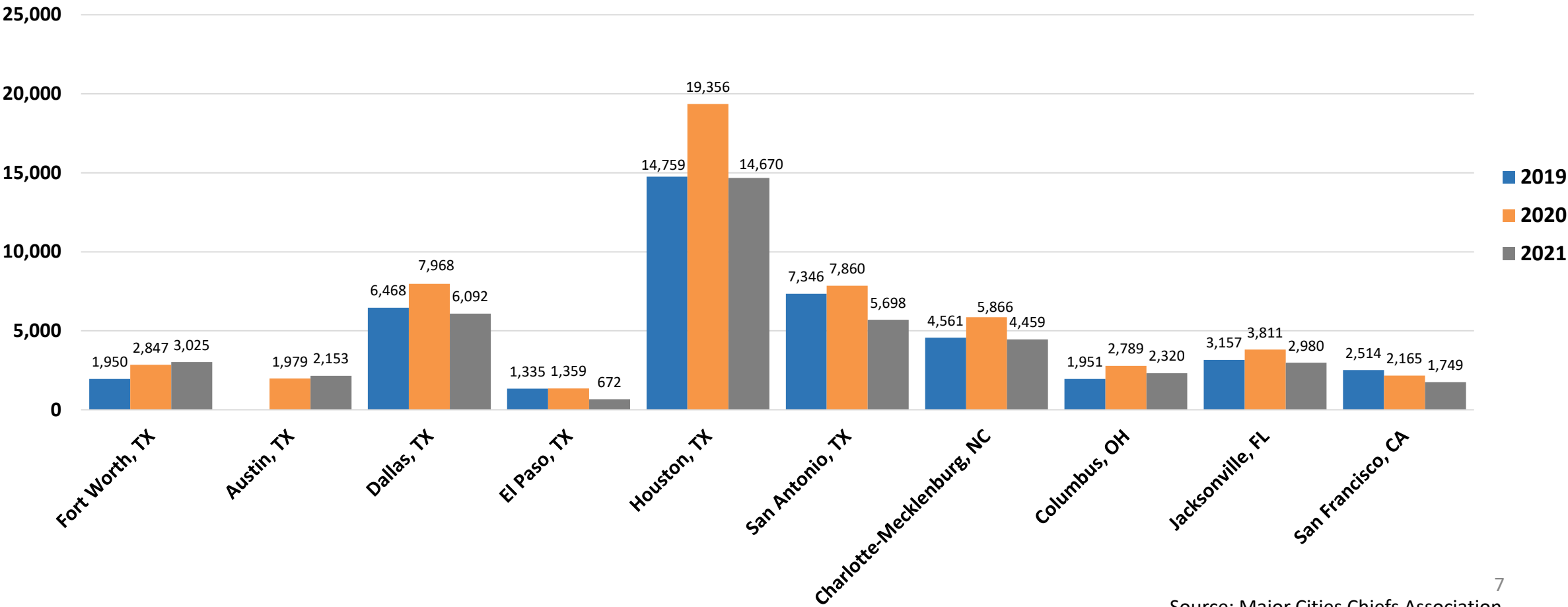
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# Aggravated Assault in Major Cities, 2019-2021\*

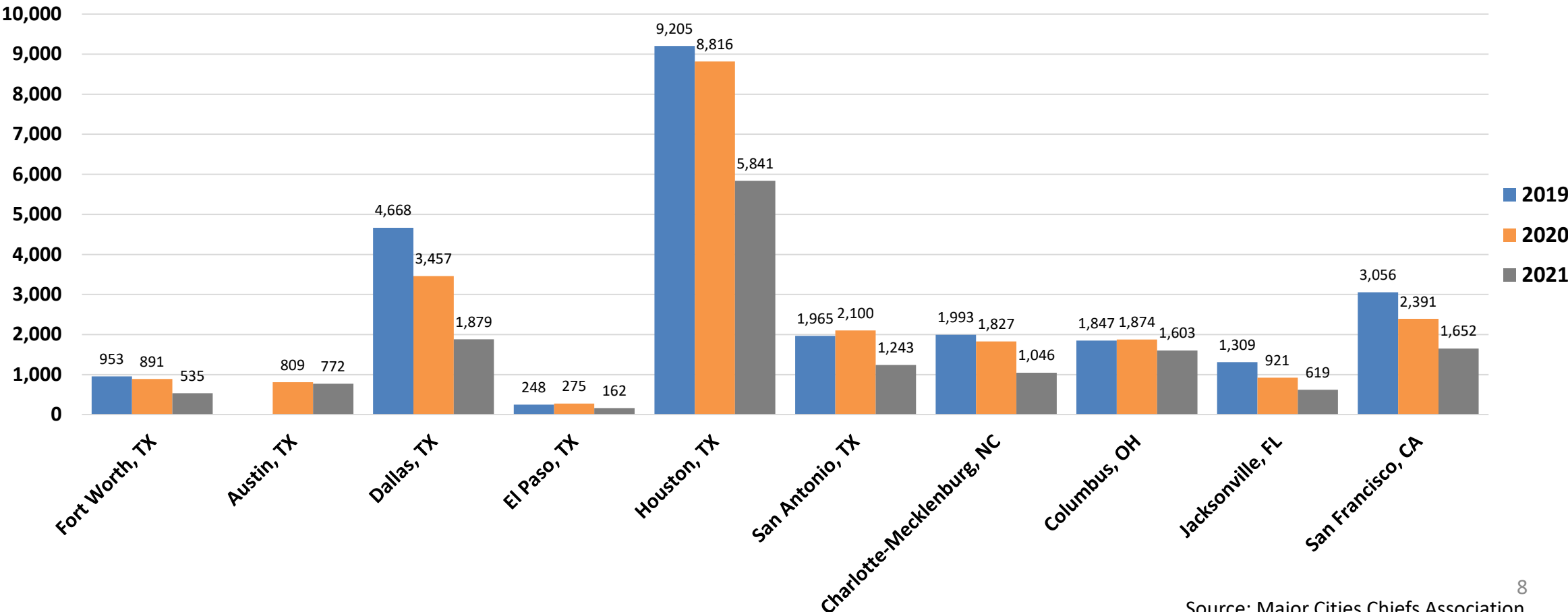
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# Robbery in Major Cities, 2019-2021\*

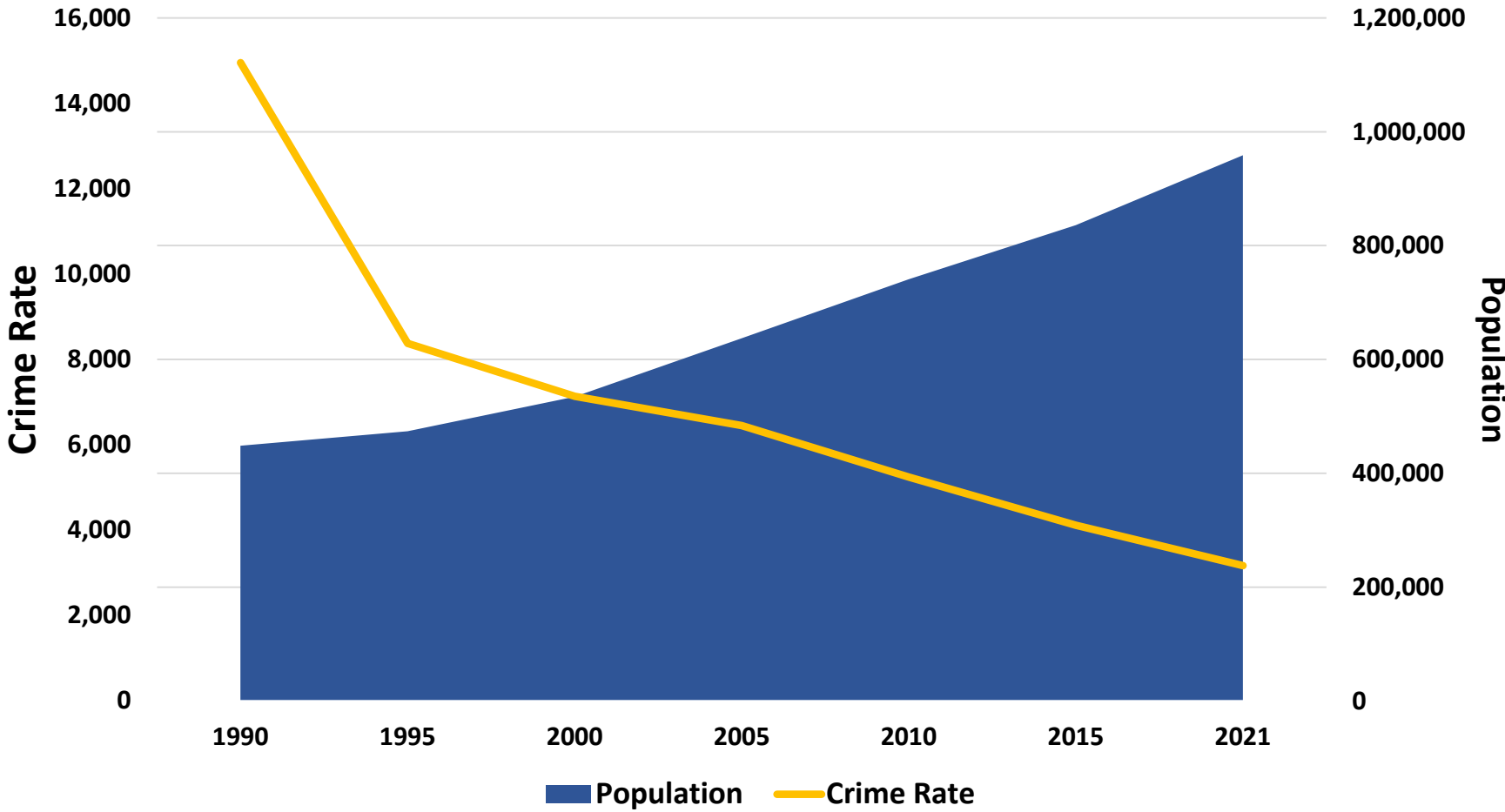
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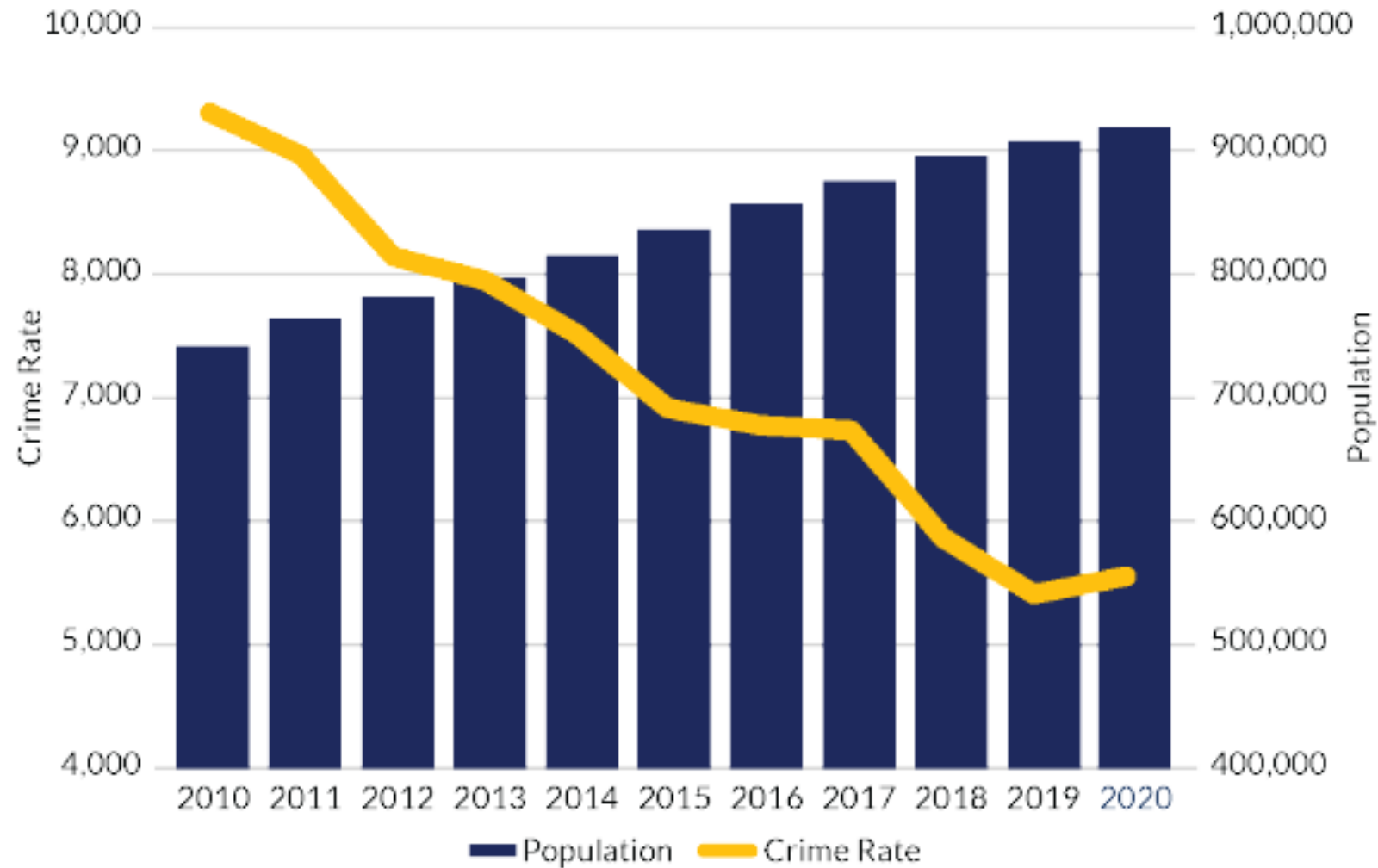


# Population and Crime Rate Trends Since 1990



**Crime Rate (per 100,000) includes only: Murder, Rape, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Robbery, Larceny-Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.**

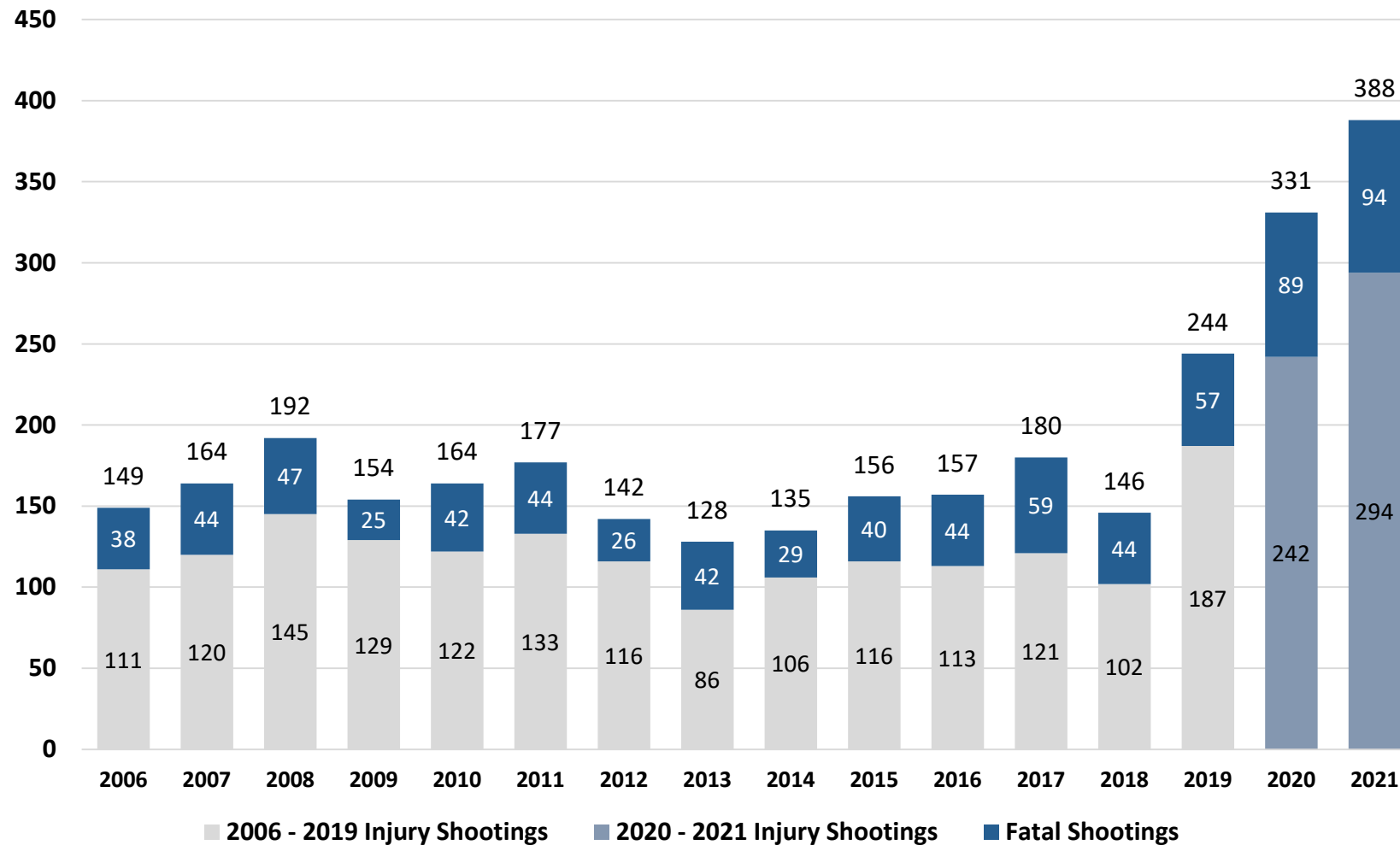
## OVERALL CRIME RATE AND POPULATION 2010 – 2021





| CRIME TYPE              | 2010<br>(per 100,000<br>population) | 2020<br>(per 100,000<br>population) | %<br>CHANGE |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| OVERALL CRIME           | 9,308.7                             | 5,522.4                             | ↓ 40.7%     |
| CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS  | 1,702.6                             | 1,424.3                             | ↓ 16.3%     |
| CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY | 6,986.7                             | 3,736.1                             | ↓ 46.5%     |
| CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY  | 619.4                               | 361.9                               | ↓ 41.6%     |

## Fort Worth Shootings, 2006-2021\*



**\*Data from 2006-2019 may not represent all injury shootings due to records system not requiring detailed shootings data; required field for shootings added to records system in 2020.**

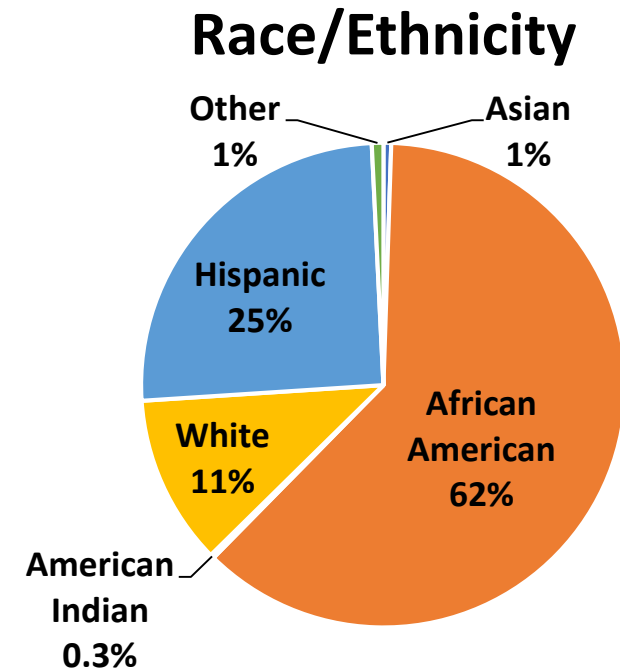
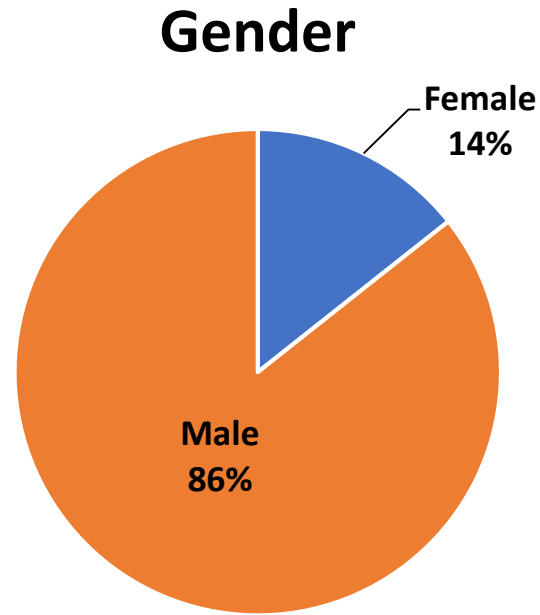
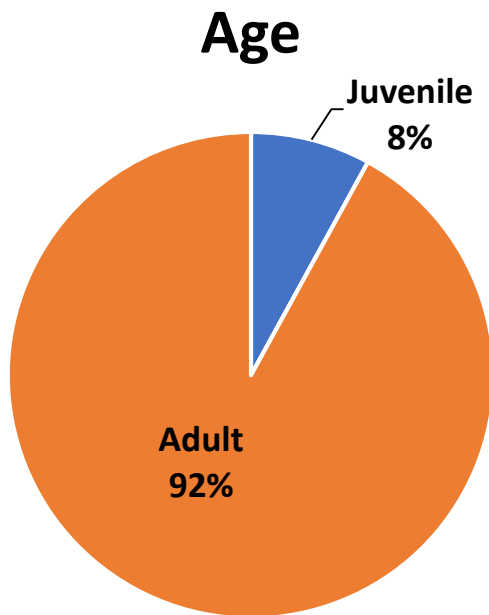
## 2021 Fort Worth Shootings

**94 Fatal + 294 Injury = 388**

| Weapon Type Used     |            |                          |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Type                 | Total      | Percent of Overall Total |
| Handgun              | 181        | 47%                      |
| Firearm              | 167        | 43%                      |
| Rifle                | 20         | 5%                       |
| Other                | 13         | 3%                       |
| Shotgun              | 4          | 1%                       |
| Automatic Firearm    | 3          | 1%                       |
| <b>Overall Total</b> | <b>388</b> |                          |

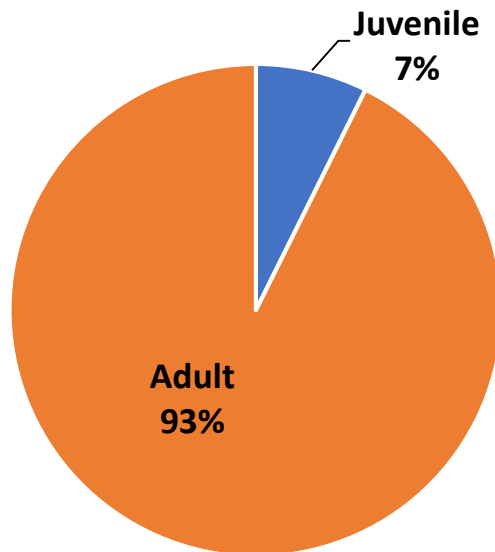
| Relationship Type    |            |                          |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Type                 | Total      | Percent of Overall Total |
| Did Not Know Suspect | 262        | 68%                      |
| Knew Suspect         | 126        | 32%                      |
| <b>Overall Total</b> | <b>388</b> |                          |

## 2021 Fort Worth Shootings Victim Data

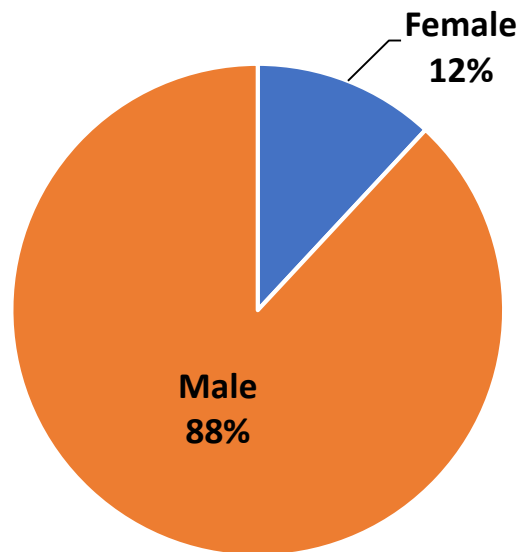


## 2021 Fort Worth Shootings Arrestee Data

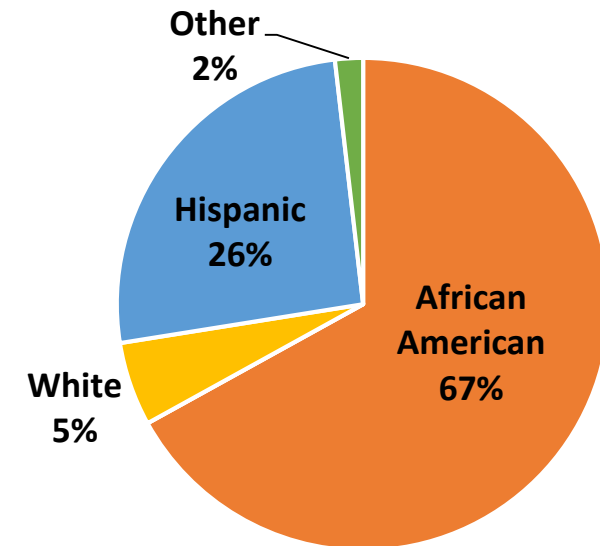
**Age**



**Gender**

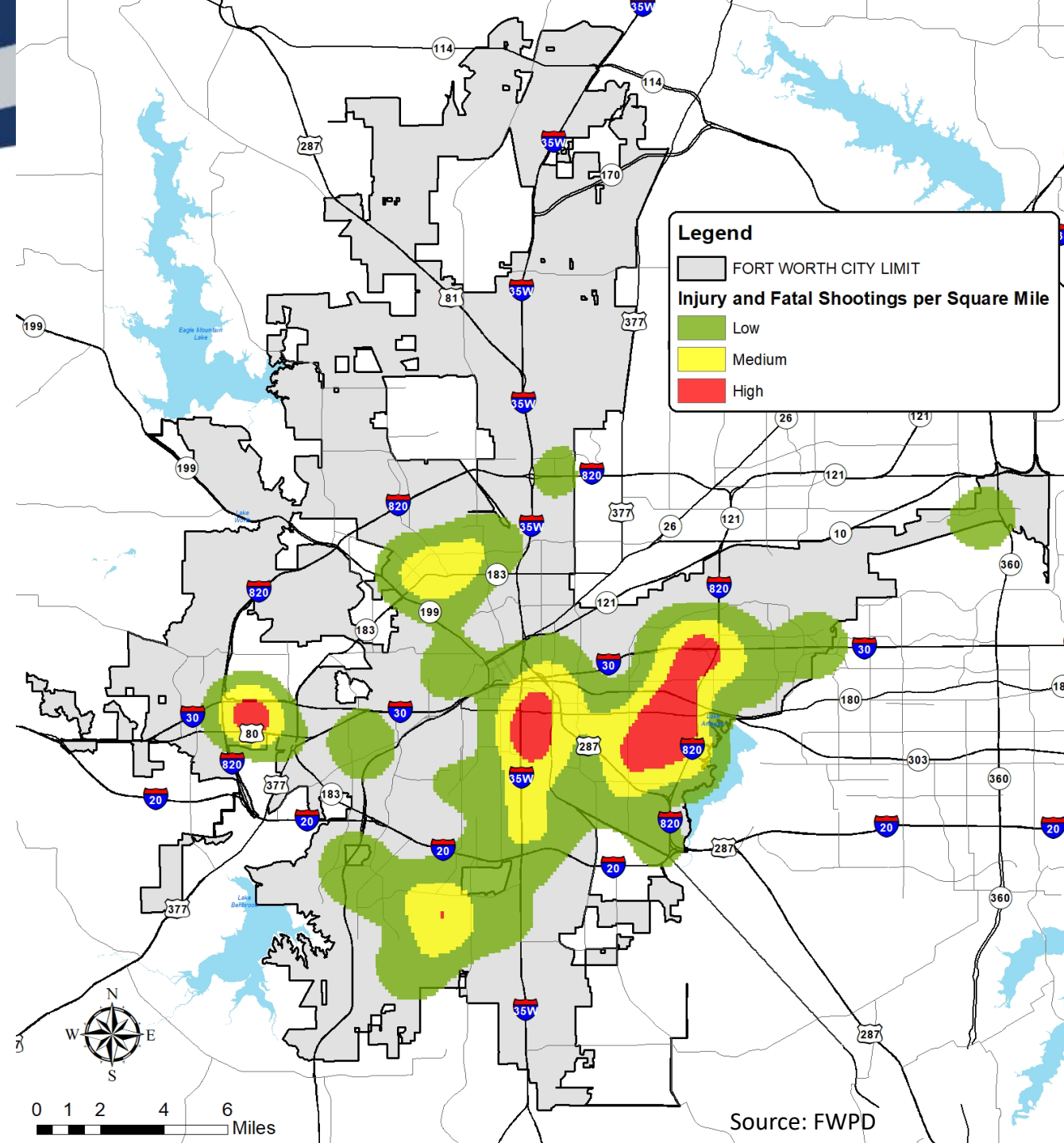


**Race/Ethnicity**





## 2021 Shootings Map



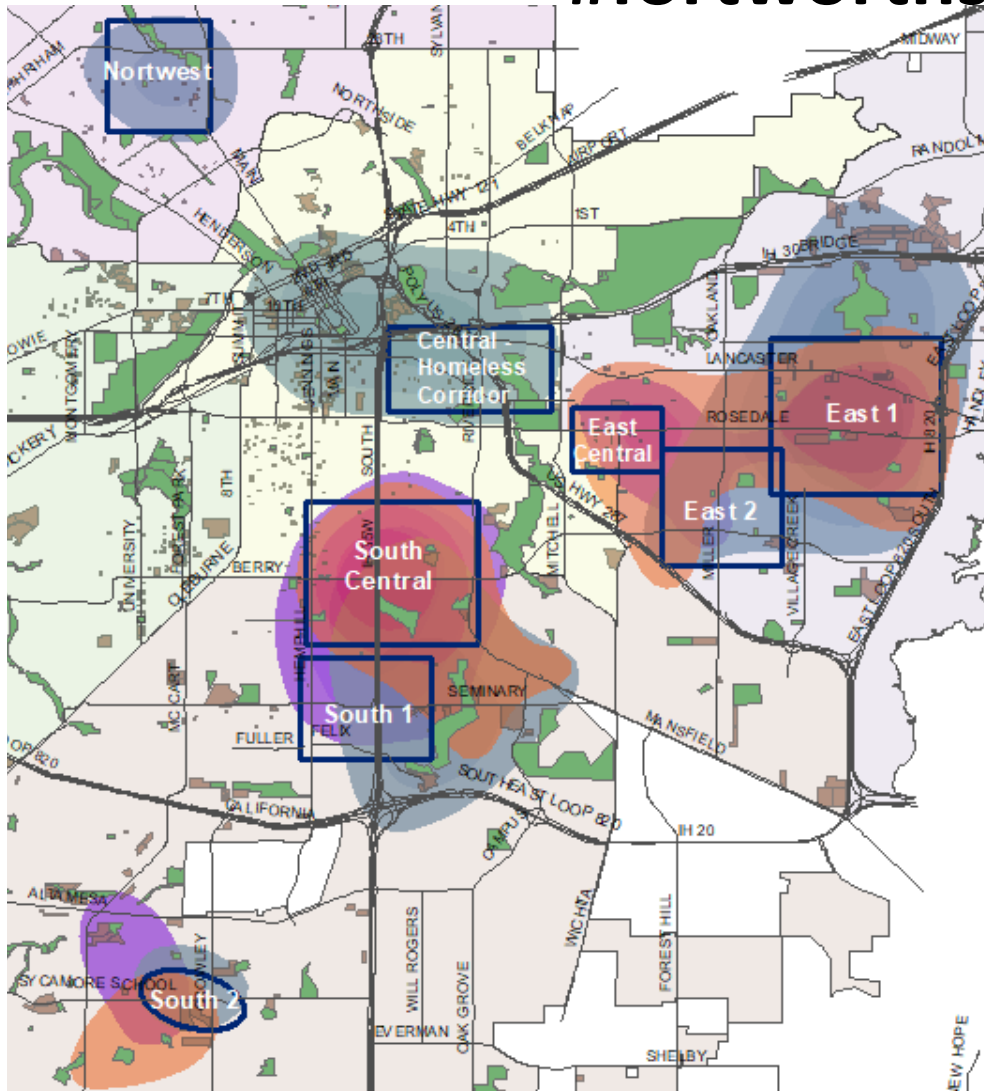


## Violent Crime Reduction Strategies

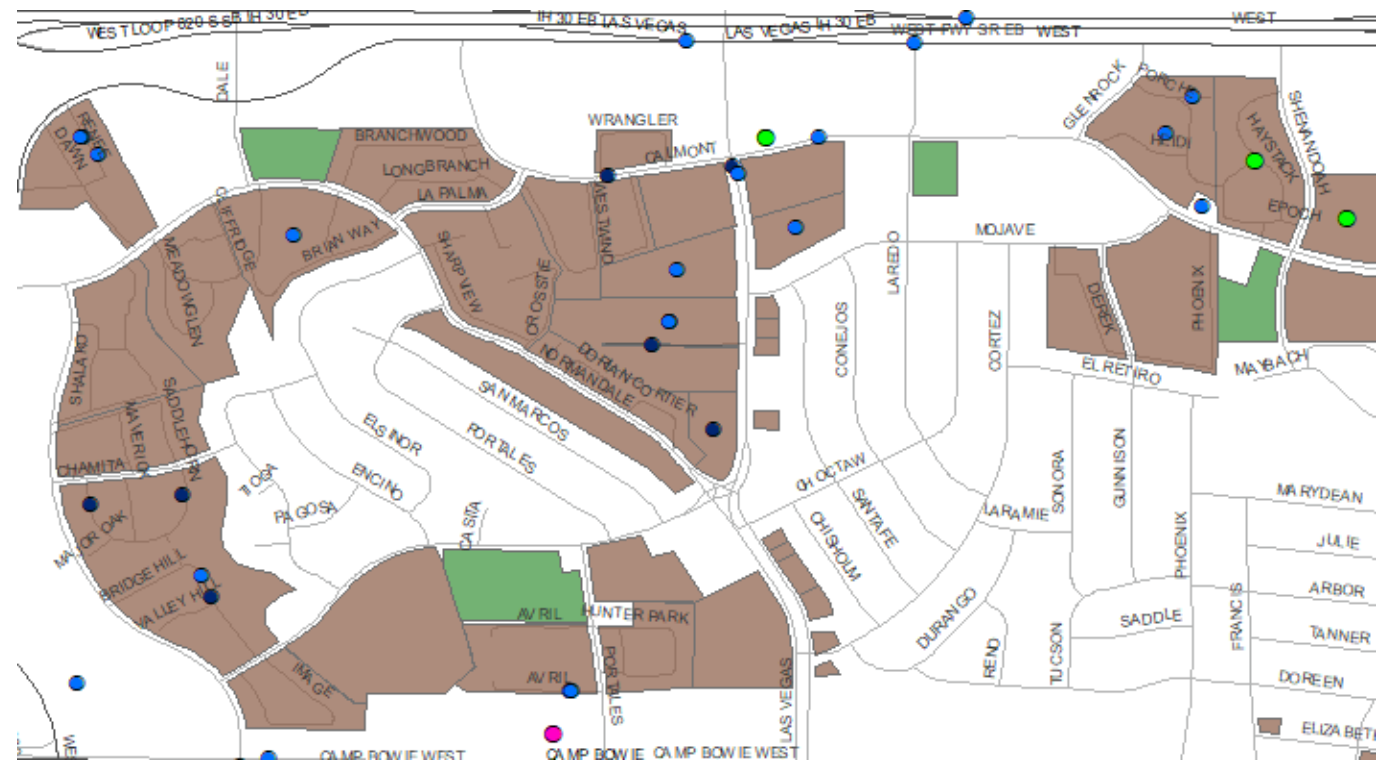
- #fortworthsafe Initiative
- Community Safety Partnership
- Continued Efforts



# #fortworthsafe Hot Spot Locations



## Supplemental Hot Spot Las Vegas Trail/Calmont



# #fortworthsafe Initiative

## May 11, 2021-September 11, 2021

| DRU, Gang, Vice, Intel, and Patrol | Totals |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Arrests                            | 671    |
| New Felony Charges                 | 381    |
| New Misdemeanor Charges            | 303    |
| Felony Warrants Cleared            | 335    |
| Misdemeanor Warrants Cleared       | 246    |
| Citations Issued                   | 20     |
| Weapons Confiscated                | 234    |
| Stolen Vehicles Recovered          | 55     |
| Gang Members Arrested              | 104    |

| Gun Violence Investigations Team Non-Fatal Shootings | Totals |
|--|--------|
| Cases Assigned                                       | 110    |
| Guns Recovered                                       | 54     |
| Injured Persons                                      | 133    |
| Arrest Warrants                                      | 45     |
| Outstanding Warrants                                 | 35     |

**Gun Violence Investigations Team has a clearance rate of 60%**

**Previous clearance rates were between 18-22% when it was at the Patrol Division level**







## #fortworthsafe Community Outreach

- NPOs connected with the business owners and citizens, as well as interacting with young people, to make them aware of our effort and **#FortWorthSafe**.
- Solicited community input to address concerns with violent crime and transparency about operations occurring in their community.
- Utilized a communications plan to share our efforts with the community through the Public Information Office on [\*\*#FortWorthSafe results\*\*](#).





## Gang Prevention Initiatives

- **Prevention**

- Gang Prevention/Intervention/Enforcement (PIE) is the prevention arm of the Gang Unit.
- During school breaks (Christmas and Summer), Gang Unit provides training at school districts.
  - Trainings on Gang Trends were held with FWISD staff and Eagle Mountain/Saginaw ISD staff (admin, teachers, counselors, campus advisors, etc.)
  - Gang officers work with Boys & Girls Clubs.
- PIE officers put on student presentations at various schools and community centers discussing Choices, Decisions, and Consequences.
- The Boys2Men Program is held at various schools where PIE officers meet with small groups of young men to develop mentoring relationships.

- **Enforcement**

- Gang officers interact with gang members and other youths to deter criminal behavior.
- Gang officers have taken no less than 158 guns off the streets in 2021.



## Community Safety Partnership

- Work with community members, business groups, schools, and community groups (Operation Progress, LVT Rise, PAL, School Programs).
- Conduct presentations to youth on police/citizen interactions, gang violence, and bullying.
- Youth mentorship at community centers and schools.
- In 2021, CSP put on a three-day summer camp which involved about 100 youth which included community service projects and time at TCU for fun activities. The 2022 camp will be held at Texas Wesleyan University.
- Works with various non-profit organizations to intervene to prevent gun violence.





## CCPD – Partners with a Shared Mission

- After School Programs
- Safe Haven Youth Program
- Comin' Up Gang Intervention Program
- Police Athletic League
- Programs to prevent or intervene in violence
- Late Night Program



➤ Community Center programs at Como, MLK, Northside, Sycamore, and Fort Worth Heights





# Budget

Due to the unpredictability of crime and more specifically violent crime, overtime funds are needed for officers to provide more coverage outside their normal schedule. When addressing violent crime, officers in specialized units continually adjust their schedules due to the crime trends occurring. Although we are very efficient with our current resources, the coverage is still limited during certain times.

## Overtime spent to address Violent Crime in 2021



|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i><b>General Fund:</b></i> | <b>\$179,300</b>        |
| <i><b><u>CCPD:</u></b></i>  | <b><u>\$189,500</u></b> |
| <i><b>Total</b></i>         | <b>\$368,800</b>        |

Continued Efforts with Directed Response from September 12, 2021-January 31, 2022



| Directed Response            | Totals |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Arrests                      | 992    |
| New Felony Charges           | 639    |
| New Misdemeanor Charges      | 350    |
| Felony Warrants Cleared      | 571    |
| Misdemeanor Warrants Cleared | 527    |
| Citations Issued             | 157    |
| Weapons Confiscated          | 173    |



## Conclusion

- Deterrence of gun violence, specifically teen gun violence, must include two things:
  - Prevention (family and community cooperation), which also includes early intervention and education, and
  - Enforcement (criminal justice system), which includes law enforcement and the courts.
- Although police has its part in deterring gun violence among youth, this can only be successful by the combined efforts of the community – families, schools, religious organizations, social networks, lawmakers, law-enforcement, the courts, etc.
- Building relationships, creating opportunities/hope for youth and community capacity development are critical.



## Moving Forward



- Continue to use technology to our advantage and provide a more surgical approach to fighting crime
- Establish a temporary unit to include DRU, Gang, Vice, Intel, RTCC, K-9, and others under one command to address violent crime
- Continue to engage Community Members and seek input to help addressing violent crime
- Partner with local Pastors and leverage their influence to reach the youth in vulnerable areas

## Enforcement

- Directed Response will be continually addressing the FLOCK camera activations as well as the surveillance camera calls through the Real-Time Crime Center-An Intelligence Led approach
- Crime Analyst will provide up to date weekly crime information
  - Hot spot maps
  - Crime trend analysis
- The Gang Unit will focus their efforts on known gang members and more specifically those with prior gun arrest
- Narcotics will address reported citizen complaints as well as known narcotics locations
- Increased enforcement for Game Room locations-Research shows that these locations have higher incidents of violent crime
- Criminal Tracking Unit and Fugitive will focus on arresting violent offenders as soon after the arrest warrant(s) are issued





## Community

- NPOs will continue to engage community members, business owners, and community centers to provide information about our violent crime response as well as crime prevention tips and situational awareness
- We will support community capacity development by connecting residents with internal and external resources that will enhance the safety, wellness, and resiliency of their community

## Budget

- Overtime funds in the approximate amount of \$370,000 from CCPD and the General fund will be utilized to meet the challenges of staffing a 7 day a week violent crime approach as well as handling other crime trends throughout the city. The police department will manage its budget as necessary to stay within overall spending limits
- The overtime funds will be used to fill in the gaps in coverage or a targeted violent crime trend



## Federal Partners Assistance

- We have several Fort Worth Officer assigned to Federal Task Forces
- We work directly with the U.S. Attorney's Office to file gun cases that meet certain criteria in the Federal Court system.
- We are working with our federal partners for a Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program that will bring additional resources and dollars to help combat violent crime
- We will work closely with the ATF to address rogue gun dealers throughout the North Texas Region and at the local gun shows
- With the recent announcement from President Biden, we will research potential federal grant opportunities to fund Community Policing and Community Violence intervention programs which could include, but are not limited to:
  - Expanded summer programs
  - Employment opportunities
  - Other services to support teens and young adults



# Questions?