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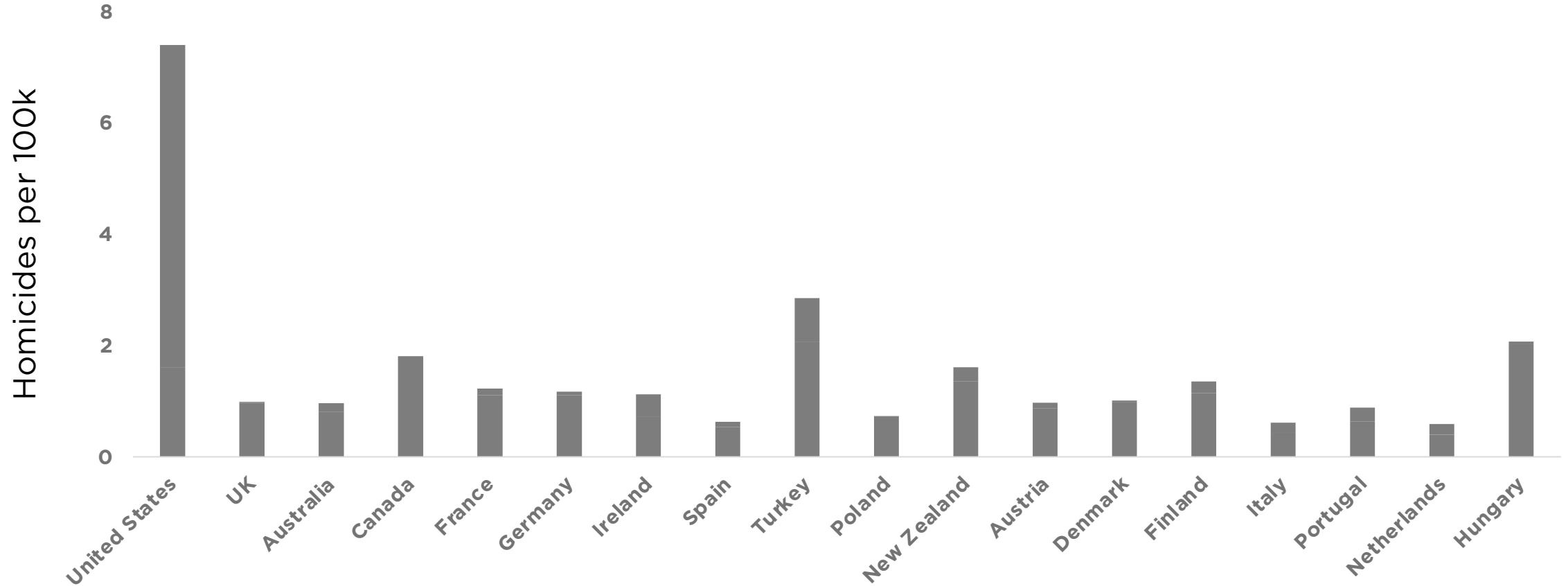
○ **Chicago's Safety Snapshot: Issues and Opportunities**

Prepared for the Economic Club of Chicago



Our uniquely American problem

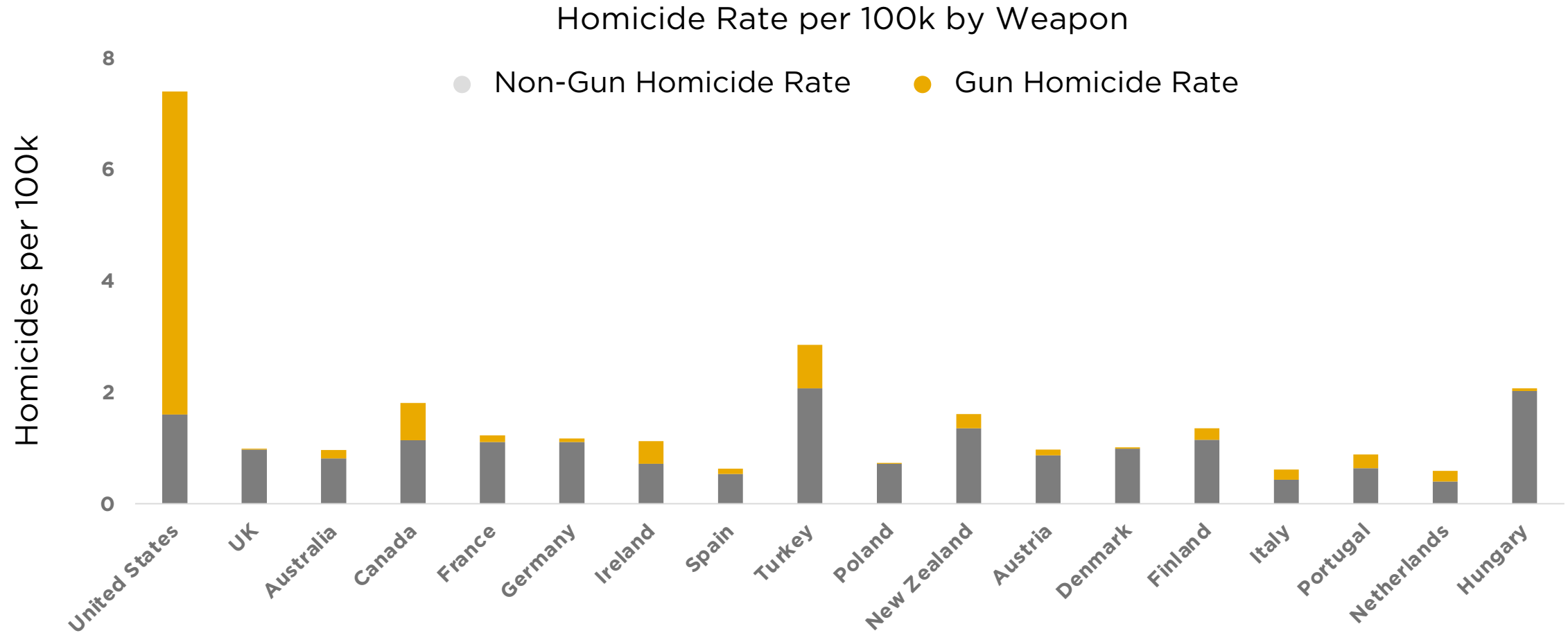
Homicide Rate per 100k by Weapon



Source: GunPolicy.org



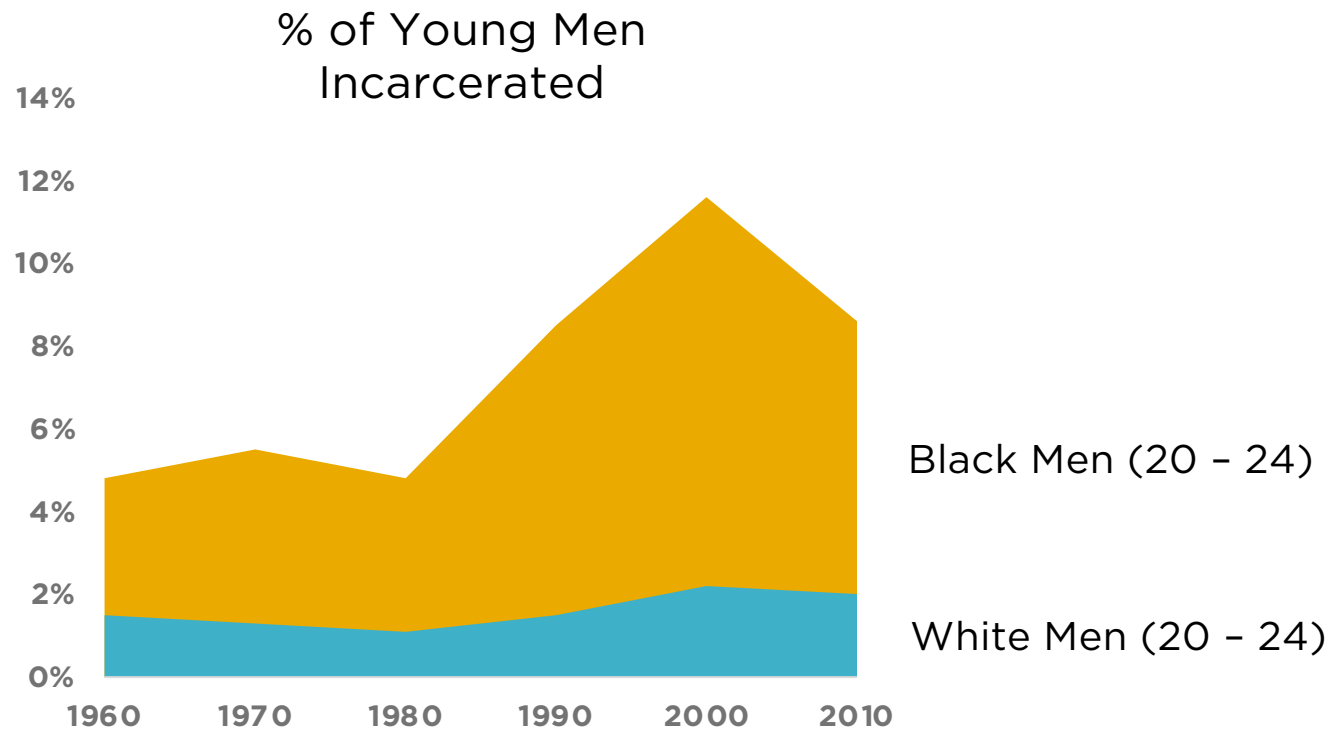
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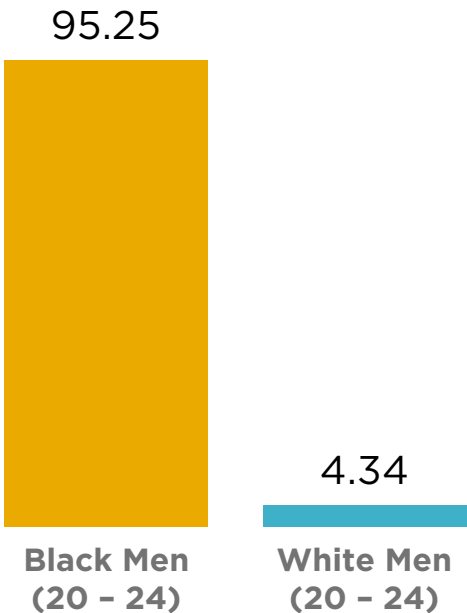
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Young Black men carry the burden of incarceration and gun violence victimization



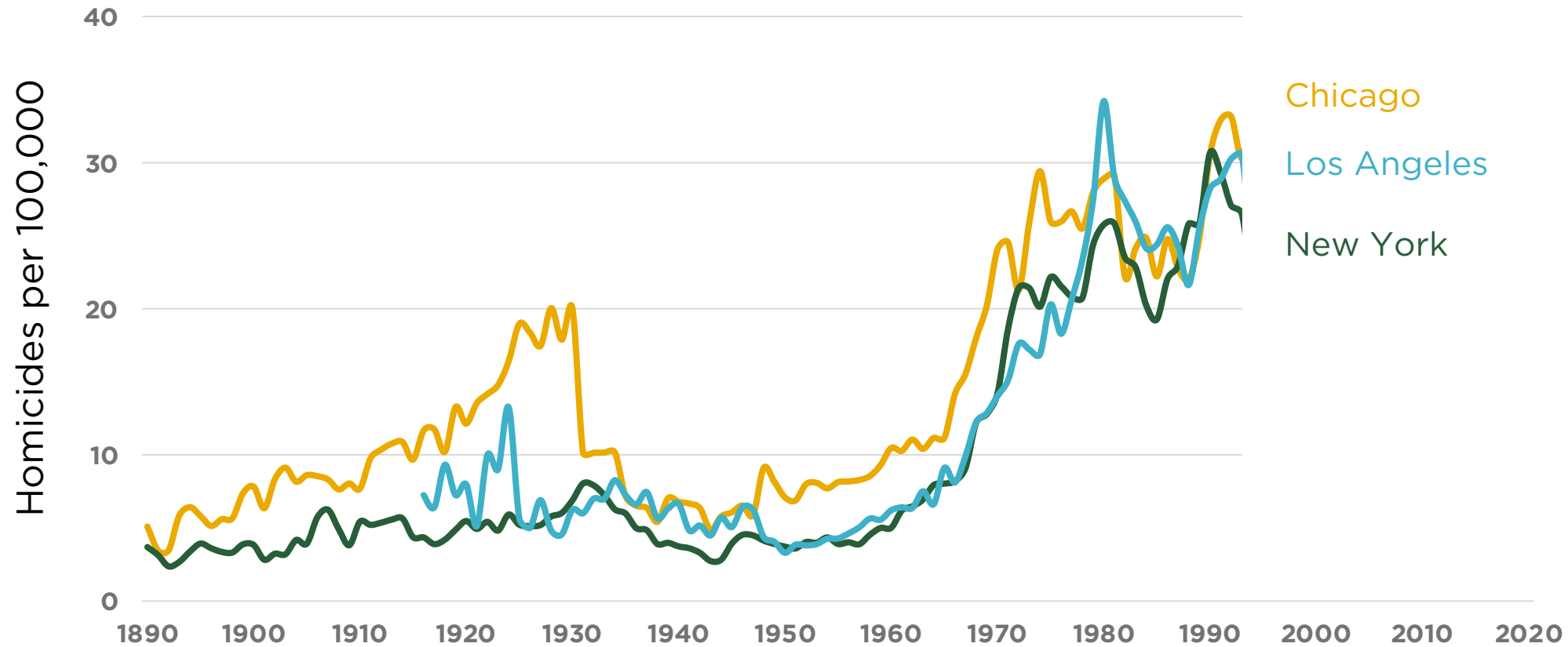
Gun Homicide Rate
per 100,000 (2019)



Source: Neal and Rick (2014) and CDC WISQARS



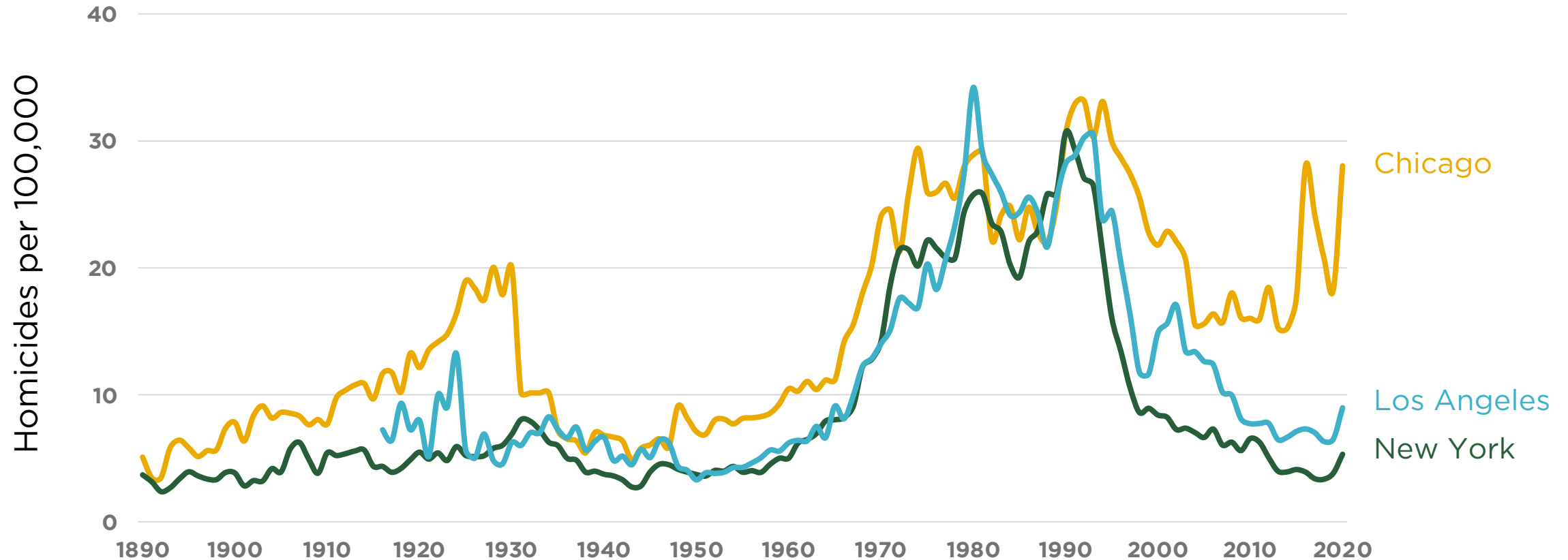
NYC, LA, and Chicago had nearly identical homicide rates



Source: Chicago Historical Homicide Project, UCR, Criminal Justice Research Center, NIJ, Chicago, LA, and NYC open data portals



New York City and Los Angeles have made dramatic progress and Chicago has lost ground

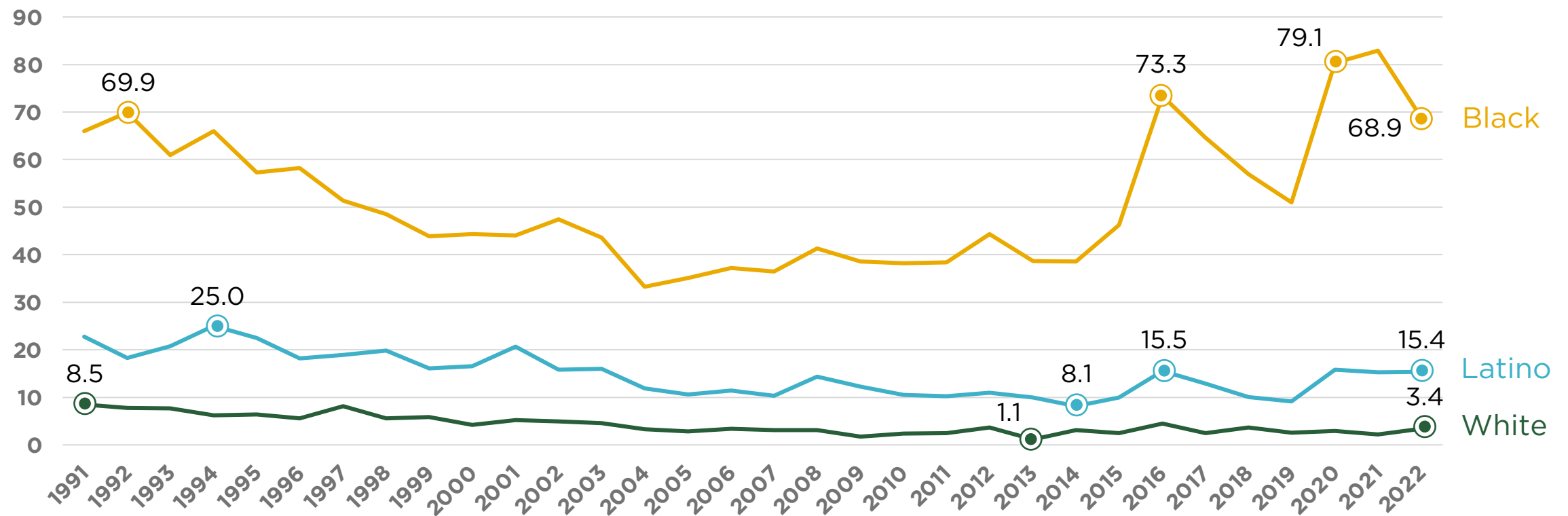


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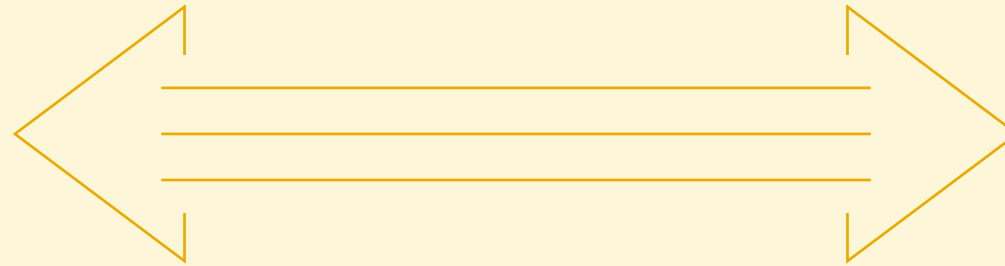


In 2021, the homicide rate for Black Chicagoans was the highest on record

Chicago Homicides per 100,000 Residents by Race of Victim, 1991-2022



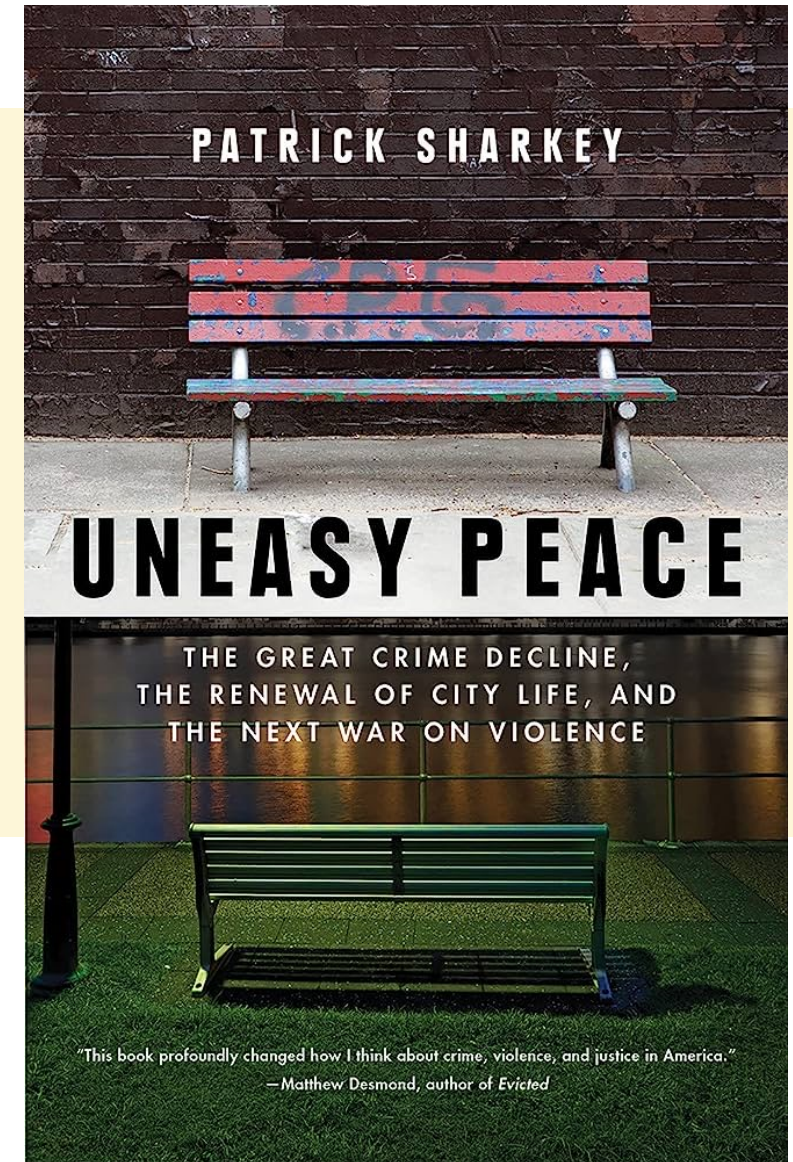
Poverty



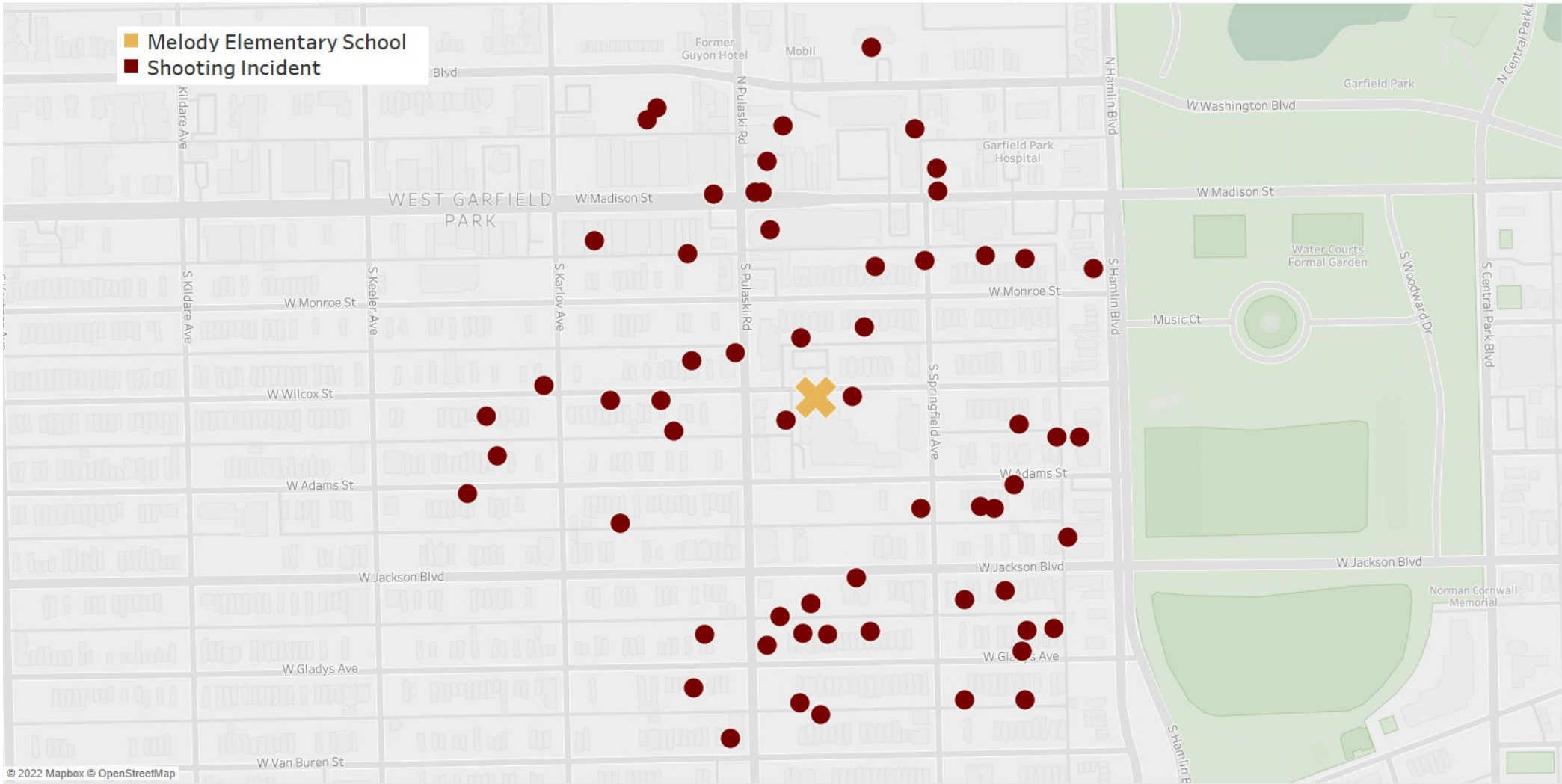
Gun
Violence

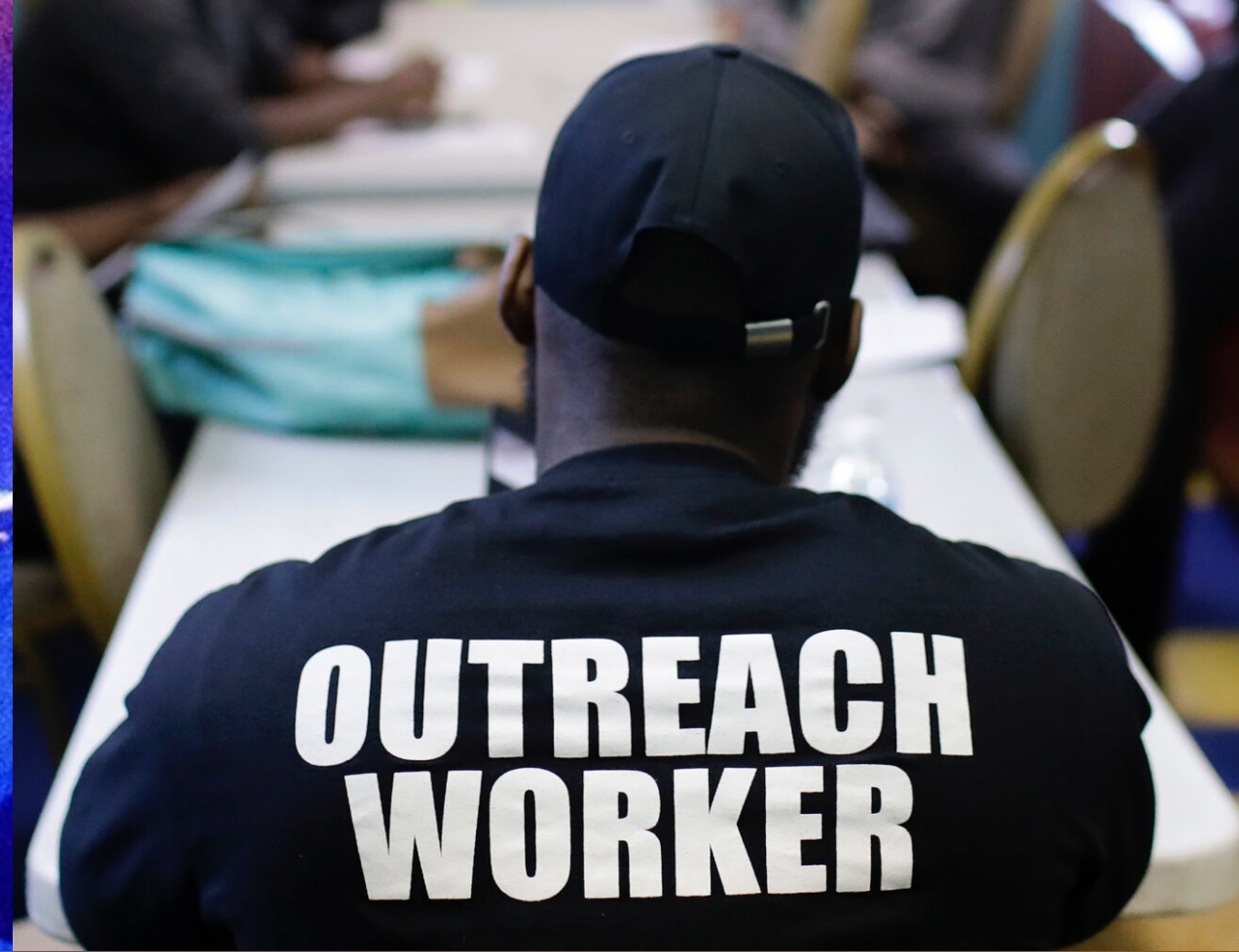
“...if you compare [kids exposed to violence those who have not been exposed], the child who took the assessment just after there’s a homicide down the street scores dramatically lower. It looks like that child has missed two years of schooling.”

– Pat Sharkey
speaking about his research on the podcast *New Thinking*



Map of 2021 shootings within ¼ mile of Melody Elementary School in West Garfield Park





1

Professionalized police force with better management techniques, technology, and training

2

Made it a priority to develop CVI/conflict mediation capacity within NGO sector



CHICAGO SUN★TIMES

**Discover's customer care center is
proof that investing in equity is
good for business**

Large companies have the unique ability to bring jobs, at scale, directly to communities that have suffered from underinvestment.

Science

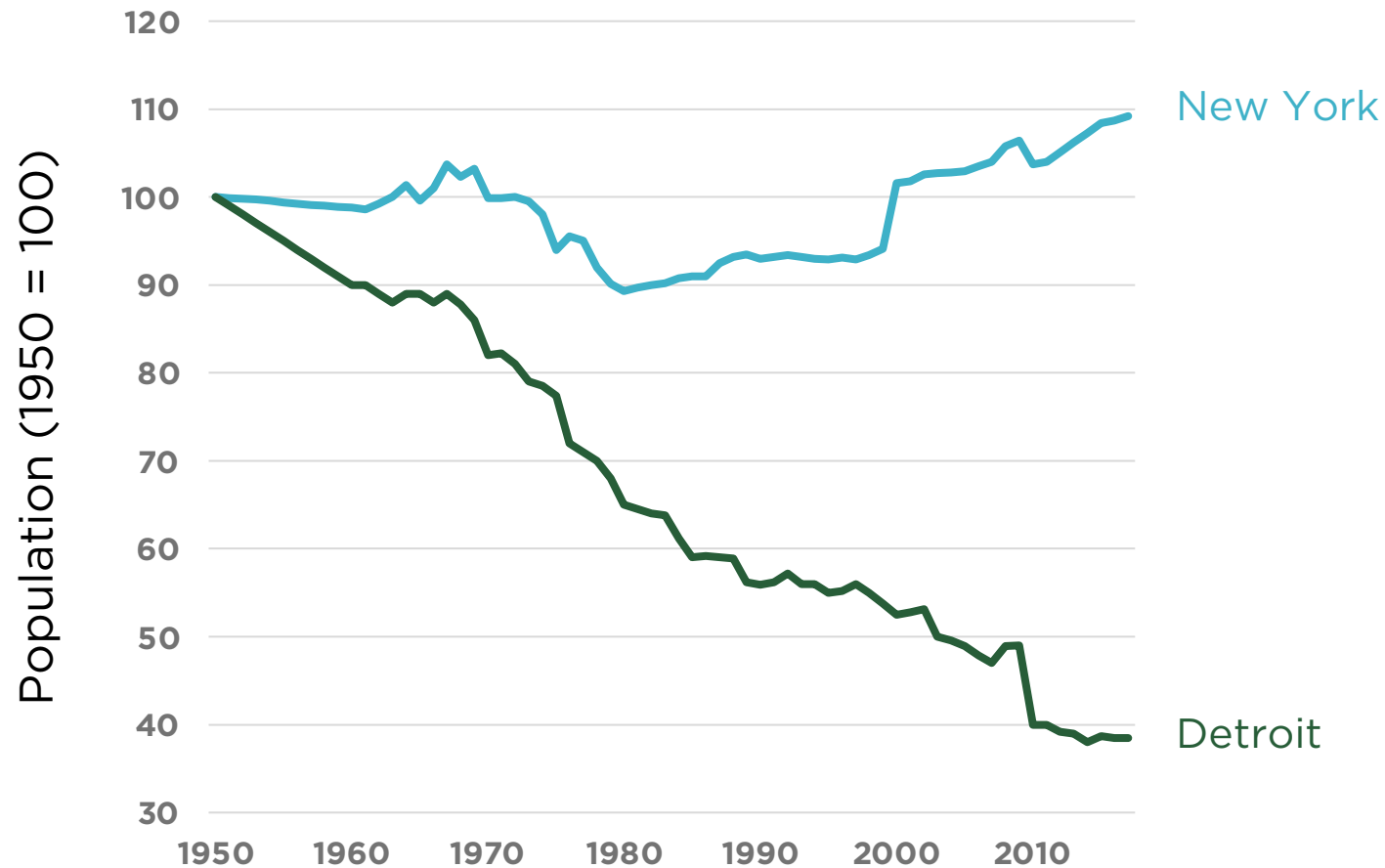
**Summer jobs reduce violence
among disadvantaged youth**





What is the long-term future of our city?

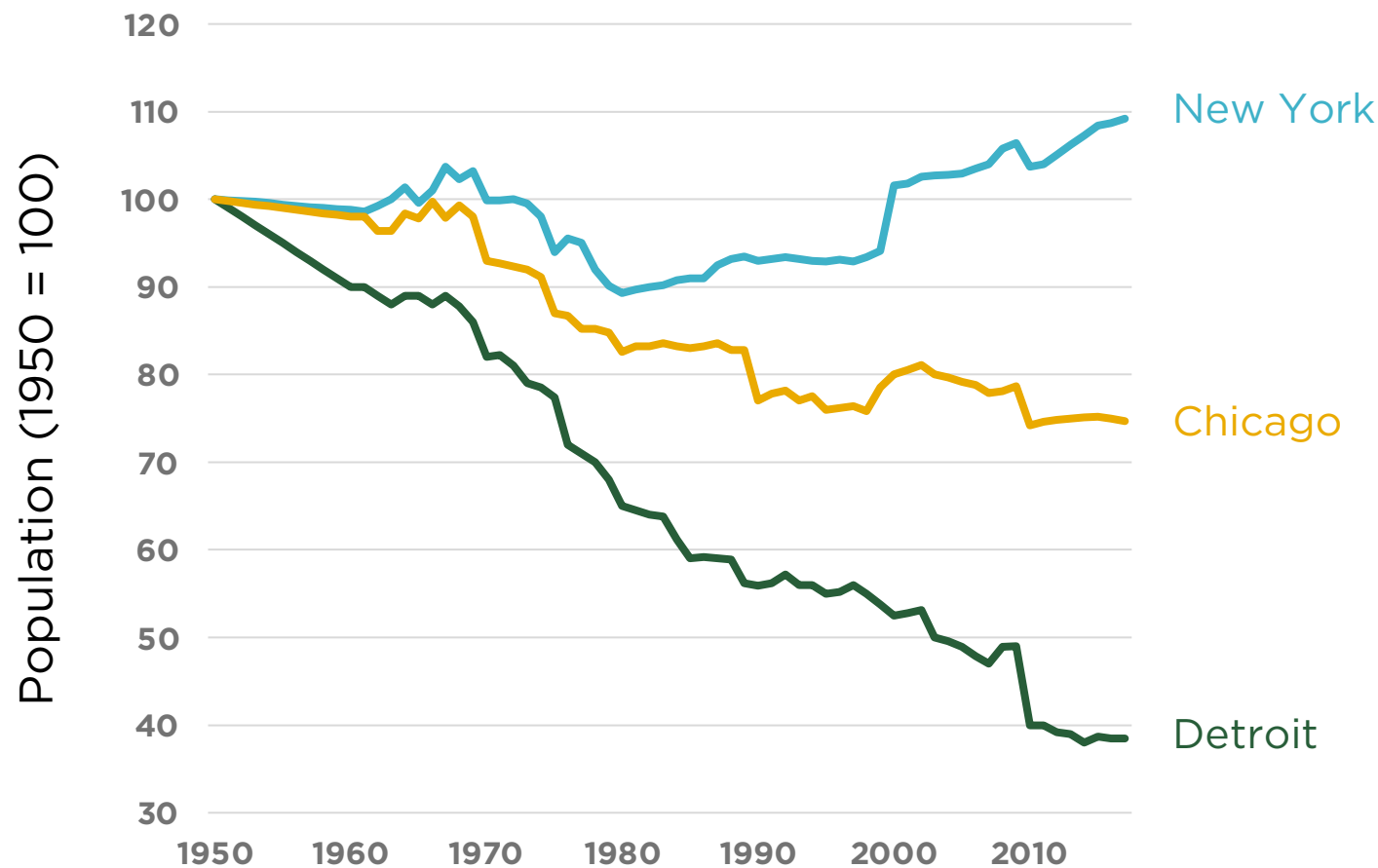
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Which direction will *we* go?



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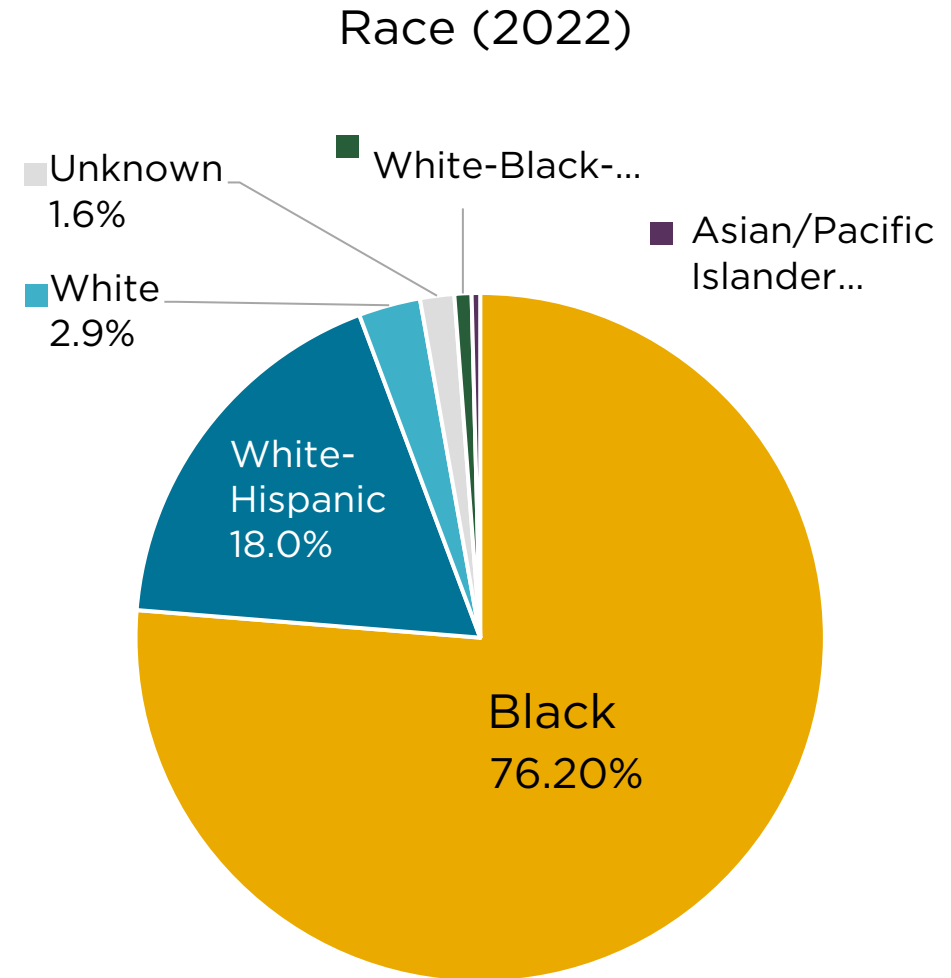
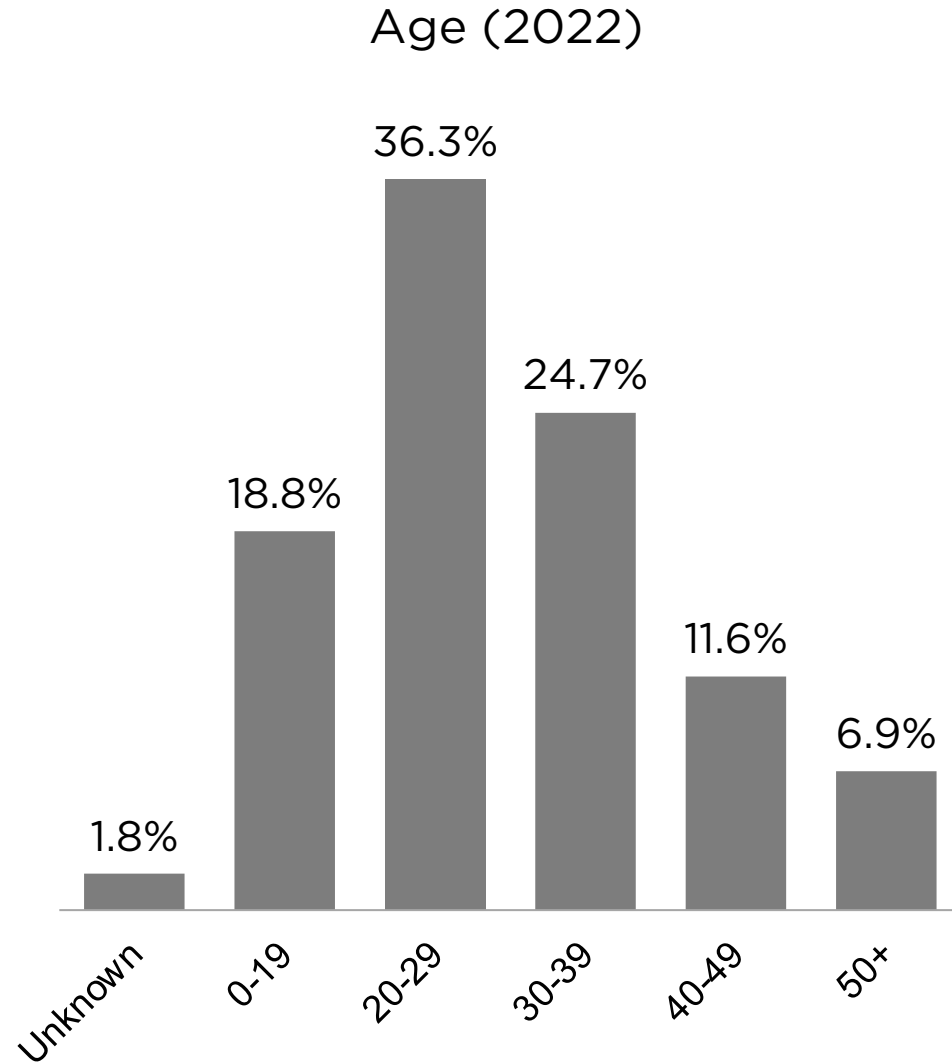


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Demographics of shooting victims in Chicago





BREAKING NEWS

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

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

VITAL CITY



The Evidence Says Police Management Can Reduce Violent Crime

KENNETH COREY , MAX KAPUSTIN AND JENS LUDWIG

JULY 31, 2023



Choose to Change

48%



reduction in violent
crime arrests

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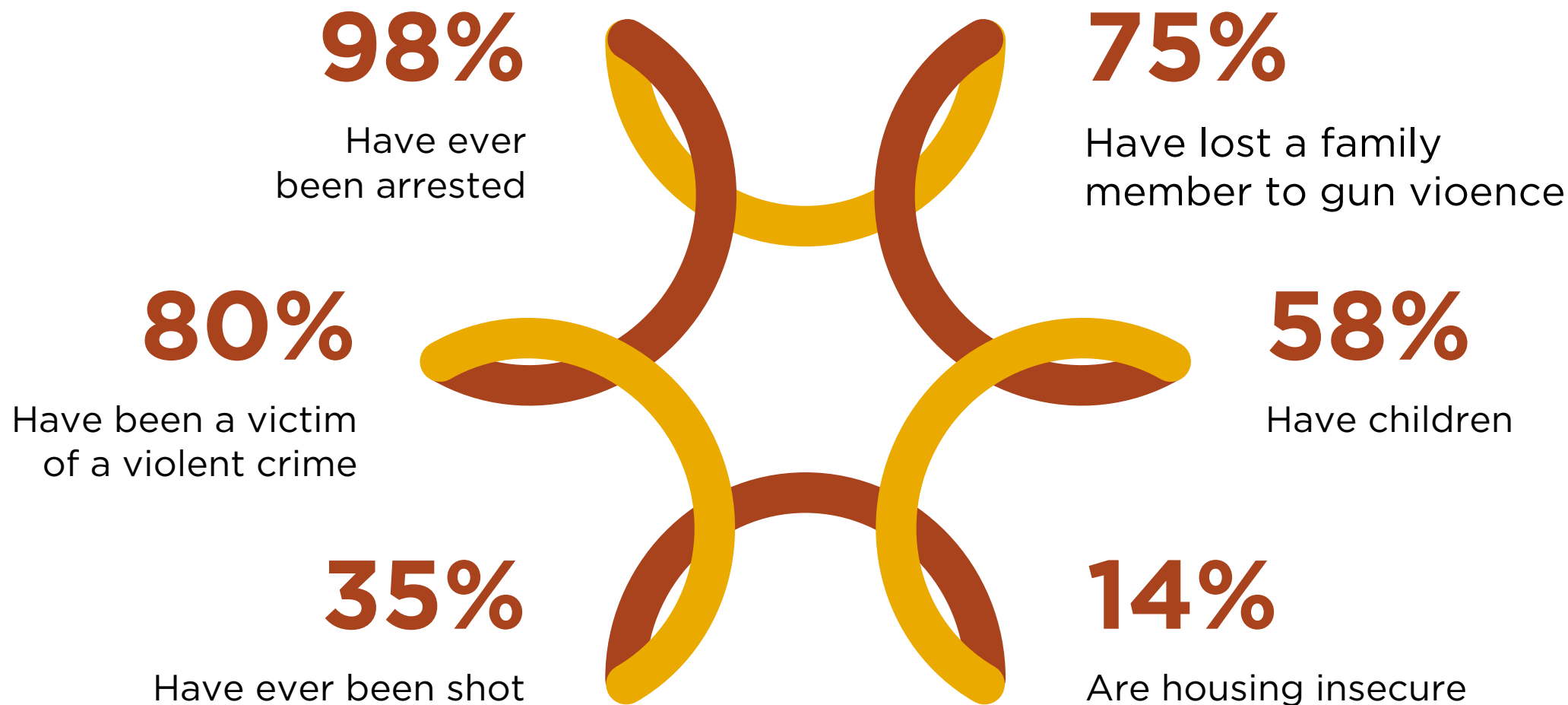
\$184,000

Conservative estimate of
savings per participant

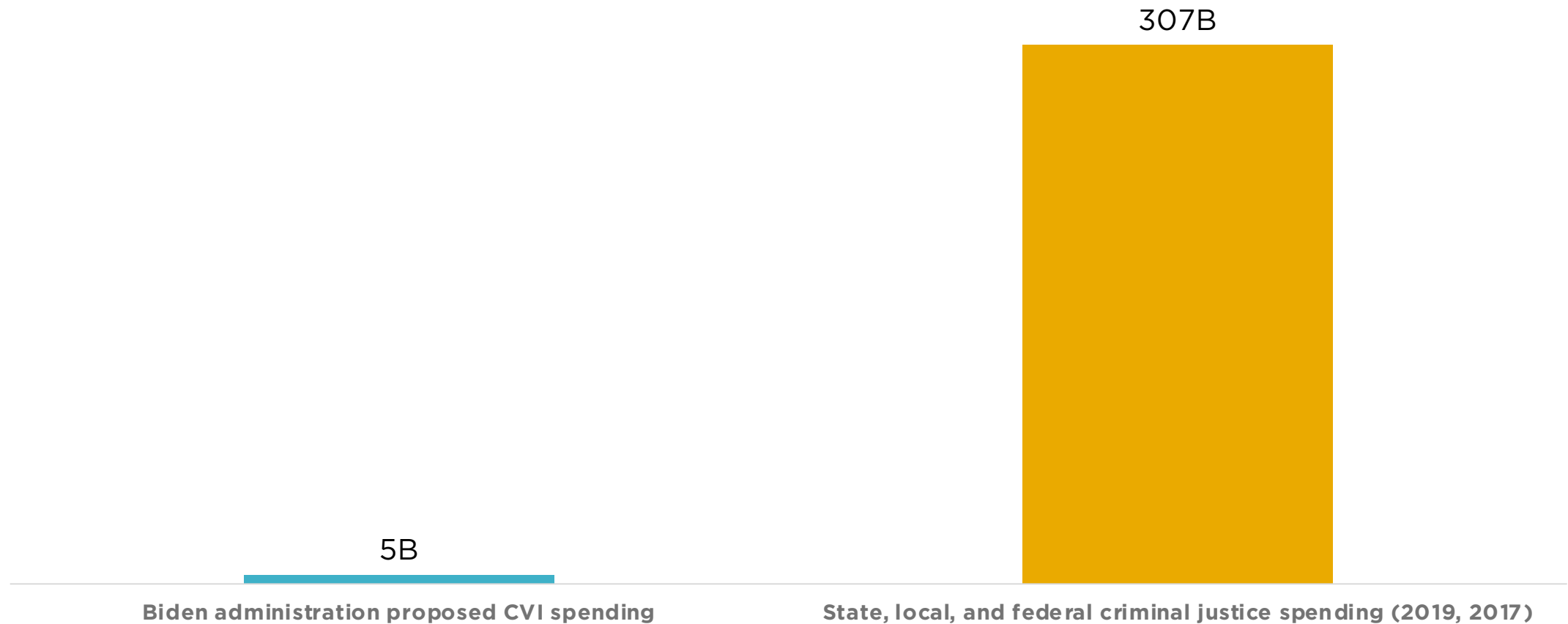




We are learning a lot about those at highest risk of gun violence involvement



○ Criminal Justice Spending



Source: White House, Urban Institute, Bureau of Justice Statistics