MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S

SITUATIONAL UPDATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

WHERE WE ARE: TRENDS IN VIOLENT CRIME & GUN CRIMES

922

people shot last year

(33% increase)

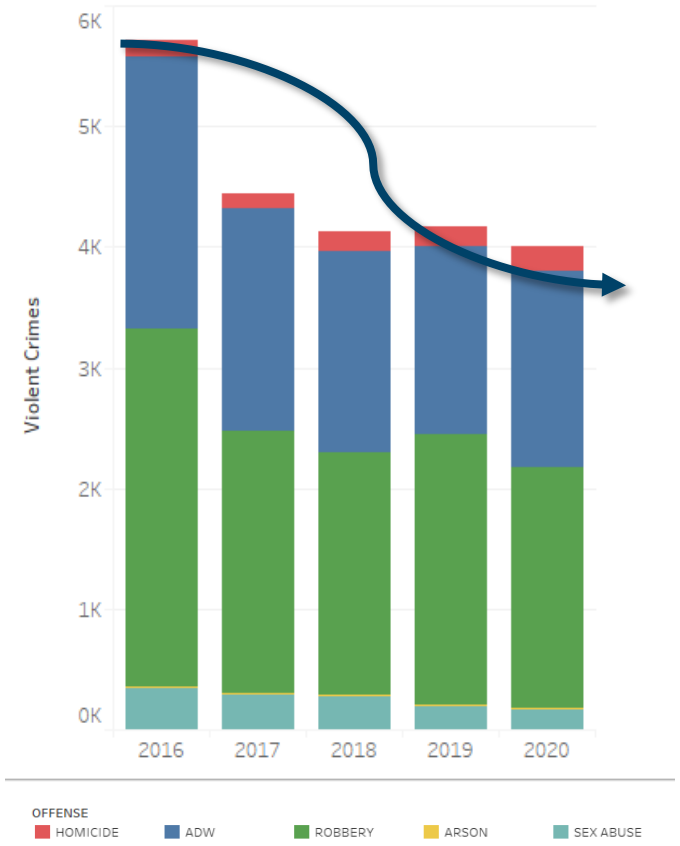
198

homicides

(19% increase)

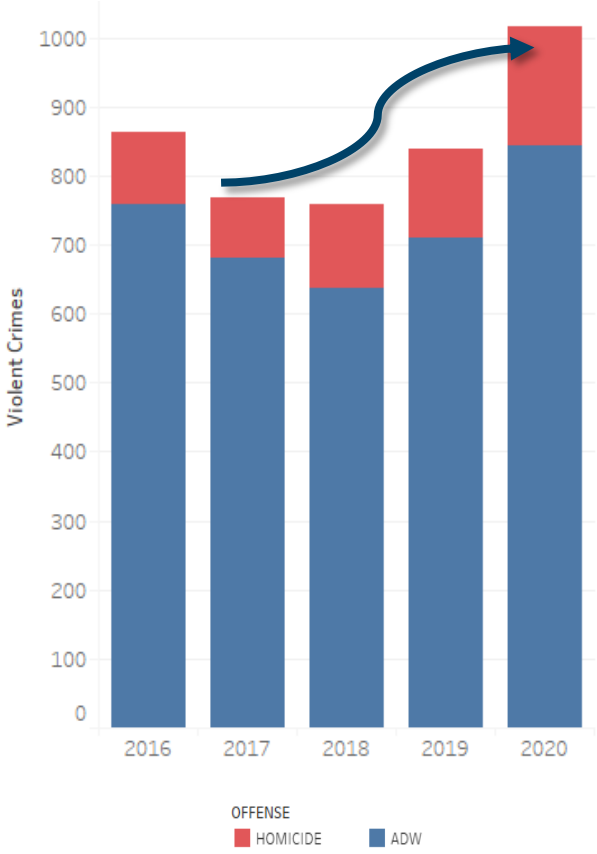
Violent Crime Trends

2016-2020



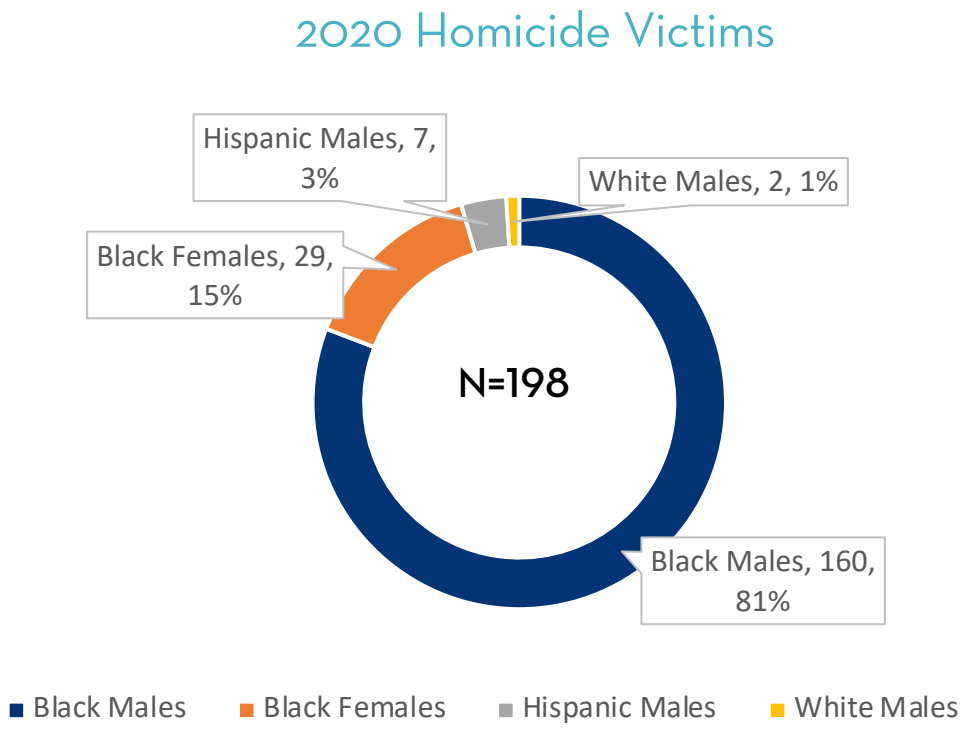
Gun Crimes

2016-2020



WHERE WE ARE: HOMICIDE TRENDS

95% of the homicide victims were Black



A rise in juvenile and female victims in 2020.

Female Homicide Victims	2019	2020	% Change
Total	12	29	141.6%
% of Homicide Victims	7%	14.5%	

Juvenile Gunshot Victims	2019	2020	% Change
Fatal	10	9	-10%
Non-Fatal	72	86	19%
Total Juvenile Victims	82	95	15.8%

A new Mayor's Order:

- Recognizes gun violence as a **public health crisis**.
- Establishes a **gun violence prevention emergency operations center** with 4 goals:
  - Focus on the people and places contributing the most to gun violence;
  - Mobilize whole of government to respond;
  - Creates clear protocols to deal with urgency of the situation; and
  - Coordinates the development of a long-term strategy to reduce gun violence.
- Allows the **EOC to be staffed with top personnel** from across District government agencies.
- Creates **expedited process** for agencies to respond to places that are epicenters of violence and the surrounding neighborhoods.

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OUR APPROACH: PEOPLE AND PLACES

Intensive engagement of residents at the highest risk of involvement in gun violence or seriously violent behavior.

Intense focus on 151 most vulnerable neighborhoods, block by block.

A FOCUS ON PEOPLE

We will engage people most at-risk of becoming a victim or perpetrator of gun violence and focus our initial efforts on working with individuals who:

- Have been repeatedly arrested for gun-related offenses
- Are under active supervision by CSOSA or DYRS
- Have been the victim of gun violence
- Have been directly impacted by gun violence

A FOCUS ON PLACES

151 city blocks represent about 2% of all the blocks in the District, but comprise 41% of violent offenses with shots fired.

- Data driven analysis of every city block using 2020 gun-related crime reports
- Identified specific neighborhood blocks with sustained and persistent gun violence
- Goal is to zero in on those specific street segments where there's sustained gun violence, and the surrounding community, to address the drivers of violence

Our analysis prioritized two metrics:

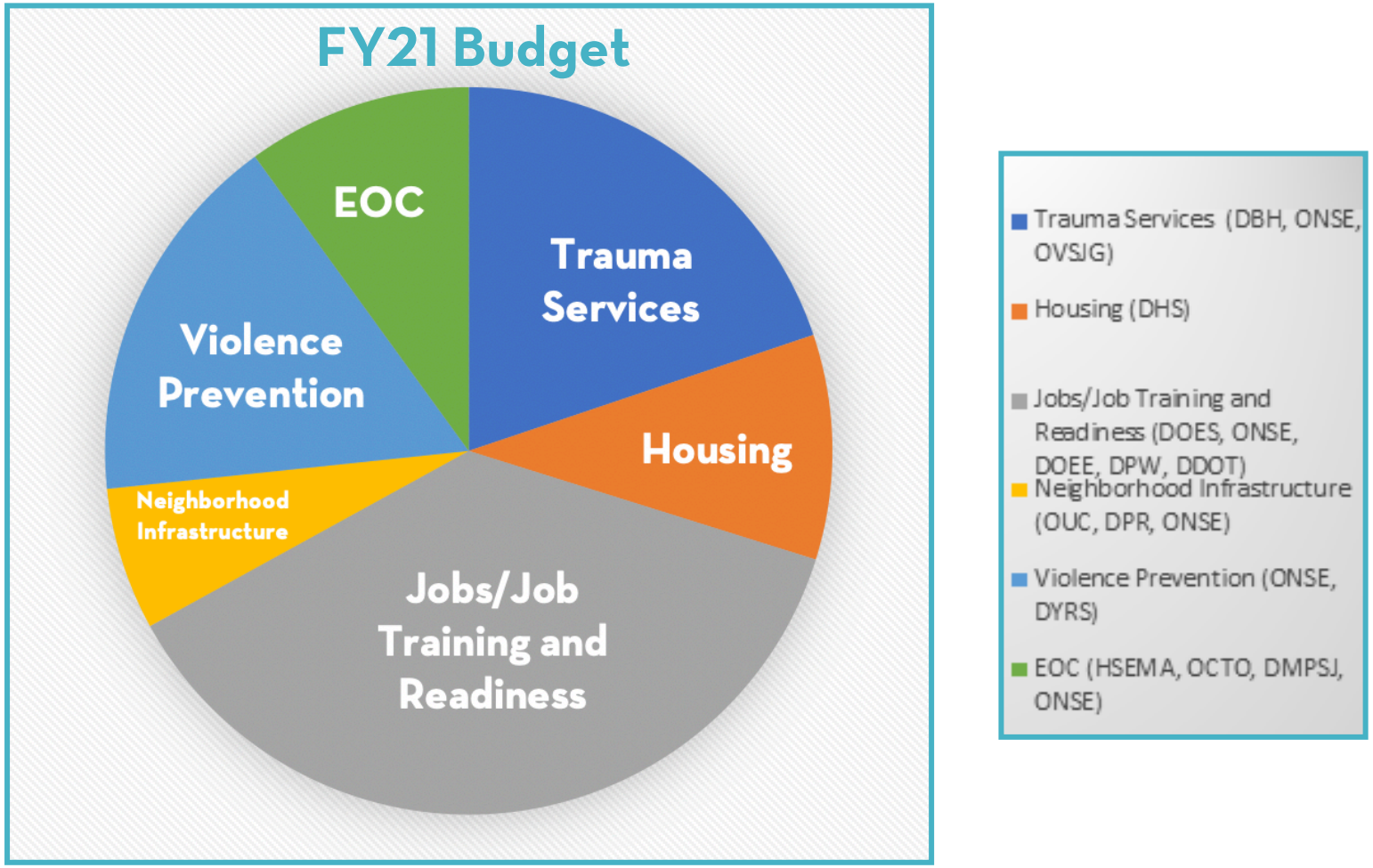
1) Violent offenses (homicides, robberies, and assaults with dangerous weapons) where shots were fired; and
2) "Sounds of gunshots" calls for service to 911.

WHERE WE'RE STARTING

- Launching the process in Historic Anacostia, through an intense focus on specific blocks.
- Prioritizing area with existing programs like Families First DC, ONSE violence intervention teams, and MPD's Summer Crime Initiative.
- Focusing on these specific blocks will have a positive ripple effect on surrounding neighborhoods.

$15 MILLION

down payment on **reducing gun violence** with additional funding in FY 2022 Budget



HOW WILL WE DO IT?

- The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is an adaptive and evolving process.
- Each identified street block and community will have different needs, requiring different approaches.
- The EOC will work across DC Government to meet those varying needs.

Establish Gun Violence Prevention EOC: February 17, 2021

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Launch the new process in Historic Anacostia.

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Replicate process by expanding to additional blocks.

Convene a group of experts and community leaders to guide methods:

Scientific and Expert Advisory Group Co-Chairs:

Mannone Butler and Rev. Dr. Roger Mitchell, Jr.

Community Advisory Group Co-Chairs:

Tony Lewis and Rev. Donald Isaac

Working strategically and together we can save lives and build safe neighborhoods across DC by:

- Improving outcomes for people by connecting them to services and opportunities, and managing the sustainment of that connection
- Changing the physical environment by bringing government resources to bear on clear and solvable neighborhood-identified issues, such as removal of trash and abandoned cars, fixing streetlights, and addressing vacant buildings
- Engaging and empowering neighborhoods by partnering with the community to identify solutions

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