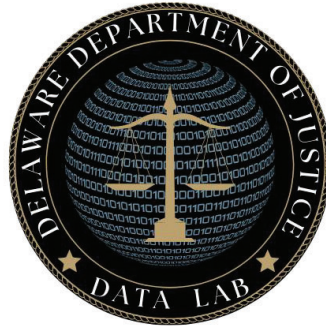


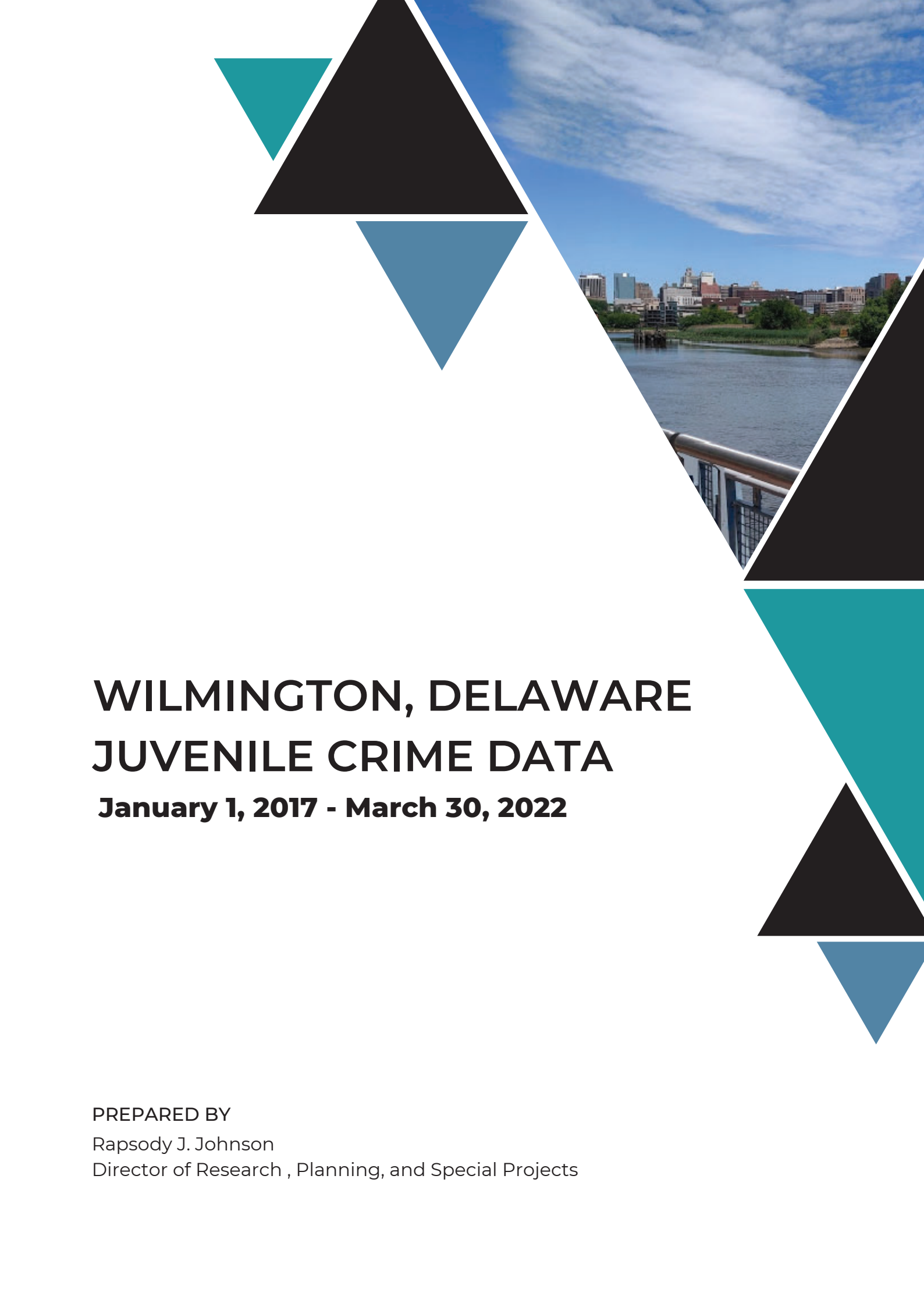


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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE JUVENILE CRIME DATA

January 1, 2017 - March 30, 2022

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METHODOLOGY

From January 1, 2017, through March 30, 2022, there were 4,617 crimes committed by juveniles within the Wilmington city limits. For the purpose of this report, juveniles are defined as 10 to 17-year-olds.

Juveniles committed 144 distinct types of crimes across 30 crime categories. The crimes ranged in seriousness from loitering to homicide. Accordingly, the crimes were separated into violent and non-violent categories.

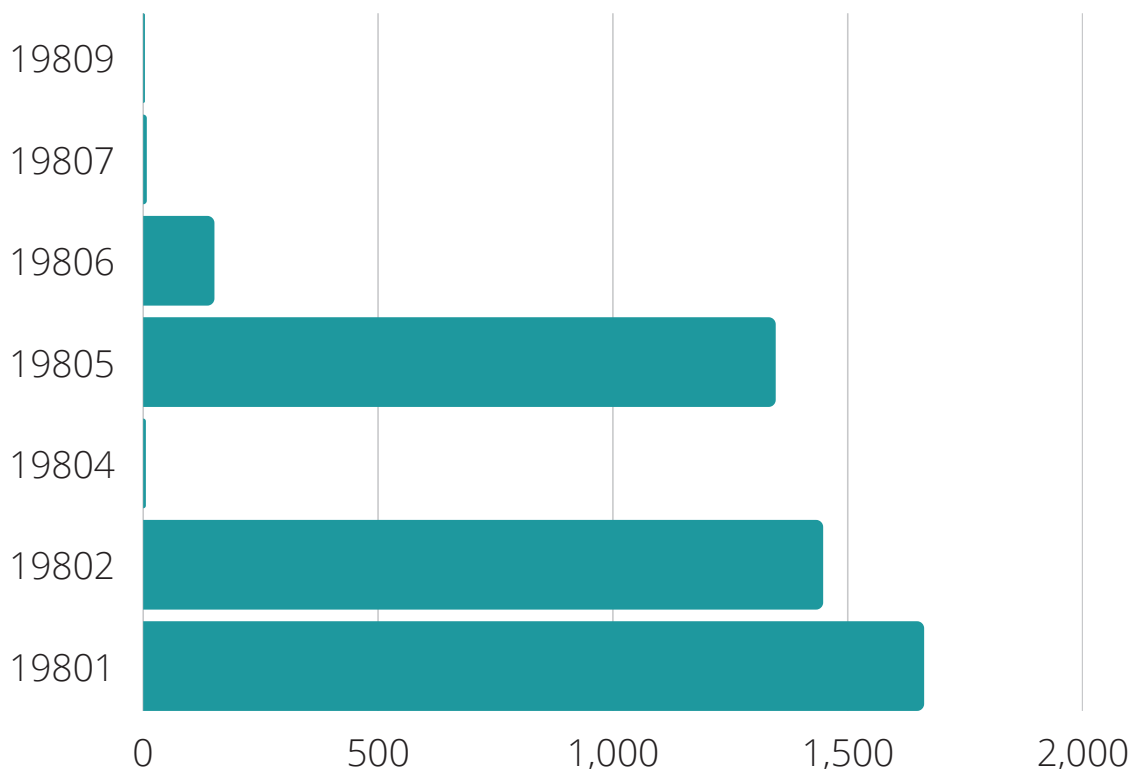
While patterns were identified, no attempts were made to explain the reasons behind these patterns.

LOCATION

The incidents in question took place in zip codes 19801, 19802, 19804, 19805, 19806, 19807, and 19809. Thirty-six percent of incidents occurred in the 19801 zip code, 31% in 19802, 29% in 19805, and 3% in 19806. Incidents in the three remaining zip codes account for .26%.

It appears that as the majority of these crimes occurred by happenstance, there was no identified pattern regarding location.

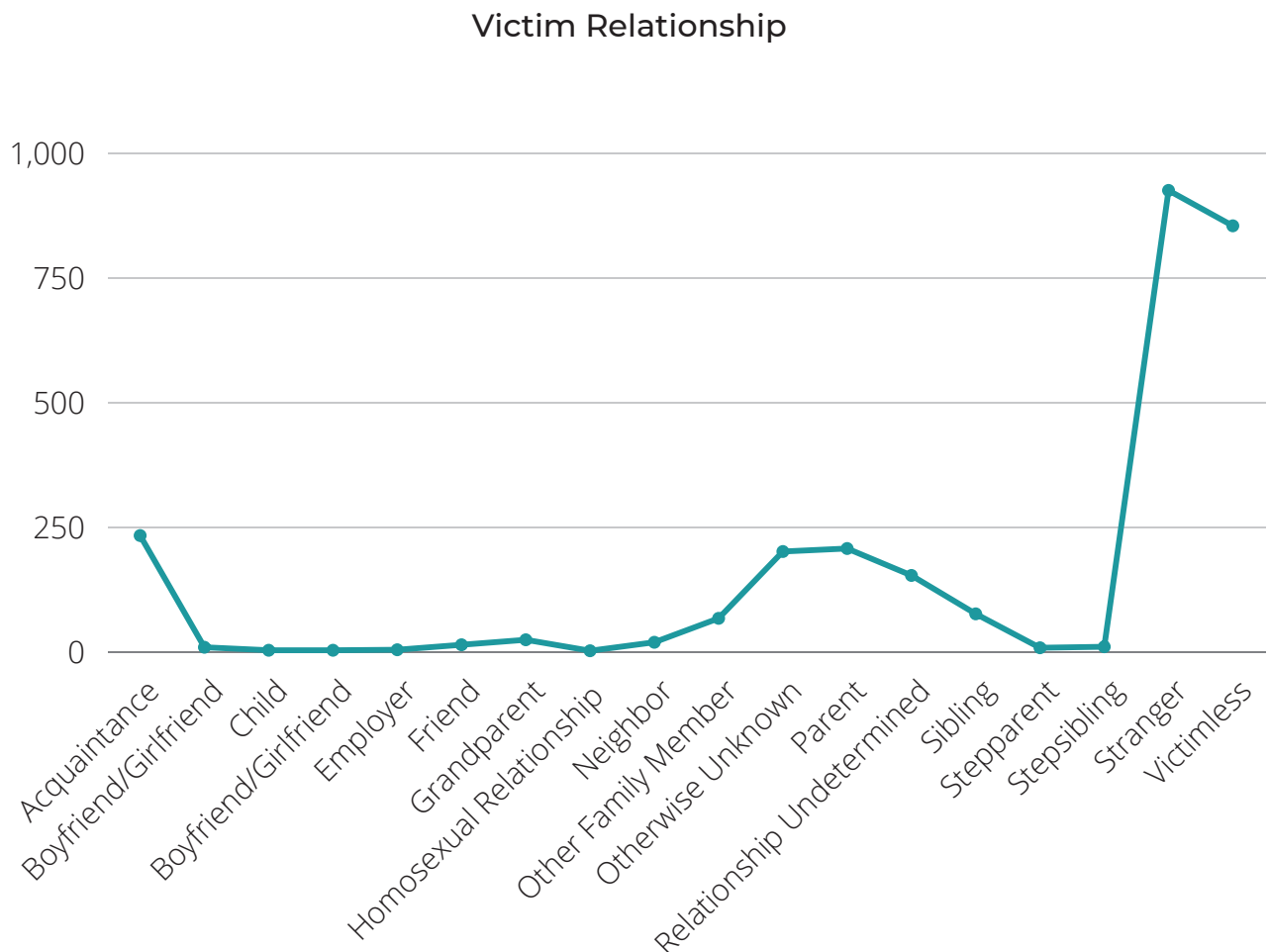
Incident Location by Zip Code



VICTIMS

In the majority of the incidents, the victim, if any, was a stranger to the subject. As such, they were most likely victims of convenience, rather than planning.

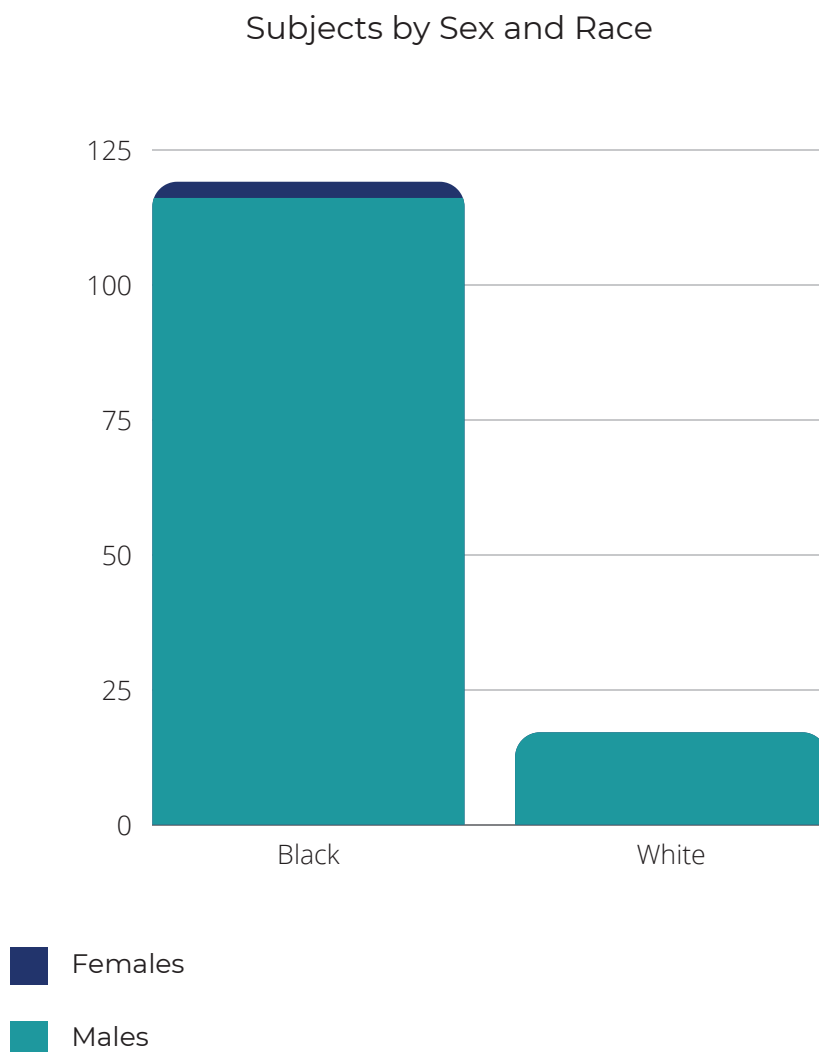
Victimless crimes accounted for the second-highest number of instances. The age, sex, and race of the victim were not consistently gathered by law enforcement, and thus, are not reported herein.



SUBJECTS

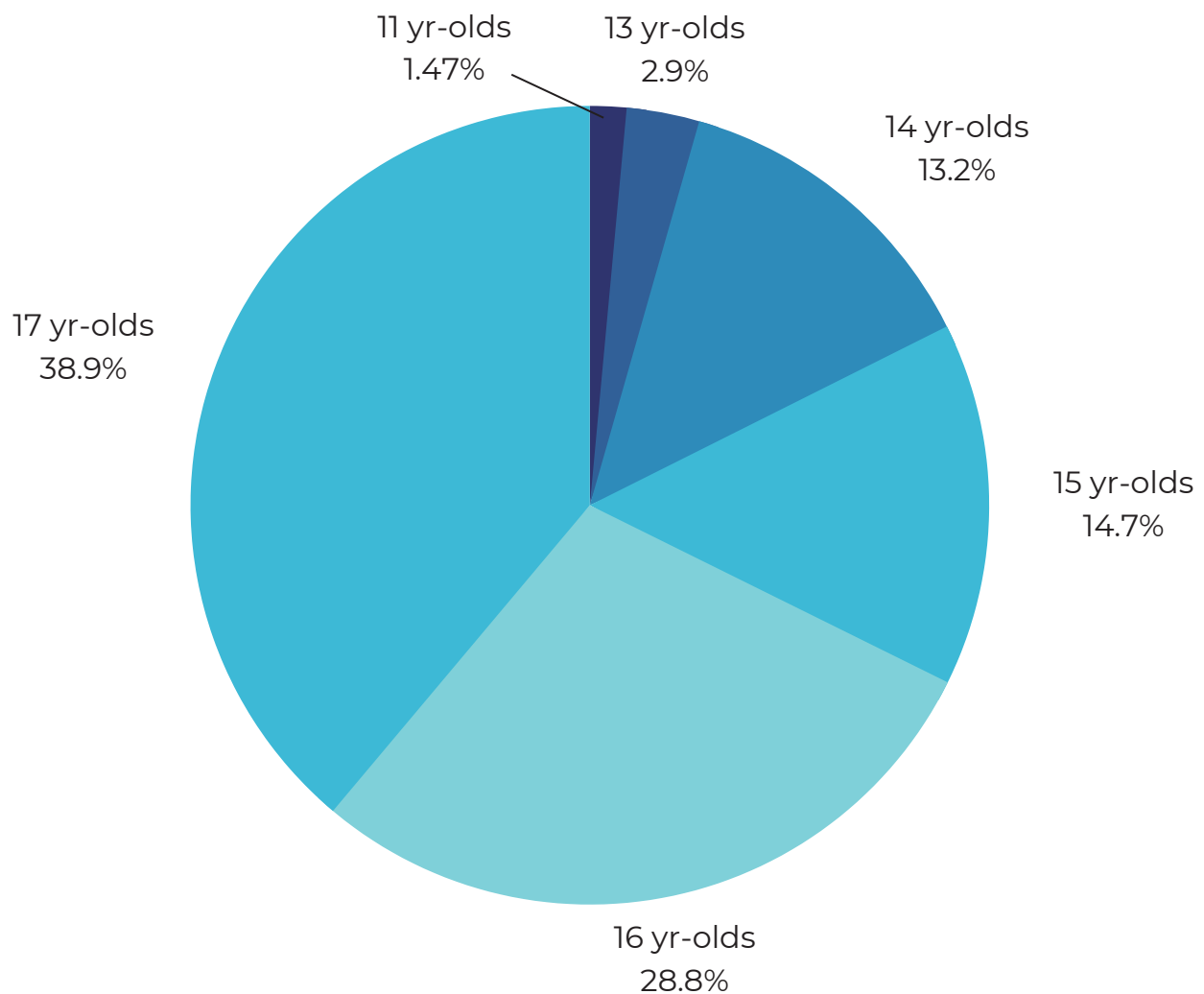
The subjects in this study were overwhelmingly Black males (85%). White males made up approximately 12.5%, and Black females comprised 2.2%. There were reportedly no White, Latinx, or Asian females in this demographic.

While this is not entirely unbelievable for females, it is somewhat suspect that there are no male subjects other than Black and White ones. However, racial demographics are often dependent on officer assessment, and thus, may not return an entirely factual result.



When all subjects were examined by age, 17-year-olds made up the majority at 39%. There were reportedly no 12-year-olds in the demographic. Age was taken at the time the crime was committed, rather than at the time of the arrest.

Because this was a multi-year study there is a reasonably good chance that some individuals may be counted multiple times if they continued to commit crimes as they aged through the system.



CRIMES

While crimes were committed nearly every minute of every hour of the 24-hour cycle, there were some notable spikes in criminal activity. Here, a spike is defined as 20 or more instances of criminal behavior at a particular one-minute time slot.

The two biggest spikes occurred at 4 and 8 pm, with 61 instances for each slot, 10:16 pm followed with 48 instances, and 5 and 6 pm round out the top three with 46 instances. These spikes seem to occur at the top of the hour and at the half-hour mark most often, but that may be attributable to officers rounding up the time when reporting.

There were 16 such spikes during what would be considered school hours (7 AM to 3 PM), but they also occurred well into the early morning hours (i.e. 3:43 AM on a Sunday). Furthermore, they occurred throughout the year whether school was in session or not. Nor did there appear to be a discernible correlation between days of the week and criminal activity, as Tuesdays and Wednesdays were just as popular as the weekends.

There did appear to be clusters of criminal activity, such as numerous crimes of the same type occurring on a single night (e.g. 2/9/19- 38 moving violations, 4/4/20- 28 moving violations, or 10/17/20 - 10 car thefts). However, there isn't enough data to speculate as to the reasons for these spikes in criminal activity or to conclude that they were somehow related.

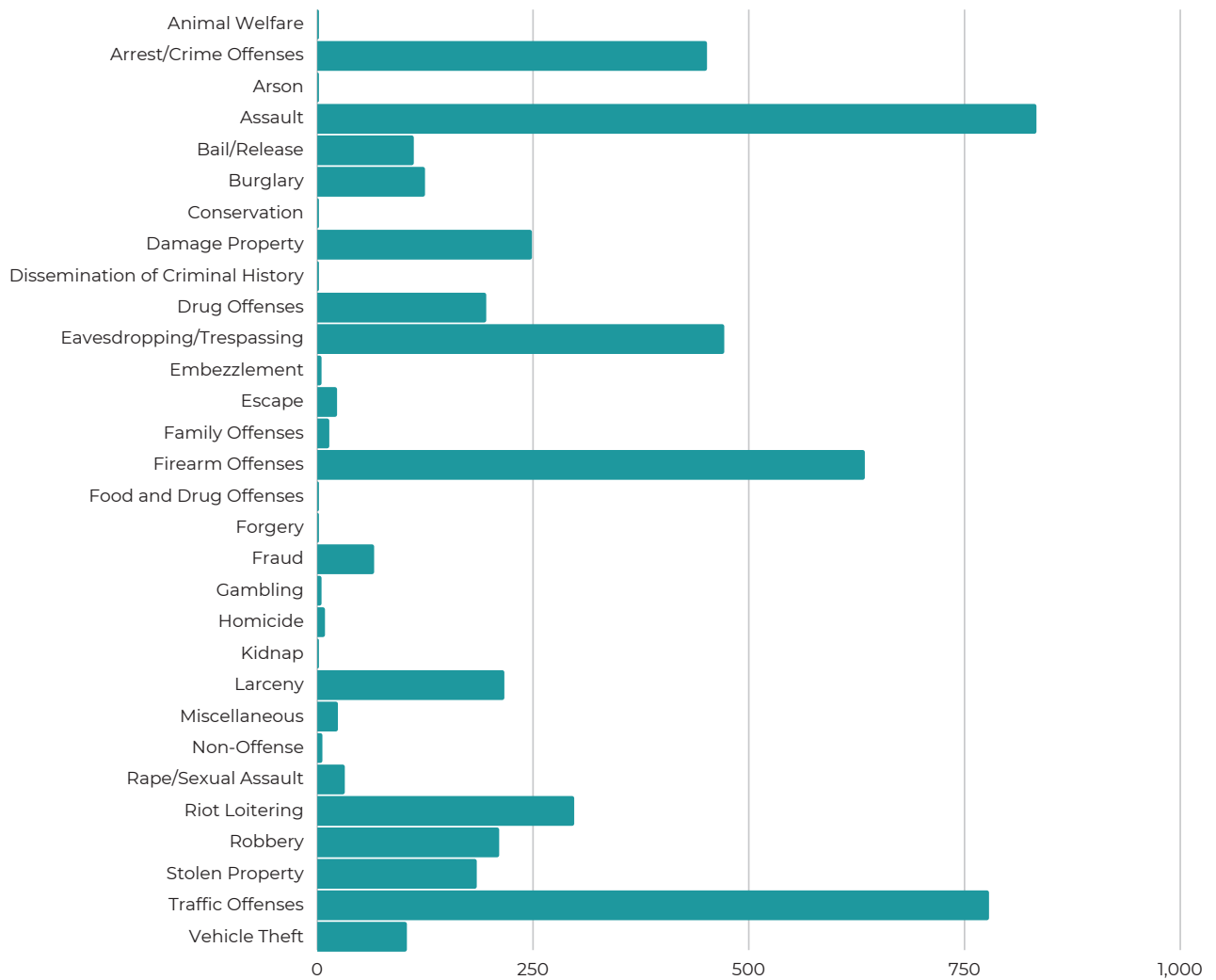
There was a slight spike during the Fourth of July weekend, but there was nothing to indicate this is a pattern of behavior. The same applied to Halloween in 2019 when there was a slight jump in criminal activity. However, its peak was at 10 AM on Halloween morning.

There were 144 distinct crimes committed across 30 crime categories. Below is a diagram of those crime categories. For a full list of every crime committed in each category and the number of incidents, please see Appendix A.

Appendix B contains a list of violent and non-violent crimes. However, there is some overlap, as some charges can either be violent or non-violent depending on the details of the case (e.g. resisting arrest where the subject runs as opposed to resisting arrest where the subject assaults a police officer).

As I was unable to parse out which case involved felonies, as cases typically involve multiple charges, that get reduced or plead out before trial. I have provided a felony list in Appendix C. This list is not exhaustive but should provide you with some guidance.

Crime Categories



Appendix A

Animal Welfare	1
Cruelty to animals	1
Arrest/Crime Offenses	451
Destroying/Tampering Evidence	5
Filing a False Report	4
Obstructing a Criminal Investigation/Material Witness/Hindering Prosecution	13
Obstructing Police/Hindering Police Officer/Free Text	29
Resisting Arrest	400
Arson	1
Arson/Schools/Colleges/Universities Criminal/Uninhabited	1
Assault	833
Aggravated Assault/Family Firearm	1
Aggravated Assault/Family Knife/Cutting Instrument	45
Aggravated Assault/Family Other Dangerous Weapon	7
Aggravated Assault/Family Strong-Arm/Hands/Fist/Feet	2
Aggravated Assault/Non-Family Firearm	84
Aggravated Assault/Non-Family Knife/Cutting Instrument	11
Aggravated Assault/Non-Family Other Dangerous Weapon	56
Aggravated Assault/Non-Family Strong-Arm/Hands/Fist/Feet	12
Aggravated Assault/Police Officer Firearm	3
Aggravated Assault/Police Officer Other Dangerous Weapon	14
Intimidation Police Officer (Terr. Threat, Harass) Other Assault Not Aggravated	15
Intimidation/Reckless Endanger/Terroristic Threat/Harassment/Other	169
Assaults/Non-Aggravated	
Offensive Touching/Other Assaults/Non-Aggravated	287
Simple Assault/Family/Other Assaults/Non-Aggravated	21
Simple Assault/Non-Family/Other Assaults/Non-Aggravated	54
Simple Assault/Police Officer/Other Assaults/Non-Aggravated	50
Vehicular Assault/No Intent/Other Assaults/Non-Aggravated	2
Bail/Release	111
Conditional Release Violation	108
Contempt of Court	1
Probation Violation	1
Violation of Protection From Abuse Order (PFA)	1
Burglary	124
Burglary/Forced Entry/Non-Residence	16
Burglary/Forced Entry/Residence	32
Burglary/No Forced Entry/Free Text	22
Burglary/No Forced Entry/Non-Residence	18
Burglary/No Forced Entry/Residence	30
Burglary/Possession of Tools	6
Conservation	1
Conservation/ Environment	1

Damage Property	248
Damage/Business Property	34
Damage/Private Property	199
Damage/Public Property	14
Damage/Public Property/With Explosive	1
Dissemination of Criminal History	1
Public Order Crimes/Includes Official Misconduct	1
Drug Offenses	195
Amphetamine/Possession	1
Cocaine/Delivery	1
Cocaine/Possession	16
Cocaine/Possession with Intent to Deliver	9
Hallucinogen/Free Text	1
Hallucinogen/Possession	2
Heroin/Possession	18
Heroin/Possession with Intent to Deliver	18
LSD/Possession with Intent to Deliver	1
Marijuana/Free Text	9
Marijuana/Possession	86
Marijuana/Possession with Intent to Deliver	13
Methamphetamine/Possession with Intent to Deliver	1
Non-Narcotic Tranquilizer and Depressant/Possession	2
Non-Narcotic Tranquilizer and Depressant/Possession with Intent to Deliver	2
Opium or Derivative/Possession	1
PCP/Possession with Intent to Deliver	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	7
Synthetic Narcotic/Possession with Intent to Deliver	5
Eavesdropping/Trespassing	71
Invasion of Privacy/Free Text	1
Trespassing/Free Text	70
Embezzlement	4
Embezzlement/Business Property	4
Escape	22
Escape/Must Identify Institution Type	18
Flight to Avoid Prosecution/Out-of-State Fugitive	4
Family Offenses	13
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor/Endangering the Welfare of a Child	13
Firearm Offenses	634
Altering the Identification of a Firearm	22
Bomb Threat	2
Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon/Deadly Instrument/CCDW/CCDI	152
Carrying Prohibited	277
Illegally Firing a Weapon	17

Possession of Weapon	162
Threat of Arson	2
Food and Drug Offenses	1
Purchasing Tobacco for a Minor	1
Forgery	1
Forgery/check	1
Fraud	65
Fraud by Wire	1
Fraud/False Statement	1
Fraud/Illegal Use of Credit Cards	10
Impersonation	41
Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony	12
Gambling	4
Engaging in a Crap Game	4
Homicide	8
Attempt Homicide - Willful Kill - Non-Family - Gun	4
Attempt Homicide - Willful Kill - Non-Family Attempt - Knife or Cutting Ins	1
Homicide - Willful Kill - Non-Family - Gun	3
Kidnap	1
Kidnap/Free Text	1
Larceny	216
Larceny/Bicycles	12
Larceny/From All Other Yards	18
Larceny/From Building	111
Larceny/From Coin Operated Machine	1
Larceny/From Vehicle/Not Attached	54
Larceny/No Force/Purse Snatching	4
Larceny/Pickpocketing	3
Larceny/Postal From All Other Yards	1
Larceny/Shoplifting	10
Larceny/Vehicle Parts/From Auto/Attached	2
Miscellaneous	23
Delinquency	1
Local Statute/Free Text	19
Possession of Fireworks	3
Non-Offense	5
Miscellaneous Investigation	1
Recovered Vehicle Recovery Only/Vehicle Not Reported Stolen	1
Recovered Vehicle Stolen Other Agency/Recovered Locally	2
Shots Fired	1
Rape/Sexual Assault	31
Rape/Strong-Arm	18
Unlawful Sexual Contact/Forcible	8

Unlawful Sexual Contact/No Force	5
Riot/Loitering	297
Curfew Violation/Juveniles	68
Disorderly Conduct/Unrelated to Liquor	180
Disturbing the Peace/Public Nuisance	2
False Fire Alarm	2
Harassing Communication/Phone/Wire/Mail Only	3
Inciting a Riot	1
Loitering /Juveniles	41
Robbery	210
Forcible Purse Snatch Street/Alley/Highway	7
Robbery/Carjacking/Gun Commercial House (except C,D,F)	4
Robbery/Carjacking/Gun Highway/Street/Alley	87
Robbery/Carjacking/Gun Miscellaneous	3
Robbery/Carjacking/Gun Residence	3
Robbery/Carjacking/Knife Highway, Street, Alley	3
Robbery/Carjacking/Other Weapon Commercial House	4
Robbery/Carjacking/Other Weapon Convenience Store	3
Robbery/Carjacking/Other Weapon Highway, Street, Alley	12
Robbery/Carjacking/Strong-Arm Commercial House (Except C,D,F)	5
Robbery/Carjacking/Strong-Arm Convenience Store	1
Robbery/Carjacking/Strong-Arm Highway, Street, Alley	68
Robbery/Carjacking/Strong-Arm Miscellaneous	6
Robbery/Carjacking/Strong-Arm Residence	4
Stolen Property Offense	184
Possession of Stolen Property	16
Receiving Stolen Property	166
Sale of Stolen Property	2
Traffic Offenses	778
Driving without Consent	1
Endorsement of Registration/Title Transfer	1
False Statement	2
Hit and Run	31
Moving Violation/Traffic	625
Non-Moving Violation/Abandoned Vehicle/Tampering with Vehicle/Etc.	6
Possession of Stolen Vehicle	65
Seizure of Vehicle	1
Traffic Offense/Free Text	44
VIN Removal or Certificate Sticker Removal	2
Vehicle Theft	103
Theft/Bus/Truck Locally Recovered	2
Theft/Other Motor Vehicle	2
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	18

Vehicle Theft	5
Vehicle Theft Locally Stolen-Locally Recover	74
Vehicle Theft Locally Stolen-Recovered Other	2

Appendix B

Non-Violent Crimes

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Filing a False Report
Obstructing a Criminal Investigation/Material Witness/Hindering Prosecution
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Robbery/Carjacking/Strong-Arm Residence
Hit and Run

Appendix C

FELONY LIST

- First- and second-degree murder and first-degree rape.
- First-degree assault, manslaughter, first-degree kidnapping, and theft over \$100,000.
- First-degree vehicular homicide, fourth-degree rape, first-degree arson, and a 7th or subsequent DWI.
- Second-degree burglary, second-degree robbery, strangulation, and drug dealing.
- Prohibited possession of a firearm, identity theft, health care fraud, and certain computer offenses.
- Rioting, stalking, terroristic threats, gang participation, cruelty to animals, and theft of firearms.
- Resisting arrest with force or violence, second-degree child abuse, and aggravated harassment.