

Addressing Crime in Denver

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Outline

Part I: Crime Statistics & the Strategic Police Response

Part II: The AID Center: A DOS-Wide Integrated Approach

Part III: Q&A

Part I: Crime Statistics & the Strategic Police Response

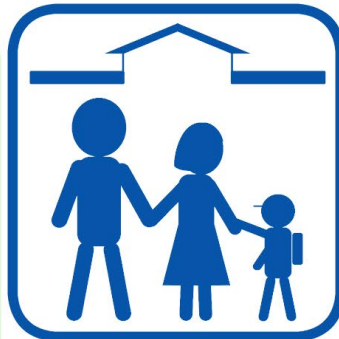
Strategic Plan 2022 - 2024

Preventing Crime & Treating People With Respect



- Innovative Crime Prevention
- Customer Service

Reducing Social Harms



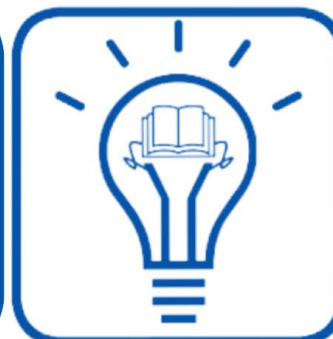
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Fear of Crime
- Multimodal Transportation

Precision Policing



- Identify Neighborhood-Specific Issues
- Focused Enforcement Efforts
- Domestic Violence Prevention Program

Innovative Training



- Education for a 21st Century Police Organization
- Community-Informed Innovations in Training
- Support Lifelong Learning

Taking Care of the People Who Take Care of the People



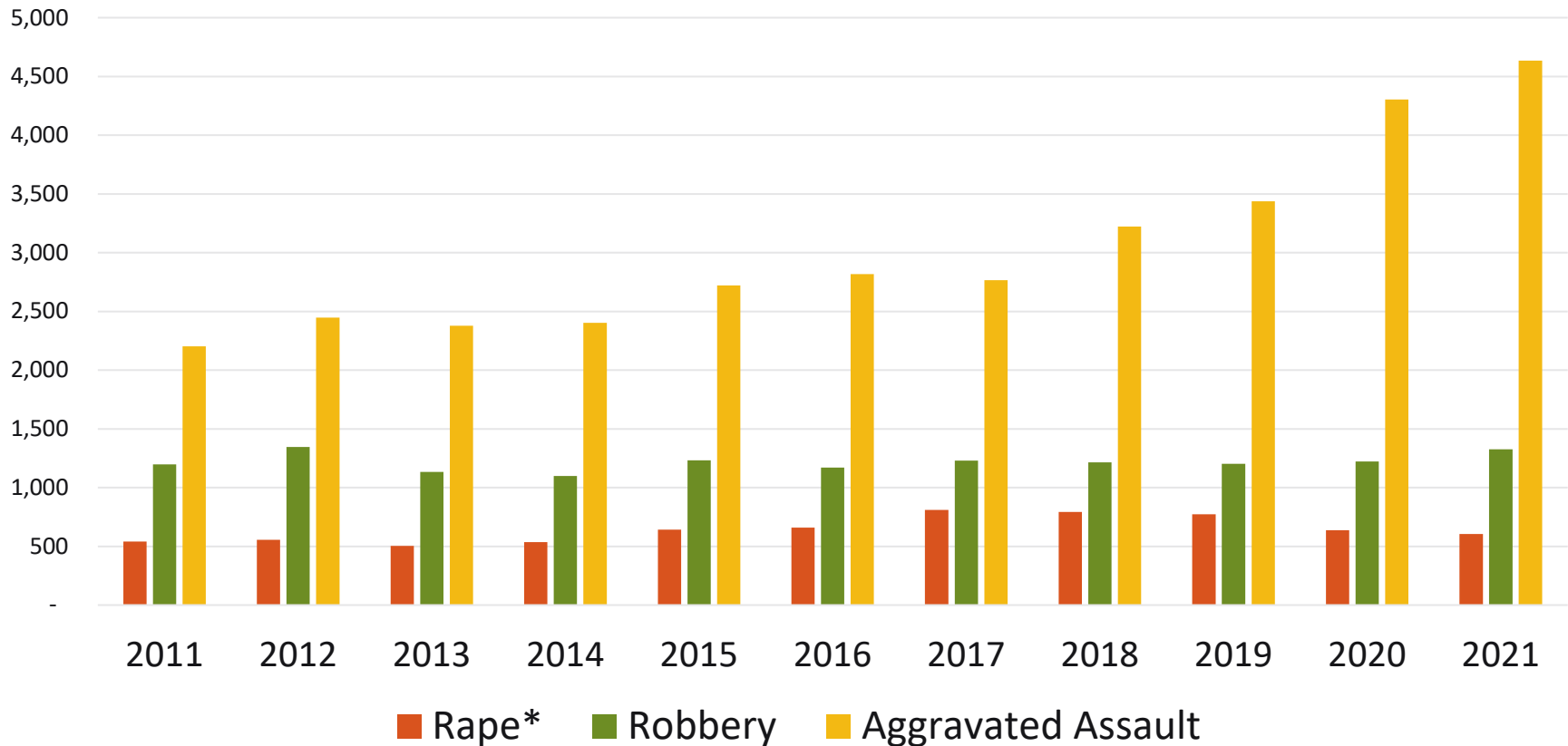
- Resilience & Wellness Programs
- Improving Work/Life Balance
- Reintegration Support



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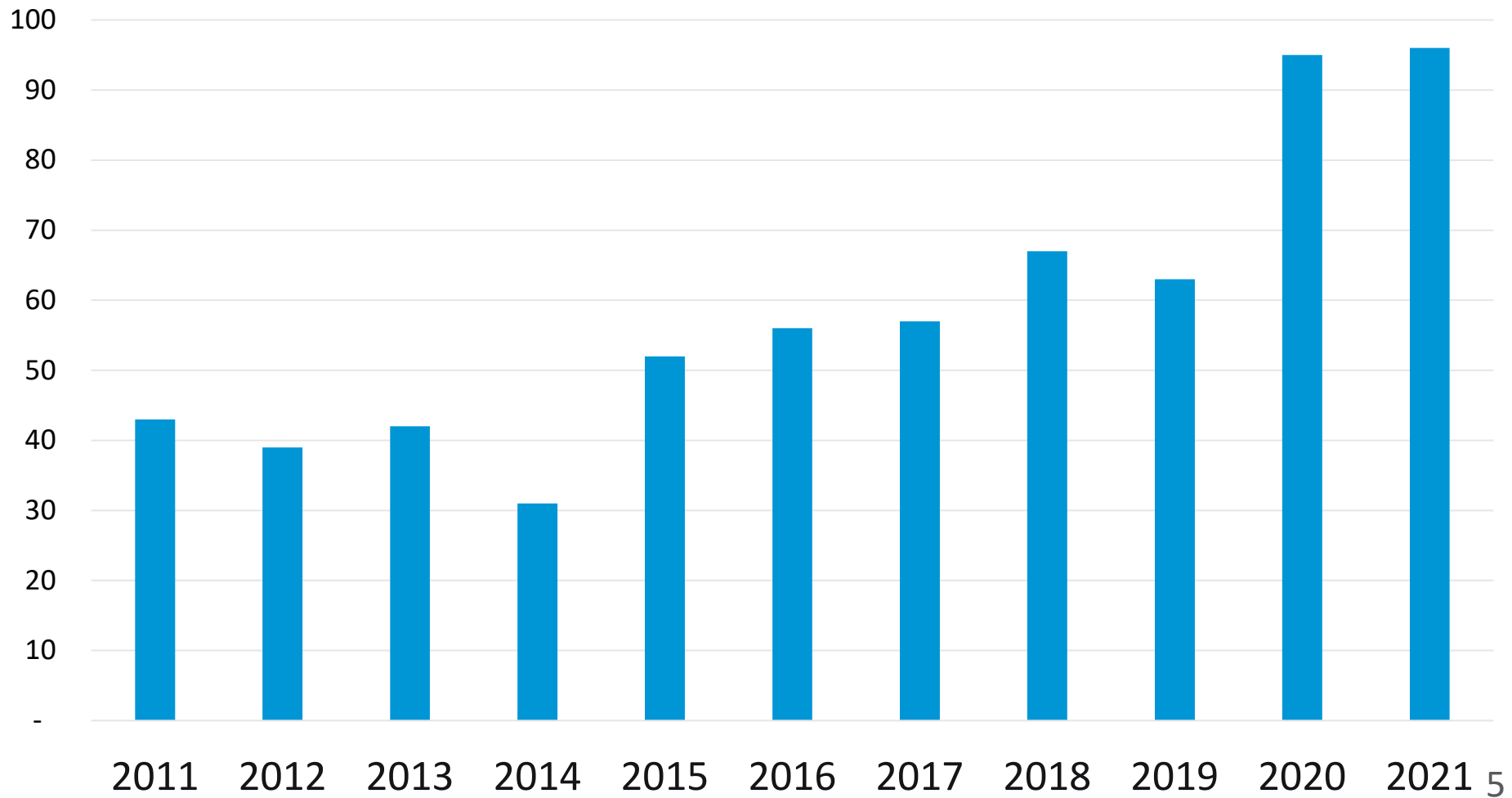
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Violent Crime in Denver 2011-2021

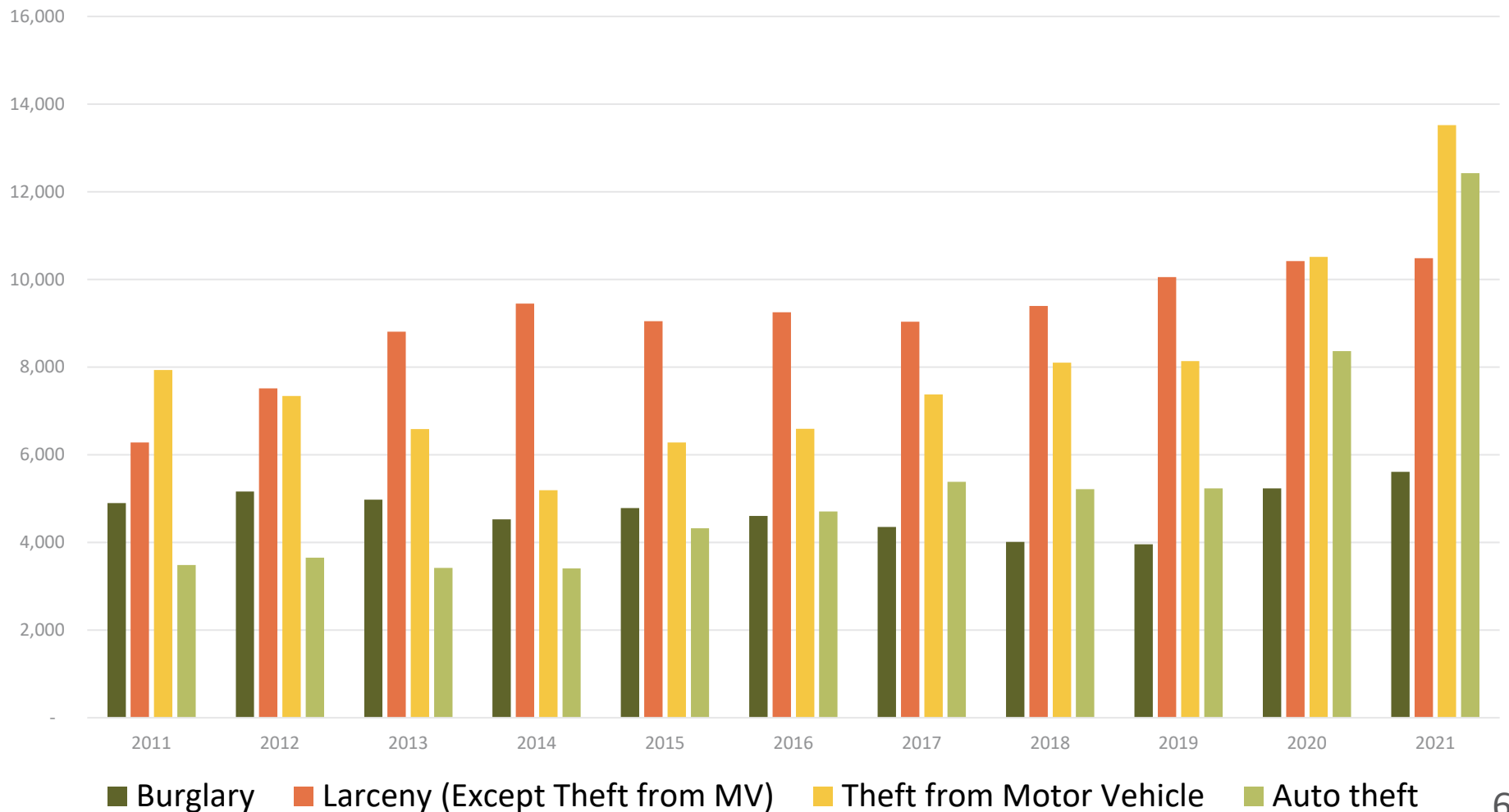


**In 2013, the FBI UCR Program initiated collection of rape data under a revised definition within the Summary Reporting System. Previously, offense data for forcible rape was collected under the legacy UCR definition: the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Beginning with the 2013 data year, the term “forcible” was removed from the offense title, and the definition was changed. The revised UCR definition of rape is: Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. Attempts or assaults to commit rape are also included; however, statutory rape and incest are excluded.*

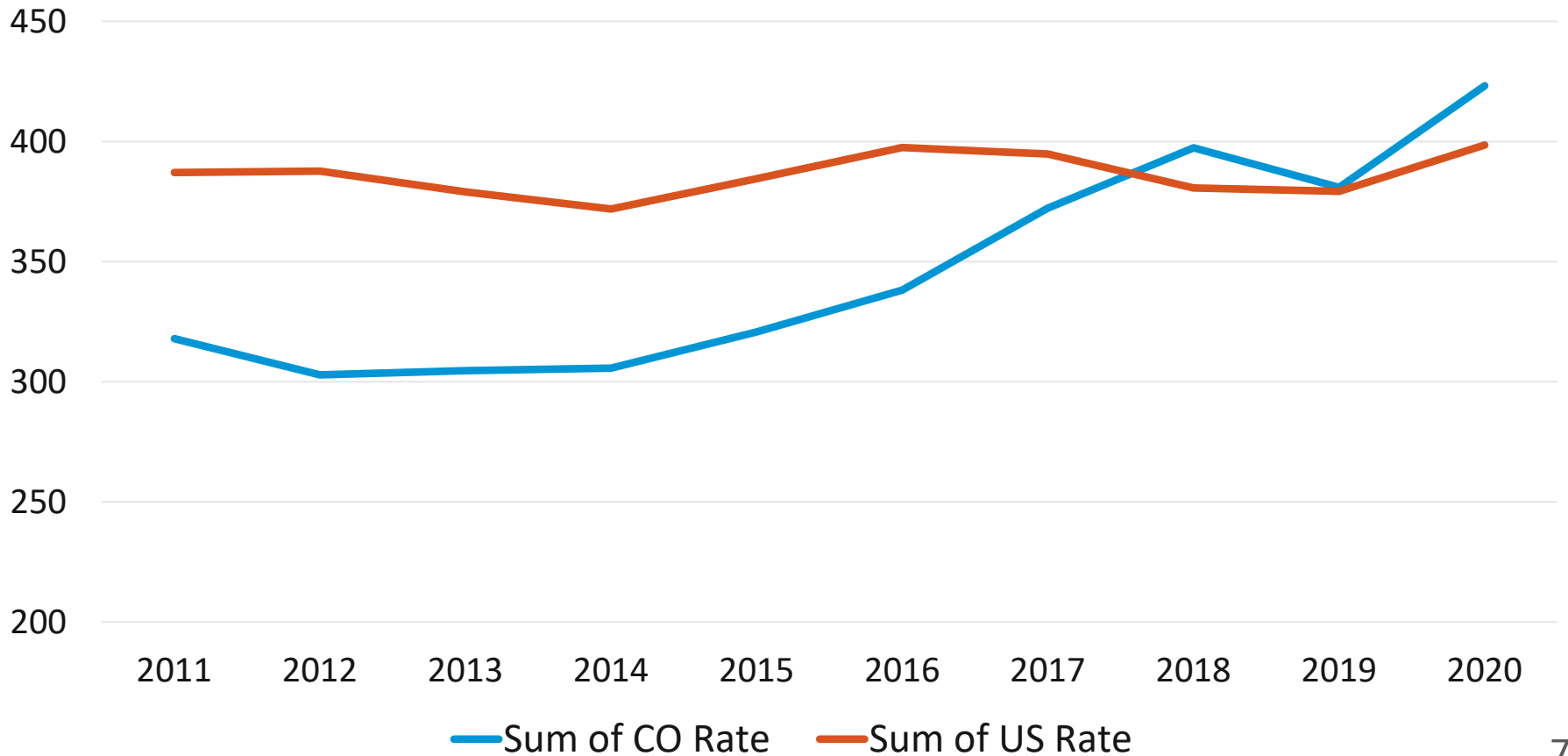
Murders In Denver 2011-2021



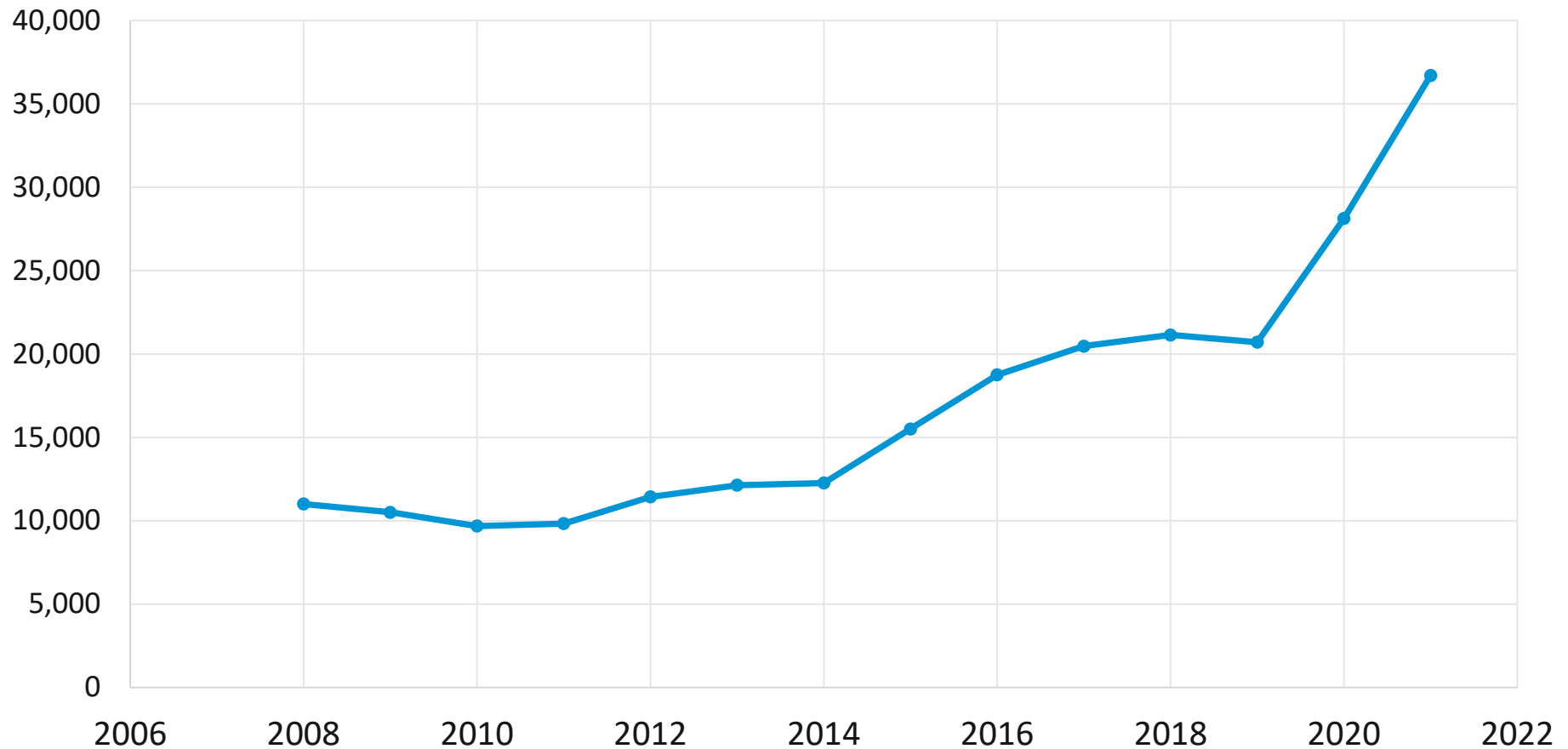
Property Crime In Denver 2011-2021



Violent Crime Rates - Colorado and US Compared

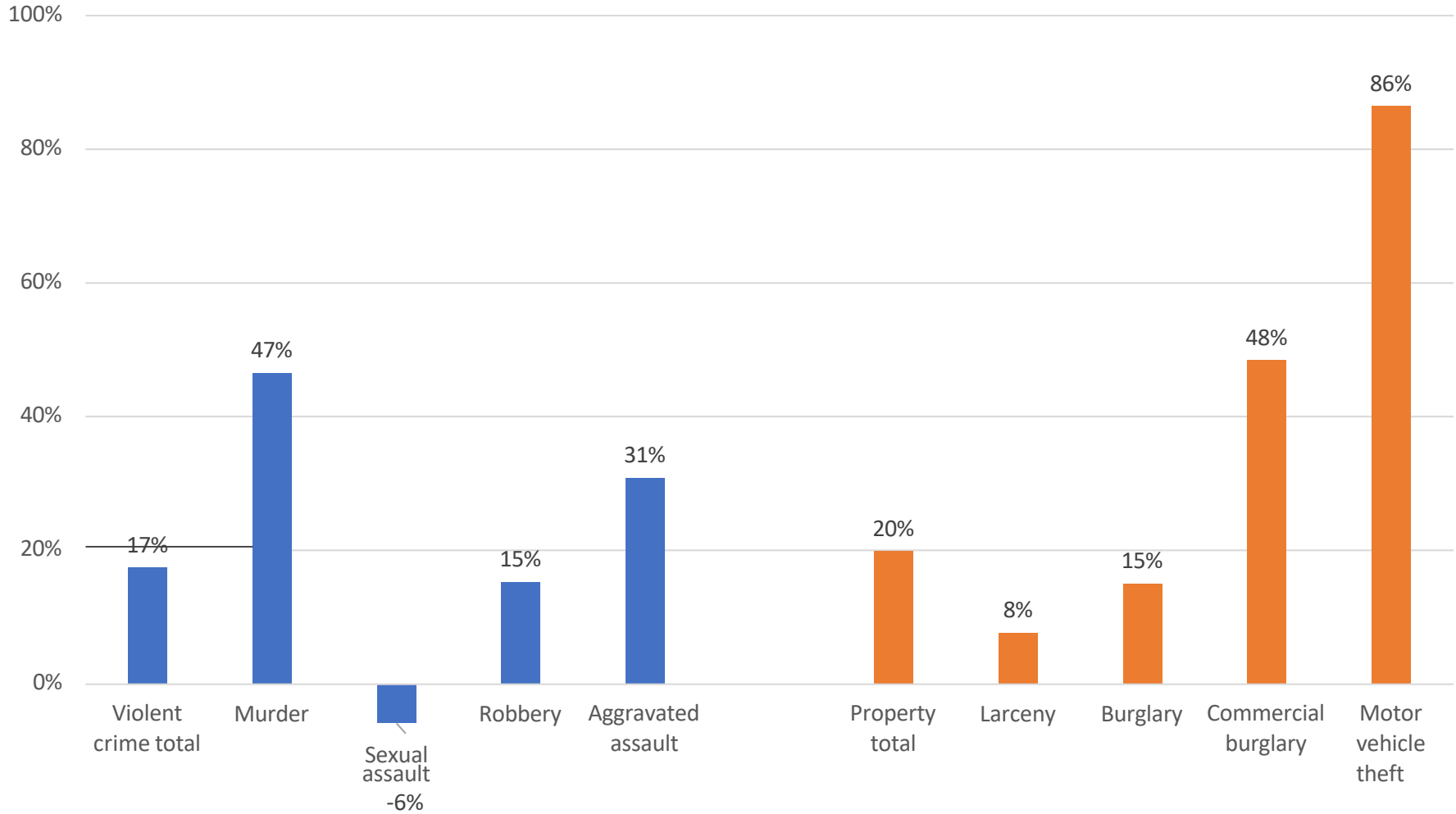


Motor Vehicle Thefts in State of Colorado

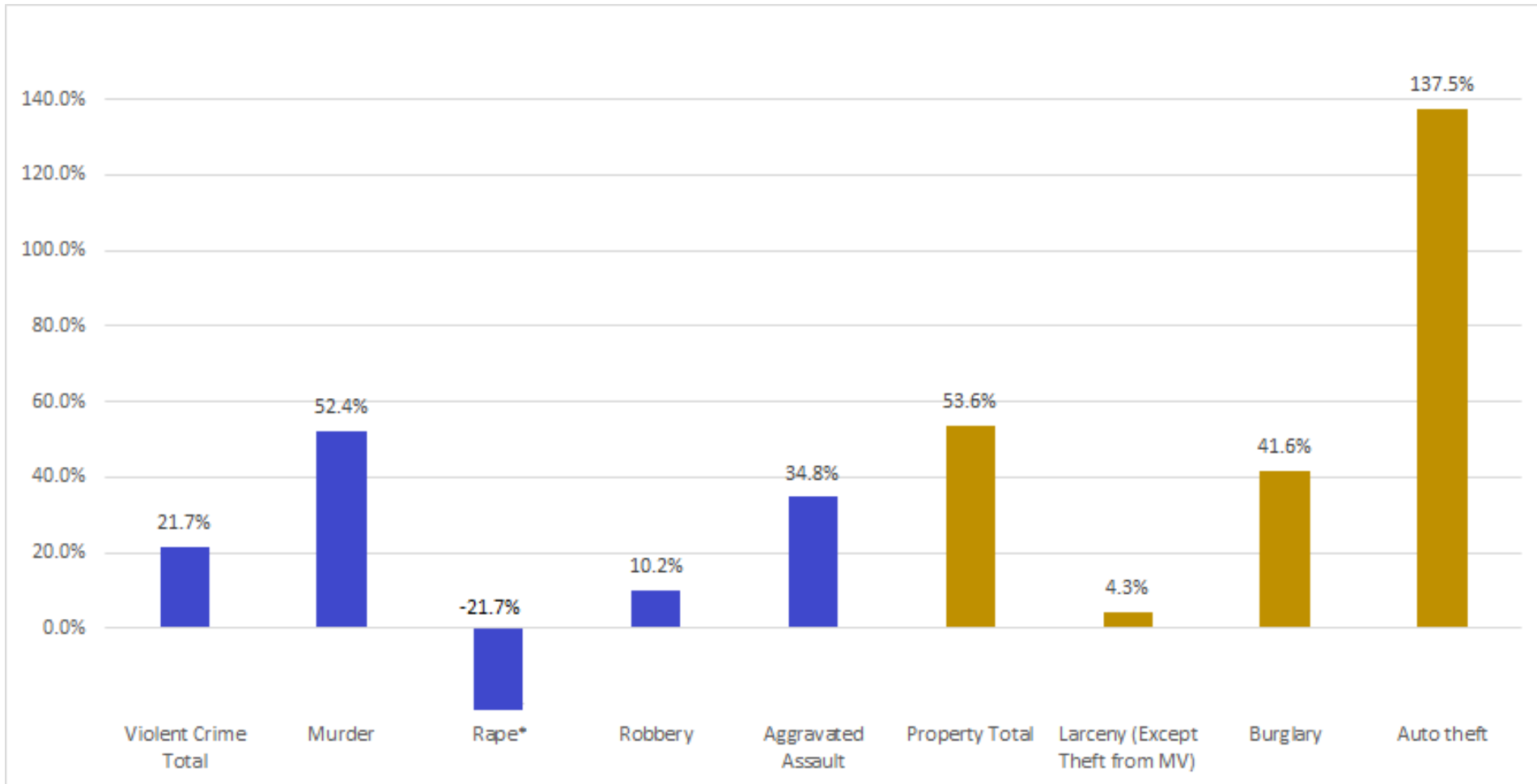


Colorado Crime Rate Change, 2019 to 2021

Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Colorado Crime Statistics.
Note: Data for 2021 are preliminary as of 2/11/2022 and are subject to change.



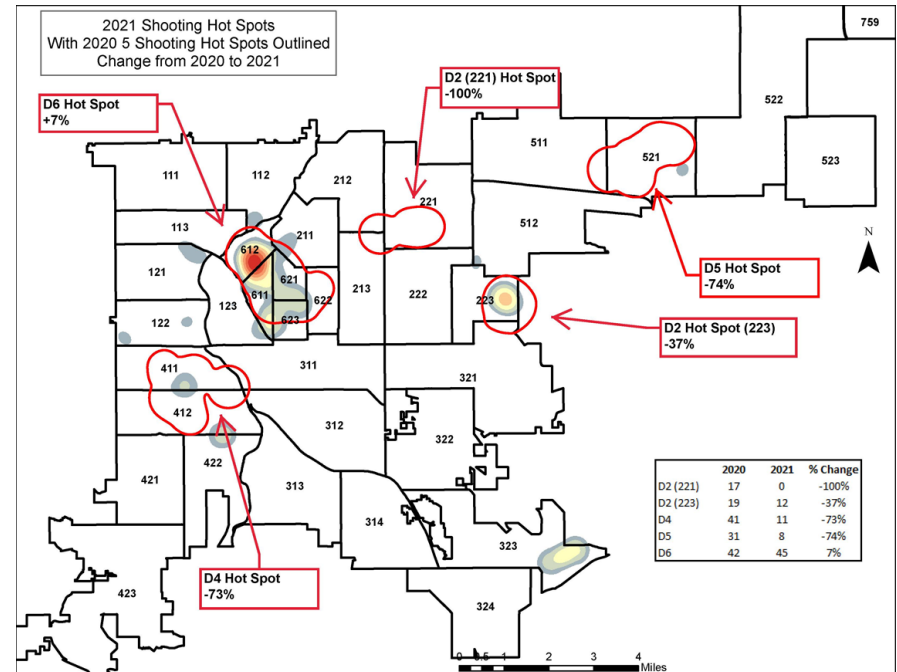
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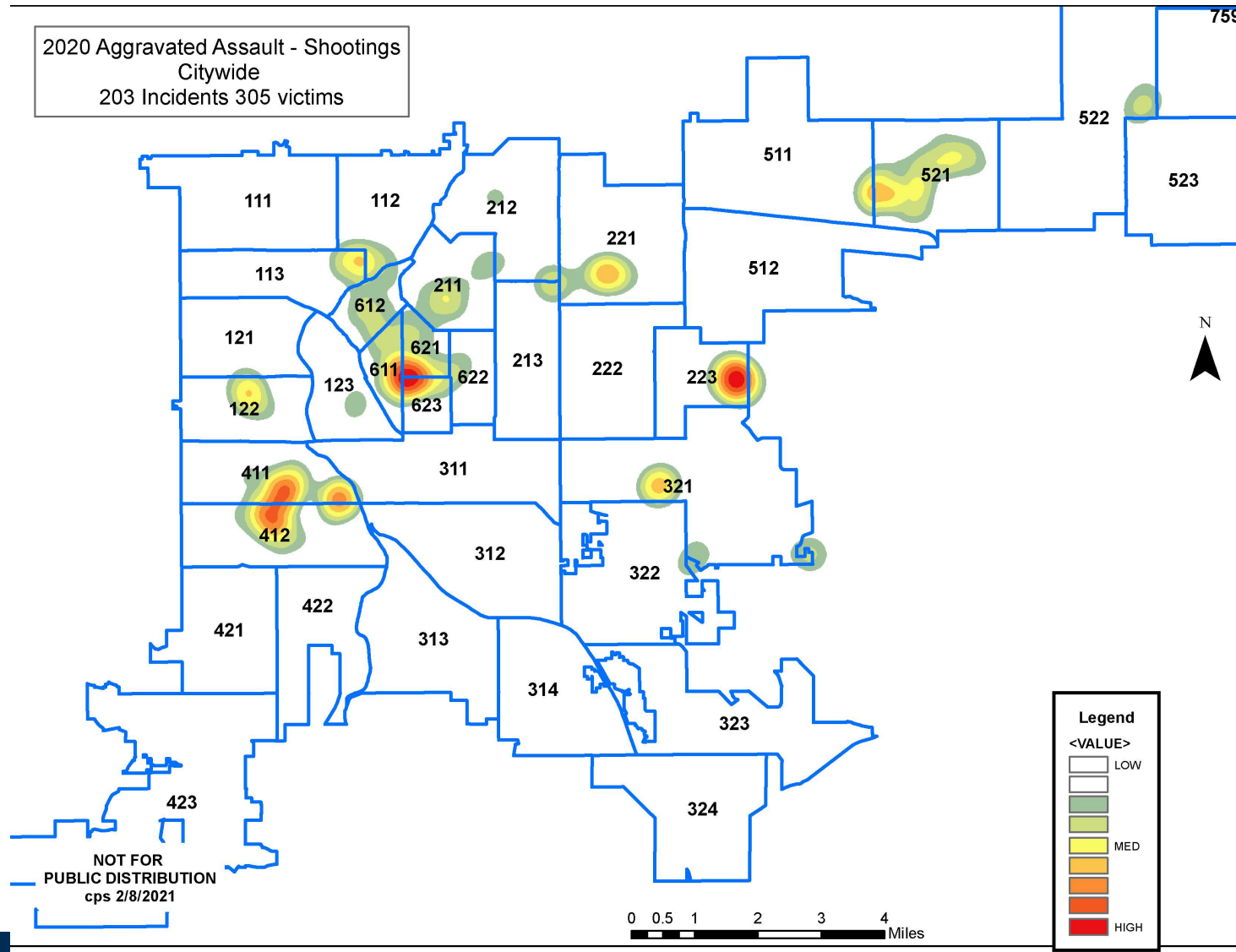
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Preventing Crime and Improving Policing

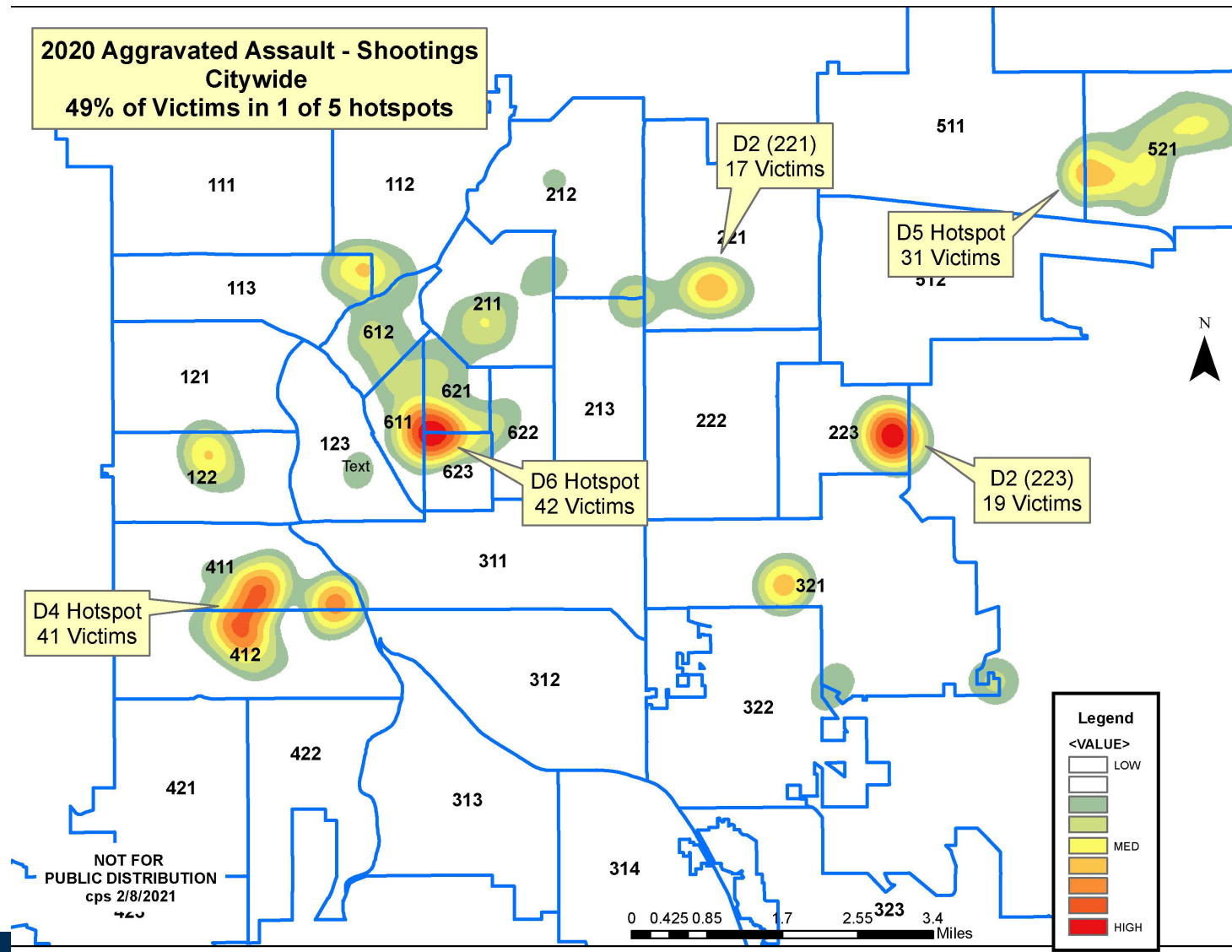
- Adding three new hotspot locations to increase access to resources
- Increase outreach to community in high-crime areas
- Improving customer service
- Strengthening youth-violence prevention with metro partners



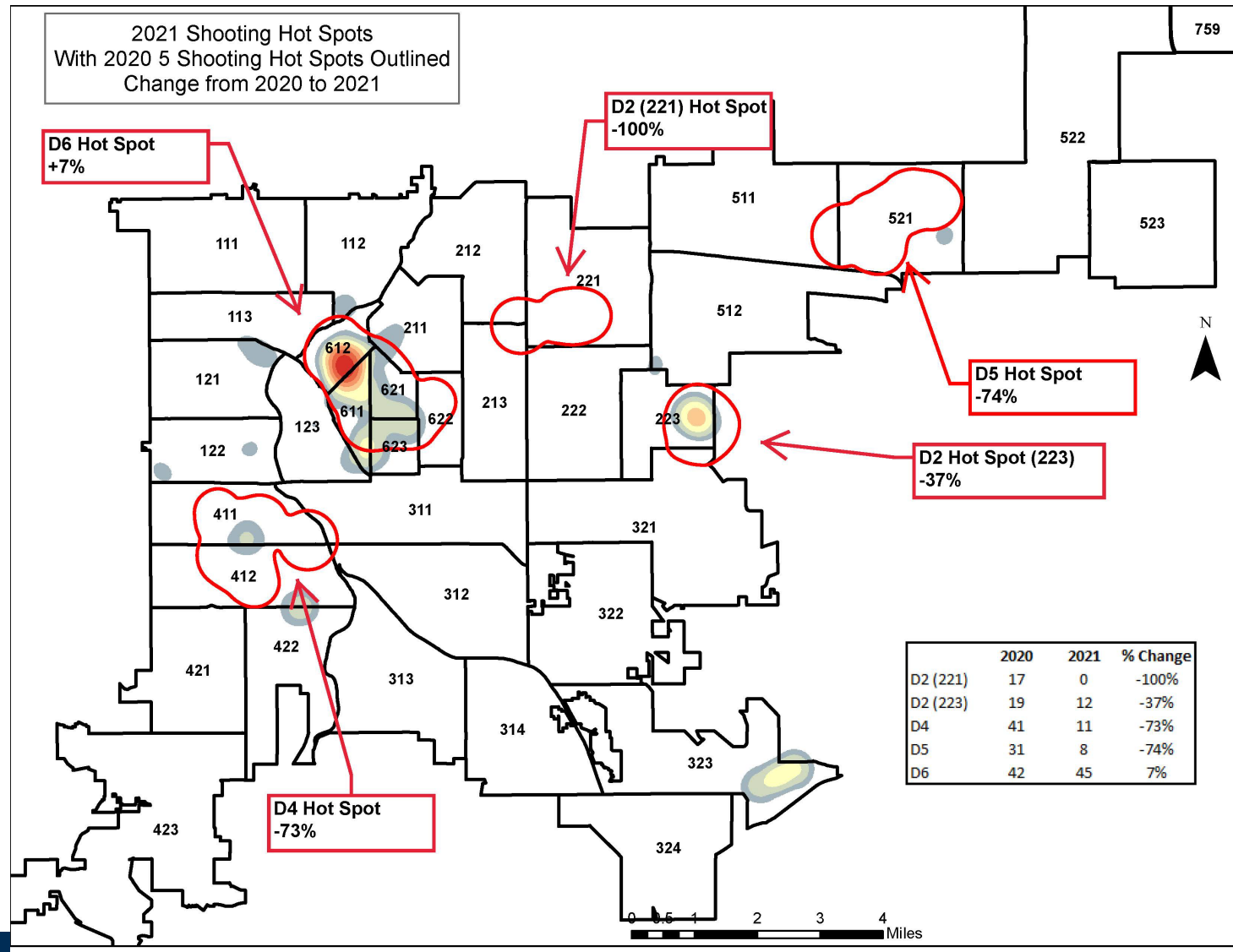
Hotspots Locations in Denver - 2020



Hotspots Locations in Denver - 2020



Hotspots Locations in Denver - 2021



Collaborative Approach with Community

Shared responsibility for public safety through:

- Resident outreach
- Government agencies
- Community organizations



Examples of work include:

- Partnerships with RNOs and local businesses
- Supporting food, clothing, and school supply drives
- Increased youth activities after school and during breaks
- Lead community clean ups

Illegal Guns

- Increase partnerships with local and federal partners
- Public awareness campaign
- Address growing issues associated with “ghost” guns
- Implement a conceal-carry ban in city-owned facilities



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CALL TO REPORT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY NOW
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1-720-913-STOP

YOU CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS

LOCK OUT CRIME
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Union Station

- Significant Fentanyl abuse and drug dealing issue
- Area of concern is the below-ground bus terminal
- We are taking enforcement actions with a focus on dealers and offering services to end-level users utilizing our outreach case coordinators and STAR
- This is not a police-specific issue. It is a public health crisis and needs a continued whole-of-city approach

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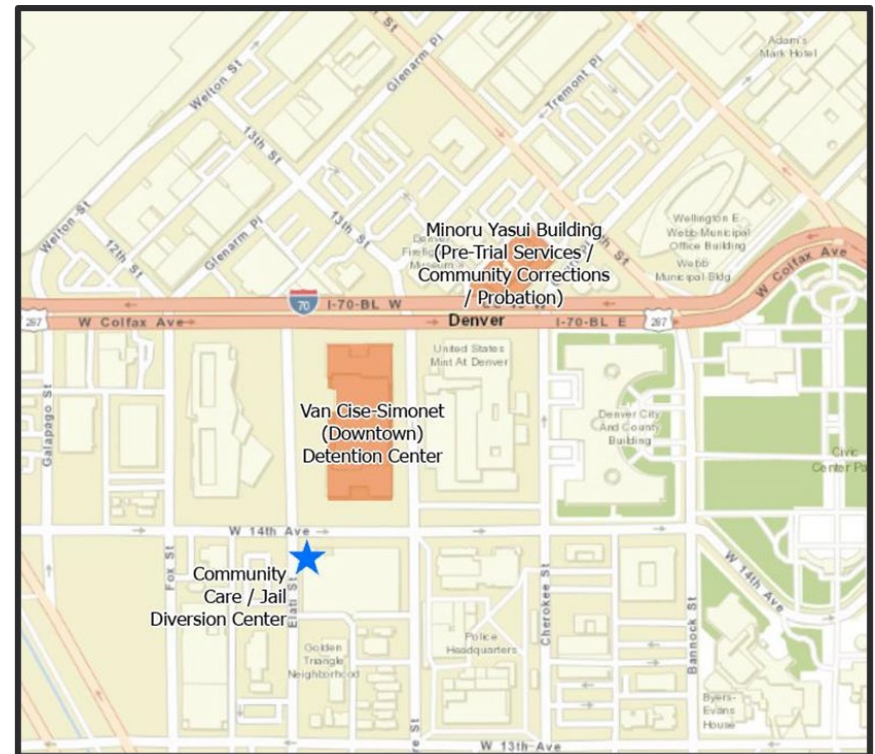
Public Safety Takes All of Us

- We must take a citywide, holistic approach to address acute and long-term issues.
- Impacts where people live, work, and play.

Part II: The AID (Assessment, Intake, Diversion) Center

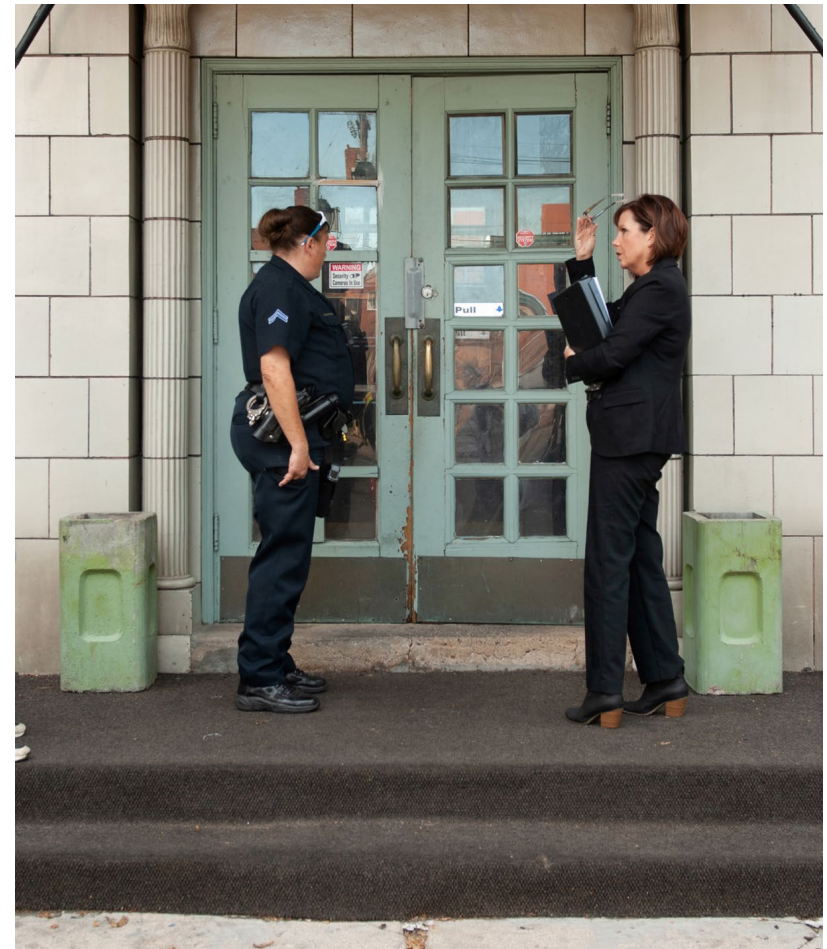
Project Scope

- A resource center for:
 - Law enforcement to divert persons who have low level offenses (e.g. trespassing, certain drug crimes) to connect them with more appropriate and informed services.
 - Those not involved in the criminal justice system, but who want connection to services (either via a service provider or a walk-in).



Framework

- Evolving from alternative response to an integrated approach to crime through a public health lens.
- The AID Center focuses on root causes such as:
 - Healthcare – physical and mental health
 - Education – access to community-based training
 - Community – referrals to community-based providers
 - Housing – referrals through HOST
- The AID Center will bring together community and City partners to sustainably reduce crime over time.



Using a Data-Driven Approach

Department of Safety (DOS) is using crime, arrest, and jail data to better understand the operational needs of the AID Center.

This includes using data to inform hours of operation, the most needed system and community resources, and more.

HourOfDay	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
0.00	37	46	36	28	51	48	43	289
1.00	38	43	30	40	39	31	34	255
2.00	28	42	29	20	30	30	30	209
3.00	23	22	24	30	36	33	35	203
4.00	23	21	22	30	27	26	21	170
5.00	21	20	12	26	17	21	20	137
6.00	21	29	33	21	22	17	12	155
7.00	28	36	45	36	25	31	20	221
8.00	41	38	45	39	42	35	27	267
9.00	41	57	41	51	45	30	28	293
10.00	50	45	47	45	40	19	18	264
11.00	33	52	43	53	52	31	27	291
12.00	44	38	54	51	35	20	21	263
13.00	55	57	40	41	45	29	44	311
14.00	56	44	41	45	55	43	29	313
15.00	45	57	63	61	66	45	56	393
16.00	43	50	55	55	53	51	46	353
17.00	25	44	49	51	53	36	34	292
18.00	45	46	44	57	49	45	44	330
19.00	36	31	38	44	54	49	31	283
20.00	38	39	47	54	42	48	35	303
21.00	37	49	40	36	35	50	32	279
22.00	52	46	34	35	40	50	44	301
23.00	33	25	39	30	54	45	49	275
Total	893	977	951	979	1007	863	780	6450

Time-of-Day / Day-of-Week for Trespassing /
Unwanted Person Charges

Anticipated Partner Services

Community

- Culturally appropriate service providers
- Short and long –term case management agencies
- Healthcare (mental & physical) providers

Law Enforcement

- Denver Police Department
 - Harm Reduction Case Manager
- Denver Sheriff Department
 - Finger-printing, system enrollment, etc.
- City Attorney's Office

City Agencies

- Office of Housing Stability (HOST)
 - Housing vouchers
- Denver Human Services (DHS)
 - SNAP benefits, Medicaid enrollment, etc.
- Department of Public Health & Environment (DDPHE)
 - Substance use programming, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programming, Support Team Assisted Response (STAR)

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Funding

- City-owned facility
- Capital Budget: \$747,000
- 2022 Operating Budget: 3 FTEs
- Future funding needs will be evaluated as part of the annual budget process.
- Will also pursue grant funding opportunities and Caring for Denver funds.

Determining Success Metrics

DOS will implement metrics to understand the effectiveness of the AID Center and what pivots need to be made as it expands.

Measurements may include:

- Participate satisfaction
- Recidivism
- Emergency room visits
- Housing placements
- Referrals to other agencies/providers
- Equitable distribution of services
- Employment services accessed
- Mental health programming utilization
- Substance use programming utilization

Next Steps

- The DOS is currently meeting with involved stakeholders to develop policies and intake procedures.
- Anticipated summer 2022 launch.
- As the program takes root, we will evaluate growth opportunities including expanded hours, increased service provider participation, a facility build-out to meet additional needs, and supplementary data capturing.



Questions?