

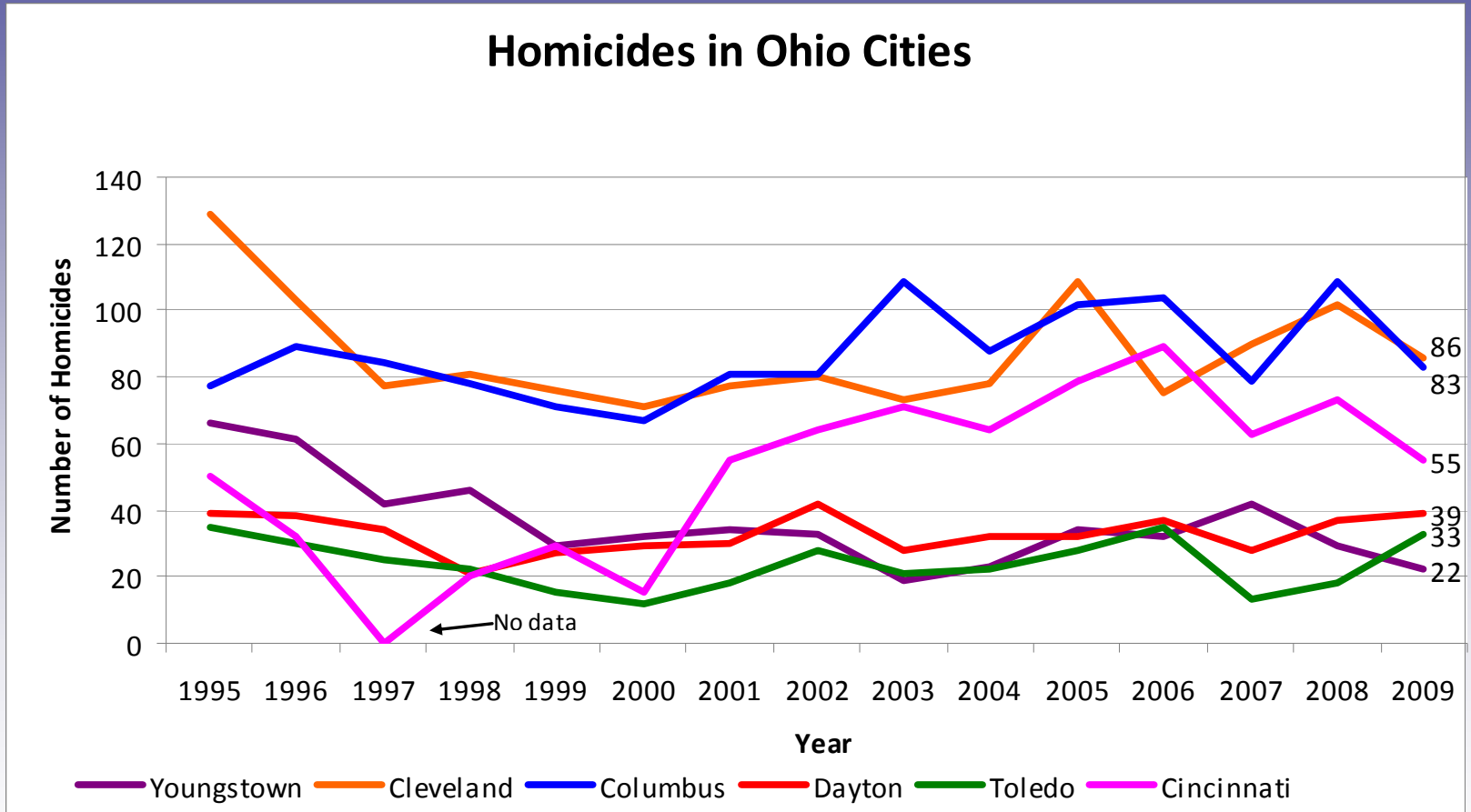
OCIRV: The Ohio Community Initiative to Reduce Violence

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Homicides in Ohio Cities

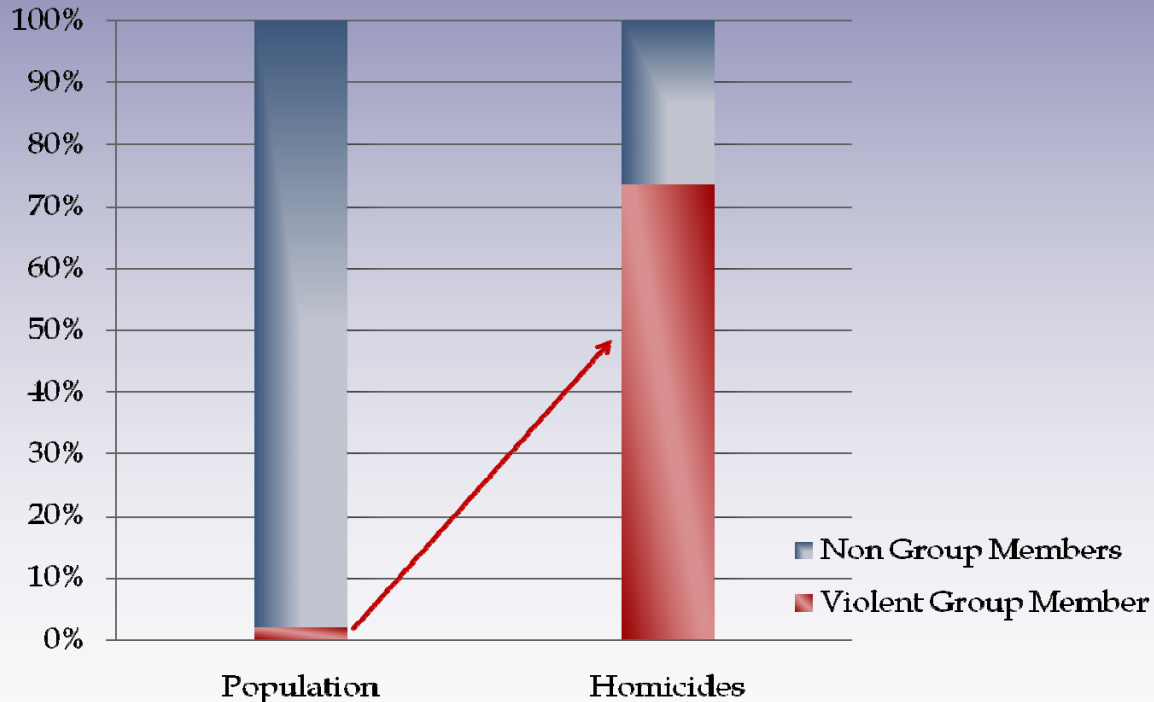


What is OCIRV?

- OCIRV was begun by OCJS in response to cities wanting to learn of proven strategies to reduce and prevent gang-related violent crime.
- OCIRV brings together local, state, and federal partners throughout Ohio engaged in a common effort to reduce violent crime.
- The goal of OCIRV is to provide assistance to Ohio communities interested in implementing this focused-deterrence violence reduction strategy.

Gang-Related Violence

Gang members are disproportionately involved in homicides, either as victim, offender, or both.



(Cincinnati, Ohio data)

Attributes of Gang Violence

- Active chronic offenders commit majority of violence
- Offenders loosely organized in groups
- Most violence based on respect – norms/narratives of the street
- Violence can be impacted through group pressure/support

Strategic Intervention

- Referred to as “Pulling Levers,” “Operation Ceasefire,” or “Boston Miracle”
- **Focused deterrence approach**
- Focus on violent street groups/networks
- Sustained communication with offenders and “the streets” to reduce violence
- Forms of the initiative successfully implemented in many cities (go to www.nnscommunities.org)
- 30% – 70% reductions in homicides within targeted population

Methodology

1. Organize Law Enforcement, Services, Community & System Teams
2. Identify violent groups and group members
3. Deliver core message
4. Deliver on promises
5. Evaluate & repeat

1. Organize Teams

- Law Enforcement: Police, probation, parole, prosecutors, sheriff, DEA, U.S. Marshals, Attorney General's Office, OCJS, others
- Services: Street advocates, employment centers, substance abuse/mental health counseling, GED assistance, others
- Community: Political leaders, neighborhood groups, religious groups, business leaders, others

2. Identify Groups and Members

- Intelligence gathering sessions
 - Group name and type (adult, juvenile, both)
 - Street/neighborhood location
 - Level of violence
 - Number of members, info on known members
 - Illegal activities of group
 - Additional known info about group
- Network analysis to show relationships between groups

3. Deliver the Message

- Traditional “call-in” sessions (offender notification meetings)
- Probationer notification meetings
- Prisoner notification meetings
- Community conversations
- Community engagement events
- Law enforcement “home visits”
- Street advocate “violence interruptions”

4. Deliver on Promise

- LE team identifies which homicides are group-related and coordinate to build cases against groups with members involved in homicides
 - These cases serve as examples at future call-in sessions

Impact on Homicides Cincinnati

- **34%** reduction in GMI homicides 34-months post CIRV:
 - Dec 04– Sep 07: 145 GMI homicides
 - Oct 07 – July 10: 96 GMI homicides
- Average monthly GMI homicides pre-CIRV:
4.3
- Average monthly GMI homicides post-CIRV:
2.8

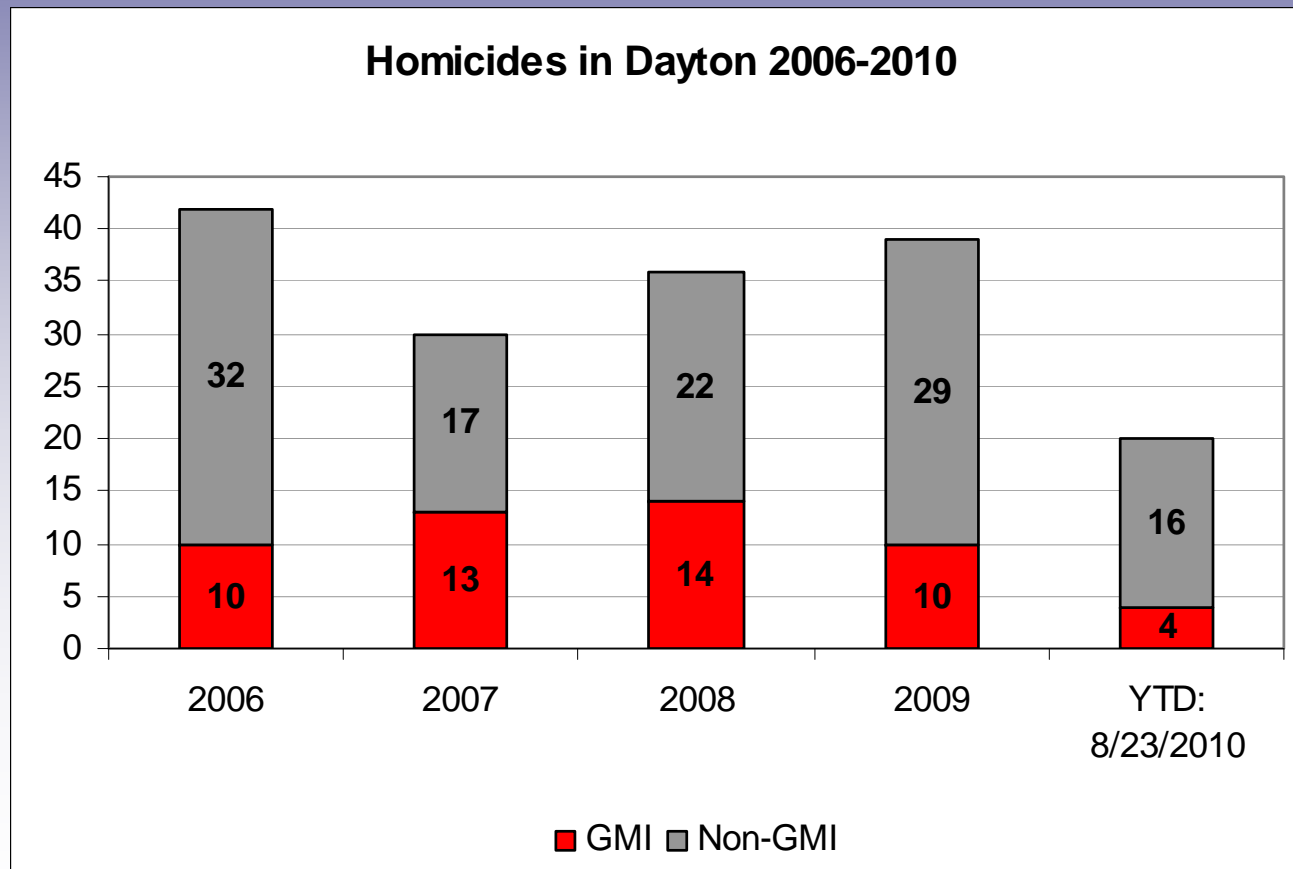
Impact on Shootings: Cincinnati

- **Shootings:** Fatal and non-fatal firearm shooting victims; unknown if group/gang related
- **14%** reduction in shootings 33-months post CIRV:
 - Average monthly shootings pre-CIRV: 39.2
 - Average monthly shootings post-CIRV: 33.7

Shootings Year-to-Date: Jan 1-June 30				
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
263	183	193	197	196
Percent change	-30.4%	-5.5%	+2.1%	-.5%

Impact on Homicides: Dayton

- First call-in November 2008



What Does OCIRV Provide?

- Technical assistance from OCJS and Cincinnati CIRV to participating cities
- Trainings for participating cities on topics of their choice (e.g., data collection, service delivery)
- Cincinnati and Dayton serve as learning sites, allowing people to observe call-ins, data gathering sessions
- Monitoring of each site
- Coordination of program manager meetings
- Conferences to expose cities to the strategy

OCIRV Timeline

- January 2007—meeting to introduce chiefs to violence reduction initiative
- July 2007—Cincinnati's first call-in
- April 2008—First OCIRV statewide conference
- November 2008—Dayton's first call-in
- April 2010—Canton's first call-in
- September 2010—Second OCIRV statewide conference
- October 2010—meetings with Columbus to discuss possibility of OCIRV

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