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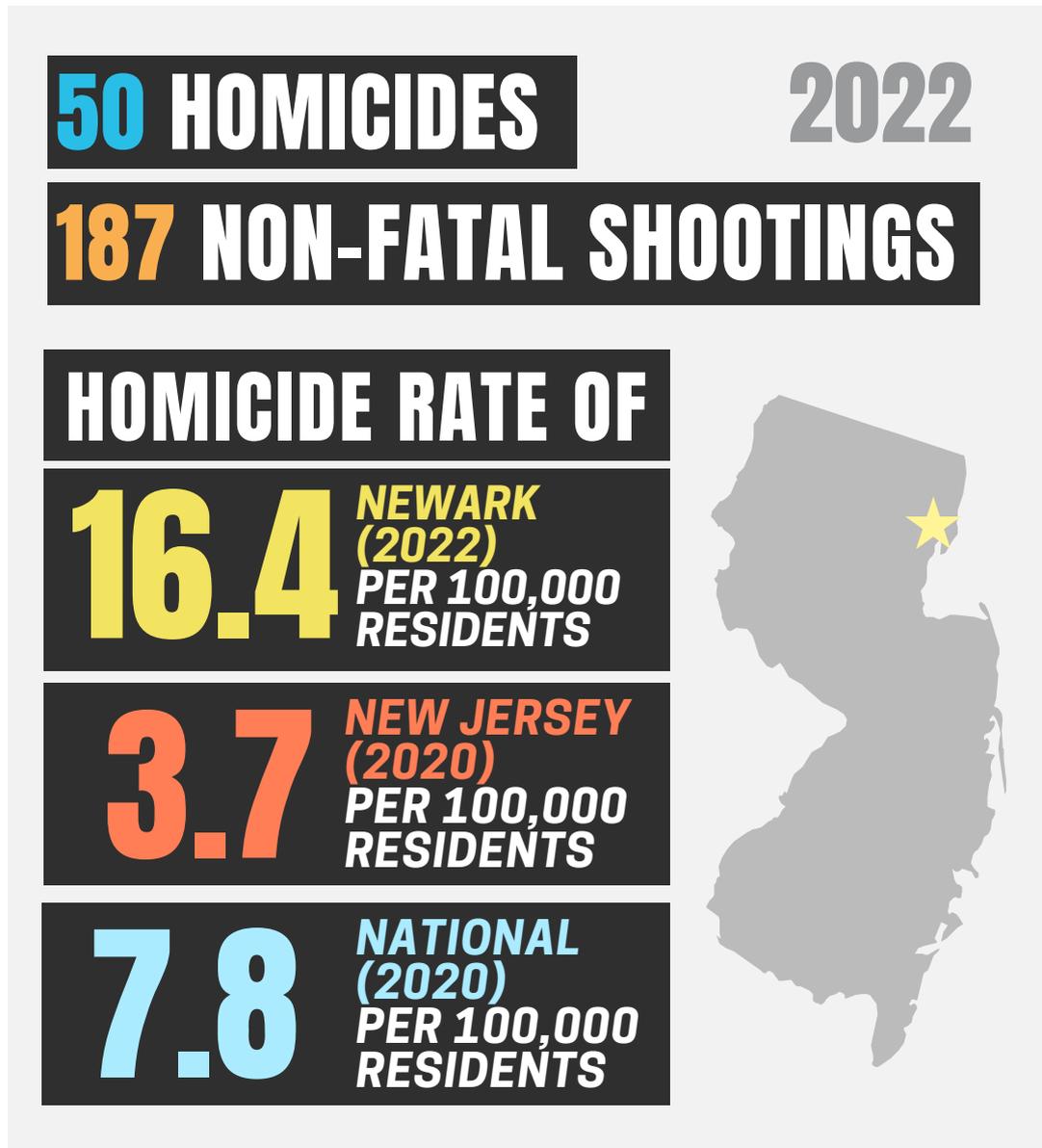
GUN VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT

Assessment of Newark, New Jersey Homicides and Non-Fatal Shootings
January 1, 2022–December 31, 2022

Introduction

To better understand gun violence in order to more effectively intervene and reduce shootings in Newark, the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) conducted this Gun Violence Assessment (GVA). NICJR assessed publicly available data sources to develop the following report on homicides and non-fatal incidents in Newark, New Jersey between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022.

In 2022, Newark recorded 50 homicides and 187 non-fatal shooting incidents.¹ Newark had 112 homicides in 2013; 10 years later, its homicide count is less than half of that. Notably, the city also experienced a 15% reduction in homicides from 2021 to 2022.²



VICTIMS & SUSPECTS

OF HOMICIDES AND NON-FATAL SHOOTINGS
IN NEWARK ARE PRIMARILY

BLACK, MALE, & AGES 22-31.



General Overview of Findings

Newark has a population of 307,220, of which 48.2% are Black, 26.9% Latino, and 22.7% White.³ Homicide victims and suspects have largely been identified as Black, male, and ranging between the ages of 22-31.

Data Limitations

In 2022, Newark recorded 50 homicides and 187 shooting victims; however, public information was only available for 40 homicides and 167 non-fatal shooting victims. Additional limitations include a majority of suspects not yet being identified, victim data for non-fatal shootings not being recorded, gender and racial/ethnic data being unavailable, and the fact that minors involved in cases usually do not have their information reported. In some cases, totals in the following tables vary from the total number of victims and suspects reported above due to these gaps in data sources. Also, some homicide and non-fatal shooting locations were difficult to label in terms of zip code, council district, and police district because reporting is labeled in blocks and not by address. Though the data are incomplete, this report still draws valuable conclusions from the available sample.

Table 1. Number of Gun Violence Victims and Suspects with Available Demographic Information

Data available	Homicide victims	Homicide suspects	Non-fatal victims	Non-fatal suspects
Age	35	14	17	18
Race	31	1	3	5
Gender	35	13	111	28

Demographic Breakdown

For the months of January through December, homicide victims were, on average, 29.9 years old (with 35 known victims). Suspects for homicides were, on average, 28.6 years old (with 14 known suspects). For nonfatal shootings, the average age of a suspect was 30.9 (with 18 known suspects).

Although race/ethnicity information was missing for some victims and suspects in both homicides and nonfatal shootings, according to the information collected, 93.5% of homicide victims were Black and 6.5% were Latino. Among homicide suspects, 91.7% were Black and 8.3% were Latino. Available information in nonfatal shootings showed that 66% of victims were Black and 33% were Latino, and among suspects, 100% were Black.



The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are between the ages of 22-31.

Figure 1. Average Age of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

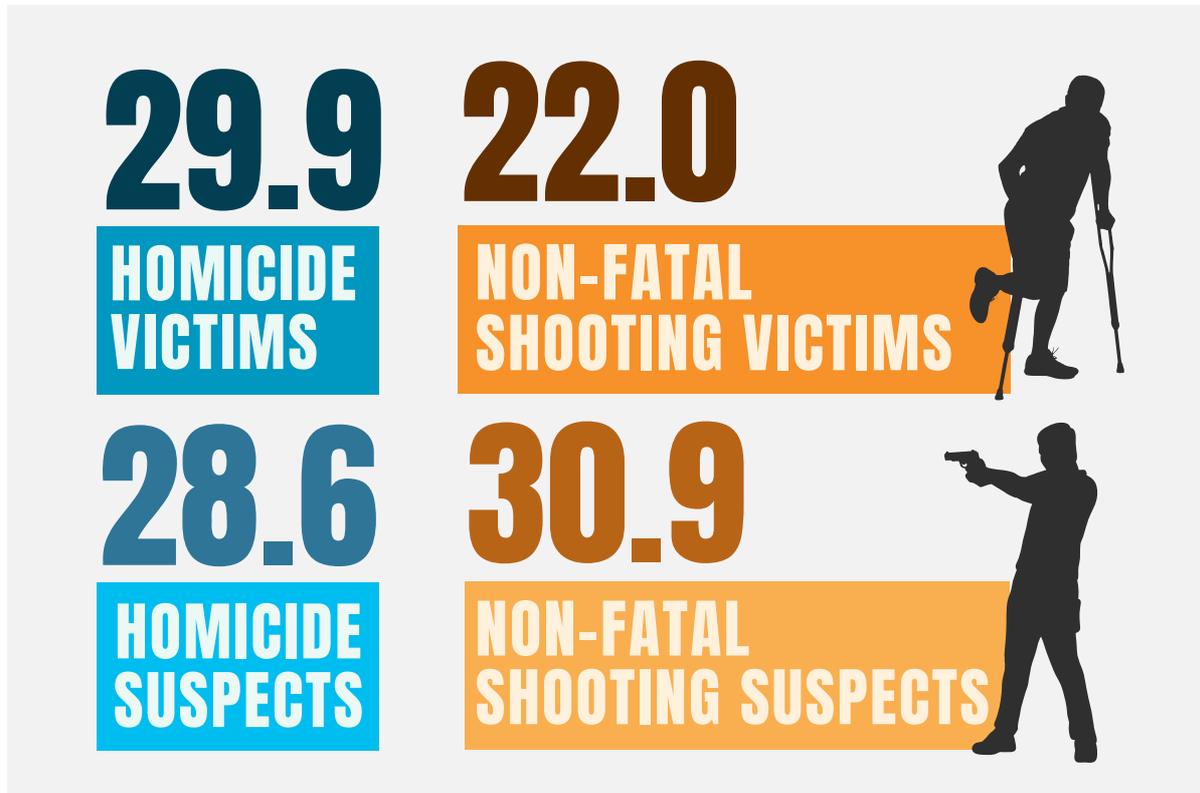


Table 2. Age Distribution of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Homicide victims		Homicide suspects		Non-fatal shooting victims		Non-fatal shooting suspects	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 18	2	5.7%	1	7.1%	11	64.7%	2	11.1%
18-34	24	68.6%	10	17.4%	5	29.4%	11	66.1%
35+	9	27.7%	3	21.4%	1	5.9%	5	27.8%
Total	35	100%	14	100%	17	100%	18	100%

The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are Black.

Figure 2. Race/Ethnicity of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

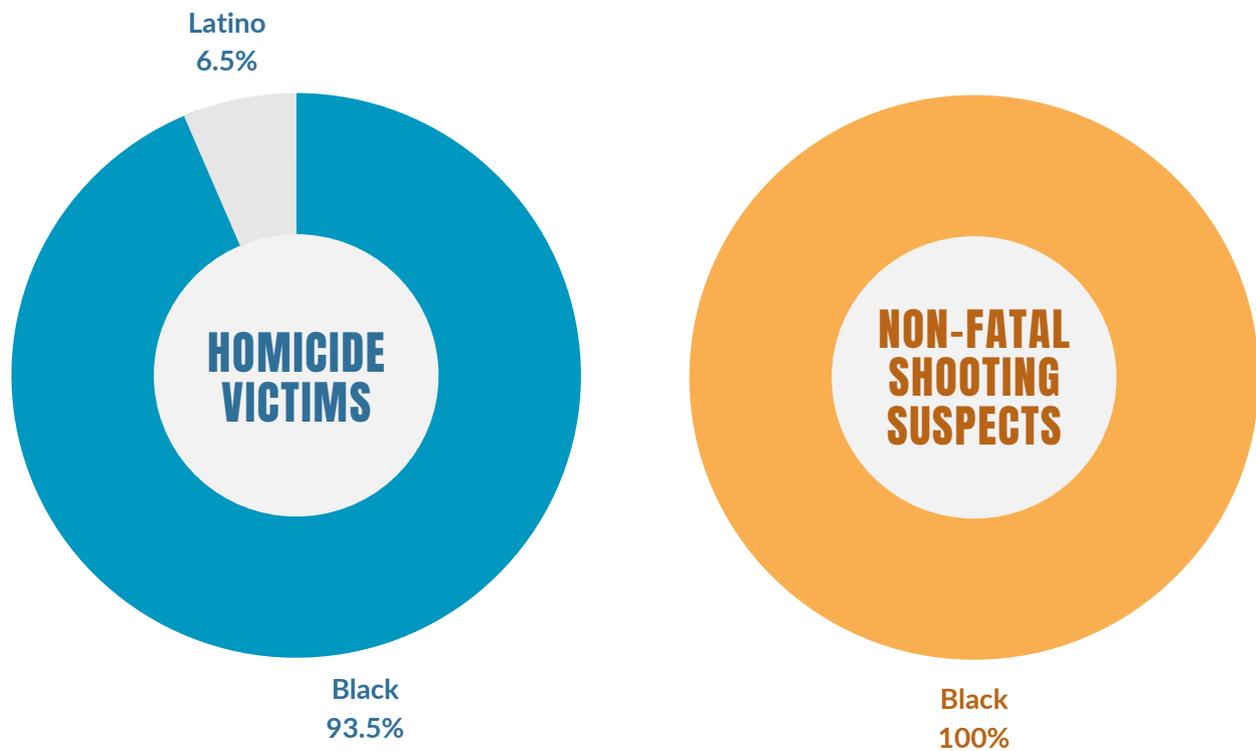


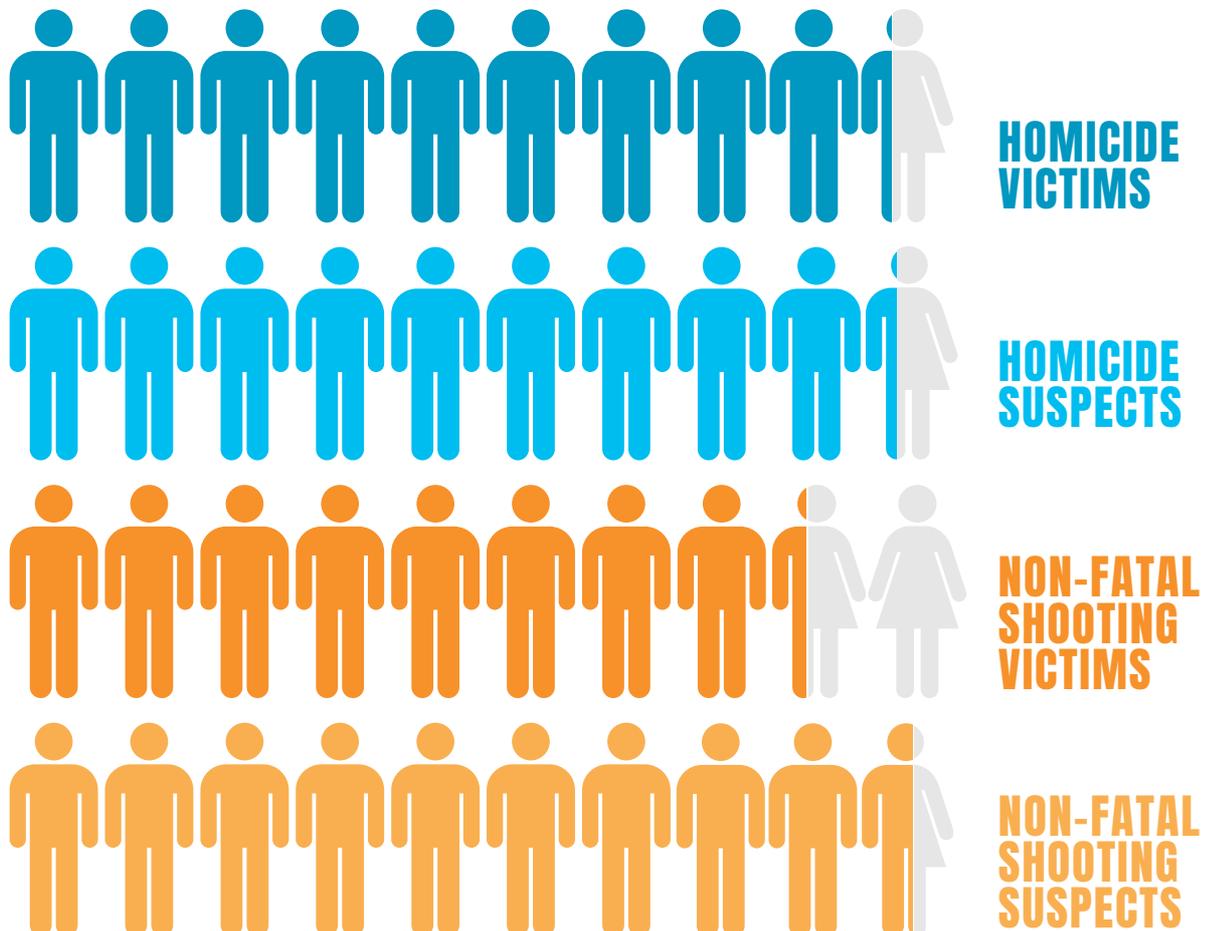
Table 3. Race/Ethnicity of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Homicide victims		Homicide suspects		Non-fatal shooting victims		Non-fatal shooting suspects	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Black	29	93.5%	11	91.7%	2	66.7%	15	100%
Latino	2	6.5%	1	8.3%	1	33.3%	-	-
White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	31	100%	12	100%	3	100%	15	100%

The majority of gun violence victims and suspects are male.

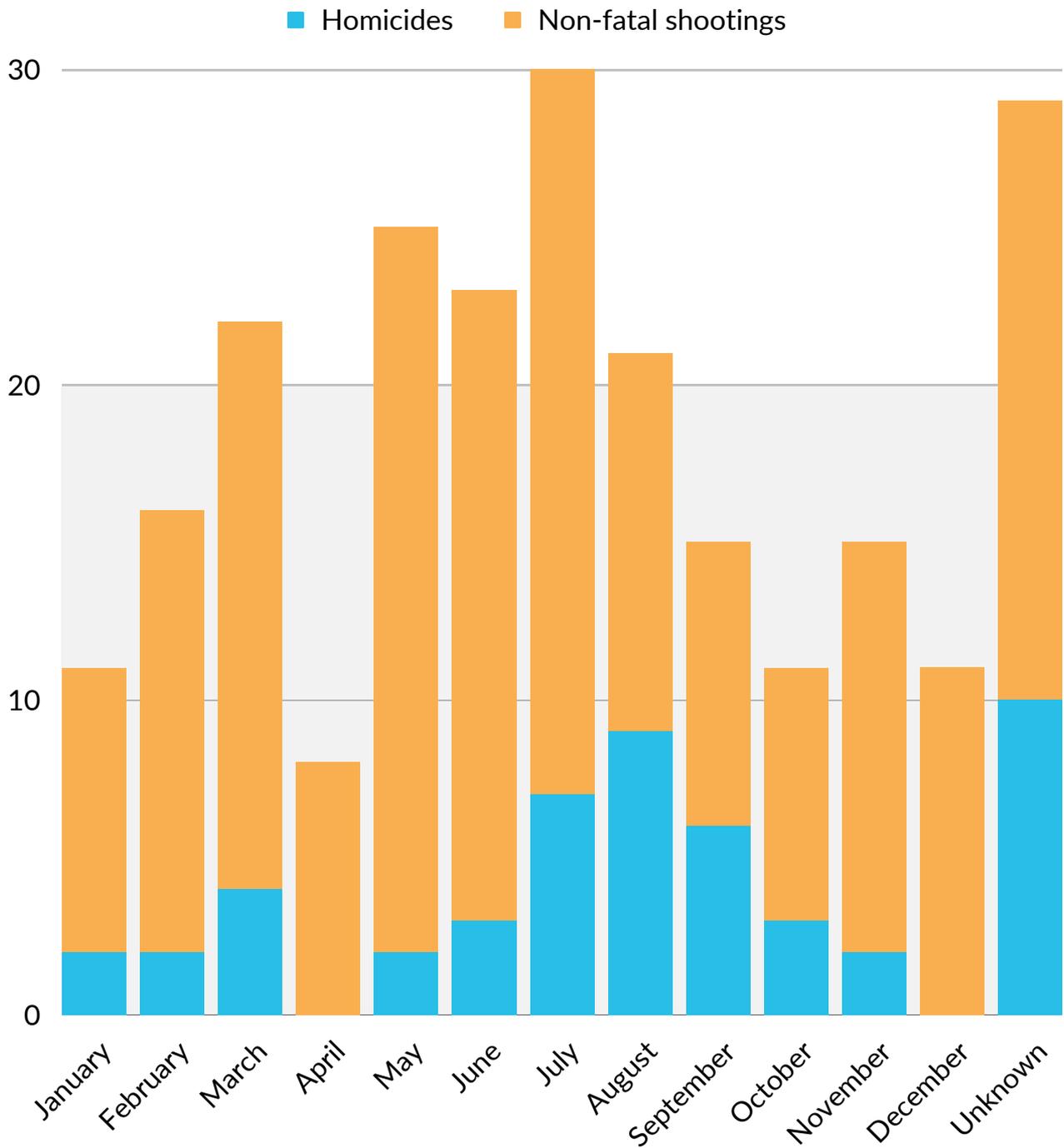
Table 4 and Figure 3. Gender of Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims and Suspects

	Homicide victims		Non-fatal shooting victims	
	#	%	#	%
Male	32	91.4%	92	82.9%
Female	3	8.6%	19	17.1%
Total	35	100%	111	100%
	Homicide suspects		Non-fatal shooting suspects	
	#	%	#	%
Male	12	92.3%	27	96.4%
Female	1	7.7%	1	3.6%
Total	13	100%	28	100%



Gun Violence Incidents by Month

Figure 4. Homicide and Non-Fatal Shooting Victims by Month in 2022



Geographic Distribution of Gun Violence

The zip codes with the highest percentages of homicides were 07103 (24.3%) in the West Side neighborhood, 07112 (18.9%) in Weequahic, and 07108 (16.2%) in Upper Clinton Hill.

Figure 5. Newark Homicides in 2022 by Zip Code⁴

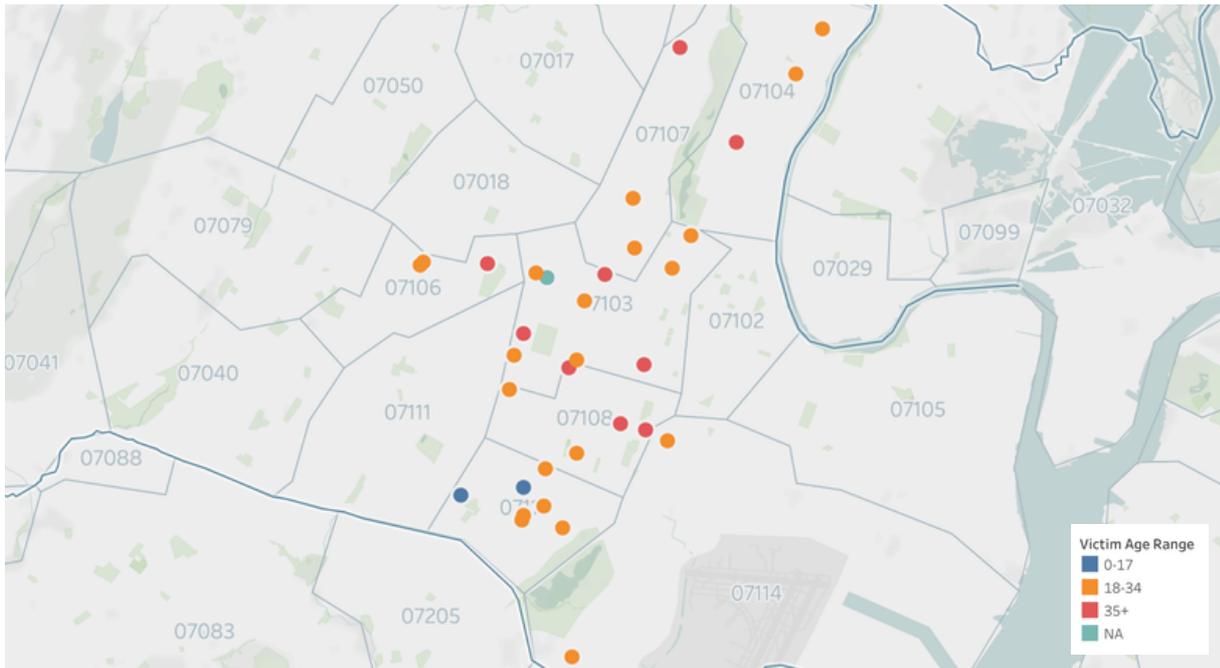
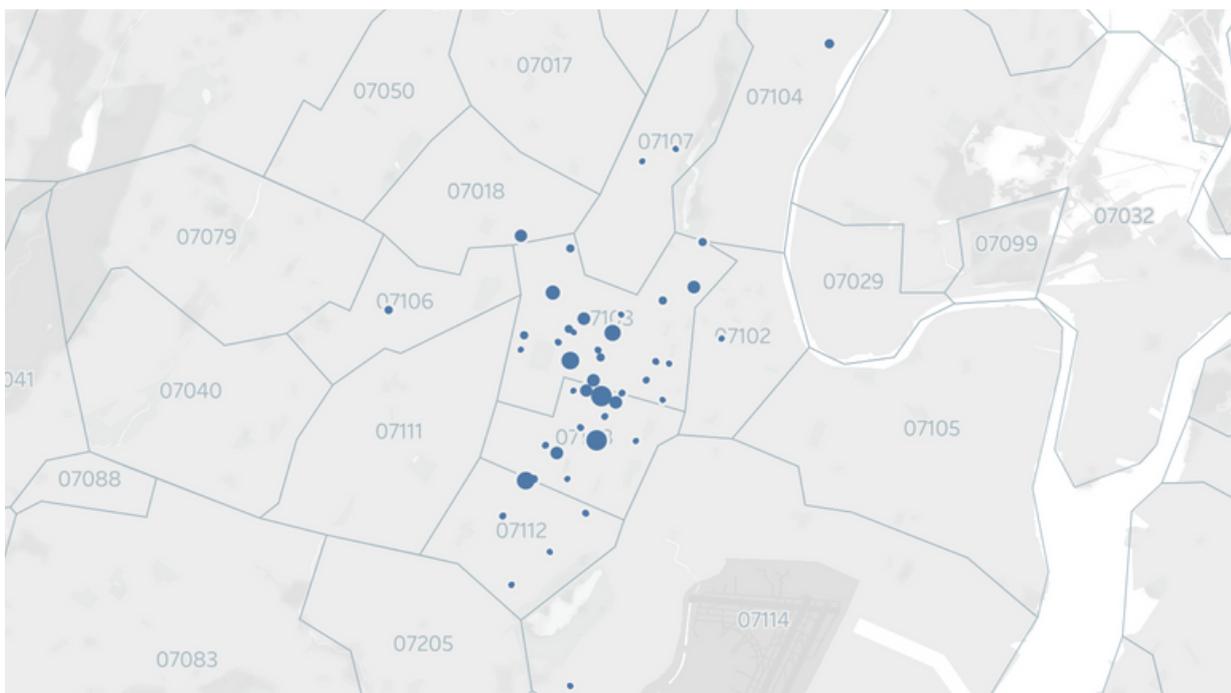


Figure 6. Newark Non-Fatal Shootings in 2022 by Zip Code⁵



Newark Police Division Clearance Rates

The Newark Police Division homicide clearance rate increased slightly from 2020 to 2021 (2022 data are not yet available). However, the Division has seen an overall decrease in clearance rates for both homicides and all violence crimes over the past 10 years. Regardless, the Newark Police Division's 2021 homicide clearance rate of 56% was higher than the national homicide clearance rate of 50% for that same year.⁶

Figure 7. Reported and Cleared Homicides by the Newark Police Division⁷

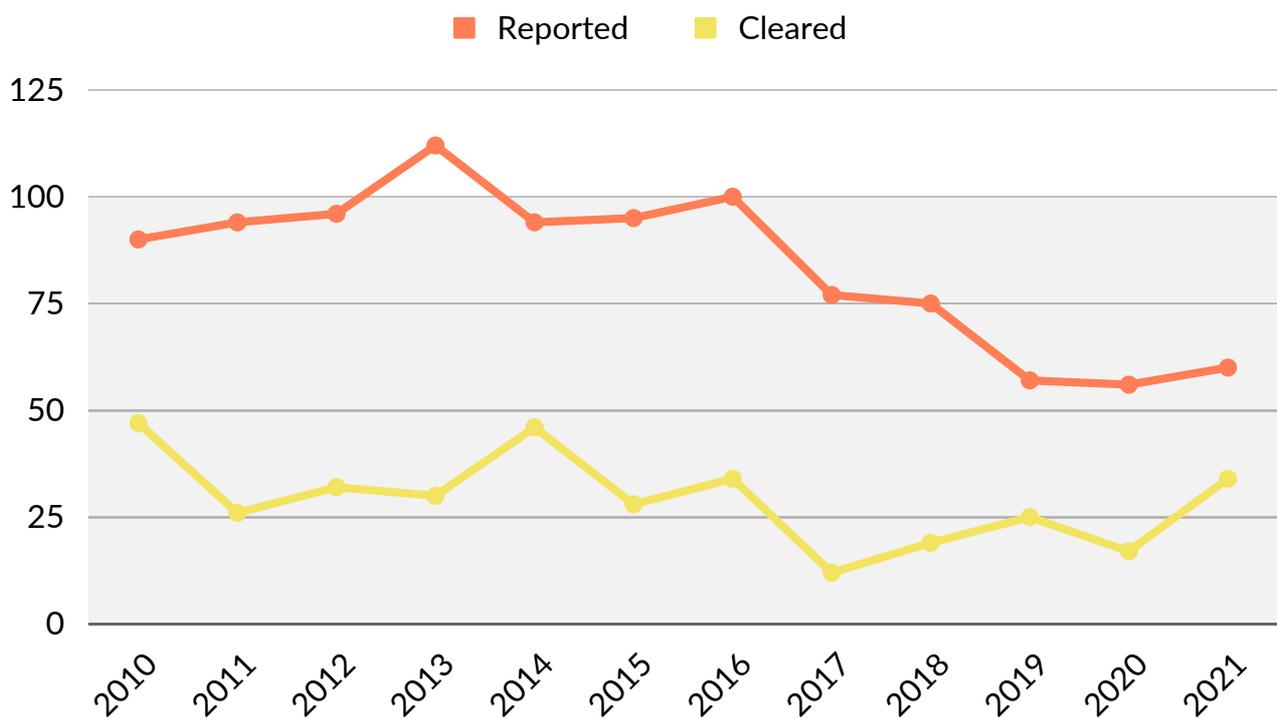


Table 5. Newark Police Division Clearance Rate for Homicides per Year

Year	Homicide Clearance Rate	Year	Homicide Clearance Rate
2010	52.2%	2016	34.0%
2011	27.7%	2017	16.7%
2012	33.3%	2018	25.3%
2013	26.8%	2019	43.9%
2014	48.9%	2020	30.3%
2015	29.5%	2021	56.7%

Endnotes

1. [Newark Saw Less Homicides and Violent Crime in 2022](#)
2. [Police: Newark reports 50 homicides in 2022 – lowest number in 60 years](#)
3. [US Census Bureau, Quick Facts, Newark City, New Jersey](#)
4. [Homicides in Newark 2022](#)
5. [Non-fatal shootings in Newark 2022](#), limited data on NFS victim unable to share by age.
6. [Federal Bureau of Investigation Crime Data Explorer](#)
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