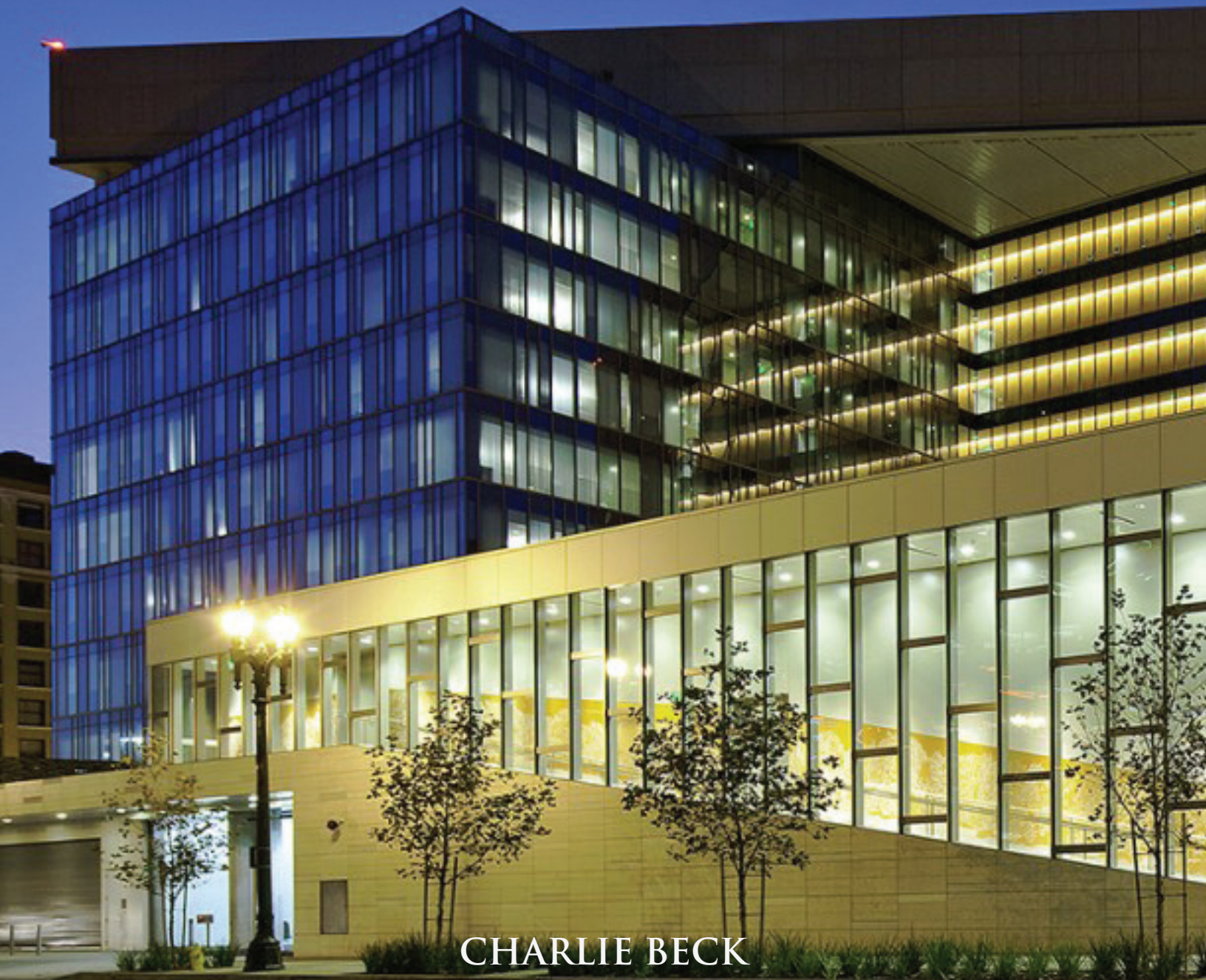


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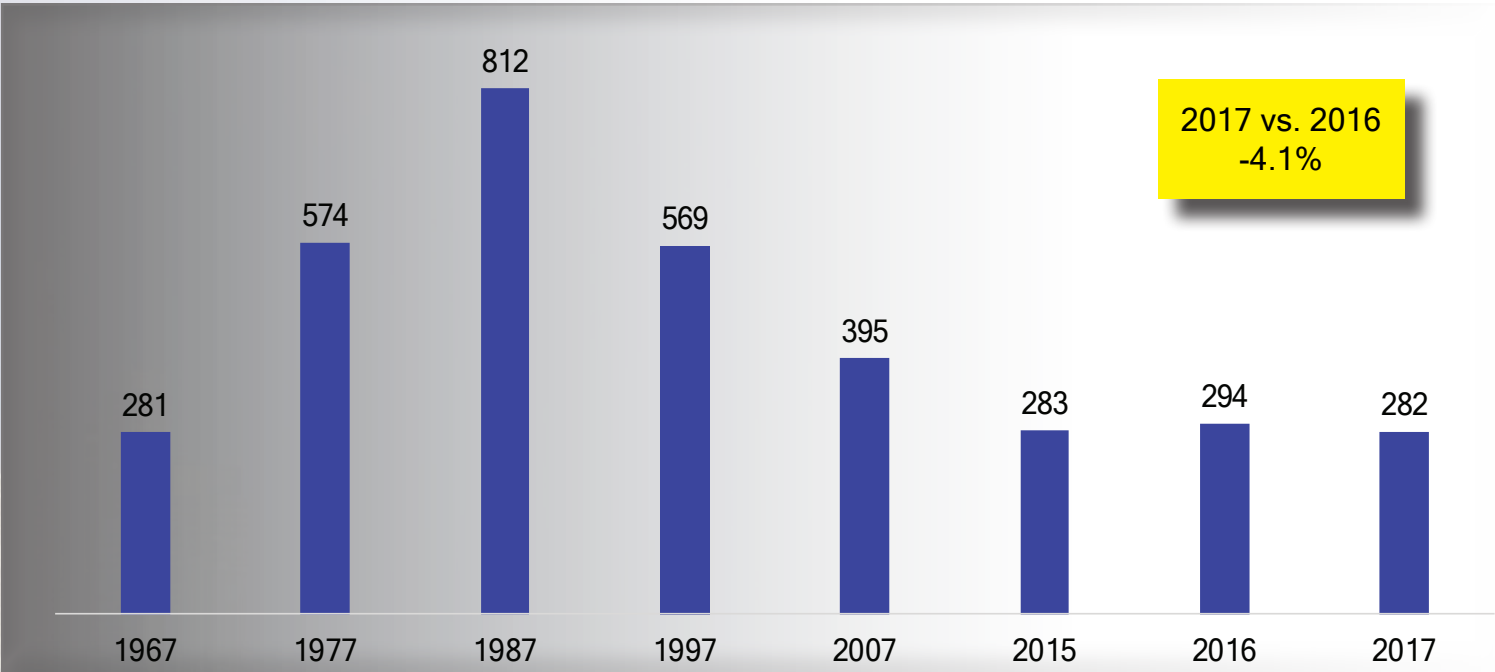
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## CITYWIDE HOMICIDE TOTALS

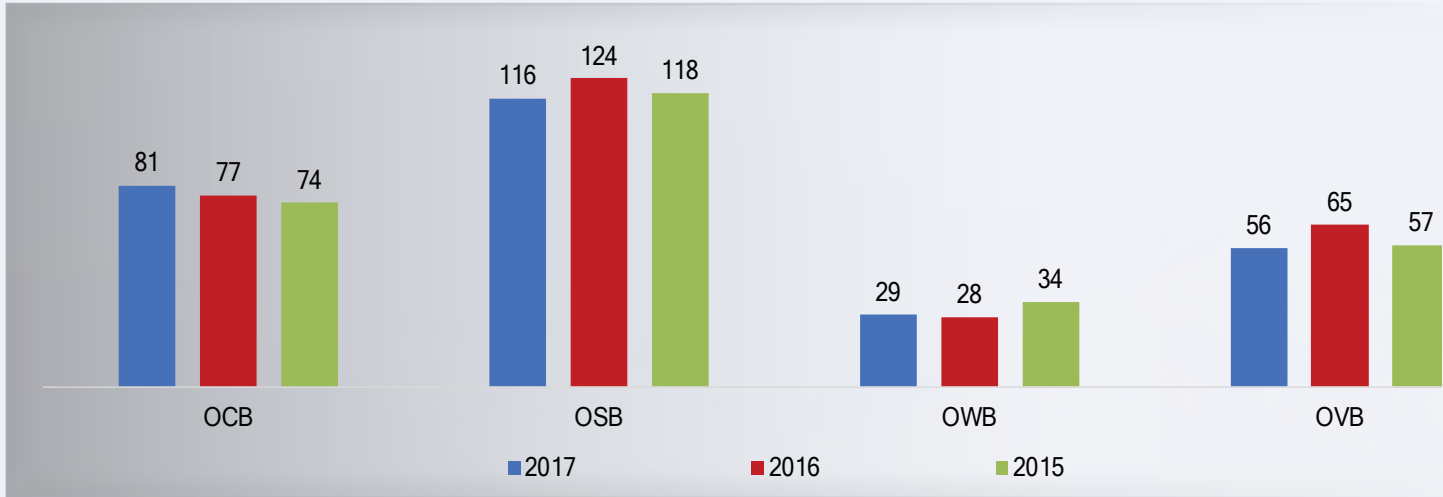


In 2017, the City of Los Angeles had 282 homicides. The following are key points:

- The total homicide number includes victims who were assaulted in previous years, but died in 2017, and/or death investigations ruled as homicides in 2017 by the Los Angeles County, Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner.
- A total of 207 homicide cases were cleared in 2017, resulting in a 73.4 percent clearance rate. This clearance rate includes the total number of homicides cleared in 2017, regardless of the year the homicides actually occurred. In 2017, the total number of homicides cleared includes 68 homicides that occurred prior to 2017.
- Compared to the previous year, the percentage of firearms used in homicides by gang members rose in 2017 from 72 percent to 93 percent.
- Within the homeless population, there were 44 homicide victims and 33 homicide suspects in 2017.

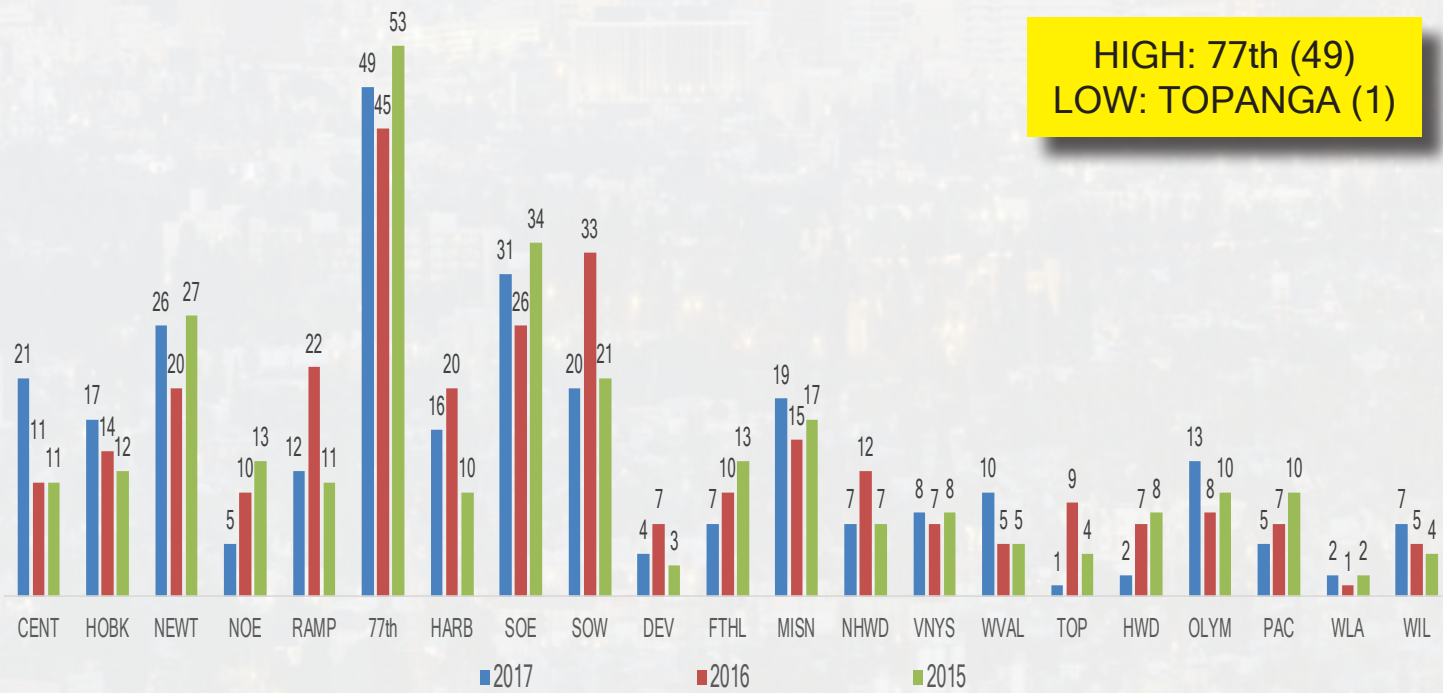


HOMICIDE BY BUREAU



Bureau	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
OCB	81	77	+5.2%	74	+9.5%
OSB	116	124	-6.5%	118	-1.7%
OWB	29	28	+3.6%	34	-14.7%
OVB	56	65	-13.8%	57	-1.8%
CITY TOTAL	282	294	-4.1%	283	-0.4%

HOMICIDE BY AREA

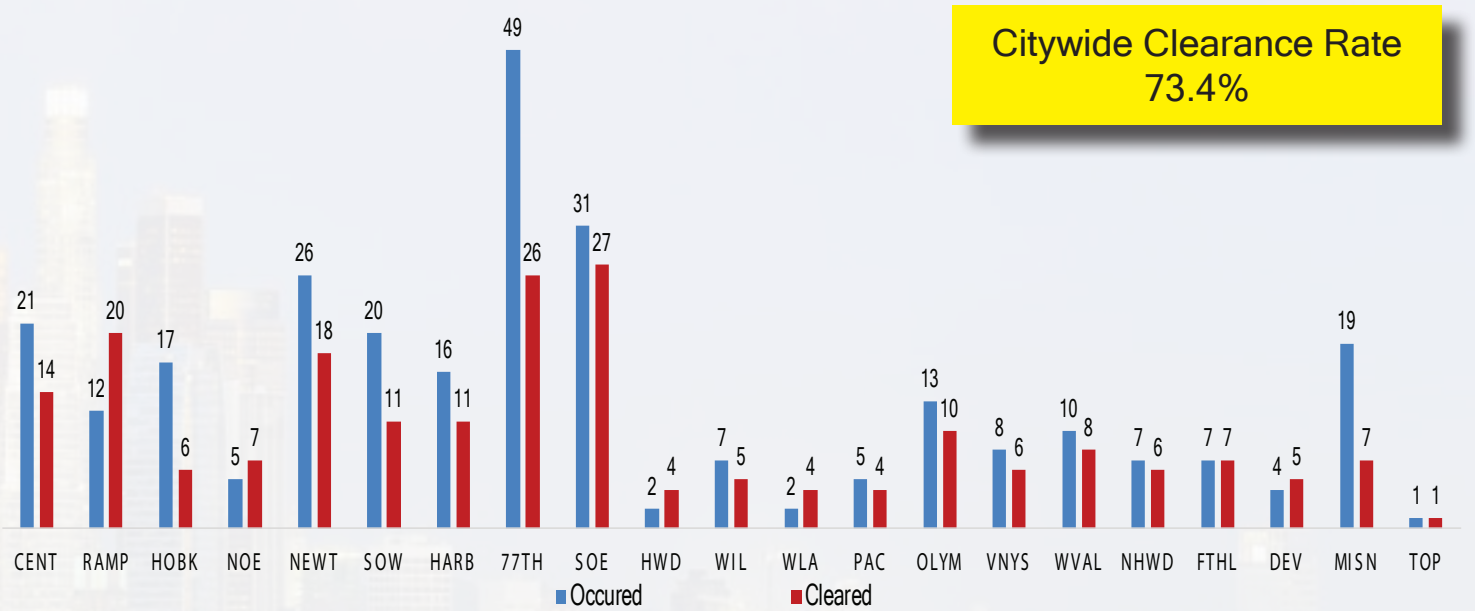


CITYWIDE HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE

	2017	2016	2015
CLEARANCE RATE	73.4%	72.4%	64.7%

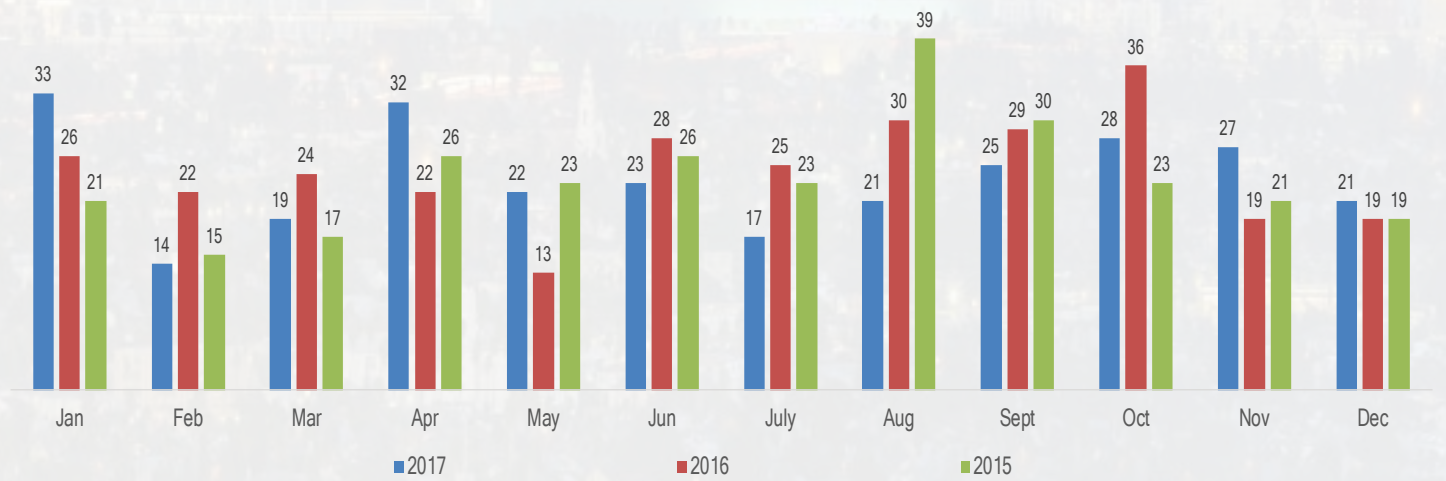
NOTE: Among the 207 cases cleared this year, 139 were homicides that occurred in 2017.

HOMICIDE CASES SOLVED BY AREA



NOTE: Clearance rates are attributed to the 21 Geographic Areas where the homicides occurred, regardless of which entity was the investigating unit.

CITYWIDE HIGHS AND LOWS BY MONTH

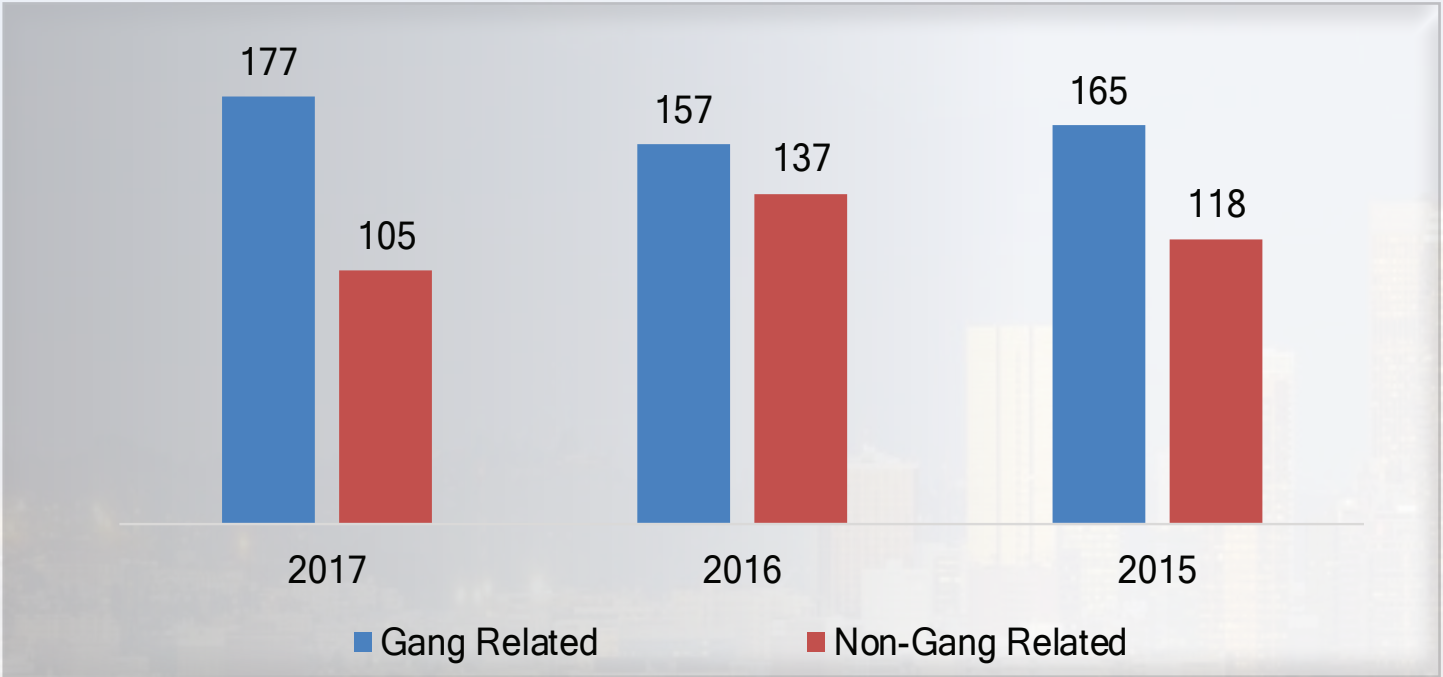


February accounted for the lowest month (14 homicides), totaling 5.0% of the homicides. January accounted for the highest month (33 homicides), totaling 11.7% of the homicides.

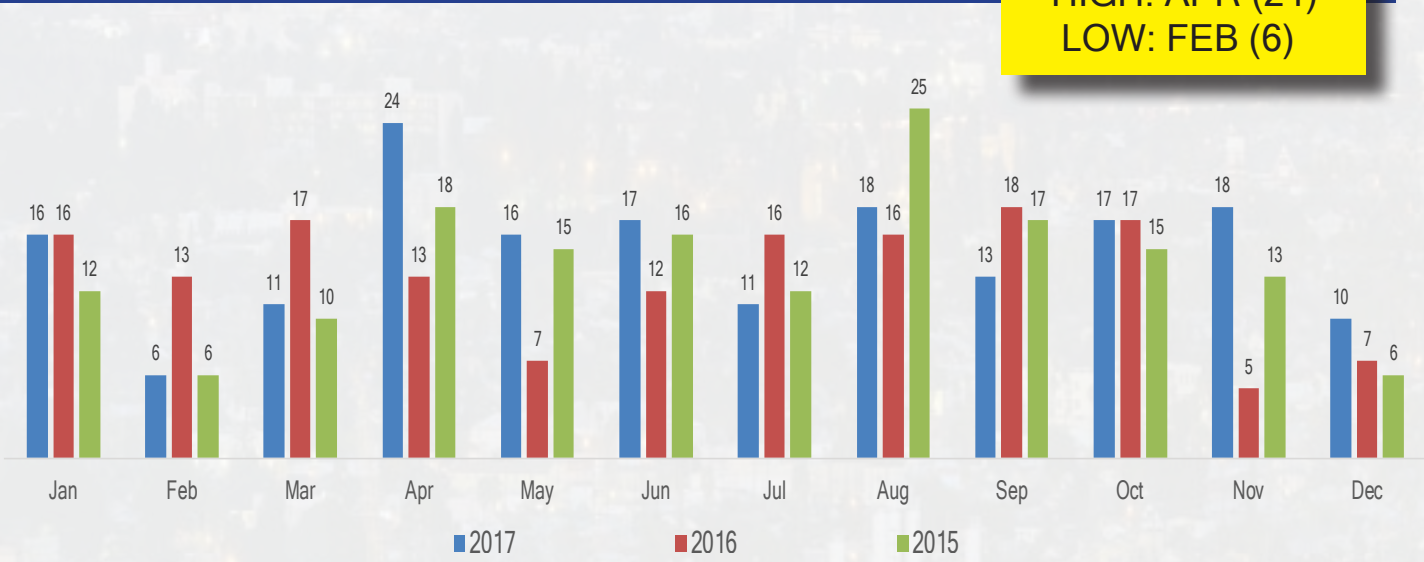
GANG RELATED HOMICIDES

	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
TOTAL HOMICIDES	282	294	-4.1%	283	-0.4%
GANG HOMICIDES	177	157	+12.7%	165	+7.3%
GANG RELATED %	62.8%	53.4%		58.3%	

GANG RELATED / NON-GANG RELATED

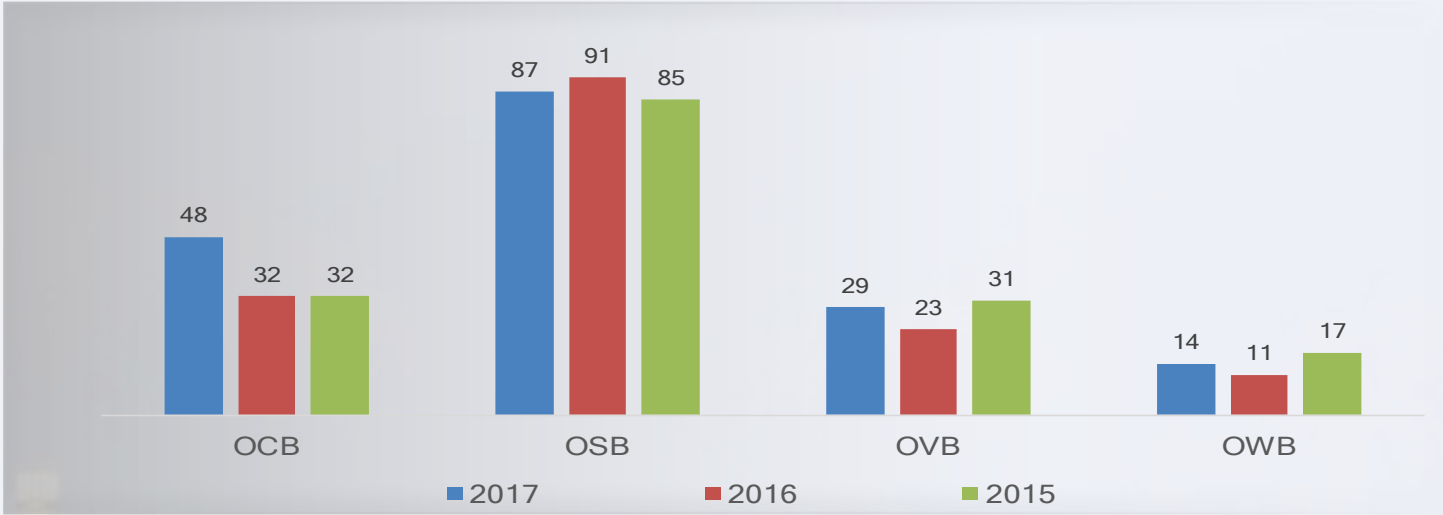


GANG RELATED HOMICIDES BY MONTH

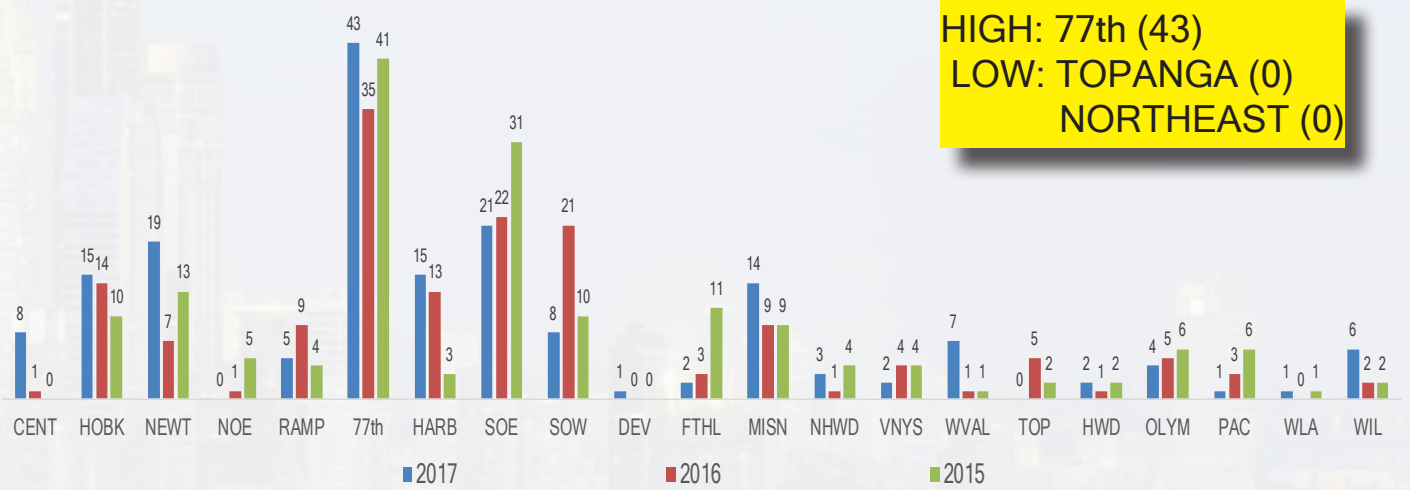


HIGH: APR (24)  
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GANG RELATED HOMICIDES BY BUREAU

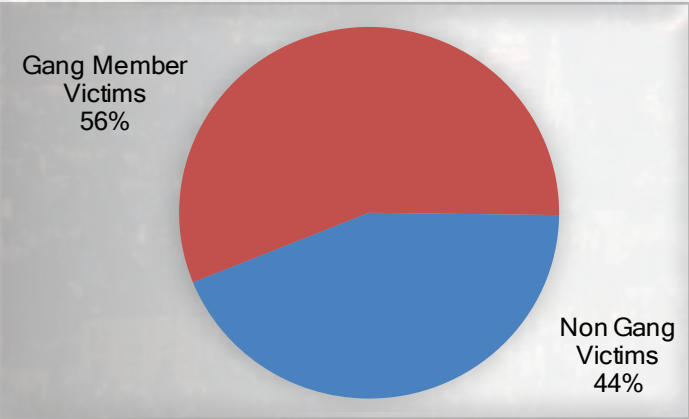


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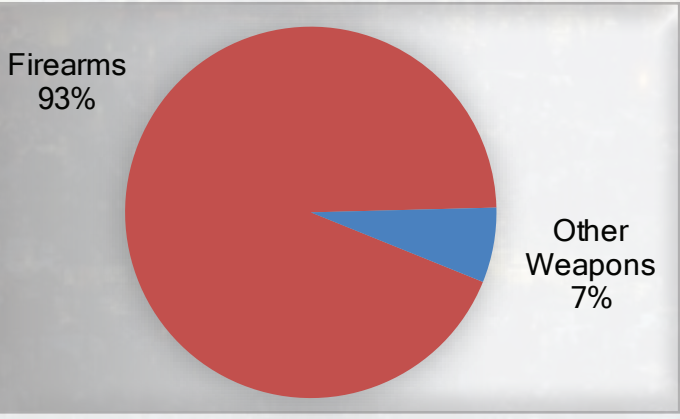


HIGH: 77th (43)  
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NORTHEAST (0)

VICTIMS MURDERED BY GANG MEMBERS



WEAPONS USED BY GANG MEMBERS



- 117 homicide suspects identified as gang members were responsible for the death of 103 victims.
- Among the 103 victims, 58 victims were gang members

NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers. Some incidents had more than one suspect.



MURDER-SUICIDE INCIDENTS

The City of Los Angeles experienced five murder-suicide incidents in 2017. All five incidents were related to Domestic Violence:

- (1) Pacific Area

(1) Foothill Area

(1) Mission Area
- (1) North Hollywood Area

(1) Devonshire Area

NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

MULTIPLE VICTIM HOMICIDE CASES

In 2017, the City of Los Angeles experienced a 33 percent decrease in multiple victim homicide incidents compared to the prior year. Ten incidents resulted in 10 separate double homicides, totaling the loss of 20 lives. These multiple homicide incidents took place throughout the city with a wide range of motives from disputes to gang violence.

- Six incidents involving gang activity resulted in the shooting deaths of two victims in each case. Out of the six cases, four occurred in 77th Area, one in Southeast Area, and one in Mission Area. Four of the twenty victims were previously documented as gang members.
- A dispute at a social club in Central Area resulted in the stabbing deaths of two victims by one suspect.
- Two incidents were committed for unknown motives. In the first incident, a shooting in Southeast Area resulted in the deaths of two male transients. In the second incident, a shooting in North Hollywood Area between two separate groups of suspects resulted in the deaths of two and the wounding of two.
- Two children were murdered by their mother in Newton Area.

MOTIVES	DIVISION	NO. OF INCIDENTS		NO. OF VICTIMS
GANG	77TH	4	6	12
	SOUTHEAST	1		
	MISSION	1		
DISPUTE	CENTRAL	1	1	2
CHILD ABUSE	NEWTON	1	1	2
UNKNOWN	SOUTHEAST	1	2	2
	NO. HOLLYWOOD	1		2
TOTAL		10		20

SIGNIFICANT HOMICIDE TRENDS

	2017	2016	%CHG
BLACK SUSP AND BLACK VICT	76	80	-5.0%
GANG RELATED	36	50	-28.0%

	2017	2016	%CHG
HISPANIC SUSP AND HISPANIC VICT	95	86	+10.4%
GANG RELATED	45	52	-13.5%

	2017	2016	%CHG
BLACK SUSP AND HISPANIC VICT	12	8	+50.0%
GANG RELATED	2	6	-66.7%

	2017	2016	%CHG
HISPANIC SUSP AND BLACK VICT	14	8	+75.0%
GANG RELATED	7	3	+133.3%

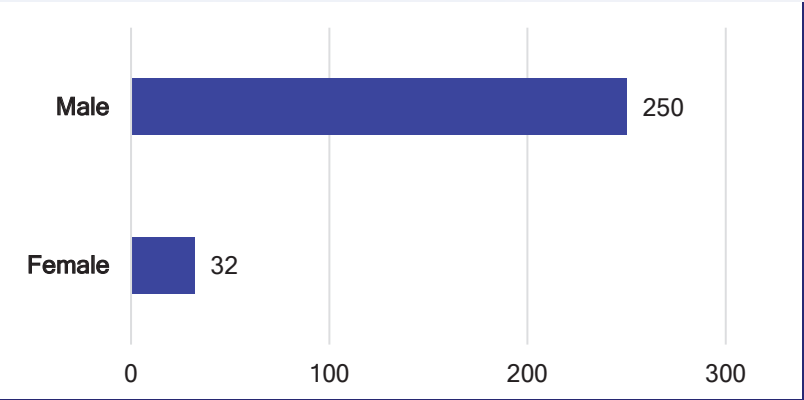
NOTE: Data contained in these charts only pertain to the 146 incidents where a suspect description was provided during the course of the investigation.



# VICTIM PROFILE

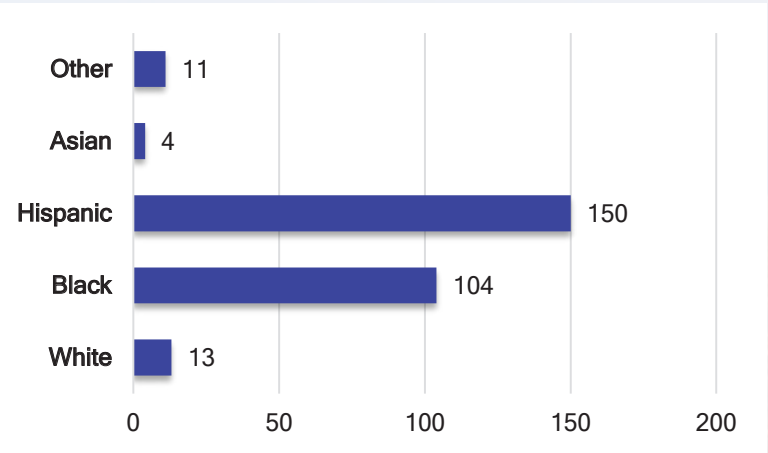
## VICTIM GENDER

Approximately 9 out of 10 homicide victims in Los Angeles are men. Of the 282 homicides that occurred in 2017, 89% were males and 11% were females.



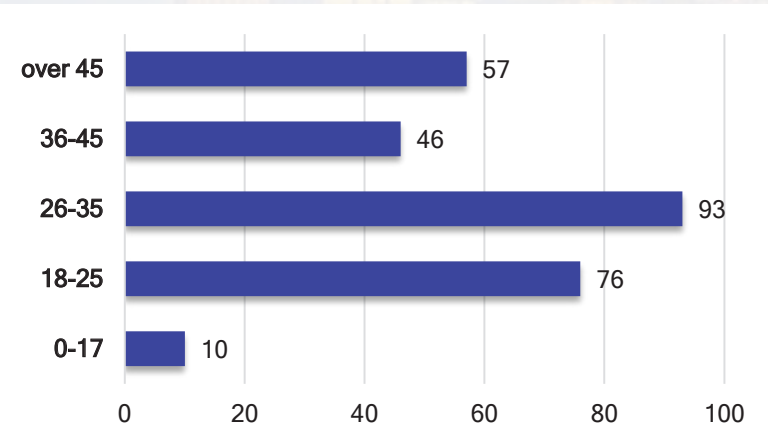
## VICTIM DESCENT

Similar to previous years, the overwhelming majority of homicide victims in 2017 were of Hispanic and Black descents. Of the 282 homicides that occurred in 2017, more than 53% involved Hispanic victims, and more than 36% involved Black victims. Whites, Asians, and other descents combined, represent less than 10% of the total number of 2017 homicides.



## VICTIM AGE

More than half of the homicide victims in 2017 were between the ages of 18 and 35 which accounted for 59%. 20 to 30 year-old victims made up 38% of the total number.



## VICTIM EDUCATION

Eighty-four percent of the homicide victims had an education level of high school or less than high school. Only 11 victims or less-than 4% had some college education.

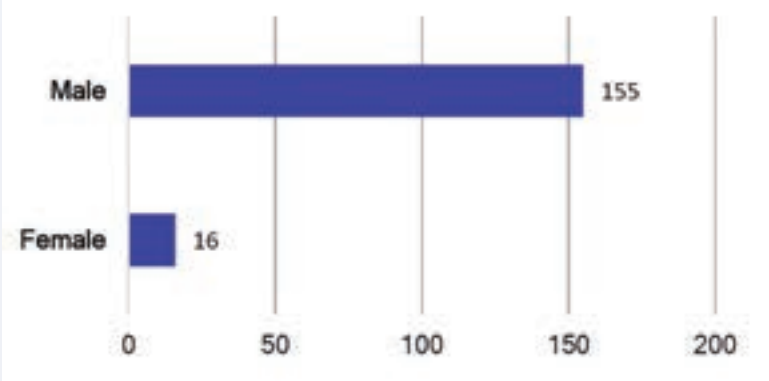
## VICTIM MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Approximately 67% of the homicide victims had a median household income of \$25,000 or less. Based on the current census data, the average median household income in the City of Los Angeles is approximately \$55,000.

# SUSPECT PROFILE

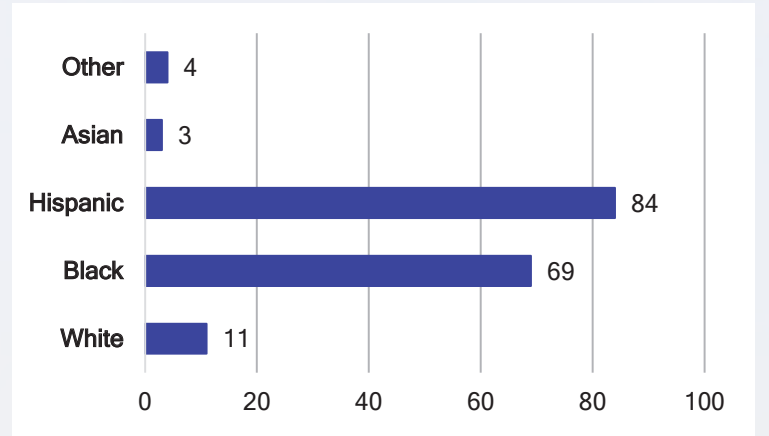
## SUSPECT GENDER

Mirroring homicide victims, the overwhelming majority of identified homicide suspects for 2017 homicides were men. The number of male suspects who engaged in homicides (91%) was higher than those who became victims of homicides (89%).



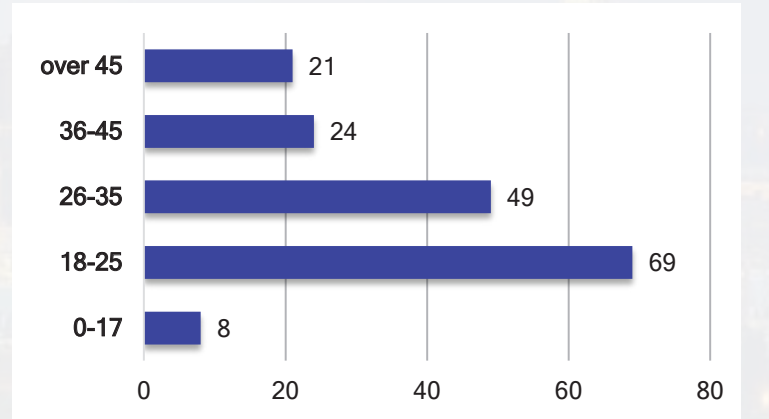
## SUSPECT DESCENT

Of the 171 identified suspects, 52% were of Hispanic descent, and 40% were of Black descent. Other suspects included: White 6%, Asian 1.7%, and other descents 2%.



## SUSPECT AGE

Almost half of the homicide suspects were youths and young adults. Approximately 45% were age 25 or younger, and 29% were between the ages of 26 and 35.



## SUSPECT EDUCATION

Approximately 87% of the homicide suspects have an education level of high school or less. Only 2% of the suspects have some college education.

## SUSPECT MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The majority of the homicide suspects (64%) have a median household income of \$25,000 or less. Based on the current census data, average median household income in the City of Los Angeles is approximately \$55,000.

*NOTE: All information was provided by investigating officers. The above analysis is based on the 171 identified suspects that were responsible for 146 homicides in 2017. Some incidents had more than one suspect.*



## COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Program began as a partnership between the LAPD and the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) in October of 2011. Currently, the program encompasses housing communities within Hollenbeck, Newton and Southeast Area. The program was designed to improve and strengthen the relationship between residents of Los Angeles housing communities and the LAPD.

Since the program's inception, officers have implemented over twenty CSP youth programs. The results of these programs include mental health services to address untreated trauma, participation in self-respect building programs for children, alternatives to booking and entrance into the judicial system for children, and community building through sports and productive competition.

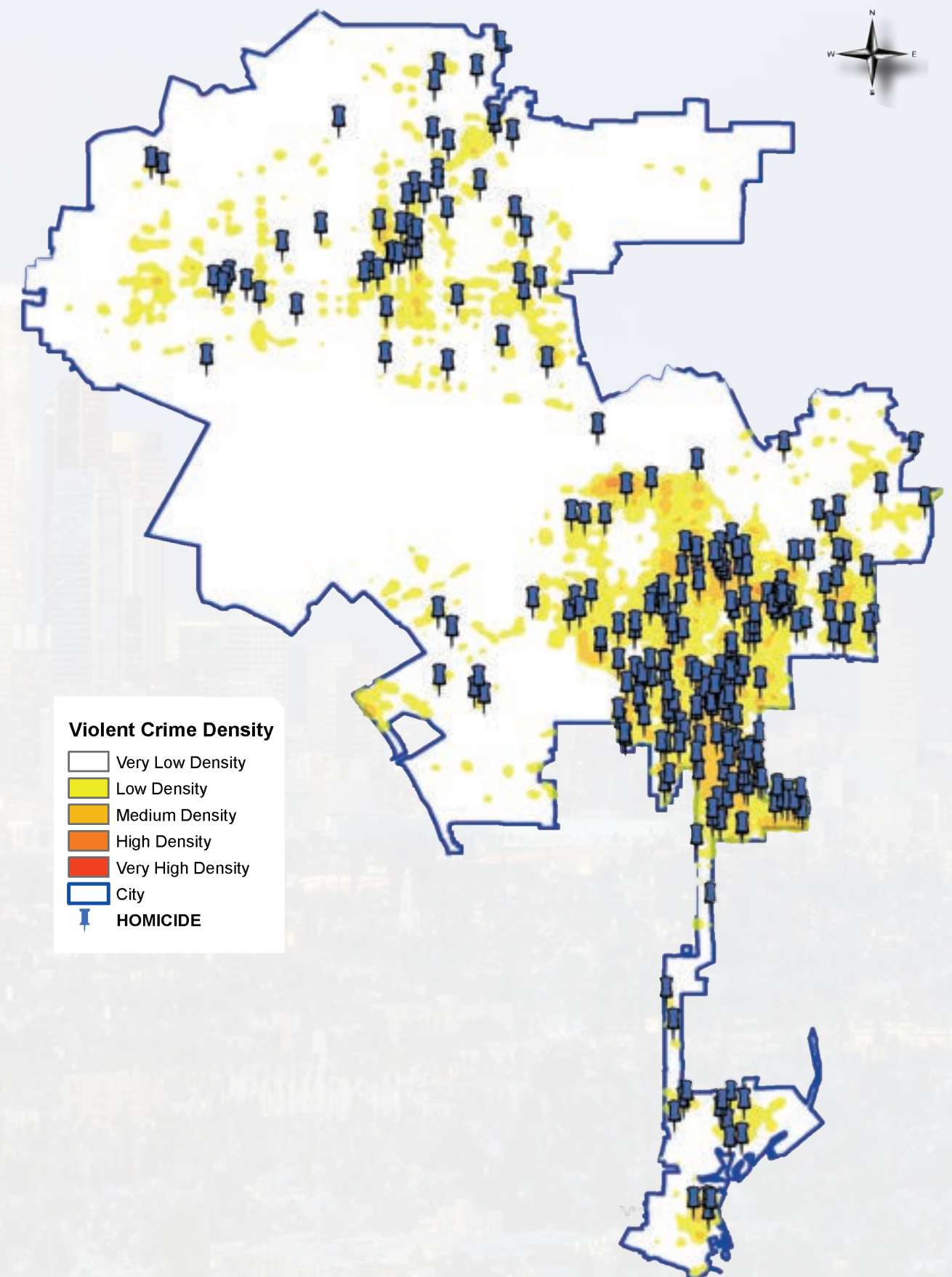
This relationship-based policing model focuses on education and problem solving before enforcement. This allows for full-time, dedicated police officers to be assigned to seven housing communities within the City of Los Angeles. On a daily basis, these police officers walk foot beats, building relationships with the residents and decreasing community fear. As a result, the program provides members of the community a means to safely pass along crime information to law enforcement, aiding in the reduction of violent crimes.

CSP AREA HOMICIDES

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2011	2010
<b>RAMONA GARDENS</b>	2	0	0	0	0	1
<b>IMPERIAL COURTS</b>	0	1	1	1	1	3
<b>NICKERSON GARDENS</b>	0	0	2	3	1	3
<b>GONZAQUE VILLAGE</b>	1	0	0	0	0	2
<b>JORDAN DOWNS</b>	0	0	1	0	2	0
<b>AVALON GARDENS</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>PUEBLOS</b>	0	0	3	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>

In 2010, prior to the implementation of the CSP program, a total of 11 homicides were reported in the seven housing communities that are currently identified as CSP areas. In 2017 the seven CSP areas reported a total of 3 homicides. Over the course of the CSP program, the number of homicides within the CSP areas has gradually decreased.

## PART-1 VIOLENT CRIMES

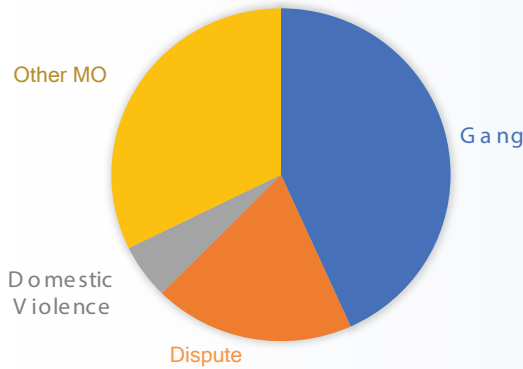




# HOMICIDES IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

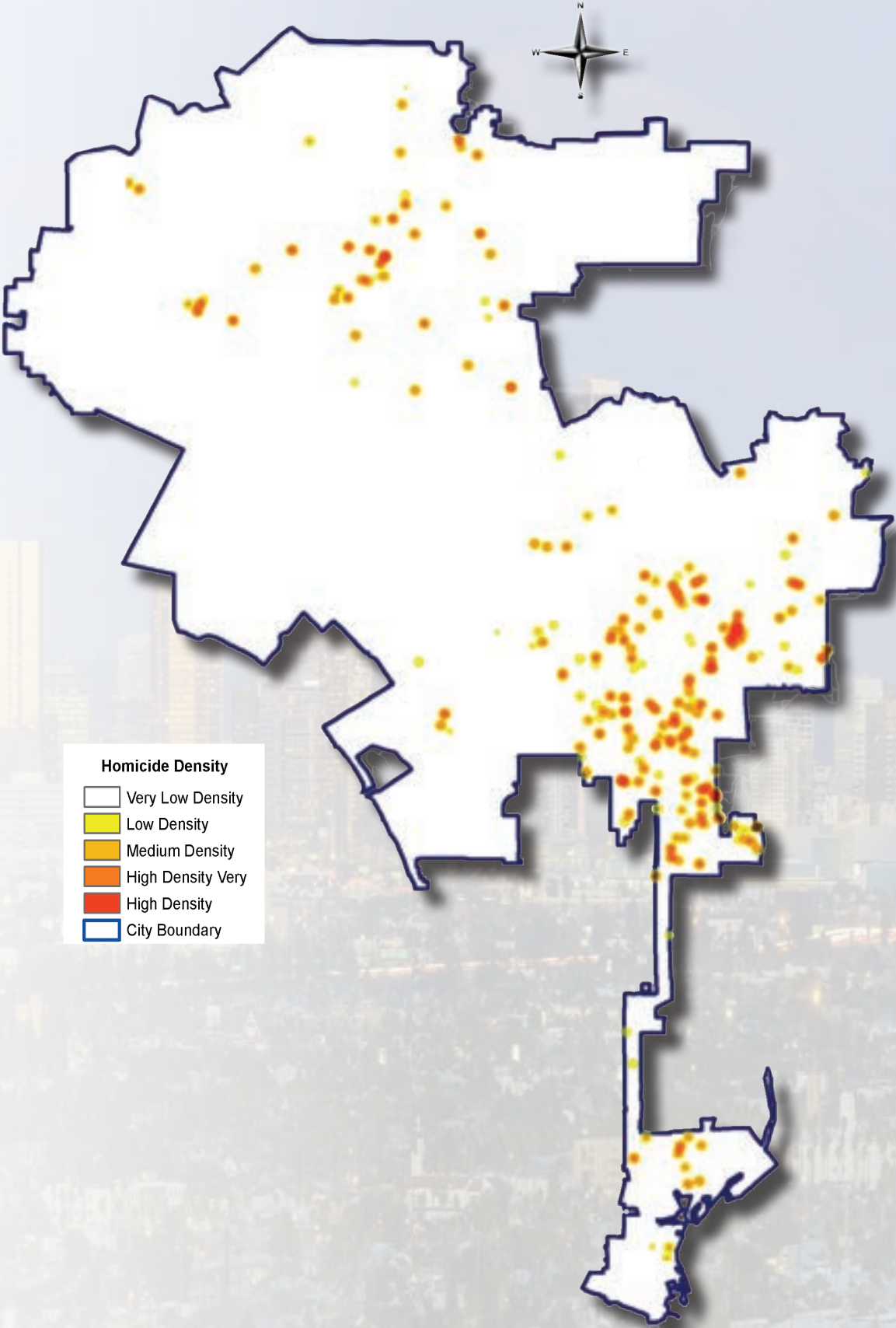
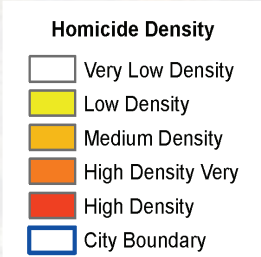
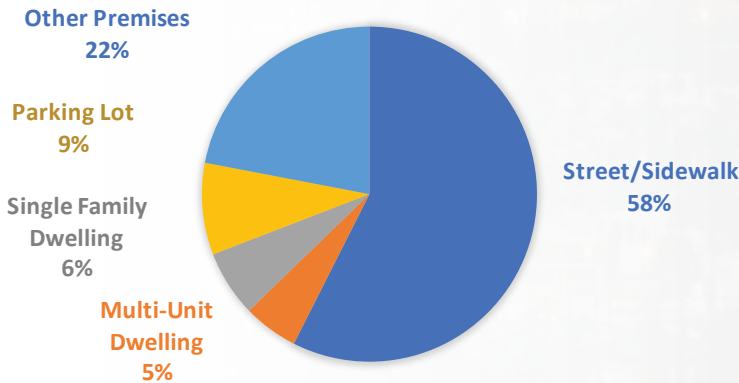
## TOP 3 MODUS OPERANDI FOR 2017

- 1. Gang
- 2. Dispute/Revenge
- 3. Domestic Violence



NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

PREMISE	2017	2016
Street/Sidewalk	58%	55%
Parking Lot	9%	6%
Single Family Dwelling	6%	11%
Multi-Unit Dwelling	5%	9%



WEAPON	2017	2016
Handgun	72%	69%
Cutting Instrument	15%	14%
Bodily Force	6%	6%
Blunt Instrument	4%	3%
Shotgun	1%	1%
Rifle	1%	1%
Assault Weapon	1%	1%

NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

FIREARMS SEIZED	2017	2016
Citywide Total	6,538	5,907
OSB	2,103	1,788
OCB	1,275	1,115
OVB	1,867	1,831
OWB	858	883
OUTSIDE (City of LA)	435	290

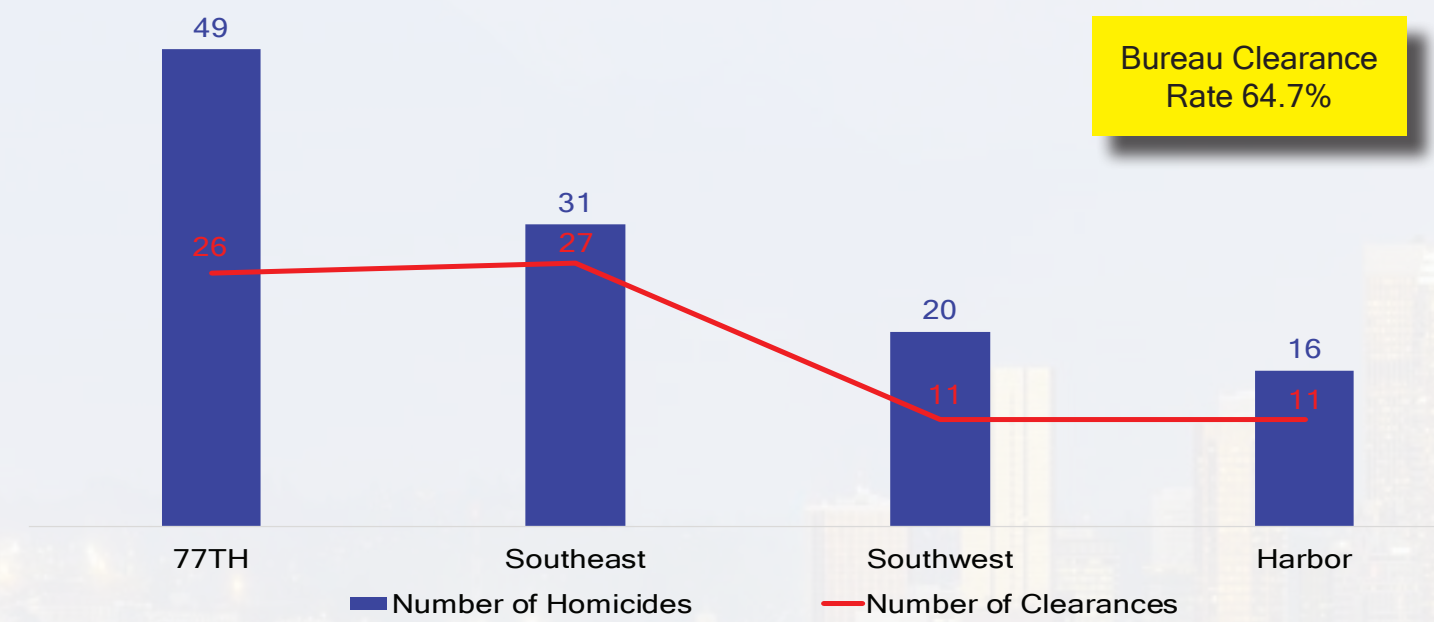
NOTE: The total number of firearms seized does not include the firearms recovered during the City of Los Angeles gun buy back program.



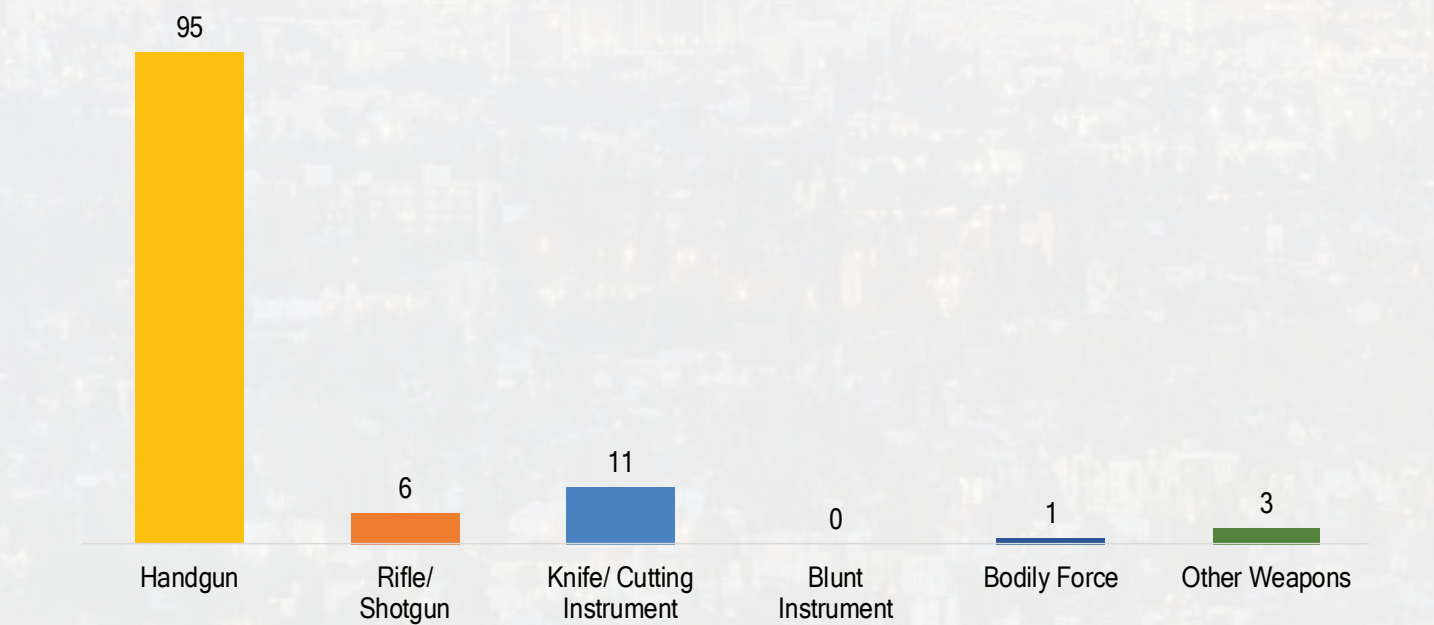
# SOUTH BUREAU

- Operations-South Bureau had a total of 116 homicides which accounted for 41.1% of the citywide homicides.
- 77th Division had the largest percentage of gang related homicides: 43 of 49 homicides accounted for 87.8%.

## NUMBER OF HOMICIDES AND CLEARANCES



## TYPE OF WEAPON USED



NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

## HOMICIDE TOTALS

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
SOUTHWEST	20	33	-39.4%	21	-4.8%
SOUTHEAST	31	26	+19.2%	34	-8.8%
77TH	49	45	+8.9%	53	-7.5%
HARBOR	16	20	-20.0%	10	+60.0%
TOTAL	116	124	-6.5%	118	-1.7%

## GANG RELATED

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
SOUTHWEST	8	21	-61.9%	10	-20.0%
SOUTHEAST	21	22	-4.5%	31	-32.3%
77TH	43	35	+22.9%	41	+4.9%
HARBOR	15	13	+15.4%	3	+400%
TOTAL	87	91	-4.4%	85	+2.4%

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BUREAU	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
SOUTH	3	1	+200%	2	+50.0%

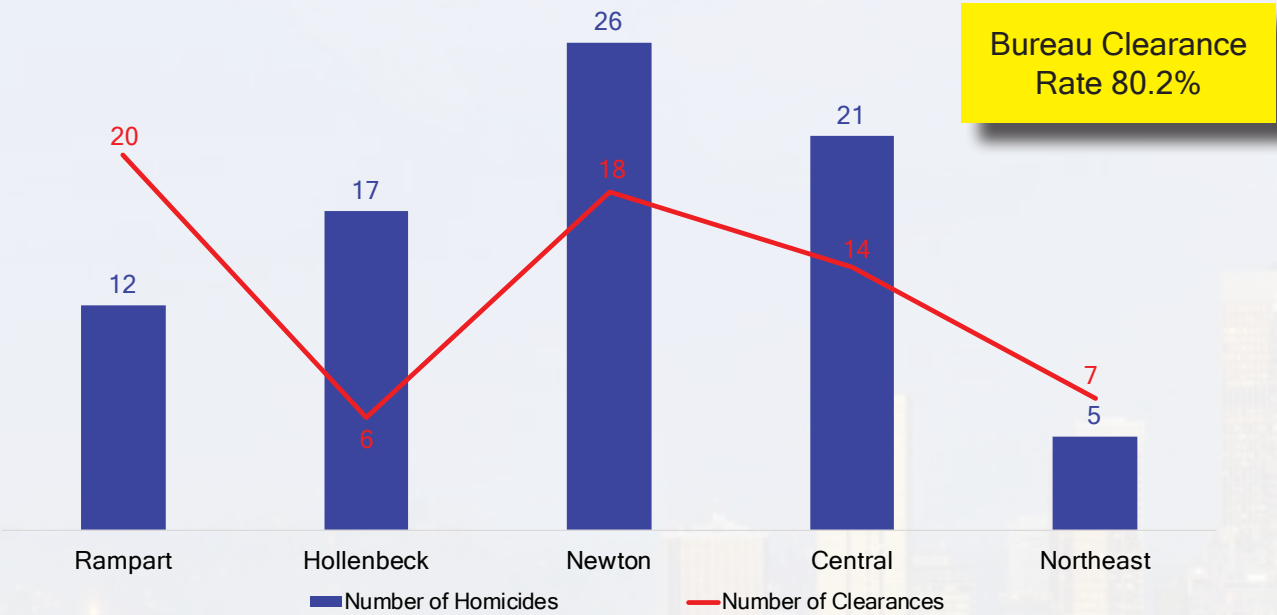
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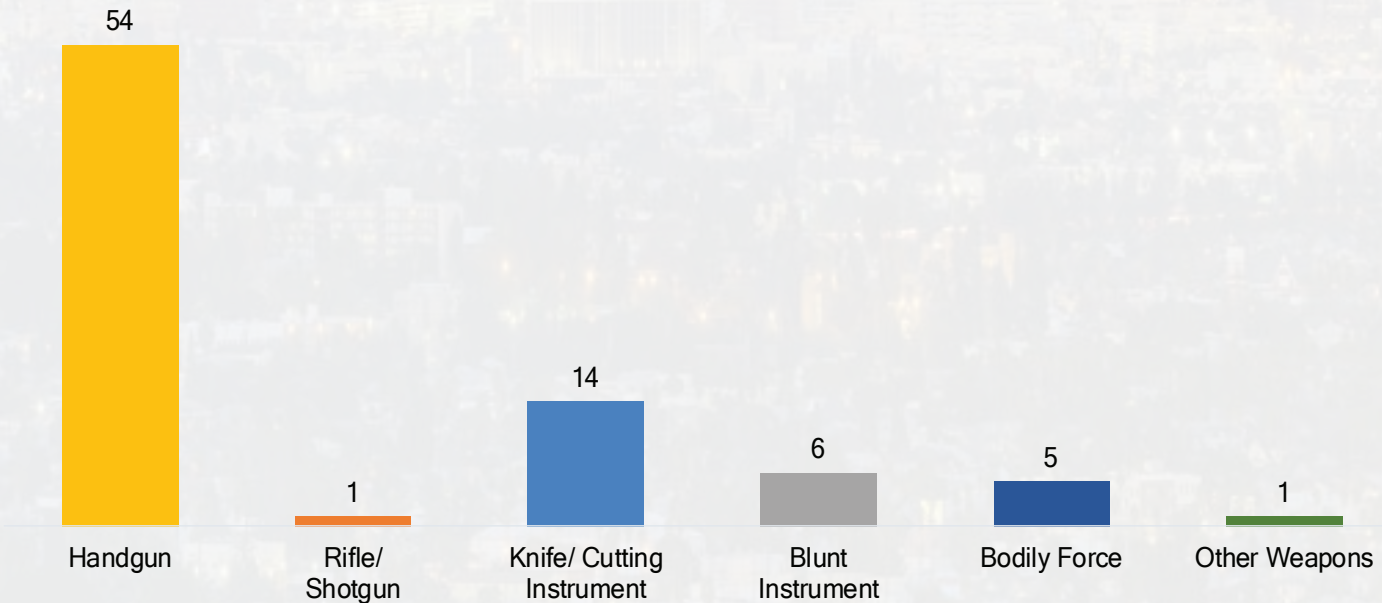
# CENTRAL BUREAU

- Operations-Central Bureau had a total of 81 homicides which accounted for 28.7% of the citywide homicides.
- Newton Division had the largest percentage of gang related homicides: 19 of 26 homicides accounted for 73.1%.

## NUMBER OF HOMICIDES AND CLEARANCES



## TYPE OF WEAPON USED



NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

## HOMICIDE TOTALS

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
CENTRAL	21	11	+91.0%	11	+91.0%
RAMPART	12	22	-45.5%	11	+9.1%
HOLLENBECK	17	14	+21.5%	12	+41.7%
NORTHEAST	5	10	-50.0%	13	-61.6%
NEWTON	26	20	+30.0%	27	-3.7%
TOTAL	81	77	+5.2%	74	+9.5%

## GANG RELATED

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
CENTRAL	8	1	+700%	0	+800%
RAMPART	5	9	-44.5%	4	+25.0%
HOLLENBECK	15	14	+7.2%	10	+50.0%
NORTHEAST	0	1	-100%	5	-100%
NEWTON	19	7	+171%	13	+46.2%
TOTAL	47	32	+46.9%	32	+46.9%

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BUREAU	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
CENTRAL	2	4	-50.0%	1	+100%

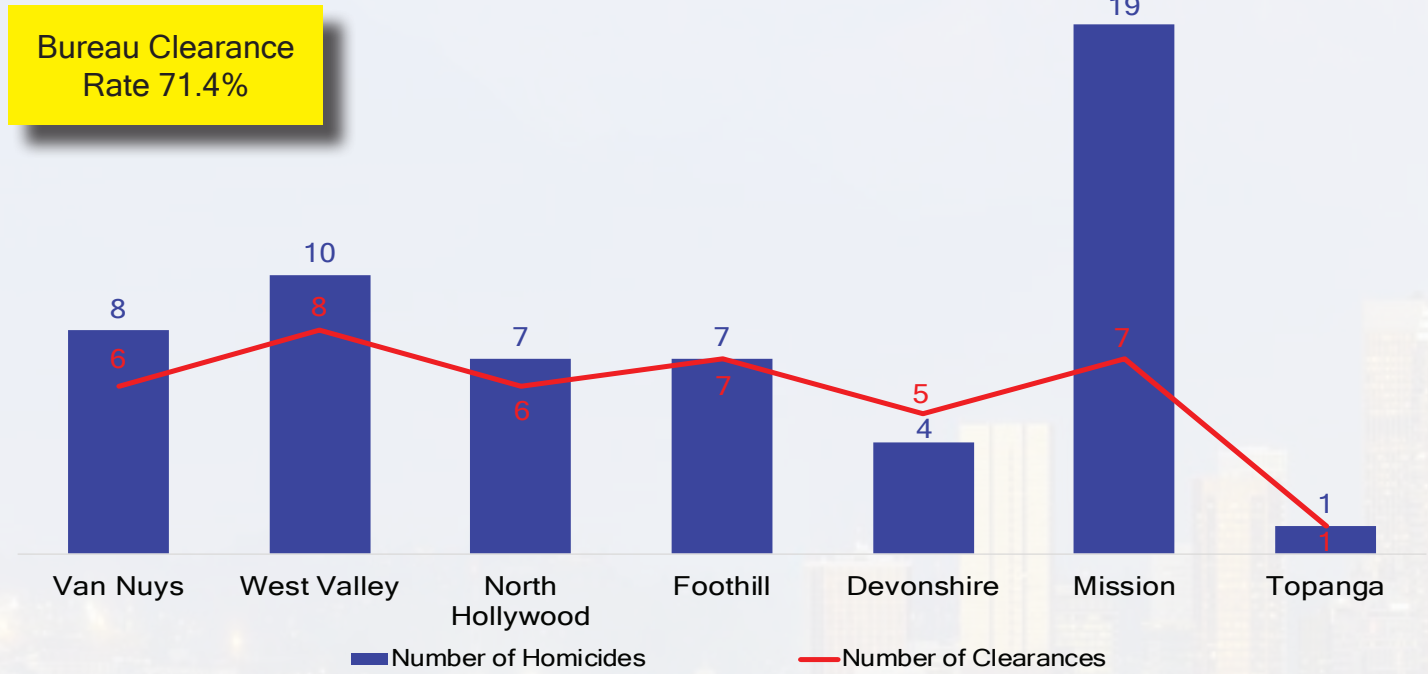
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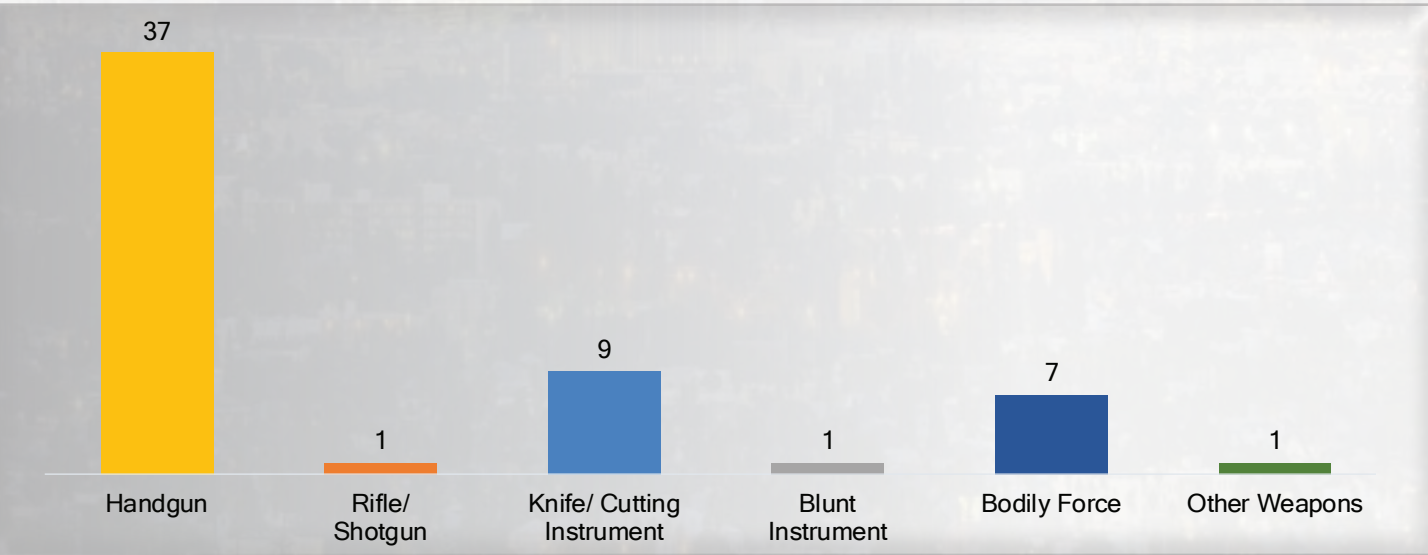
# VALLEY BUREAU

- Operations-Valley Bureau had a total of 56 homicides which accounted for 19.9% of the citywide homicides.
- Mission Division had the largest percentage of gang related homicides: 14 of 19 homicides accounted for 73.7%

## NUMBER OF HOMICIDES AND CLEARANCES



## TYPE OF WEAPON USED



NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

## HOMICIDE TOTALS

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
WEST VALLEY	10	5	+100%	5	+100%
DEVONSHIRE	4	7	-42.9%	3	+33.3%
MISSION	19	15	+26.7%	17	+11.8%
NORTH HOLLYWOOD	7	12	-41.7%	7	0.0%
FOOTHILL	7	10	-30.0%	13	-46.2%
VAN NUYS	8	7	+14.3%	8	0.0%
TOPANGA	1	9	-88.9%	4	-75.0%
TOTAL	56	65	-13.8%	57	-1.8%

## GANG RELATED

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
WEST VALLEY	7	1	+600%	1	+600%
DEVONSHIRE	1	0	+100%	0	+100%
MISSION	14	9	+55.6%	9	+55.6%
NORTH HOLLYWOOD	3	1	+200%	4	-25.0%
FOOTHILL	2	3	-33.3%	11	-81.8%
VAN NUYS	2	4	-50.0%	4	-50.0%
TOPANGA	0	5	-100%	2	-100%
TOTAL	29	23	+26.1%	31	-6.5%

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BUREAU	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
VALLEY	8	2	+300%	3	+167%

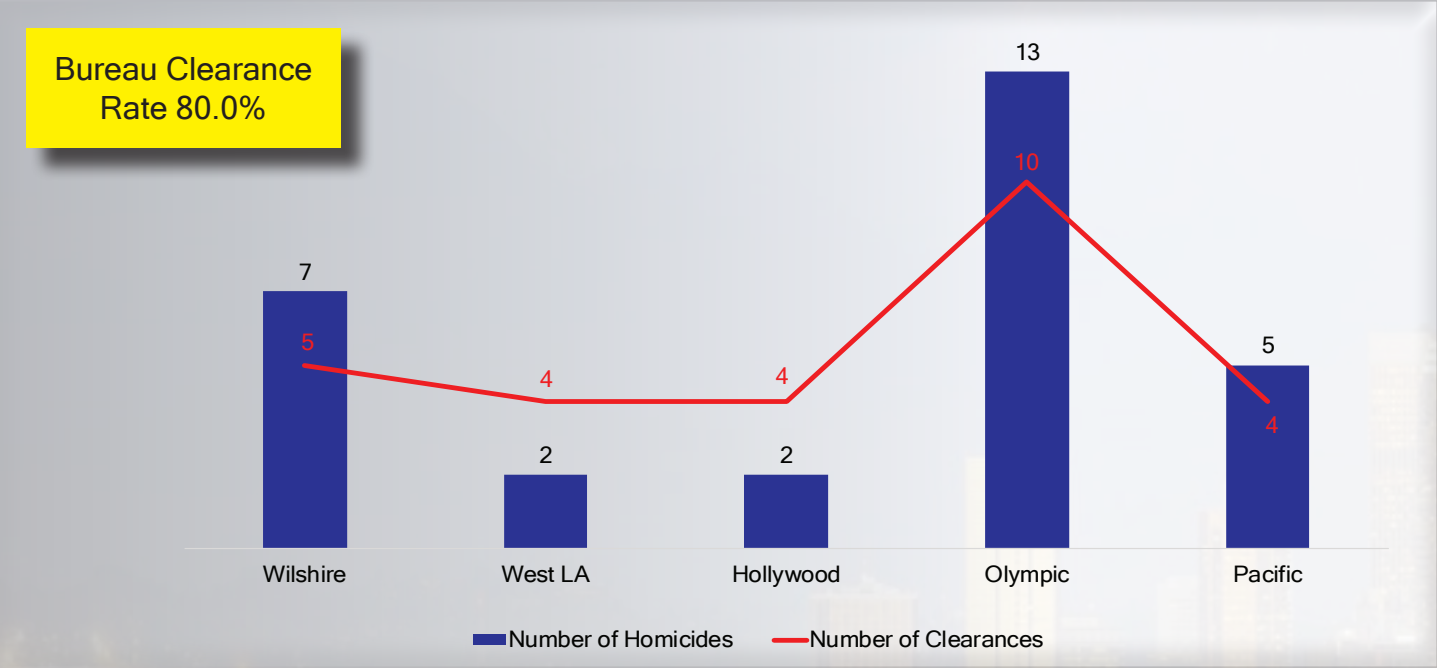
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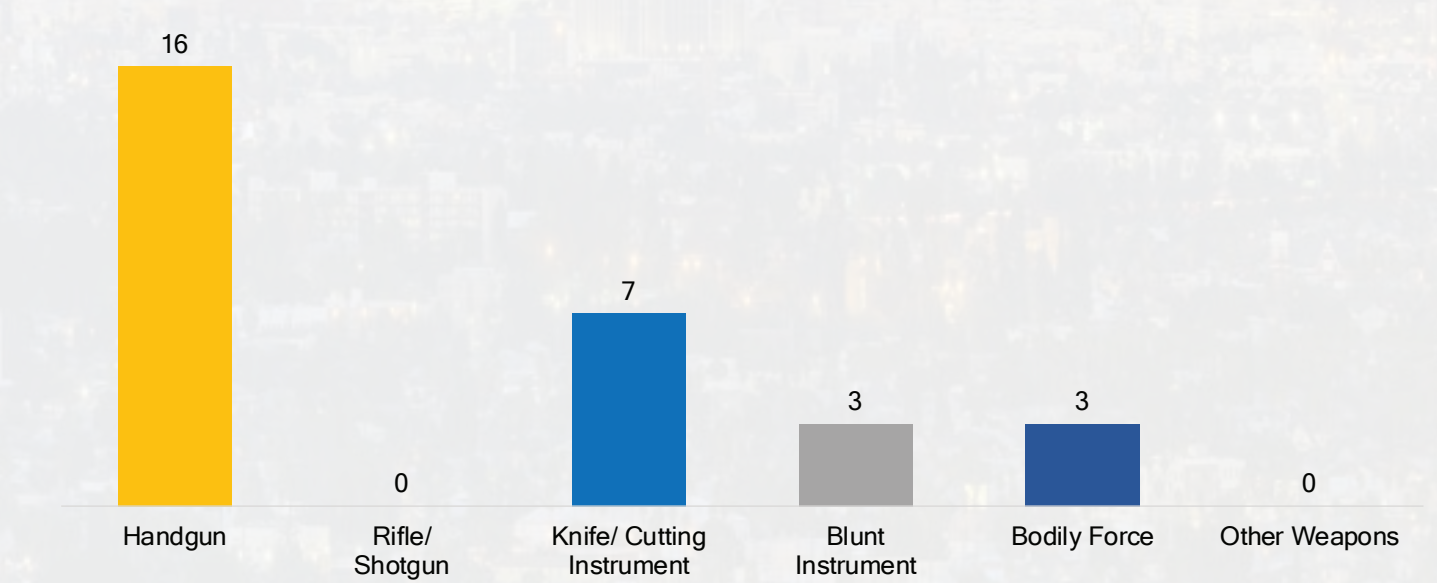
# WEST BUREAU

- Operations-West Bureau had a total of 29 homicides which accounted for 10.3% of the citywide homicides.
- Wilshire Division had the largest percentage of gang related homicides: 6 of 7 homicides accounted for 85.7%.

## NUMBER OF HOMICIDES AND CLEARANCES



## TYPE OF WEAPON USED



NOTE: Information provided by investigating officers.

## HOMICIDE TOTALS

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
HOLLYWOOD	2	7	-71.4%	8	-75.0%
WILSHIRE	7	5	+40.0%	4	+75.0%
WEST LOS ANGELES	2	1	+100%	2	0.0%
PACIFIC	5	7	-28.6%	10	-50.0%
OLYMPIC	13	8	+62.5%	10	+30.0%
TOTAL	29	28	+3.57%	34	-14.7%

## GANG RELATED

DIVISIONS	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
HOLLYWOOD	2	1	+100%	2	0.0%
WILSHIRE	6	2	+200%	2	+200%
WEST LOS ANGELES	1	0	+100%	1	0.0%
PACIFIC	1	3	-66.7%	6	-83.3%
OLYMPIC	4	5	-20.0%	6	-33.3%
TOTAL	14	11	+27.3%	17	-17.6%

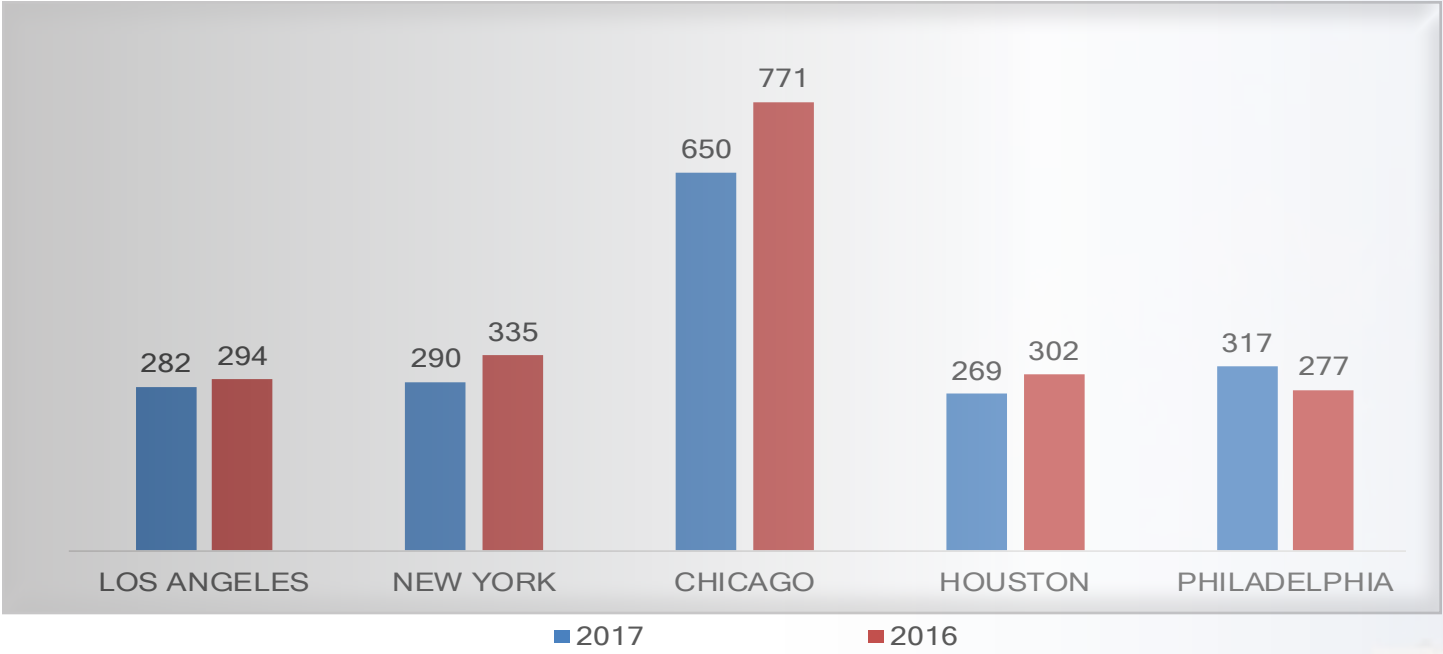
## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BUREAU	2017	2016	%CHG	2015	%CHG
WEST	2	2	0.0%	2	0.0%

NOTE: Domestic violence as defined in Penal Code section 13700.



NATIONAL HOMICIDE COMPARISON



	2017	2016	%CHG	POPULATION	
				TOTAL	HOMICIDE PER 1,000
LOS ANGELES	282	294	-4.08%	3,962,726	0.071
NEW YORK	290	335	-13.43%	8,550,861	0.034
CHICAGO	650	771	-15.69%	2,728,695	0.238
HOUSTON	269	302	-10.93%	2,275,221	0.118
PHILADELPHIA	317	277	+14.44%	1,567,810	0.202

Los Angeles, New York City, Houston statistics are based on date of report to law enforcement. New York City, Houston and Chicago homicide statistics provided by the Chicago Police Department, dated January 4, 2018. Philadelphia homicide statistics obtained from the Philadelphia Police Department website: [phillypolice.com/about/crime-statistics](http://phillypolice.com/about/crime-statistics), dated January 8, 2018.



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