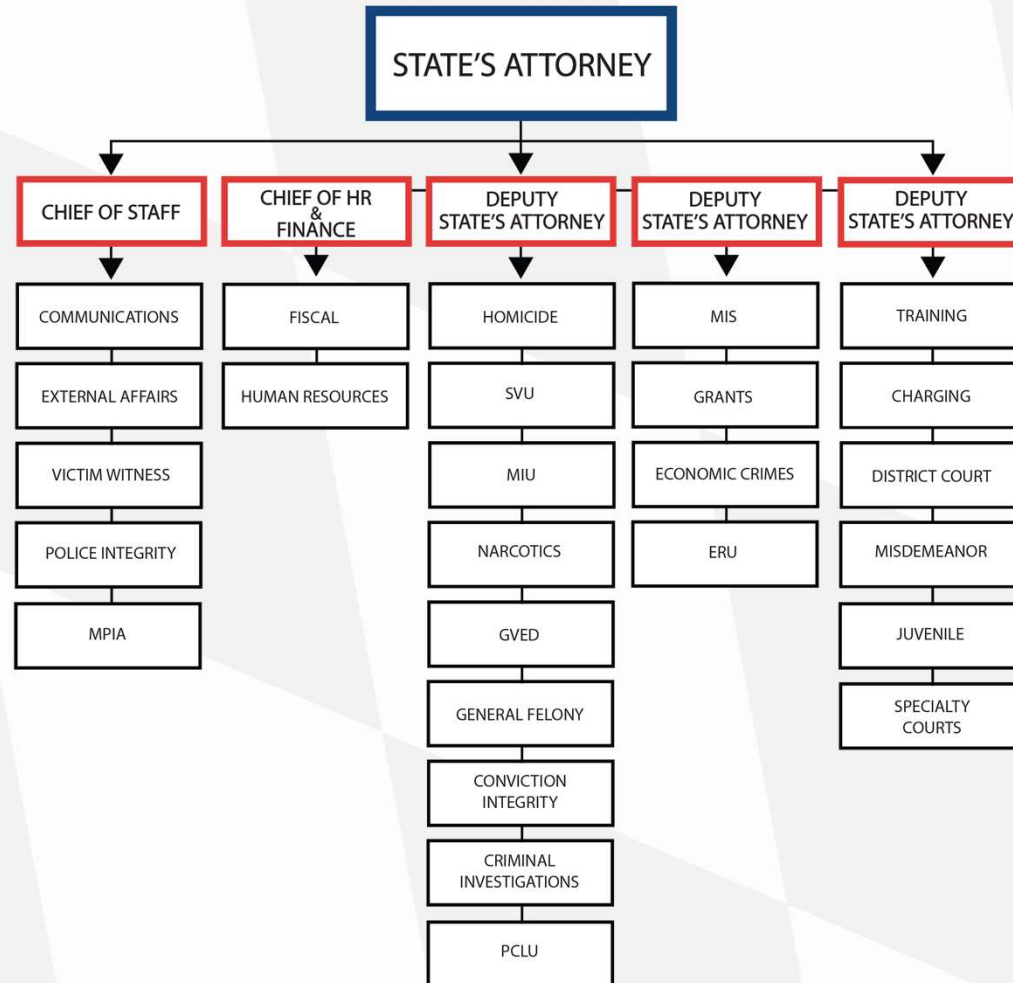


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SAO Org Chart



Fiscal 2025 Agency Overview

State's Attorney Office Mission

The mission of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City (BCSAO) is to pursue public safety through partnerships with elected officials, law enforcement, and the community.

Fiscal 2025 Goals

- Goal 1- Increase ASA staffing to capitalize on the momentum of declining crime rates and ensure the availability of staff to continue external partnerships.
- Goal 2- Pursue funding and unfreezing of 20 ASA pins to support the expansion of juvenile, GVRS, and regional auto theft task force with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).
- Goal 3- Enhance technology and resources to aid in retention, allowing for enhanced public transparency and to help with caseloads which have led to attrition and burnout among prosecutors.



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1. Infrastructure



2. Violent Crime



3. Quality-of-Life



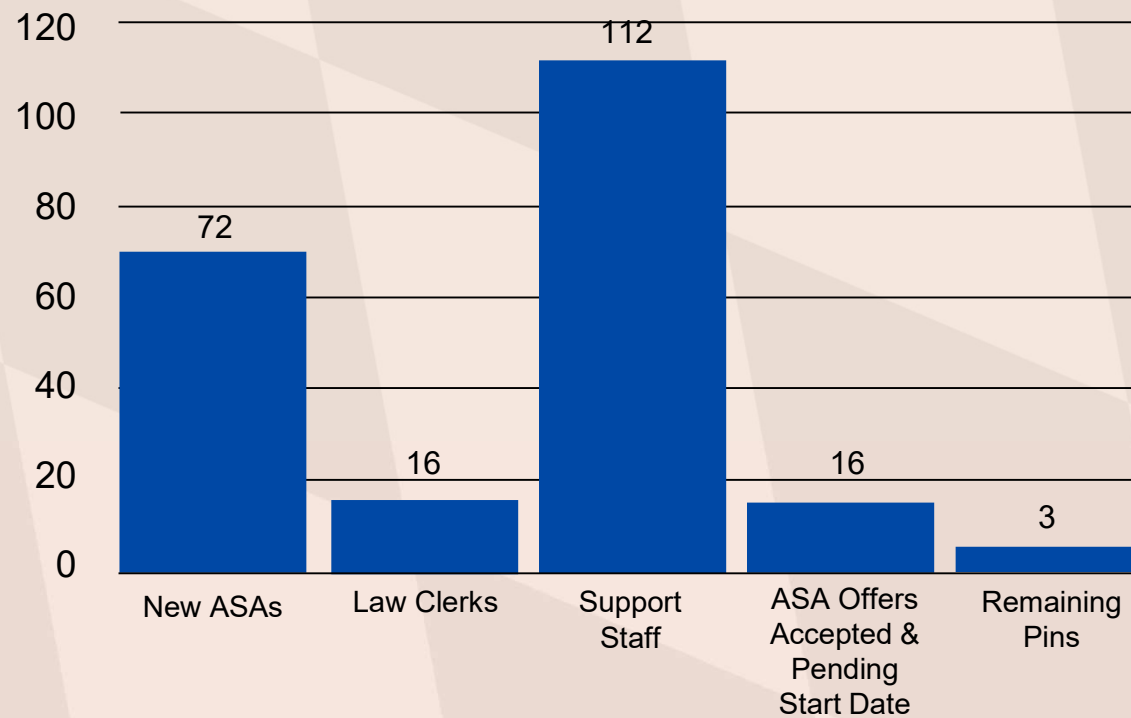
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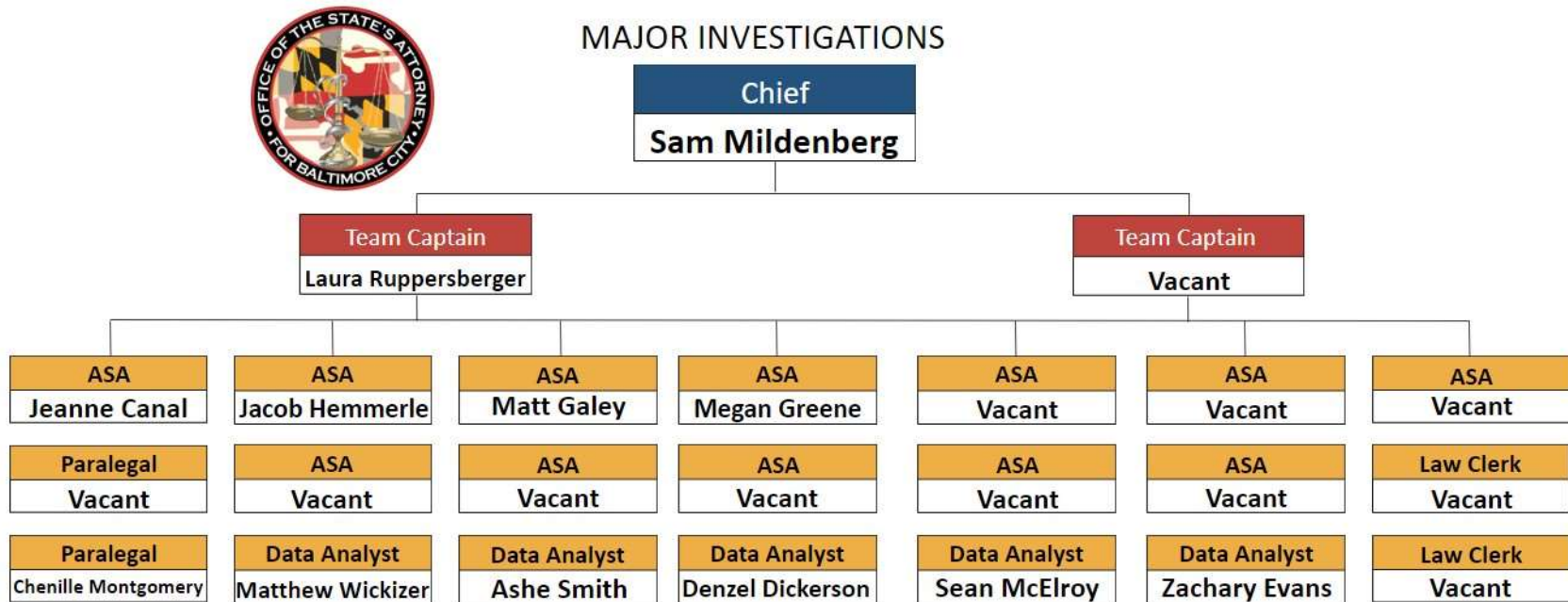
NEW & PROSPECTIVE HIRES SINCE JULY 2022



**Updated 5/28/2024*



Growing Divisions at the SAO



With more than 50 years of combined experience, the Major Investigations Unit is led by numerous senior prosecutors who are former Assistant U.S. Attorneys and Assistant Attorney Generals. This unit is integral to supporting GVRs and other task force initiatives executing large-scale takedowns, including the SAO's recent juvenile takedown, which led to 113 charged cases. The growth of this unit is imperative to the expansion of GVRs and the dismantling of Drug Trafficking Organizations in Baltimore.



Older & Disabled Persons Unit (ODPU)

ODPU Mission

The mission of the Older Adult and Disabled Person Unit (ODPU) is to support older adults and persons with disabilities who are victims of crime or a witness to a crime. The efforts of this unit are focused on strengthening the SAO's relationship with some of the most vulnerable members of the community, so they are encouraged to report crimes of abuse and financial exploitation. Opportunities include:

- Community events (16 events since Fall 2023)
- Prevention tips
- Resource referrals
- Helpline
- The unit serves as an additional resource to assist prosecutors who engage with a victim who is aged 60+ or a victim with disabilities.

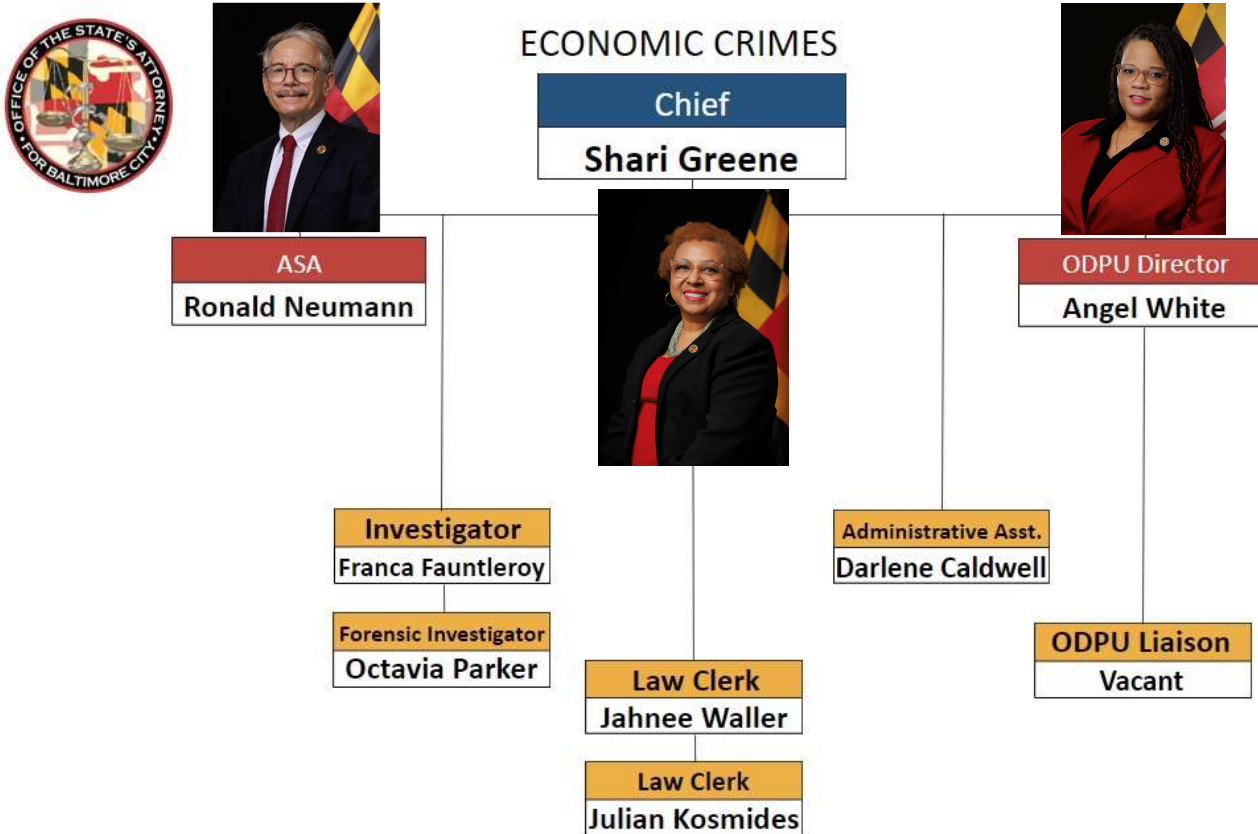


To contact the ODPU - please call our one-stop Helpline (844.726.6378) or email odpuhelp@stattdorney.org



Meet the Team

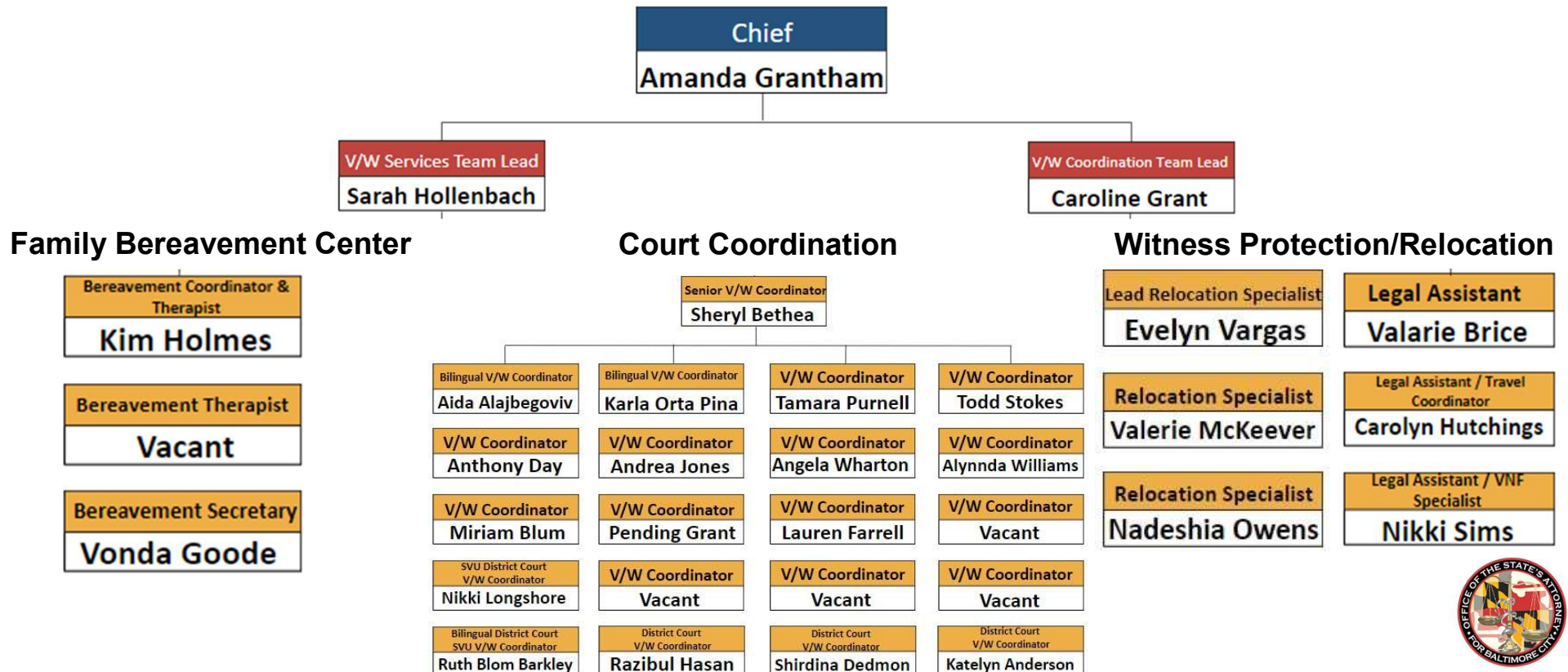
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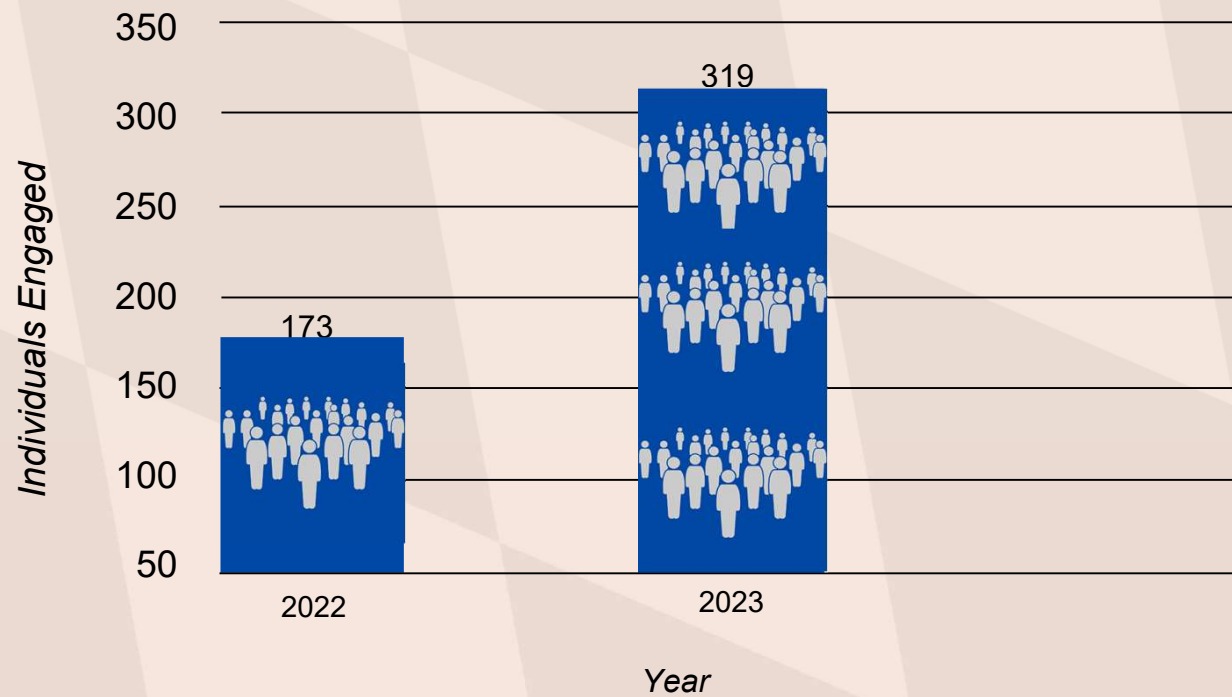
BCSAO Victim/Witness Division

Restructured, in April 2023:

The new Victim Witness Division applies an all-inclusive focus on aiding and providing services to all parties of criminal cases, including the coordination and contact of police officers who are witnesses, to ensure that all necessary parties are a part of the case preparation process. The goal is to decrease the number of cases that are dismissed due to witness issues. This also includes a more collaborative approach to citywide victim and witness relocation services.



Victim Witness Relocation Services 22' vs 23'



BCSAO Strategic Plan 2024-2026

This plan provides a [comprehensive blueprint](#) that reflects my unwavering commitment to serving the people of Baltimore with integrity, innovation, and excellence. I am proud to unveil the first-ever strategic plan for the BCSAO. This plan could not have been possible without the invaluable support and trust of the people of Baltimore.



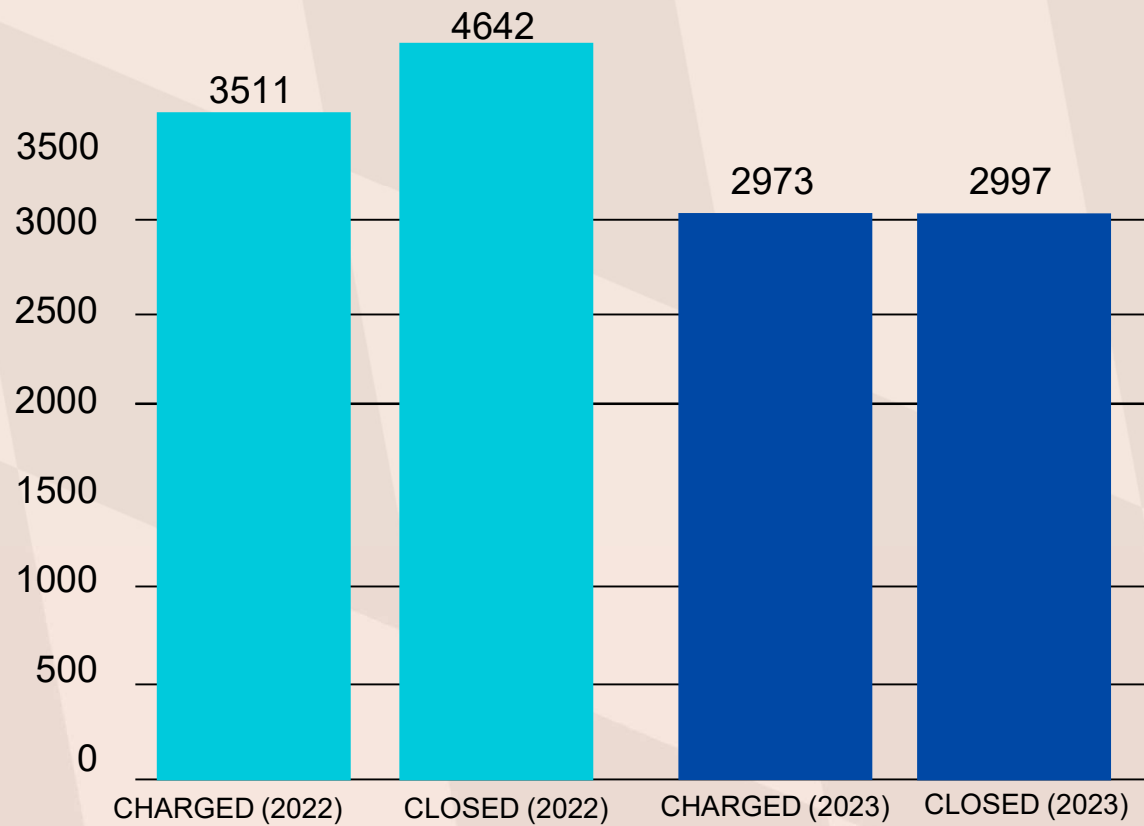
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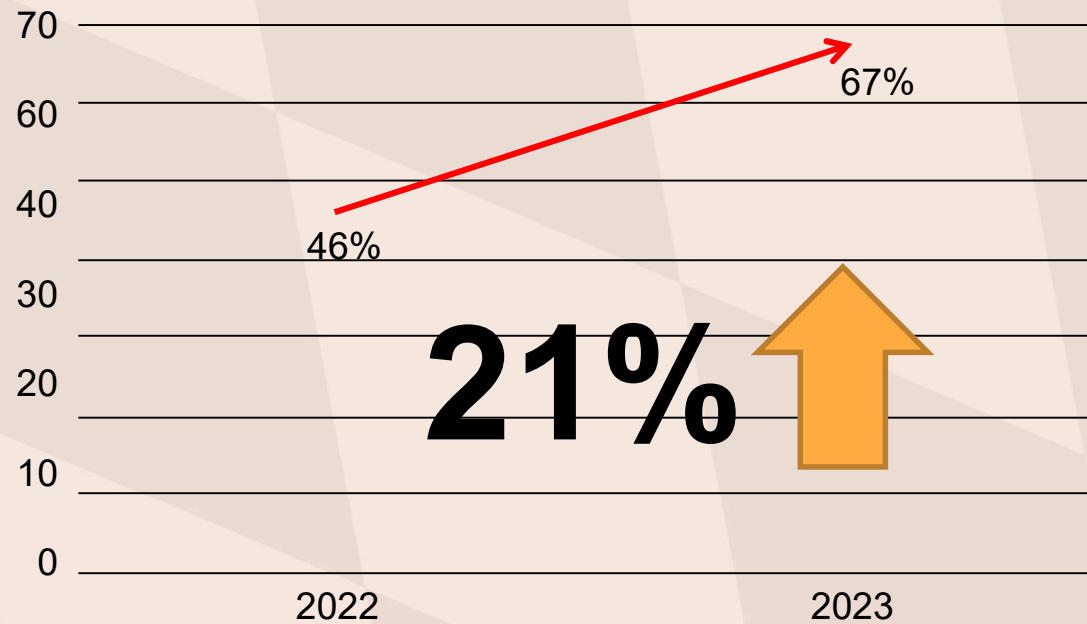
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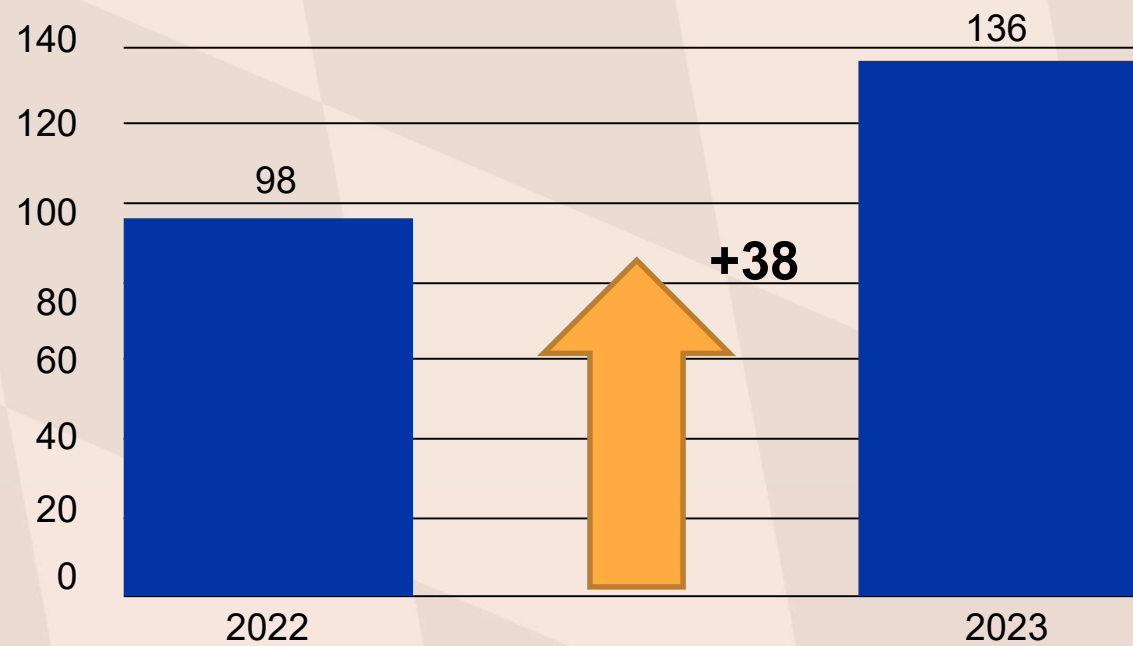
FELONY CASES CHARGED & CLOSED 2022 v. 2023



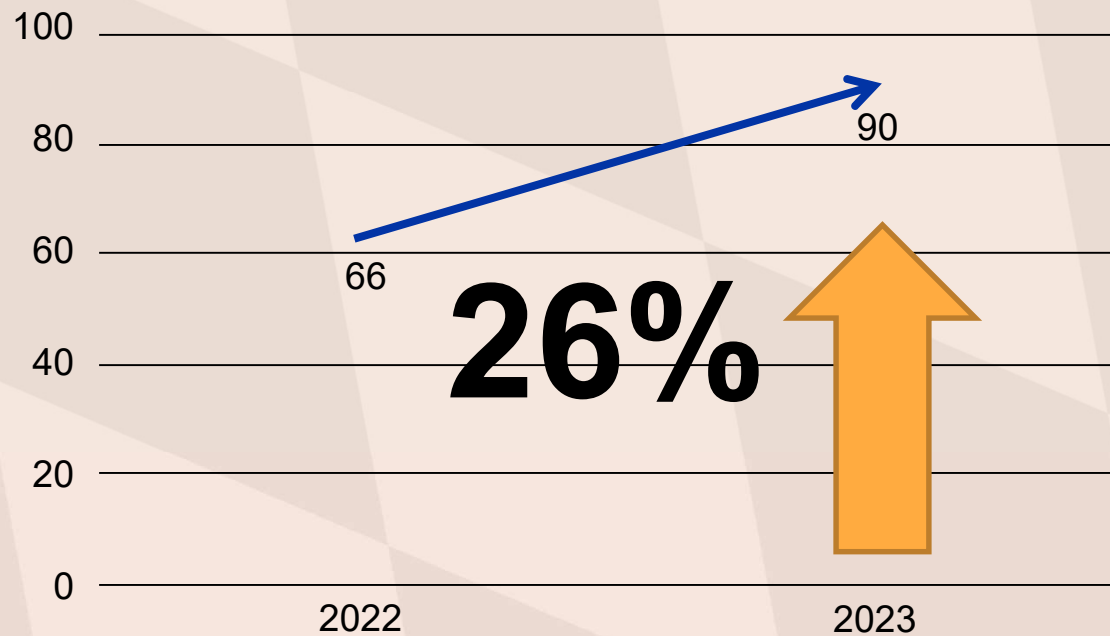
JURY TRIAL CONVICTIONS 2022 vs 2023



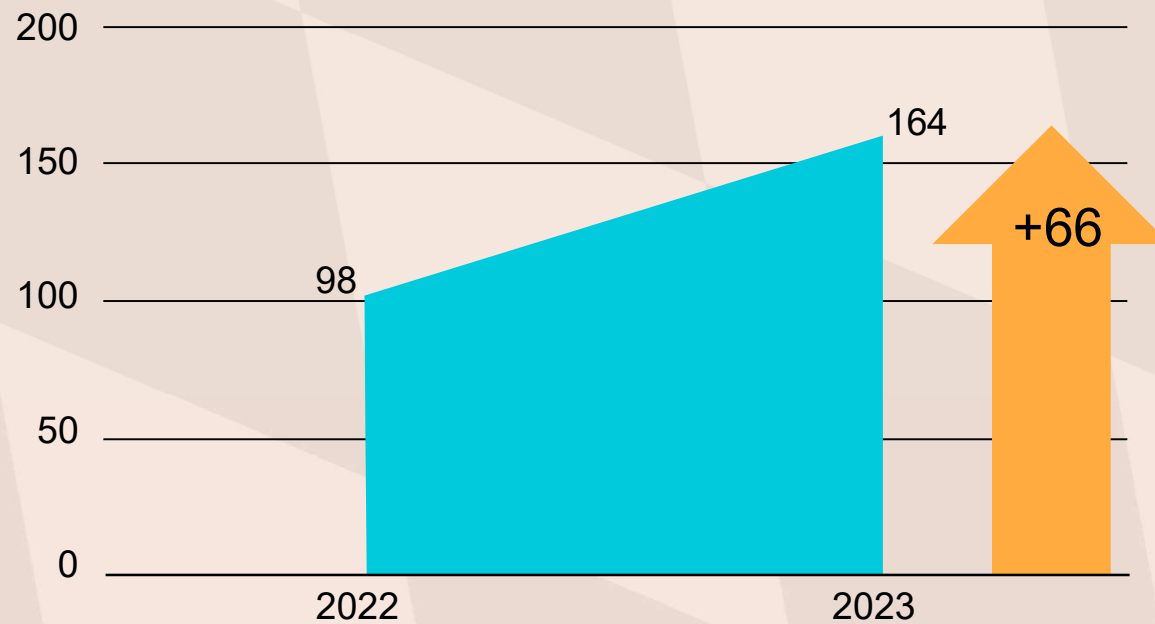
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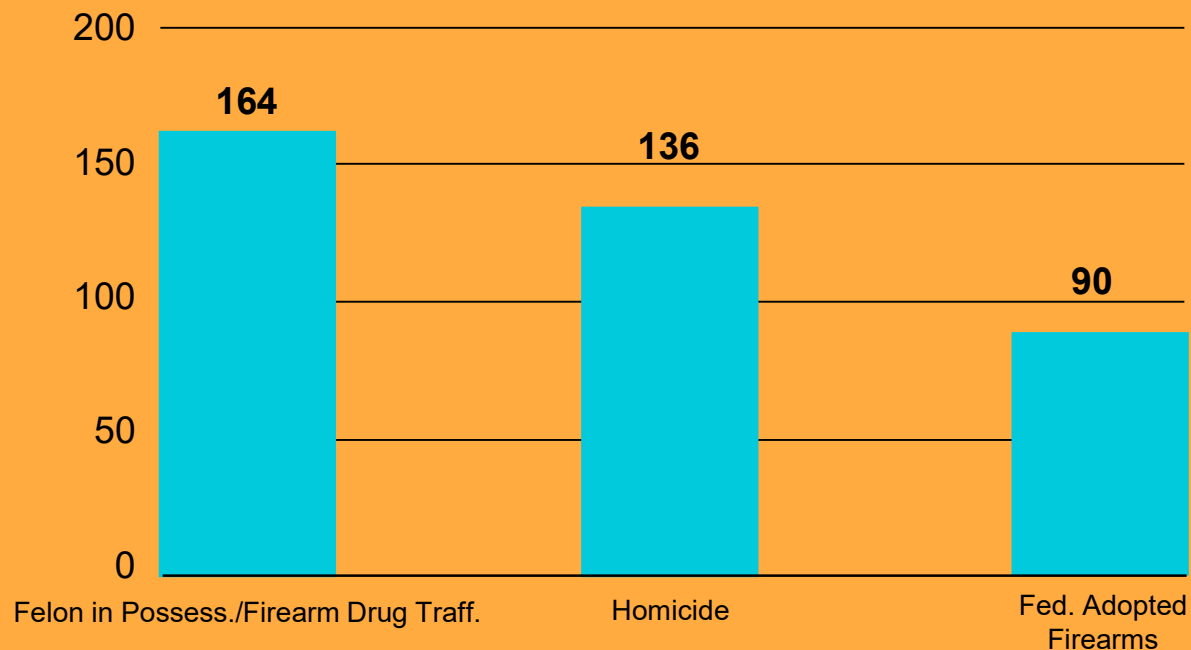
FEDERALLY ADOPTED FIREARM CASES 2022 vs 2023



FELON IN POSSESSION & FIREARM DRUG TRAFFICKING CONVICTIONS 2022 vs 2023



390 VIOLENT OFFENDERS TAKEN OFF THE STREETS IN 2023



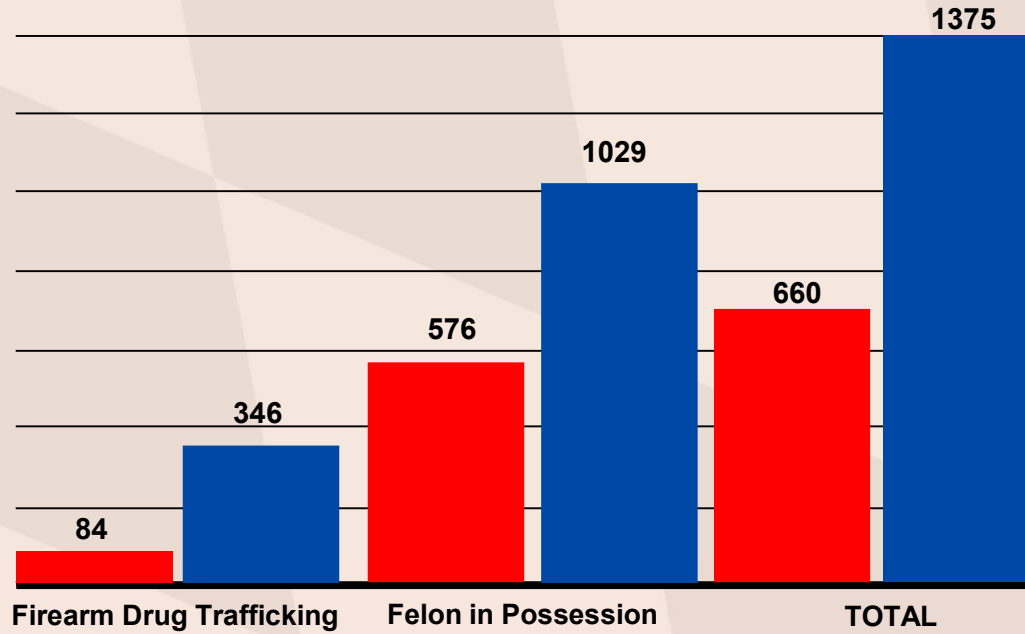
According to a study authored by the [National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform](https://www.npr.org/local/305/2022/02/21/1082103272/a-majority-of-d-c-s-gun-violence-is-driven-by-a-small-number-of-people-study-says), which has been working with the District of Columbia to develop a strategy for reducing gun violence, a relatively small group of people — likely as little as 200 people at any one point in time — are driving a majority of homicides and shootings in the city.

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MANDATORY MINIMUM FIREARM GUIDANCE '22 vs '23

YEARS SENTENCED



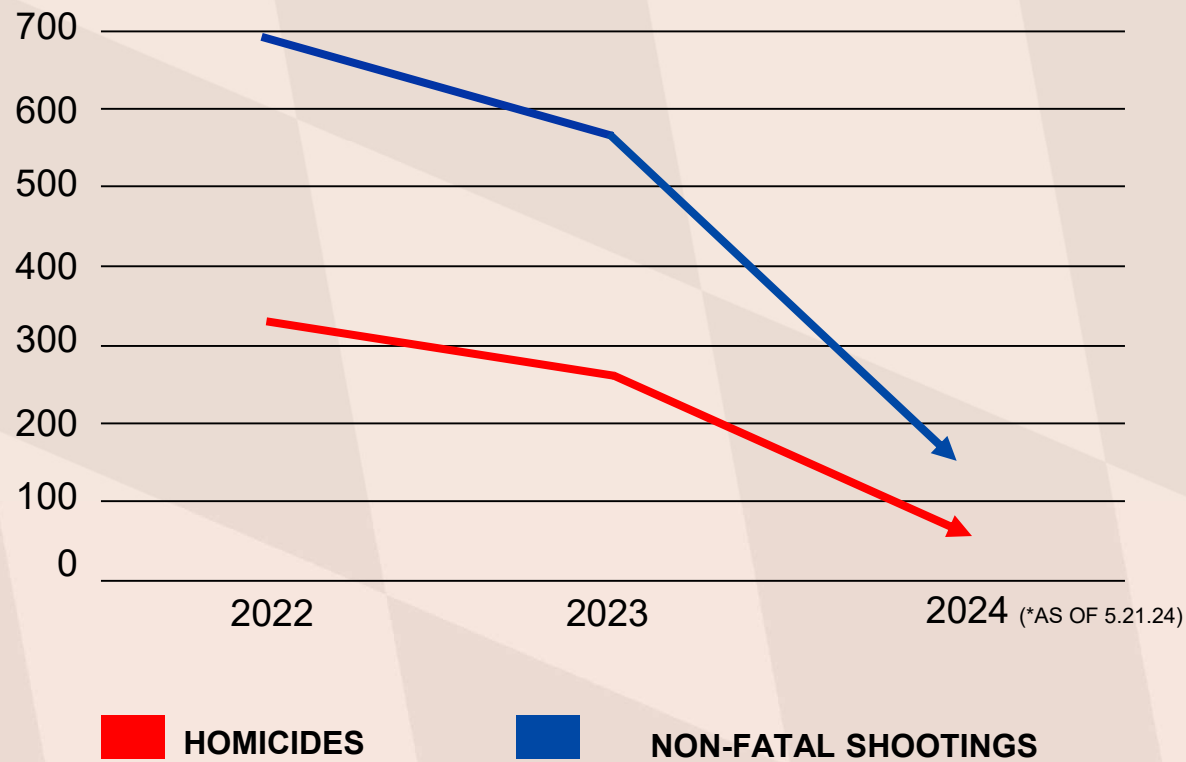
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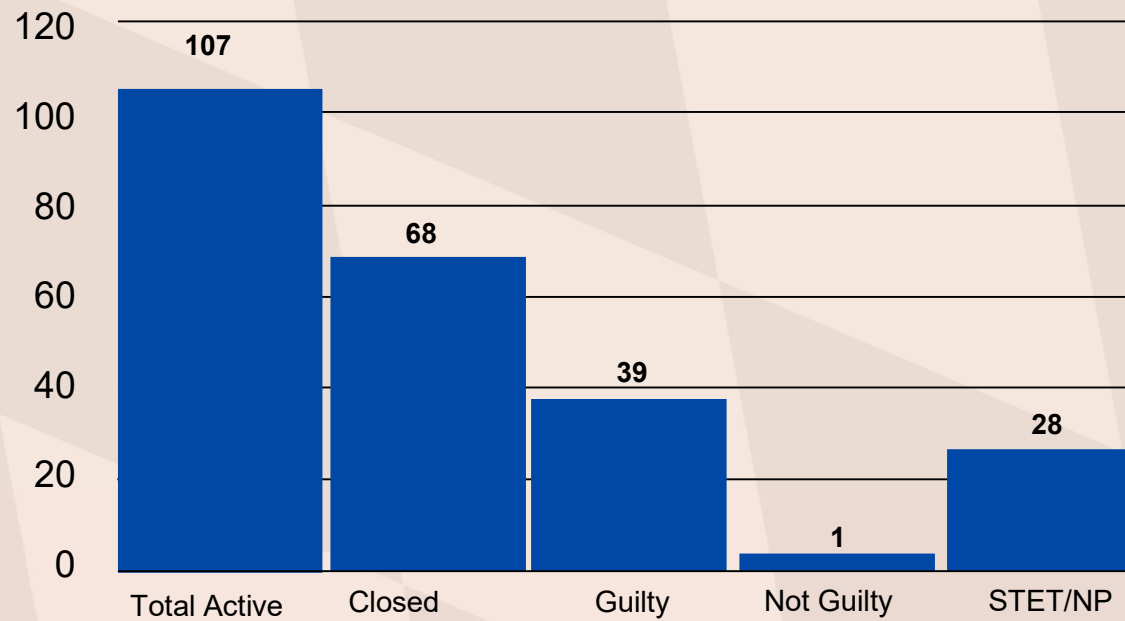
HOMICIDES & NON-FATAL SHOOTINGS 2022-2024



*Current pace for 2024 is 181 homicides & 421 non-fatal shootings



GVRS CASES 2023



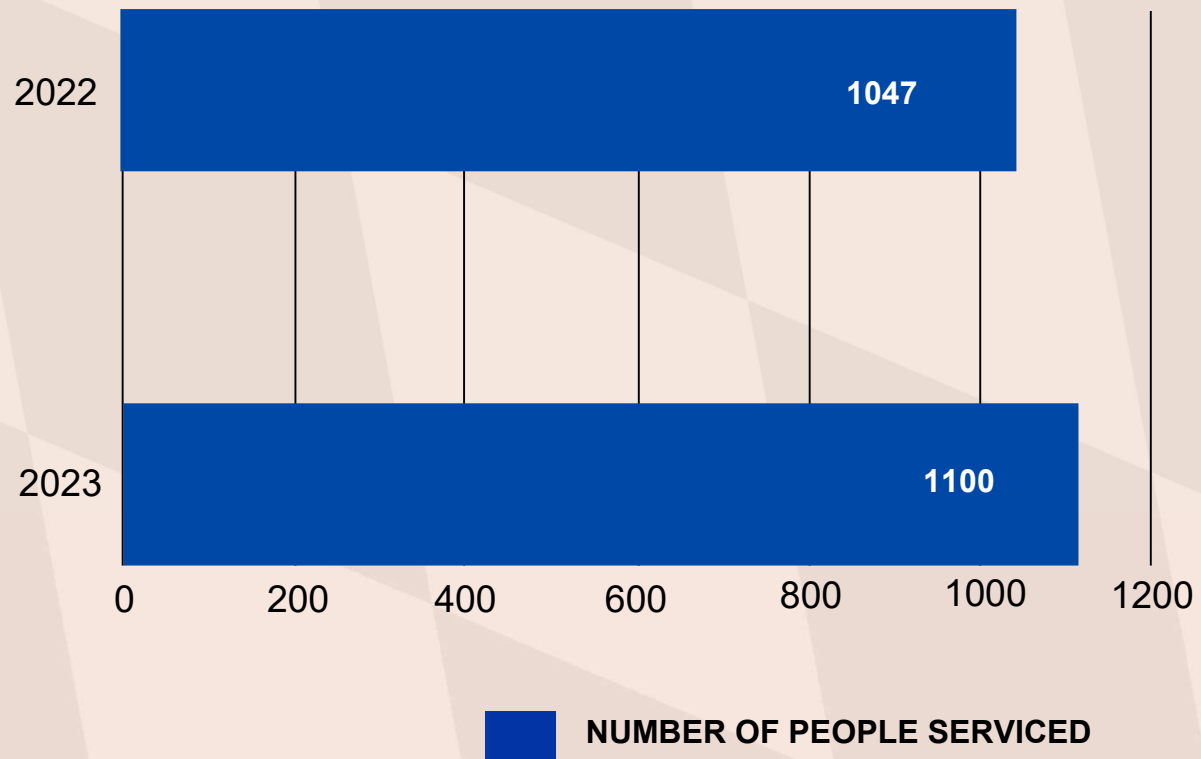
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3. Quality-of-Life



SPECIALTY COURT DIVERSION DATA



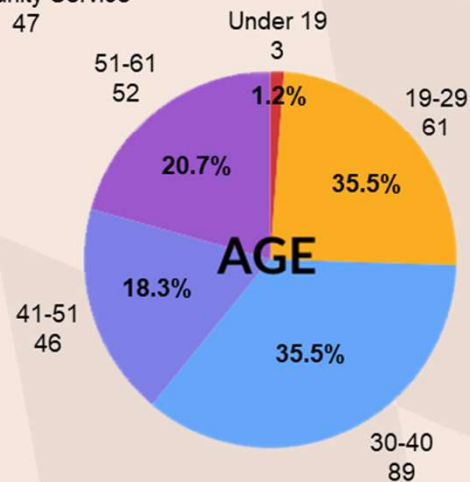
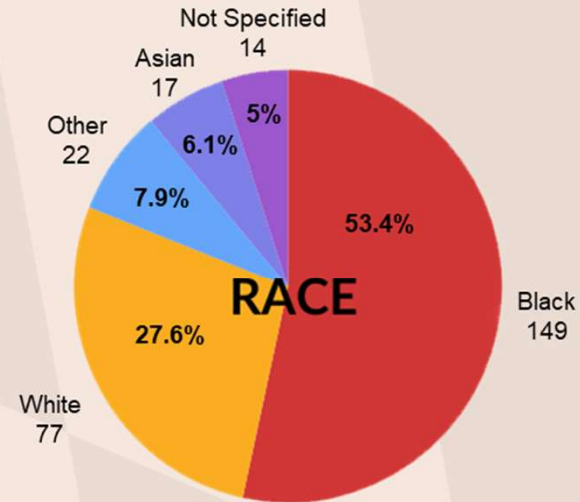
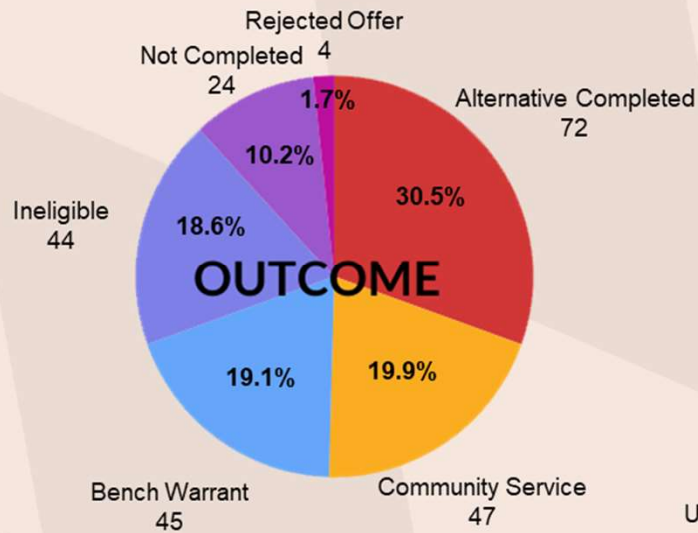
Citation Docket Offenses

CDS POSSESSION (CDS)
PWID (Marijuana)
Littering
Fail to Obey Reasonable/Lawful Order
Disorderly Conduct
Street Vendors – w/o License
Theft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under \$100 Under \$100 to under \$1,500
Trespass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posted Property Private Property
Malicious Destruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under \$1,000

Disorderly Drinking
Disorderly Intoxication
Drinking in Public Places (Open container)
Loitering
Loitering - Liquor establishments
Aggressive Panhandling
Soliciting on highways (Hackee)
Hacking
Urinating in Public

DIRT BIKE CHARGES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving or Riding a Dirt Bike in Baltimore City on public or private property of the city Possessing an Un-immobilized (not locked) Dirt Bike Permitting Another to Drive or Ride a Dirt Bike A Parent/Guardian Knowingly Permitting a Minor to Drive, Ride, or Possess an Un-immobilized Dirt Bike
Minor in possession of alcohol
False Representation

2023 CITATION DOCKET DATA

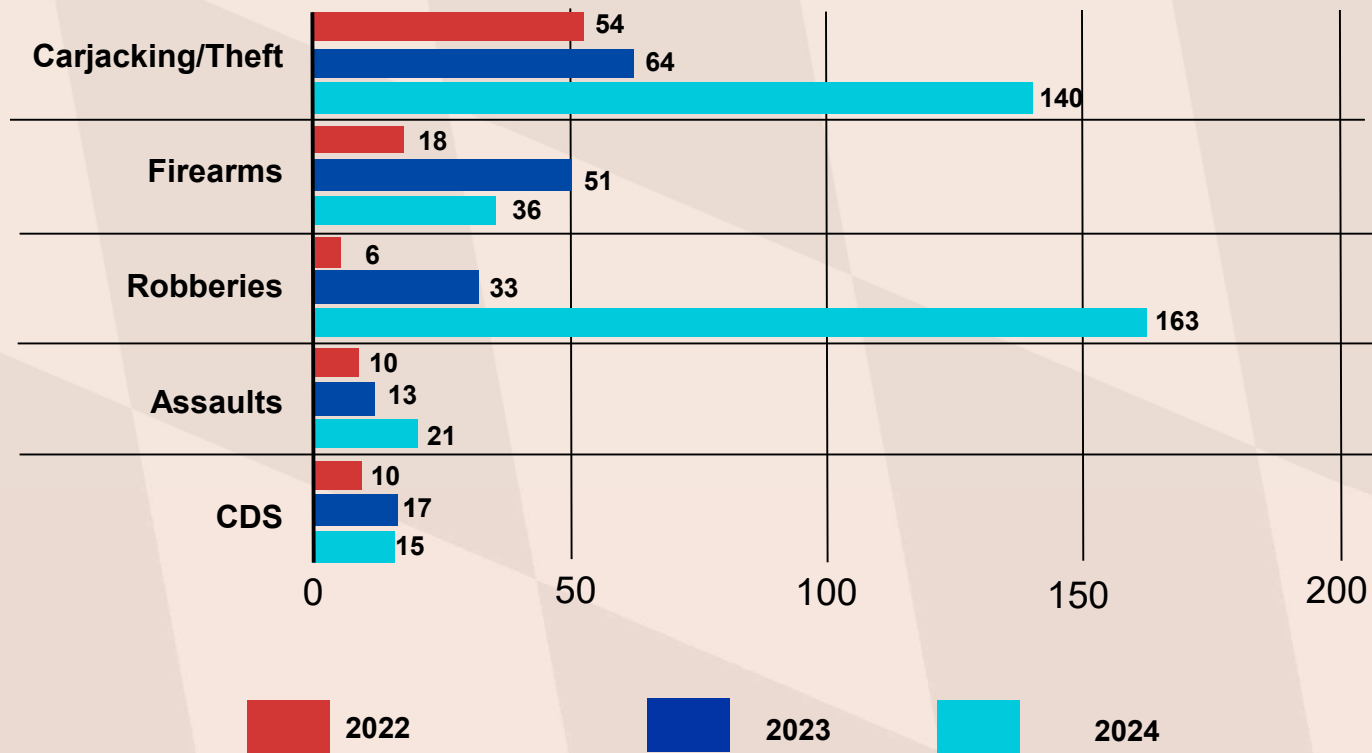


According to the NYT article, **Almost 6,000 Dead in 6 Years: How Baltimore Became the U.S. Overdose Capital**, "People in Baltimore have been dying of overdoses at a rate never before seen in a major American city." The article also notes that, "The death rate from 2018 to 2022 was nearly double that of any other large city, and higher than nearly all of Appalachia during the prescription pill crisis, the Midwest during the height of rural meth labs or New York during the crack epidemic."



JUVENILE CASES

Jan 1-May 1



Needs Summary



Release and fund 20 frozen ASA pins to support:



1. GVRS
2. Juvenile Division
3. HSI auto theft task force



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