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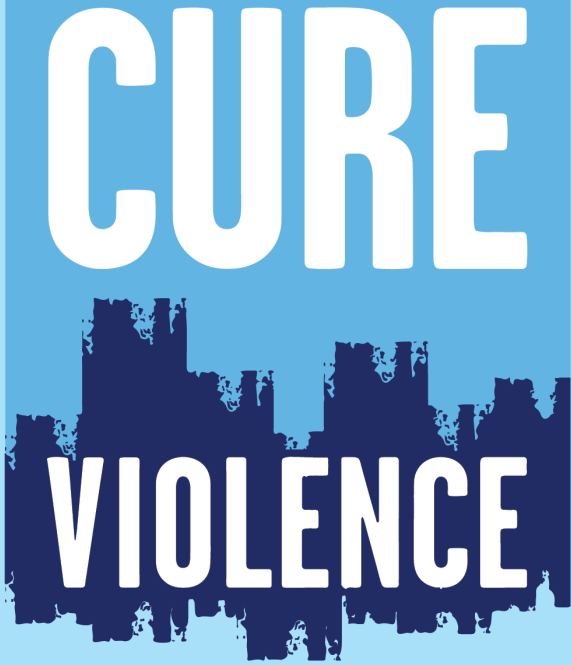
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# Cure Violence Annual Report 2025



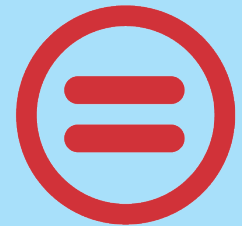
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# Agenda

- How Cure Violence Model Works
- FY 2025 Accomplishments
- Understanding the Data
- Goals / Next Steps
- Questions

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# Imagine Our City Without Violence...

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## How the Cure Violence Model Works

- **How It Works?**

The Cure Violence model is based on the World Health Organization's approach to reversing the epidemic spread of infectious diseases such as AIDS, tuberculosis, and cholera. The model applies these same three proven strategies to stop violence. Trained, culturally appropriate workers interrupt the transmission of violence, prevent its future spread, and transform community norms.

The model has been successfully replicated in diverse settings, proving its effectiveness across a variety of communities, cultures, and ethnicities.

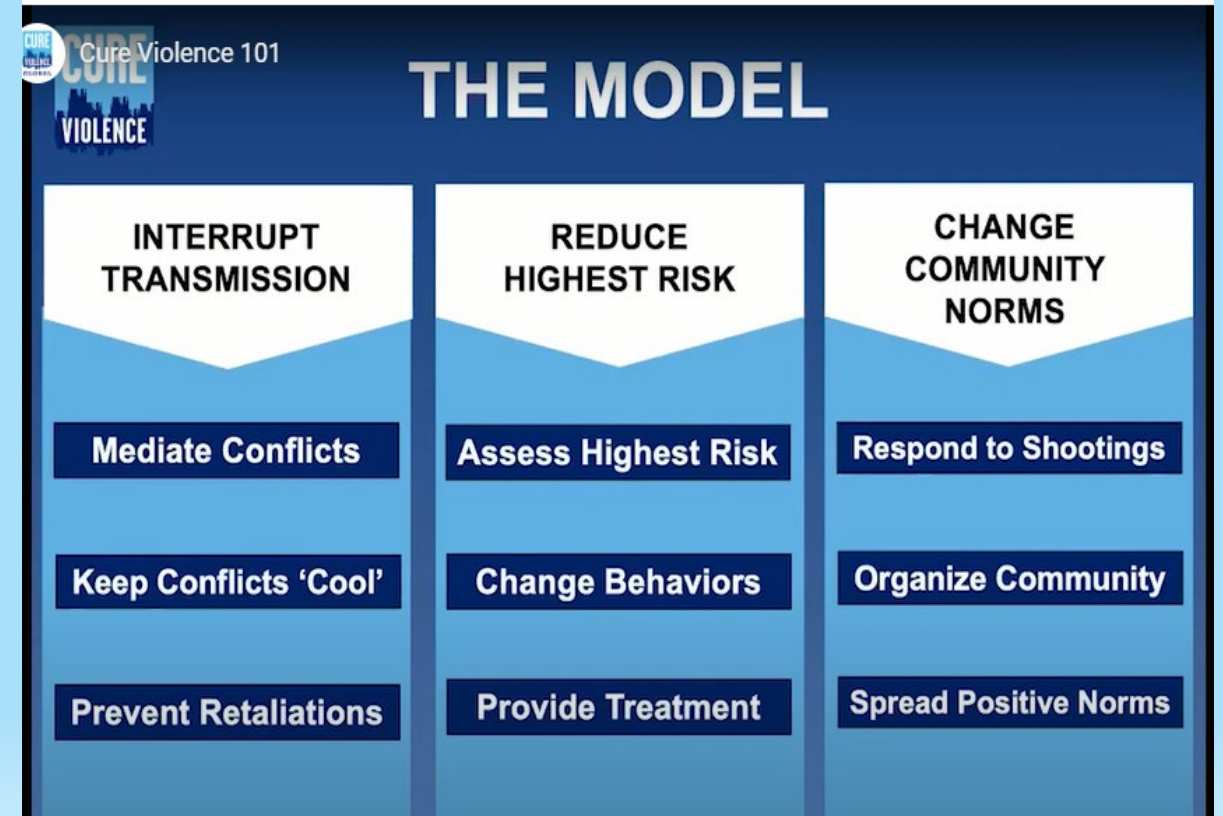


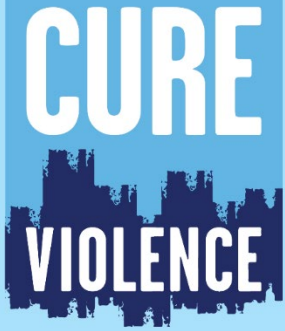


# Cure Violence Model: Strategies

## Strategies

- Detect and Interrupt Potentially Violent Conflicts
- Identify and Treat the Highest Risk Individuals
- Mobilize the Community to Change Norms
- Collection of Evidence Based Data





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# Cure Violence in Action

## Diversion, Prevention, and Intervention

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**Intervention - Violence Interrupters** help reduce the commission of crimes by providing mediation services within the community. Interrupters work separate from law enforcement and must remain independent to maintain the credibility needed to work with those at the highest risk.

**Behavioral Norm and Community Norm Change- Outreach Specialists** aid in relationship building with programs targeted demographic, assisting youth with navigating the many pitfalls of life ranging from the Socio-Economic, Education, Housing and Mental Health hurdles that are faced.

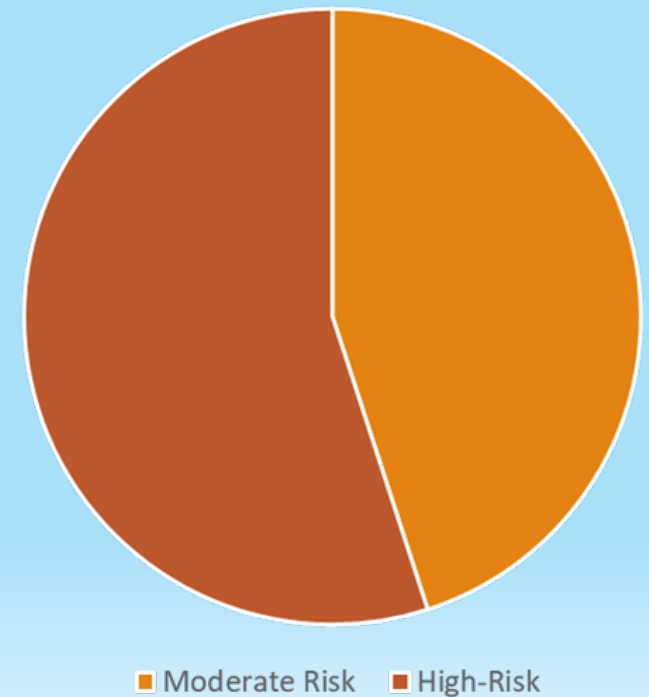


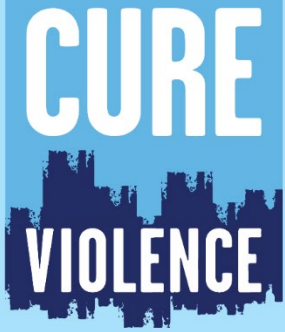
# Accomplishments: 2025

## Violence Detections and Interruptions

Cure Violence GR engaged  
in **4,266** interactions  
that led to violence detections  
and interruptions.

Violence Detections





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# Accomplishments:

## Identification and Treatment of High-Risk

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Cure Violence GR had **127 interruptions** that led to the identification and treatment of high-risk individuals; these interactions helped **defuse** immediate conflicts that had a high-risk probability of leading to gun violence.



# Accomplishments:

## Mediations of Conflict

Cure Violence GR had **288** interactions that led to mediations with key individuals involved in other conflicts; these interactions led to community mobilization with hopes to (ultimately) move towards changing Behavioral and Community Norms.



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# Accomplishments:

**Community Events +  
Resident Engagement**

**Over 1,238 Residents**

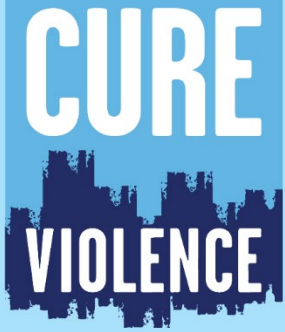
have participated in **63** sponsored events

over this past year by the League's Cure

Violence Program throughout greater Grand

Rapids.





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# Accomplishments:

## Resource Referrals

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# 4,521 Grand Rapidians

were assisted with referrals to the League's four Centers of Innovation for living wage jobs/employment and workforce development training; education and academic achievement for students; food insecurity and food assistance; homelessness and eviction prevention; health and tobacco-free living; and access to credit and credit repair assistance.



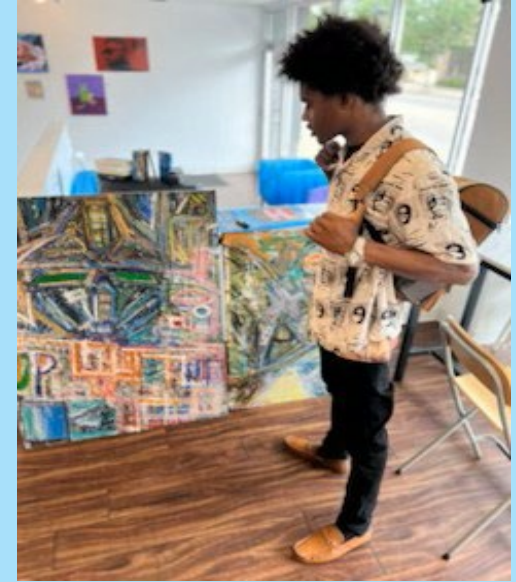
# Success Stories:

## Participant Completion

With Cure Violence's help, a high-risk individual has changed norms. He has since established a small art business and is currently displaying art throughout Grand Rapids. This project culminated in an art gallery exhibit at Muse GR.

## From High-Risk to Honor Roll

Cure Violence conflict resolution and mediation techniques resulted in 6 of 20 high-risk participants earning honor roll recognition in 2025.



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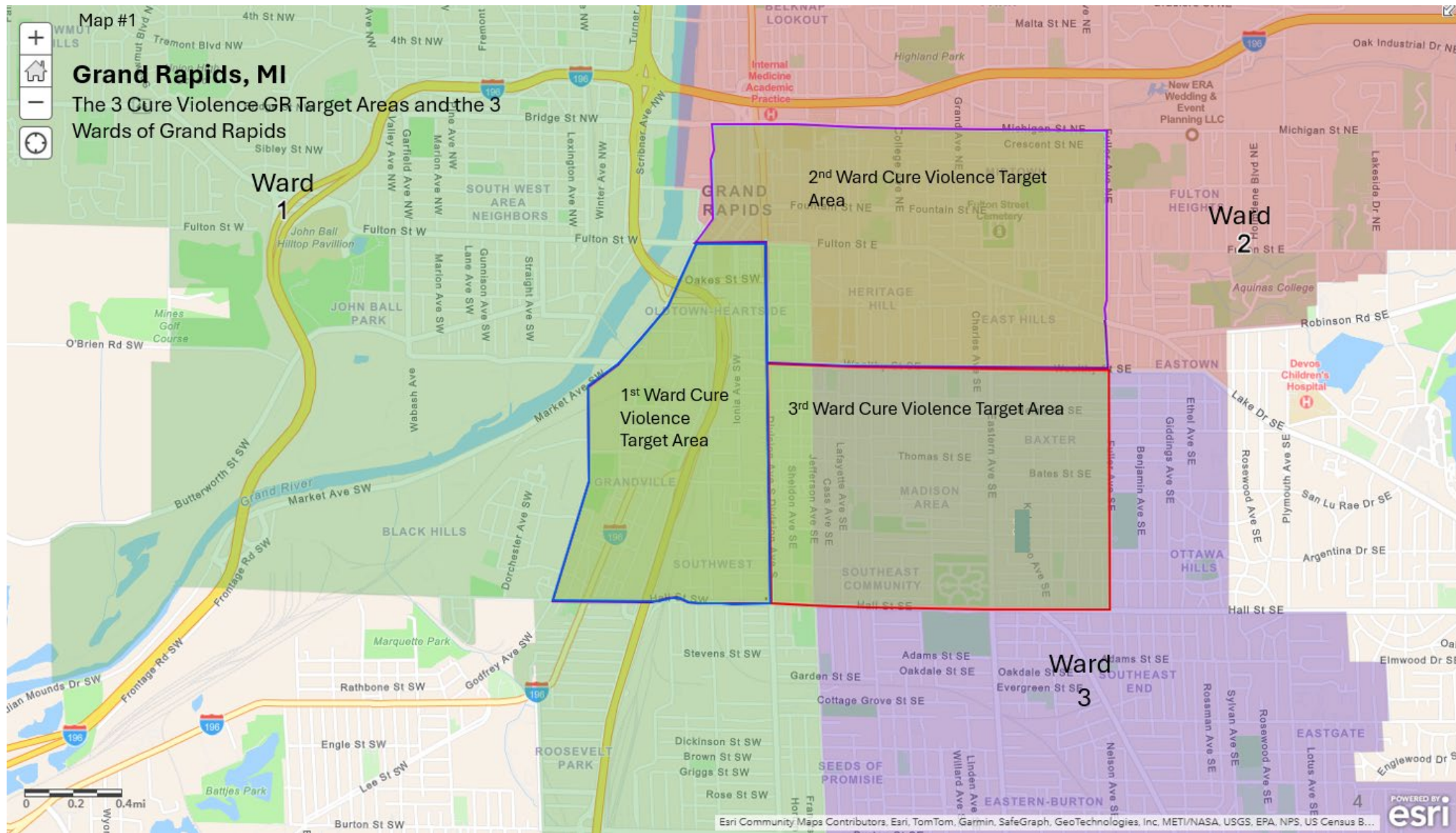
# The Data: Is it working?

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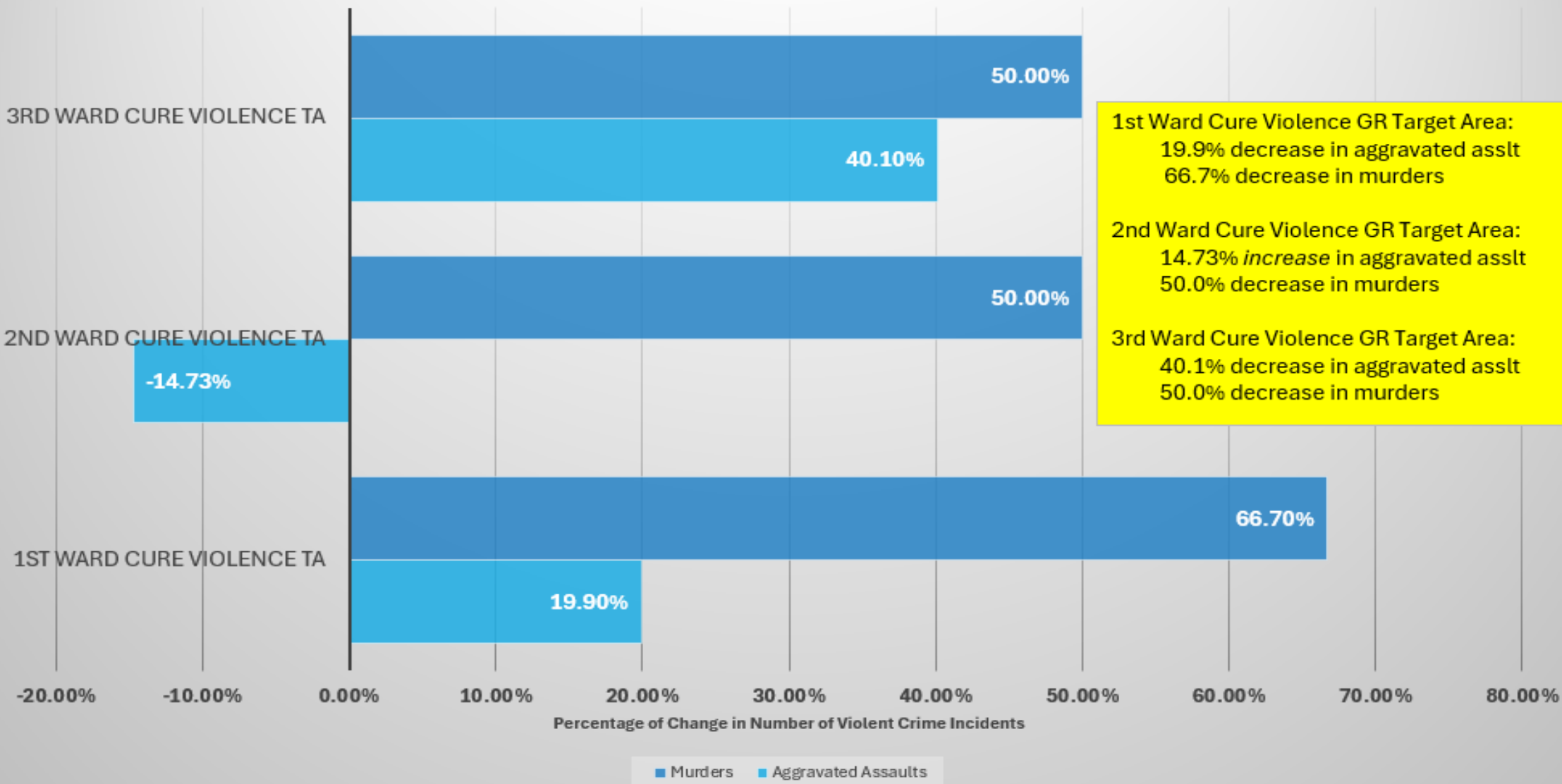
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## The Following Totals Represent the Violent Crime Incidents Within the 3 Cure Violence GR Target Areas Over the Past 54 Months (through June 2025)



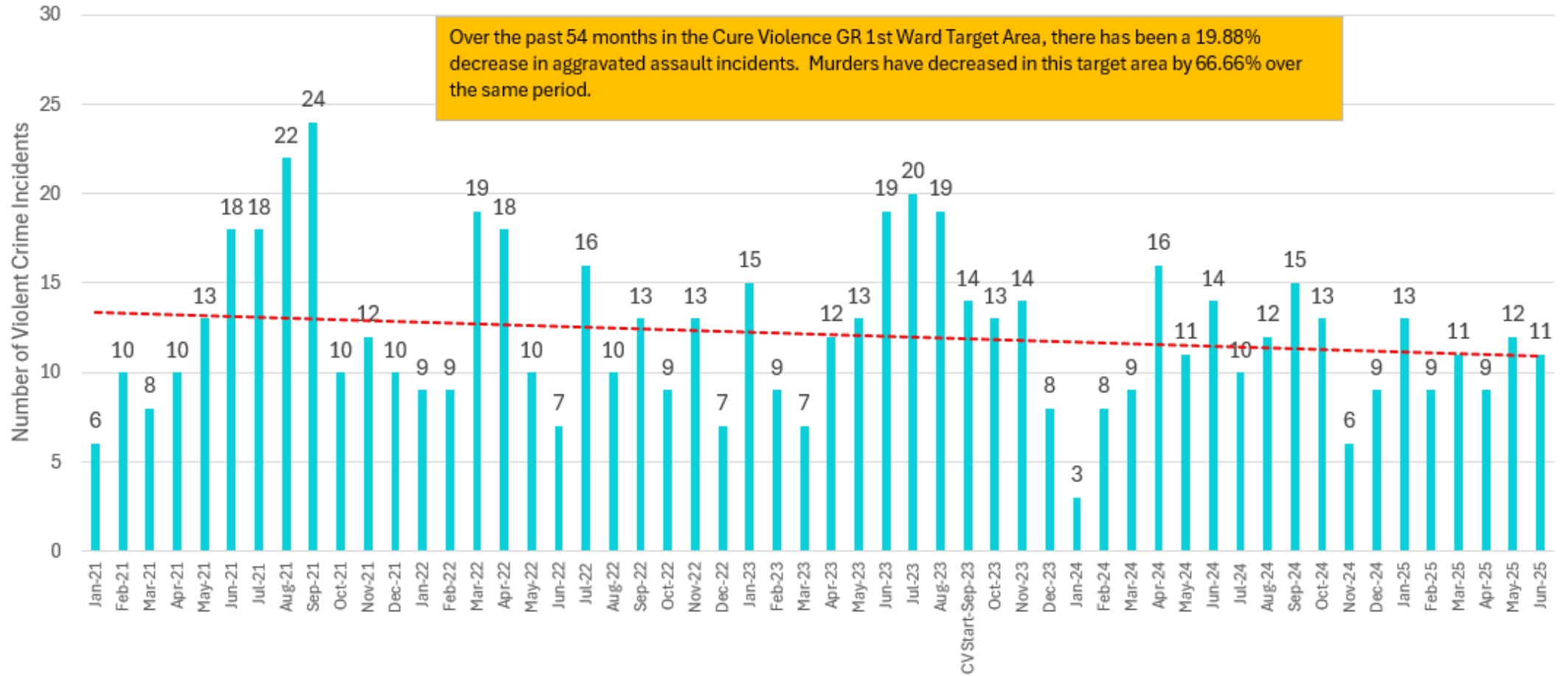
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## 1st Ward Cure Violence GR Target Area: 54 Months Aggravated Assault Incidents: January 2021 through June 2025



54 Months Aggravated Assault Incidents Within the 1st Ward Cure Violence GR Target Area

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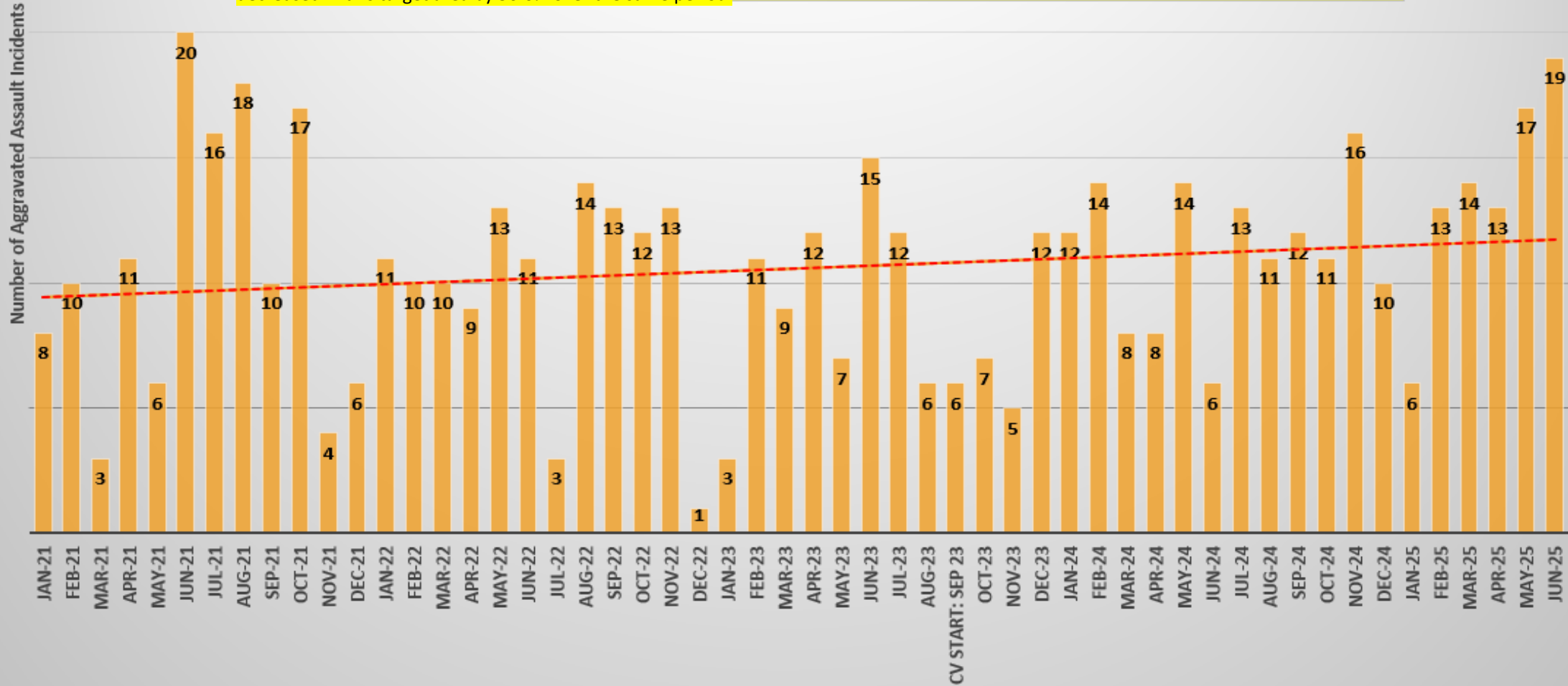
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## 2nd Ward Cure Violence GR Target Area: 54 Months Aggravated Assault Incidents (January 2021 through June 2025)

Over the past 54 months, aggravated assault incidents in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Cure Violence GR Target Area have increased by 14.73%. This increase is due to a growing number of persons outside the target age group of Cure Violence GR (target age is 14-26 yrs). Murders, however, have decreased in this target area by 50.0% over the same period.

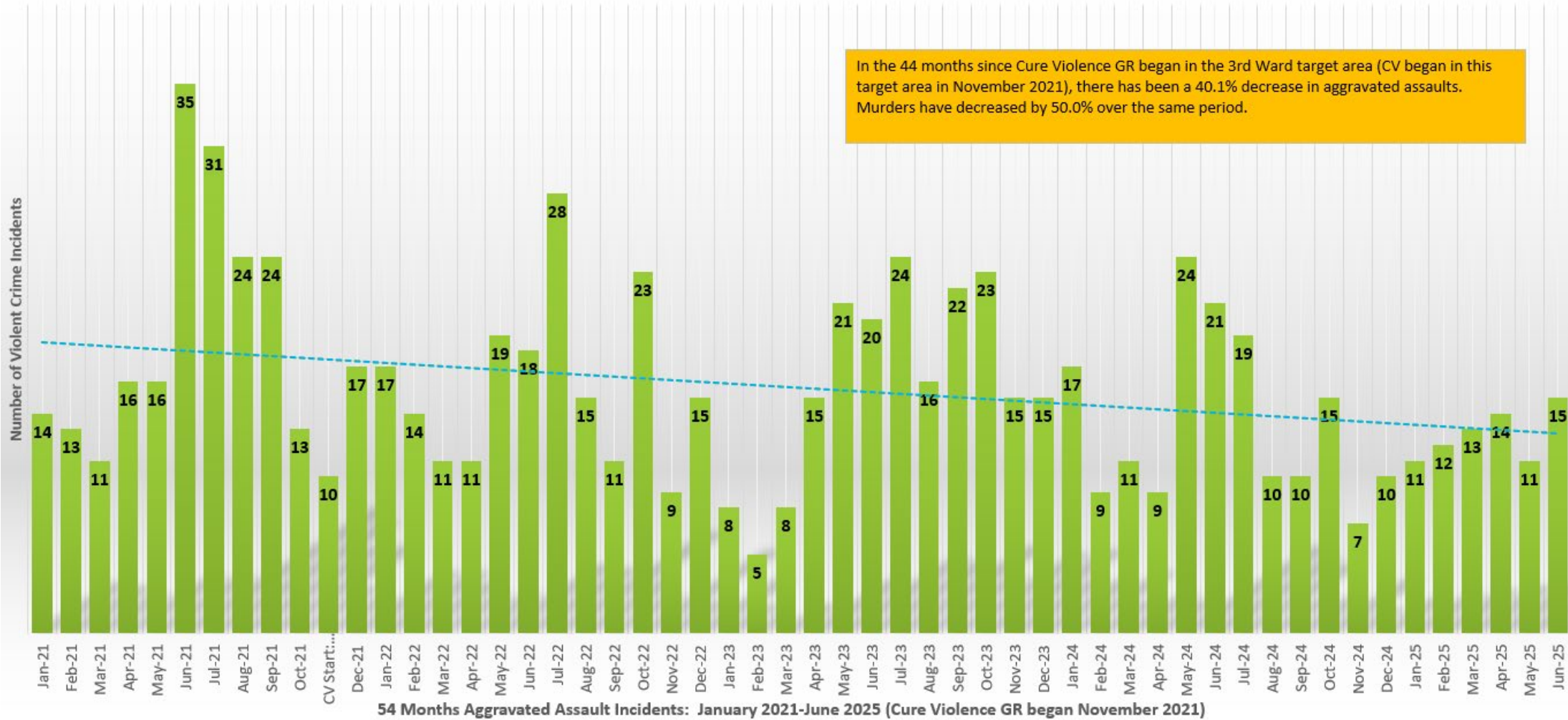


54 Months: January 2021-June 2025, 2nd Ward Cure Violence GR Target Area Record of Aggravated Assault Incidents  
(Cure Violence GR started in this target area in September 2023)



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## Cure Violence GR 3rd Ward Target Area: 54 Months of Aggravated Assault Incidents January 2021 through June 2025

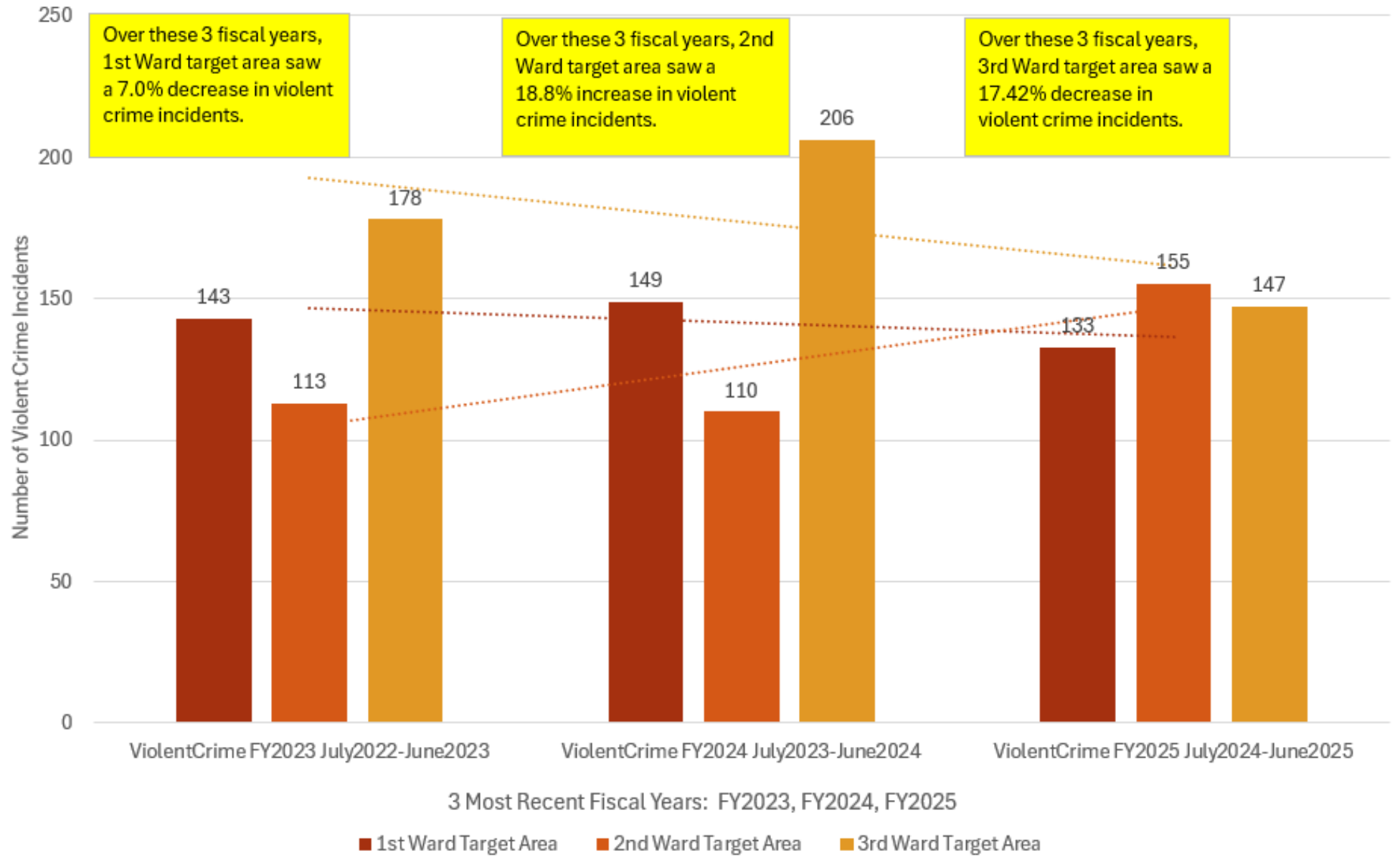


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## 3 Most Recent Fiscal Years for 3 Cure Violence GR Target Areas



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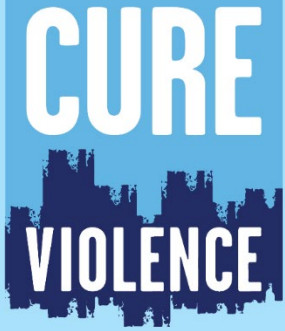
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**Questions?**



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# **GOALS: Our NEXT... What We Seek to Accomplish:**

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- **Influence long-term changes and opportunities for the highest-risk individuals**
- **Address the underlying social/economic inequalities that fuel gun violence**
- **Continue to engage, mobilize, and empower our youth and community through**

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