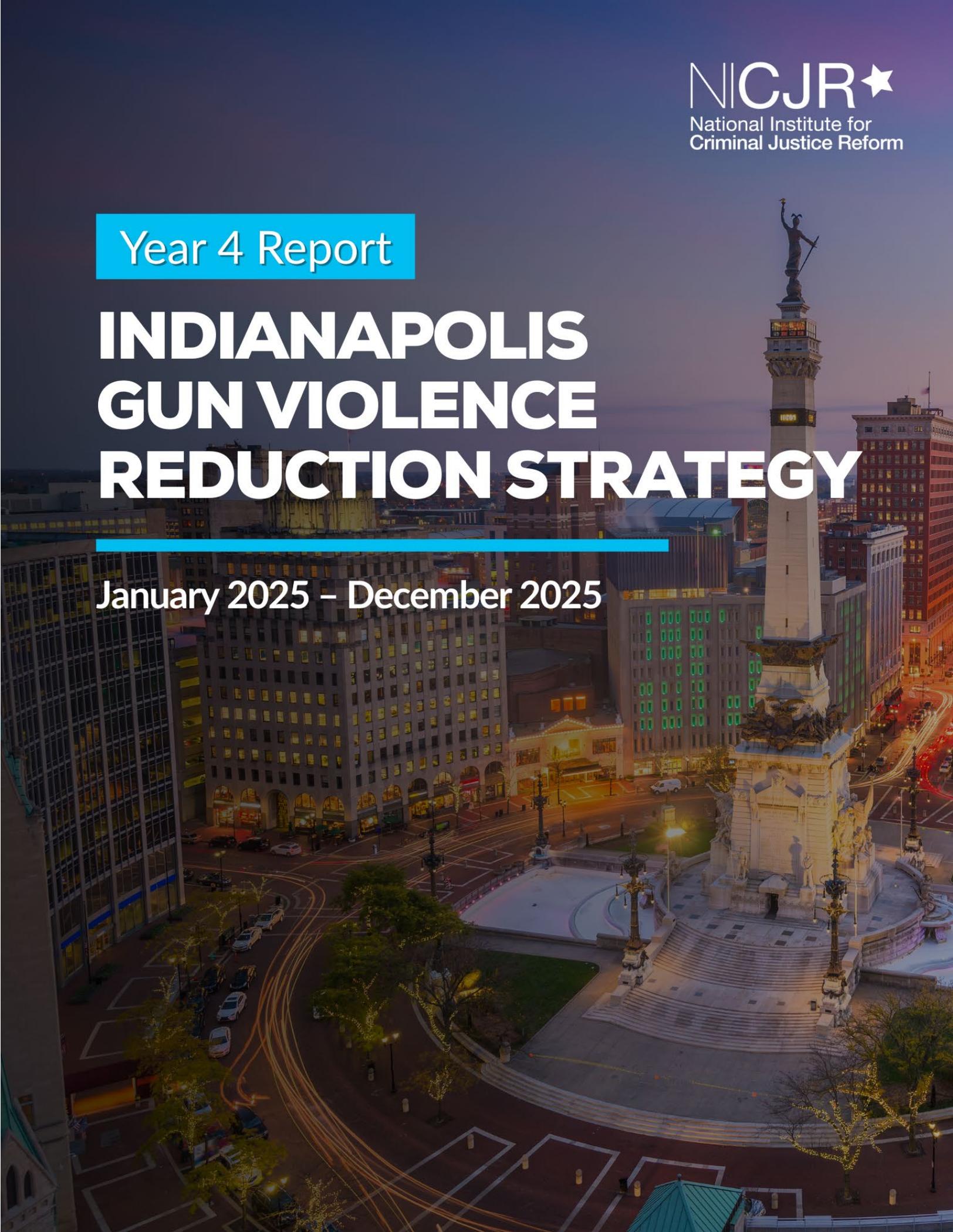


Year 4 Report

# INDIANAPOLIS GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY

January 2025 – December 2025



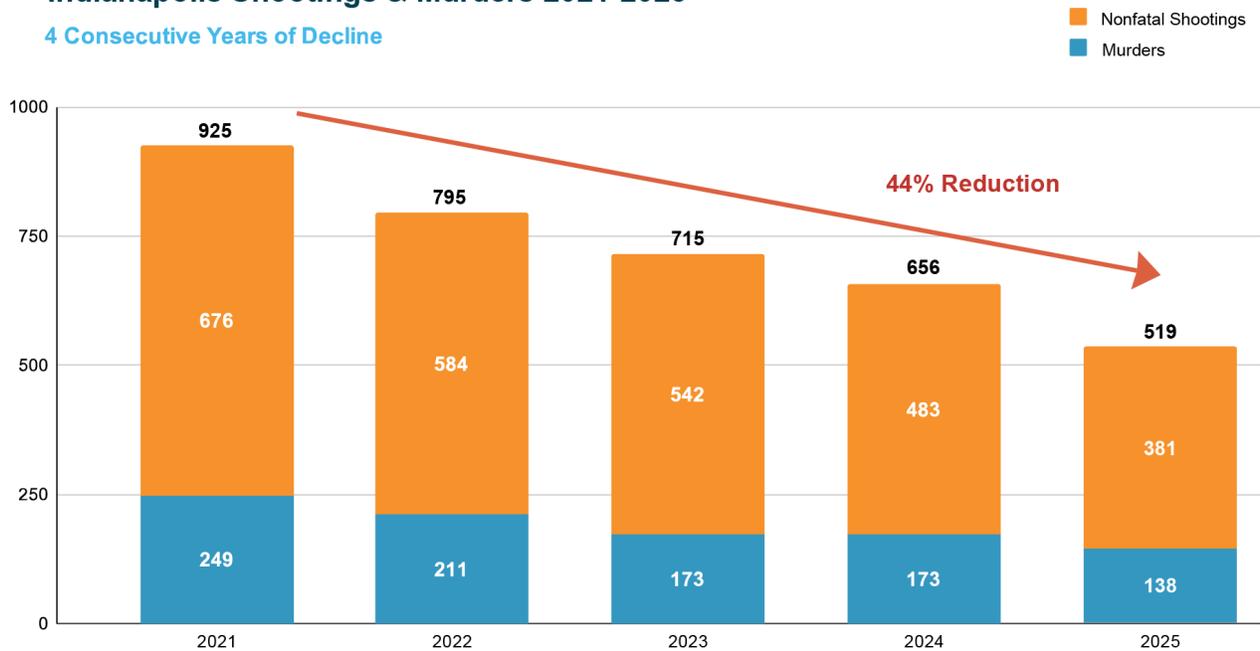
## Indianapolis Gun Violence Reduction Strategy Year Four Report

Indianapolis has achieved four consecutive years of declines in gun violence, a milestone very few, if any, major cities have accomplished. In 2025, Indianapolis had 20% fewer murders and 21% fewer non-fatal, injury shootings than in 2024, resulting in the fewest number of murders in 11 years.

Since implementing a comprehensive Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS) at the beginning of 2022, Indianapolis has achieved a 44% reduction in murders and non-fatal shootings combined.

### Indianapolis Shootings & Murders 2021-2025

4 Consecutive Years of Decline



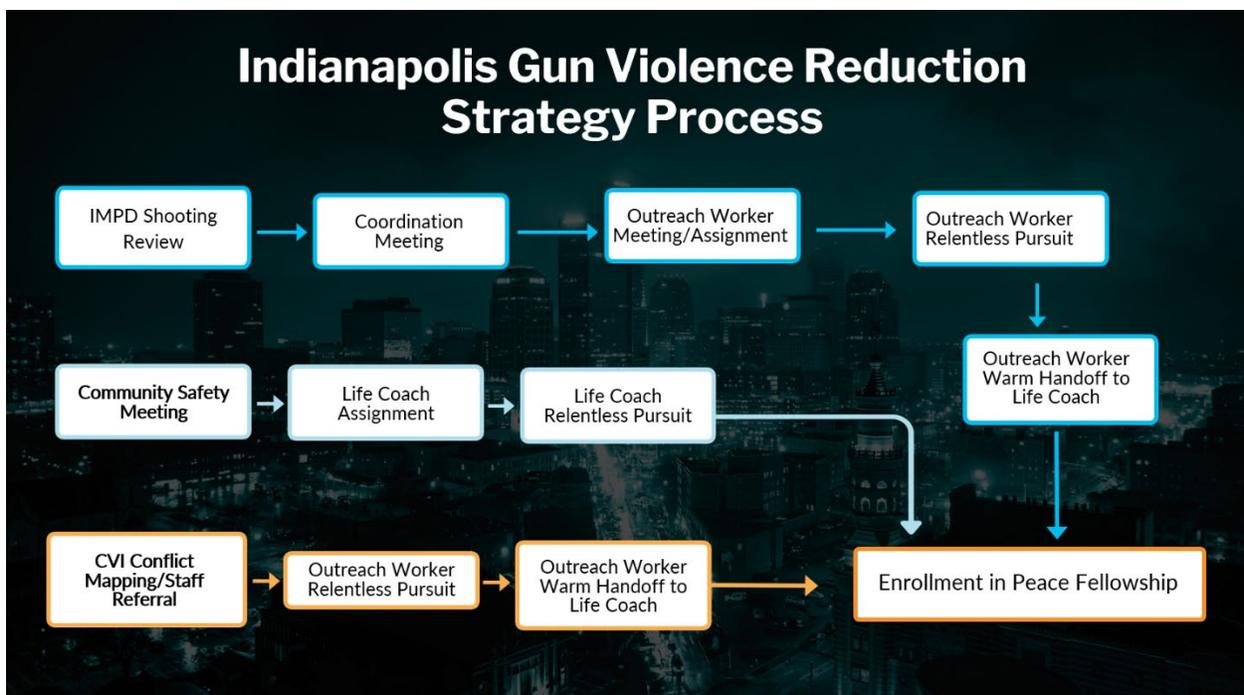
In January 2022, Indianapolis launched GVRS, a data-driven initiative that identifies individuals who are at very high risk of being involved in gun violence and employs intensive interventions with those individuals to prevent shootings. The Indianapolis GVRS has three primary components:

- 1) **Indy Peace:** Community violence intervention (CVI) workers intensively engage with individuals identified as being at very high risk of gun violence involvement, develop positive relationships with them, help them make better decisions, and connect them to an array of community services.
- 2) **Elevation Grants:** The City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Foundation have partnered to provide more than \$50 million in grants to local community-based organizations that provide violence prevention and intervention services.

- 3) **Focused Enforcement:** The Indianapolis Police Metropolitan Department (IMPD) and other criminal justice agencies focus enforcement efforts on those individuals and groups that are the primary drivers of gun violence, including increased clearance rates of murders and non-fatal shootings.

When Indianapolis launched GVRs, it implemented many key elements, including:

- Mayor Joe Hogsett committed more than [\\$150 million of American Rescue Plan Act \(ARPA\) funds](#) to reduce gun violence in Indianapolis, one of the largest per capita investments of ARPA funds in the country. Forty-five million dollars was allocated to the [Elevation grant program](#), funding more than 30 community-based organizations to provide violence reduction services.
- IMPD conducts a weekly in-depth review of shootings to determine which incidents have a high likelihood of retaliation and develops plans to prevent the next shooting.
- In a partnership between the Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) and the Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF), the City hired more than 50 CVI workers, including Life Coaches, Street Outreach Workers, and Violence Interrupters. These CVI workers focus intervention efforts on the small number of individuals in the city who are at very high risk of gun violence and enroll them into the [Indy Peace Fellowship](#).
- IMPD uses data and intelligence to focus enforcement efforts on the drivers of gun violence.
- The Mayor, OPHS, IMPD, IPSF, and the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) hold monthly GVRs data-driven performance management meetings to assess the current progress of the strategy based on goals and metrics agreed upon at the beginning of each year.
- NICJR provides ongoing technical assistance and training to all GVRs partners.



In 2025, the City of Indianapolis continued to improve on the success of its violence reduction efforts. This included the following:

- The City increased the percentage of people identified as very high risk of being involved in gun violence who were enrolled in Indy Peace.
- The City increased and tracked the number of major enforcement operations focused on the primary drivers of gun violence in the city.
- The City continued to be a national leader in violence reduction, hosting Portland, Oregon; Gresham, Oregon; and Memphis (including the Mayor, Police Chief, and City Council Chairman of Memphis) on site visits to learn about the Indianapolis GVRS.
- A new Youth Violence Reduction Initiative was launched via collaboration between NICJR, IMPD, OPHS, and the community-based organization VOICES to focus intensive interventions on the small number of teenagers who have been identified as being at very high risk of involvement in gun violence.
- The Indy Peace Fellowship continued to grow a new hospital violence intervention program (HVIP), a partnership with the Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital that focuses on victim services and violence intervention with gun shoot wound victims who are at the highest risk of engaging in retaliatory violence.
- An independent evaluation of GVRS is currently being conducted by a highly regarded research firm, the American Institutes for Research.

This is just a snapshot of the impressive progress being made in Indianapolis. Most importantly, this progress has led to the achievement of reduced murders and shootings. And continued improvements can be made. Each year that reductions are achieved, it becomes even more challenging to continue the decline in shootings the next year. This is even more reason to focus on making needed improvements. NICJR has summarized the two primary needs for improvement in the recommendations below, with more detailed ideas on how to accomplish them in the Appendix.

### **Needed Improvements / Recommendations**

In brief, there needs to be more, and better information and intelligence gathered and shared about the small number of very high-risk individuals who are driving gun violence; there also needs to be more and better-focused engagement with these individuals. Detailed recommendation were provided to each participating Indianapolis GVRS agency and organization.