

Year 3 Report

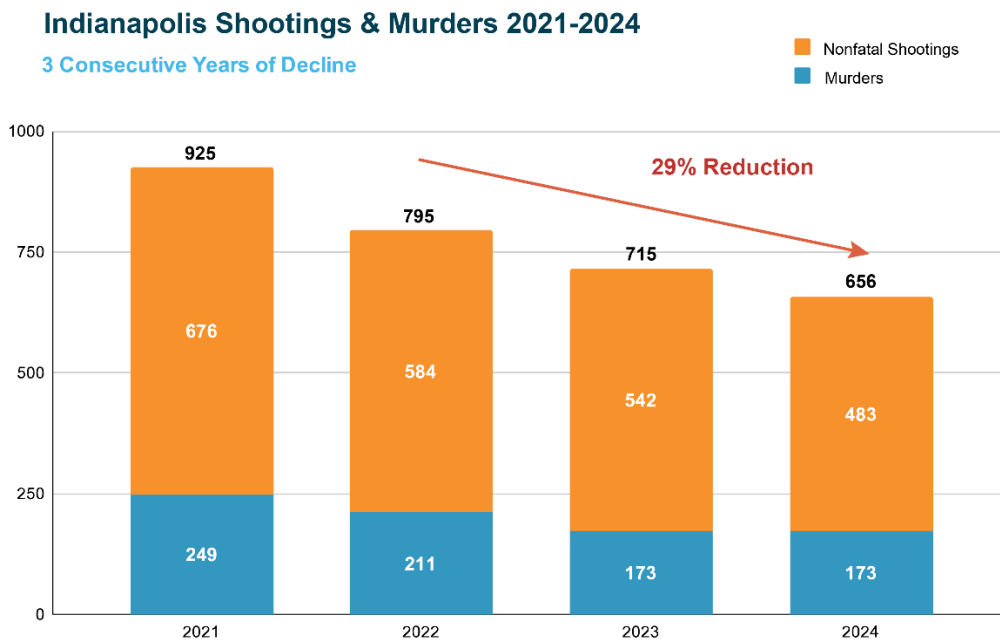
# INDIANAPOLIS GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION STRATEGY

January 2024 – December 2024

## Indianapolis Gun Violence Reduction Strategy Year Three Report

After implementing a comprehensive Gun Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRs), the City of Indianapolis achieved three consecutive years of reductions in murders and nonfatal shootings combined—the first time in 15 years the city has achieved this consistent a reduction in gun violence.

Since the launch of GVRs in January 2022, there has been a 29% reduction in murders and nonfatal shootings in Indianapolis.

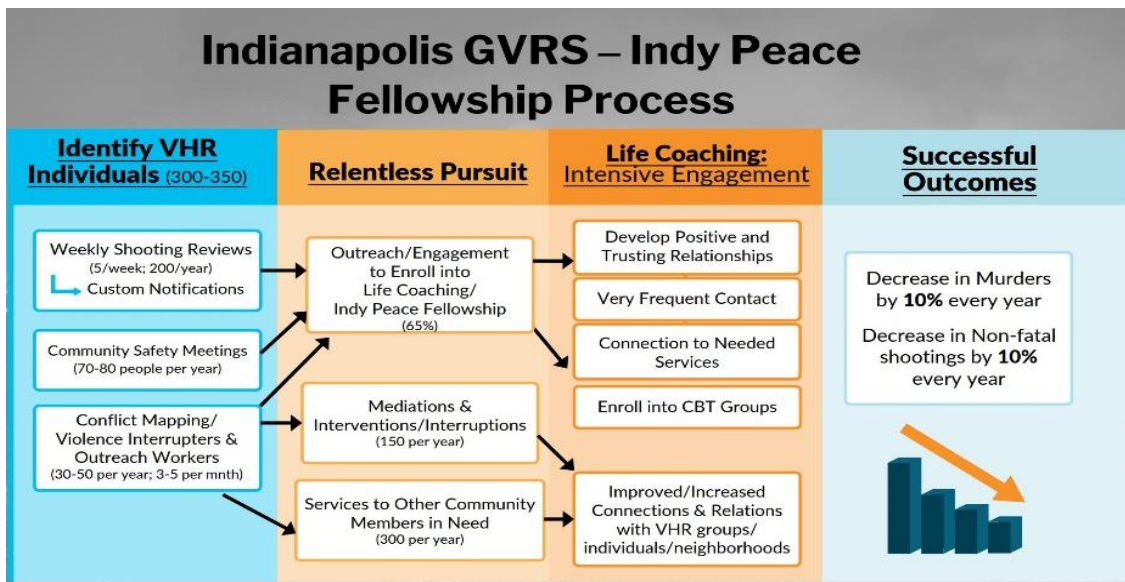


In 2019, the City began working with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR), beginning with an [assessment](#) of the local landscape of violence reduction programs and services that was accompanied by a series of recommendations on how to effectively reduce gun violence in the city. Mayor Joe Hogsett’s administration would eventually implement each of the recommendations.

In January 2022, Indianapolis launched GVRs, an 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 retaliatory shootings. Key components implemented by the City include:

- Mayor Hogsett committed more than [\\$100 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. Seventy-five million dollars was allocated to the [Elevation grant program](#), funding more than 30 community-based organizations to provide violence reduction services.

- The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) conducts a weekly in-depth review of shootings to determine which incidents have a high likelihood of retaliation.
- In a partnership with the Office of Public Health and Safety (OPHS) and the Indy Public Safety Foundation (IPSF), the City hired more than 50 community violence intervention (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 (VHR) 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 NICJR hold a monthly GVRS data-driven performance management meeting 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 2024, the City of Indianapolis continued to improve on the success of its violence reduction efforts. This included the following:

- The City Increased the number of community violence intervention staff to more than 60 Outreach Workers, Violence Interrupters, Life Coaches, and supervisors.
- IMPD maintained more than 80 officers assigned to focus strictly on combating gun violence, including both proactive enforcement and intelligence gathering/analysis units. IMPD also increased its enforcement operations that focus on the drivers of gun violence.
- NICJR continued to provide ongoing technical assistance and training for the GVRS initiative, including bi-monthly in-person trainings for staff.

- The [Coalition to Advance Public Safety \(CAPS\)](#), a national initiative to expand and improve CVI, has been [working in Indianapolis](#) since 2023, and has provided more than \$500,000 to six community-based organizations that are partnering with the Indy Peace Fellowship.
- In 2024, the Indy Peace Fellowship partnered with the Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital to launch a hospital violence intervention program (HVIP). The HVIP was developed with the support of CAPS through its partner the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention.

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. But continued improvements are needed. 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.

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, both via community intervention and enforcement, with these individuals.