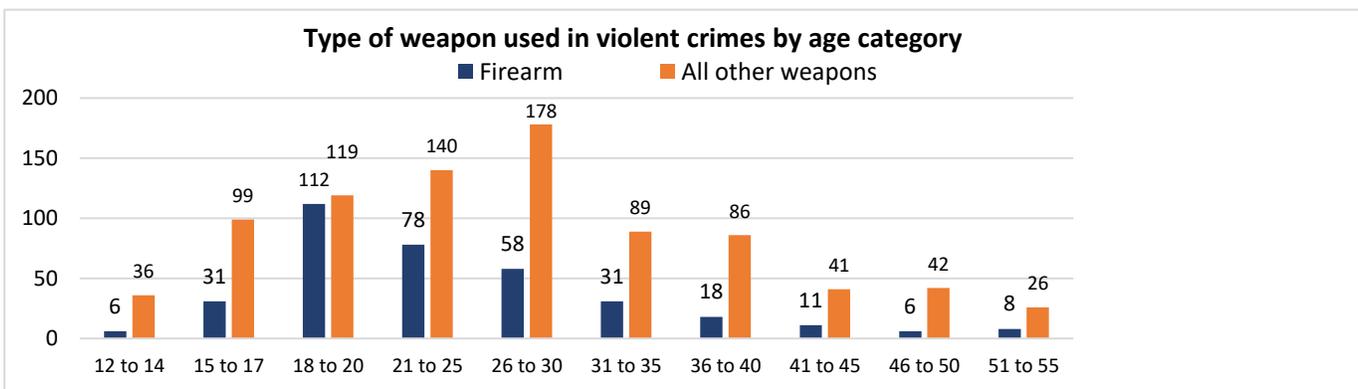


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Key Findings 1:

While identified incidents of gang violence have decreased from 2011 levels, gun violence in Tacoma remains high in relation to comparable cities in Washington, and has increased slightly in the past three years. This violence, which is primarily perpetuated by individuals aged 18 to 30, diminishes the quality of life for many residents and puts young people at risk of violent victimization.



Murders in Tacoma between 2015 and 2018, by gang-related and non-gang-related				
	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Gang-related	3	0	0	1
Non-Gang-related	11	12	10	9
Total murders	14	12	10	10
Percent gang-involved	21%	0%	0%	10%

* 2018 crimes are for January – August, 2018

Aggravated assaults in Tacoma between 2015 and 2018, by gang-related and non-gang-related				
	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Gang-related	26	38	32	18
Non-Gang-related	865	1030	887	672
Total agg assaults	891	1068	919	690
Percent gang-involved	3%	4%	3%	3%

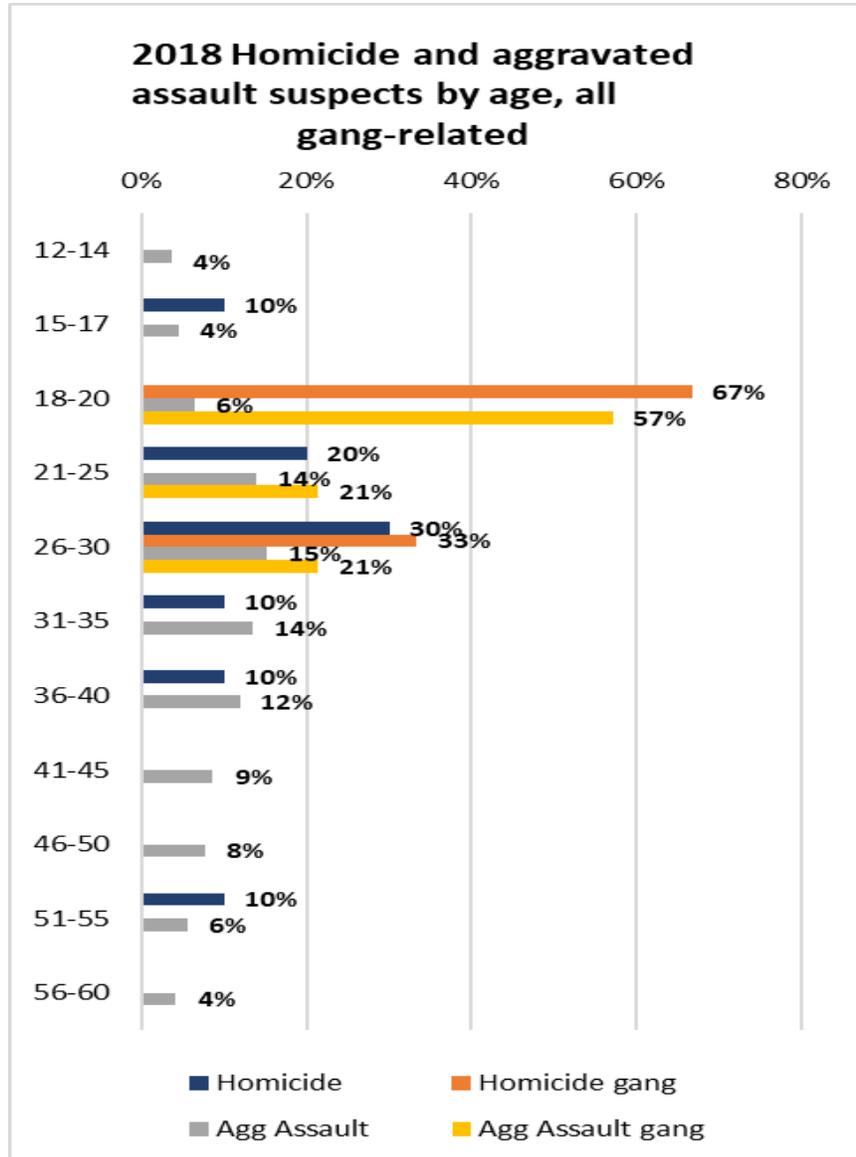
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Key Findings 2:

Gang-involved youth and young adults in Tacoma are affected by multiple complex issues and high-risk behaviors that keep them trapped in criminal behavior. The lack of intensive, coordinated, flexible and comprehensive services for criminal justice and gang-involved individuals exacerbates their difficulties in transitioning from gangs into productive endeavors.



2017 violent crimes per 100,000 people, by city and state						
	Tacoma	Spokane	Vancouver	Seattle	Lakewood	Washington
Population	213,504	218,066	176,884	721,365	61,080	7,405,743
Homicide	4.7	2.8	5.1	3.7	6.5	3.1
Aggravated Assault	538.8	406.9	201.7	382.2	455.0	184.6
Robbery	188.3	105	68.9	210.1	145.7	72.8
Violent crimes	811.7	623.9	368.4	633.0	695.6	304.5

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Key Findings 3:

A significant percentage of children and youth in Tacoma are exposed to critical risk factors for gang involvement in multiple domains of their lives. This creates a consistent recruiting pool of vulnerable youth for local gangs.

Key Findings 4:

Gaps in gang data collection inhibit Tacoma's ability to:

- Analyze the level and extent of local gang activity
- Share meaningful information with different constituency groups
- Measure the effectiveness of current strategies
- Engage residents, key leaders, and agency partners in collaborating on local gang issues
- Create organized, efficient, and effective strategies to reduce youth and young adult involvement in gangs and violence.

Recommendations:

Next steps to enhance the City's 2025 Strategic Plan includes, but is not limited to:

- Updating the Tacoma Gang Reduction Executive Steering Committee bylaws and apply the recommended key findings
- Aligning the current gang reduction strategy with the recommendation from the 2019 Tacoma Gang Assessment results
- Expanding the current target age group to 30 years' old; currently we focus on ages 13 to 24 years' old

<u>2015-2020</u>			
<u>External Contract Investments</u>			
2015-16	2017-18	2019-20	Total
\$802,293	\$893,037	\$915,334	\$2,610,664