

# Crime and Poverty in Chicago

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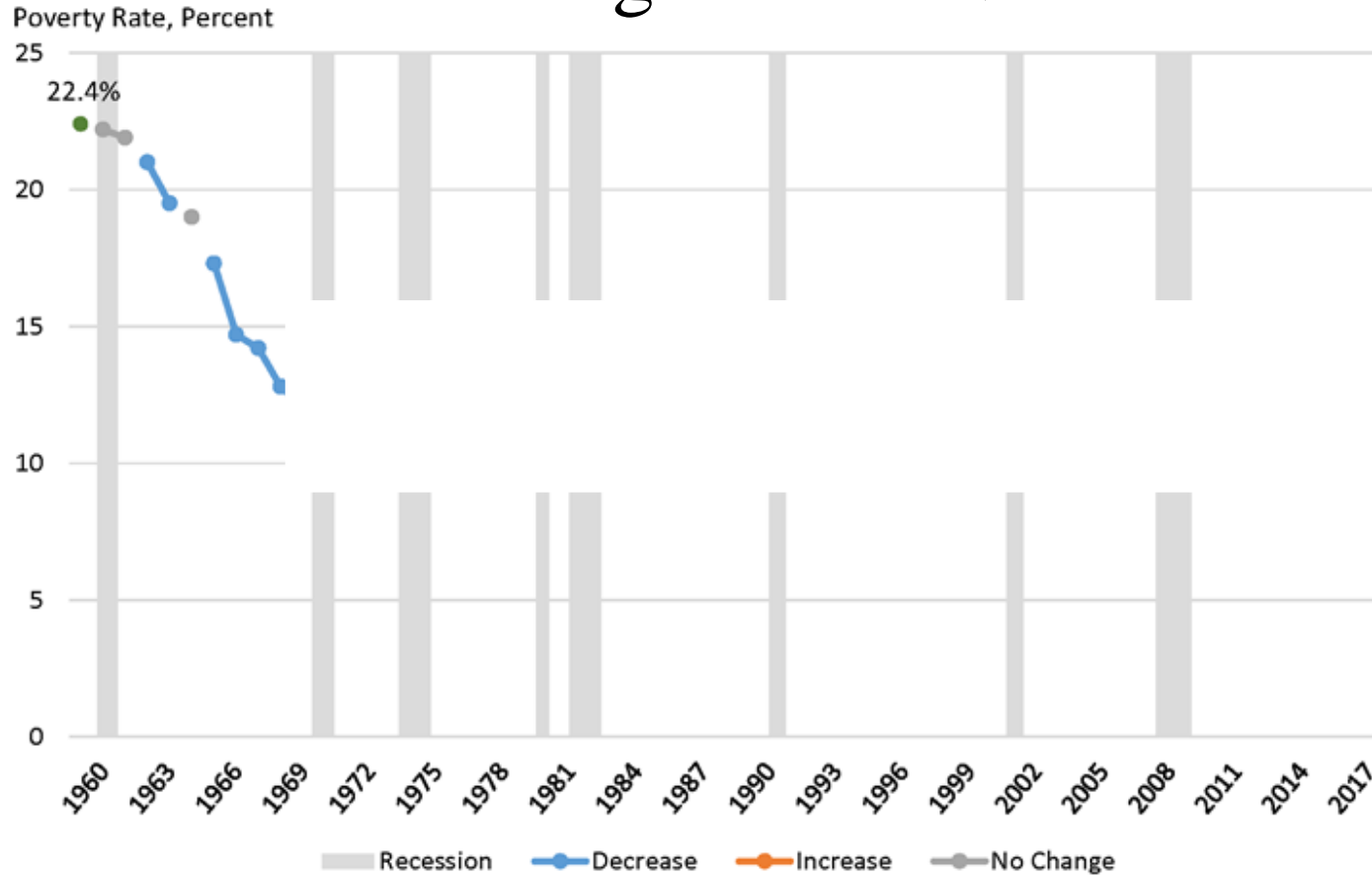
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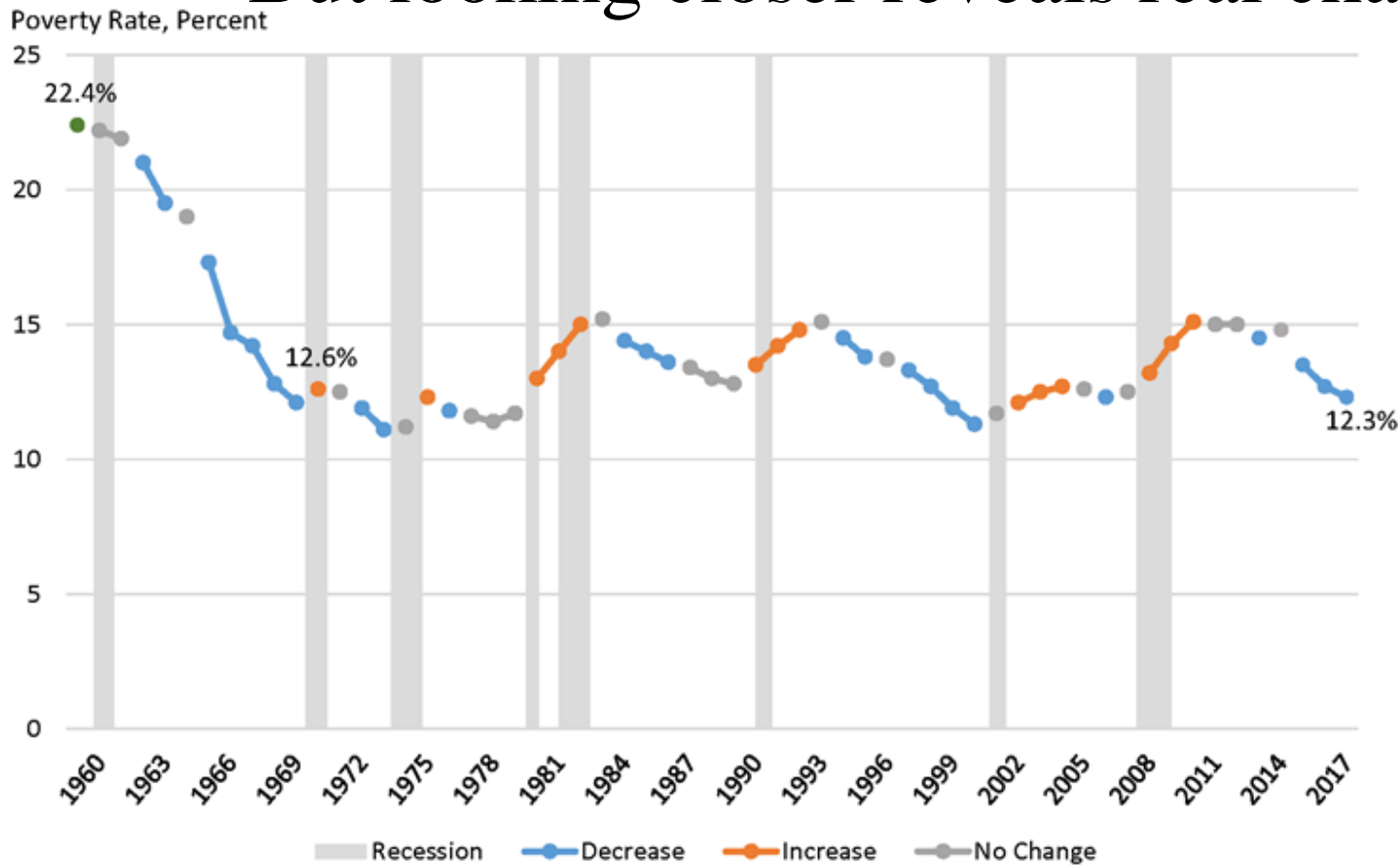


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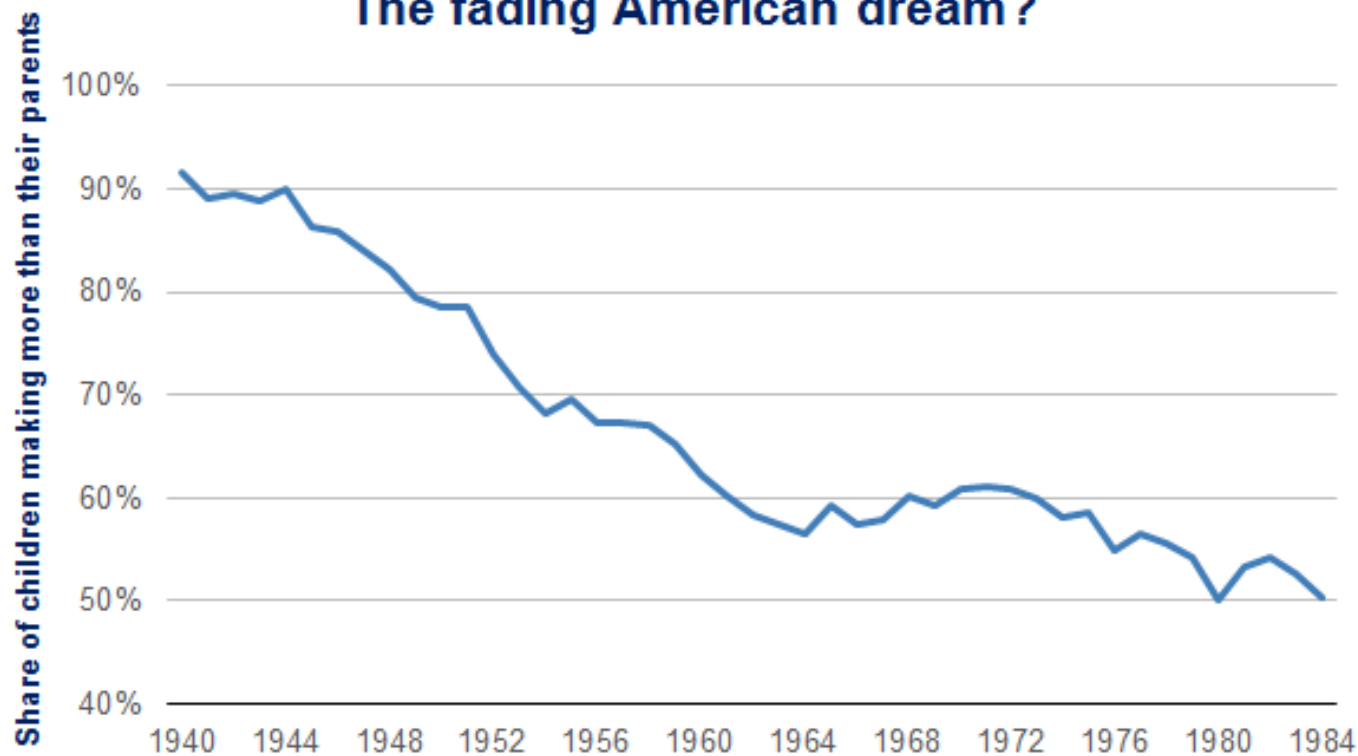


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 1960 to 2018 Annual Social and Economic Supplements.

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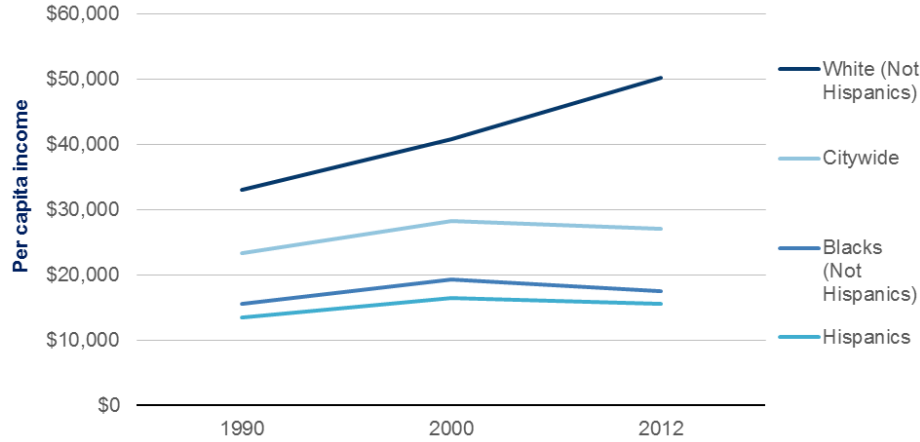


## The fading American dream?



Source: Chetty et al., "The fading American dream: Trends in absolute income mobility since 1940"

## Chicago's growing race gap in per capita income



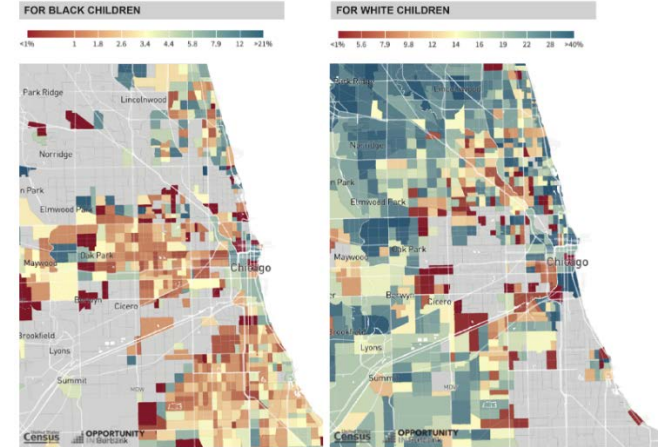
Source: Decennial Census and ACS 2009-2013 five-year estimates from Social Explorer.

BROOKINGS

## Chicago Tribune

### White kids more likely to reach top income level

Percent of children from low-income households who became top earners as adults



WBEZ News

## Chicago Owns America's Widest Racial Gap In Economic Mobility

Esther Yoon-Ji Kang

September 26, 2019

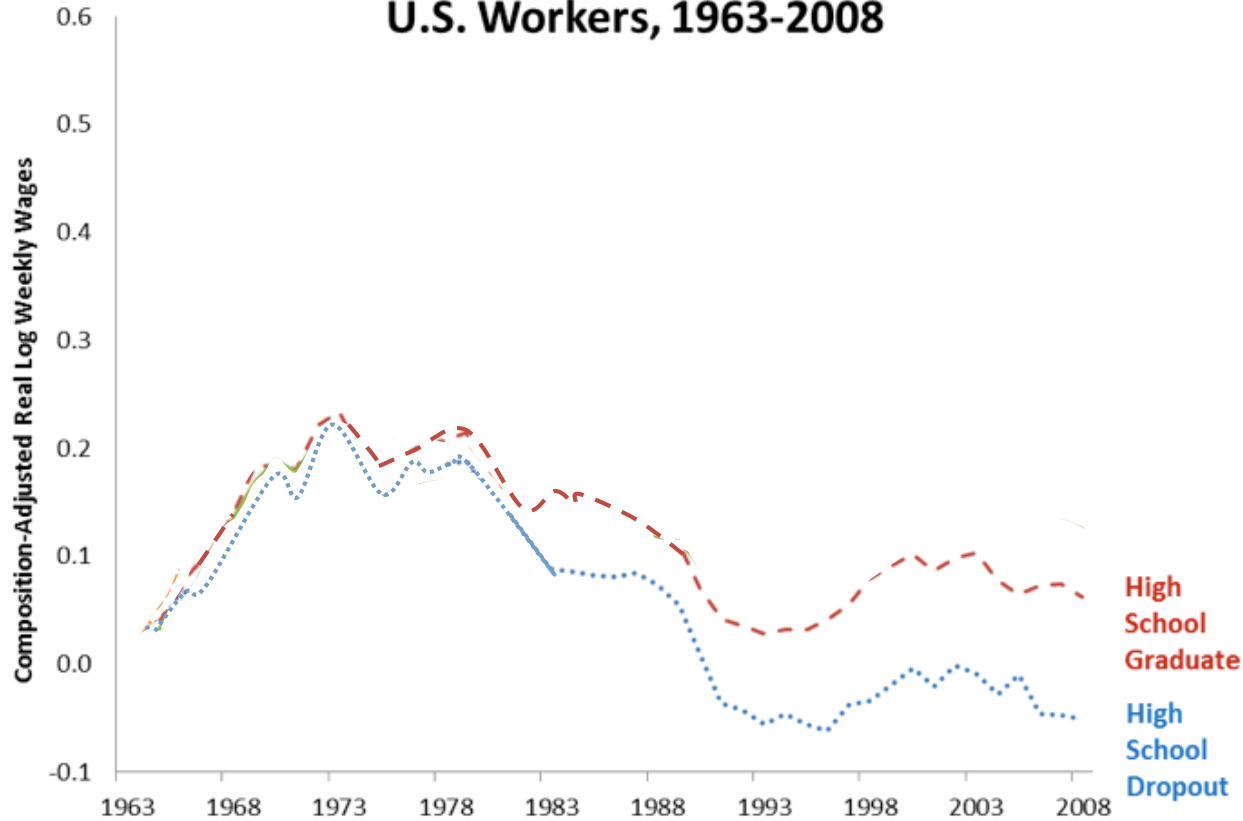
Poverty is the parent of  
revolution and crime

-Aristotle

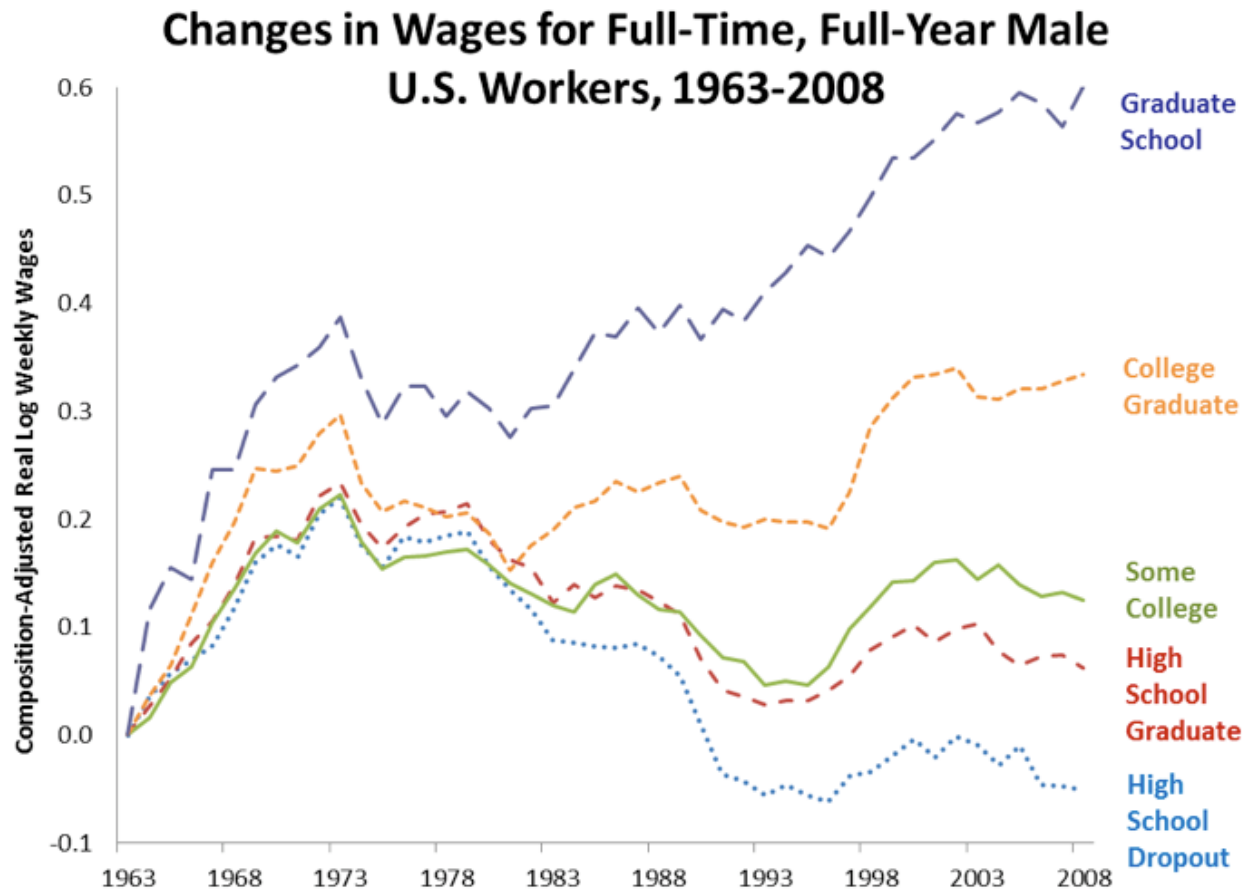




## Changes in Wages for Full-Time, Full-Year Male U.S. Workers, 1963-2008

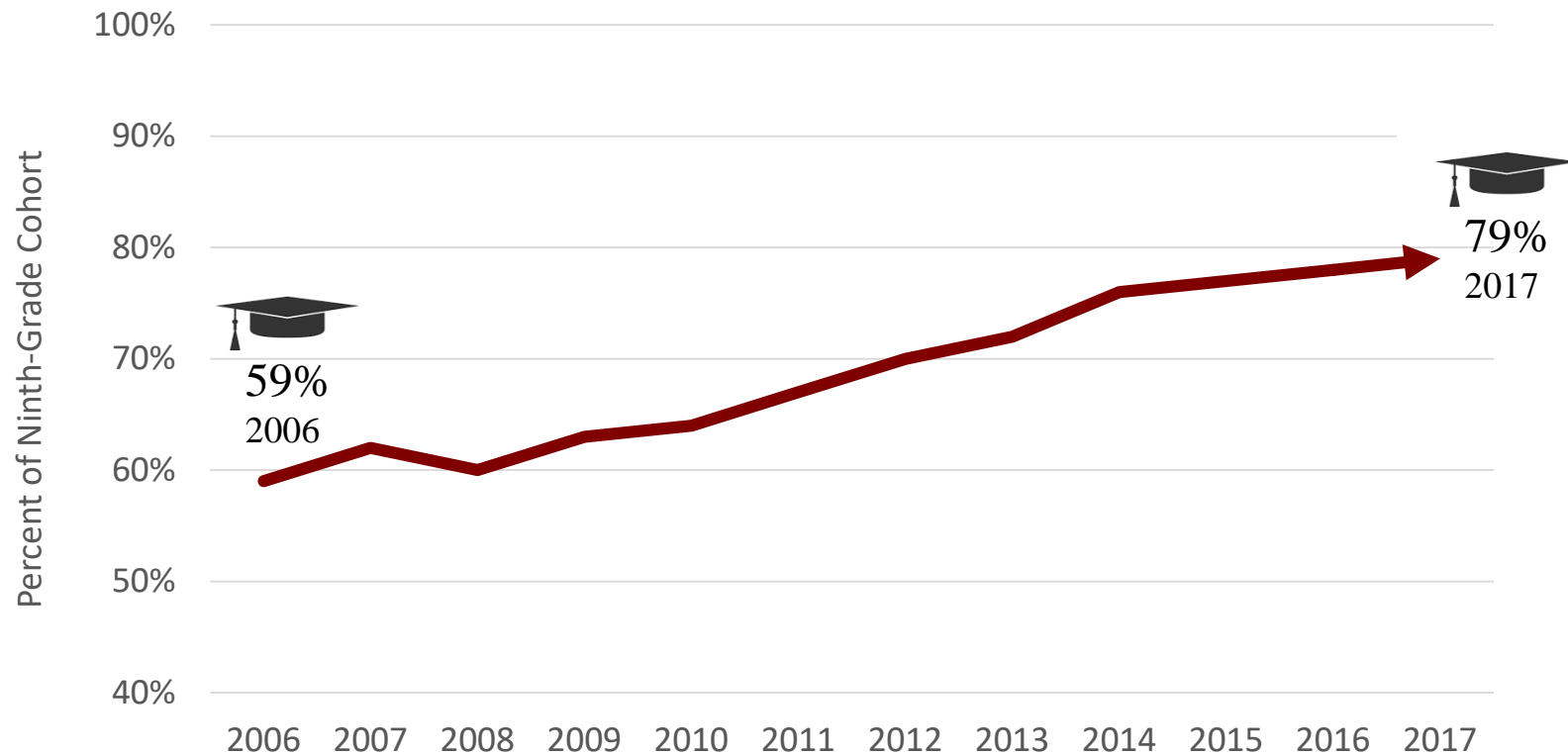


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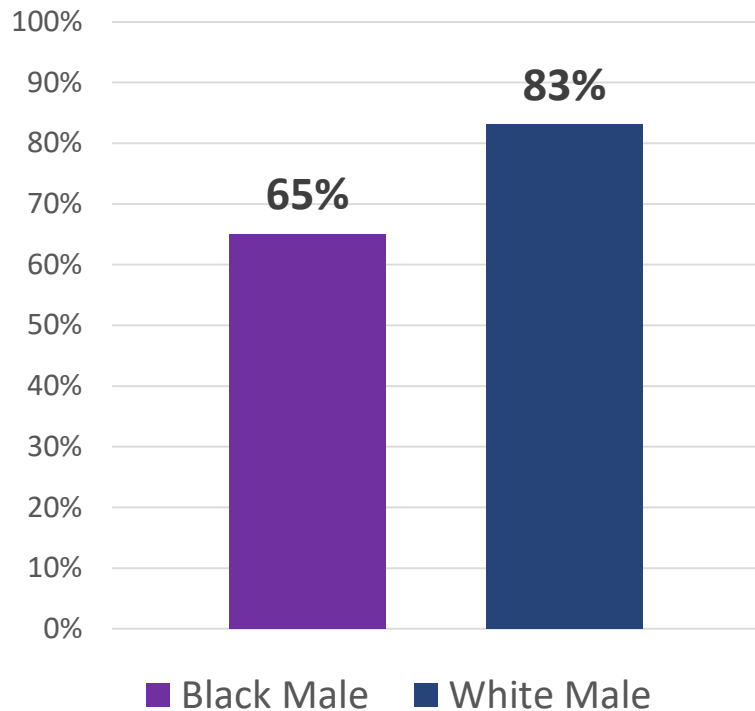
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# The good news: Graduation rates for CPS students have increased substantially over time...



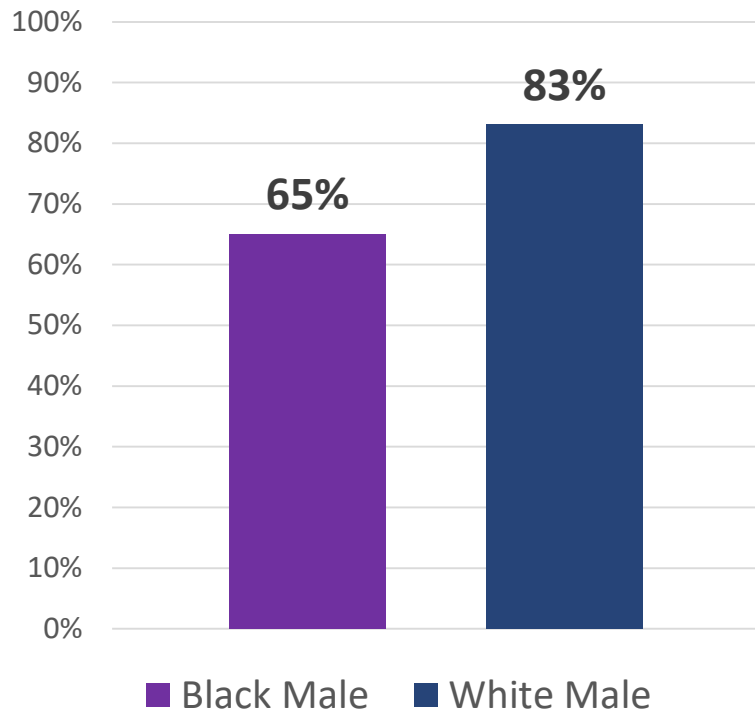
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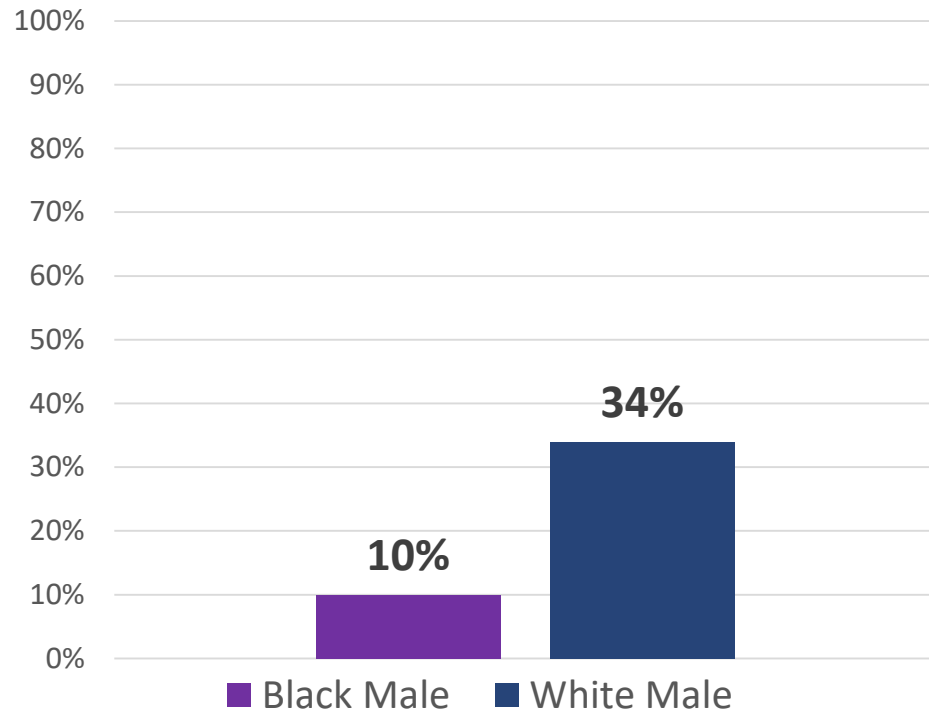


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## Bachelor's Degree Attainment for Chicago Public Schools Students





What we tend to ignore when  
thinking about reducing poverty







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29% reduction in shootings  
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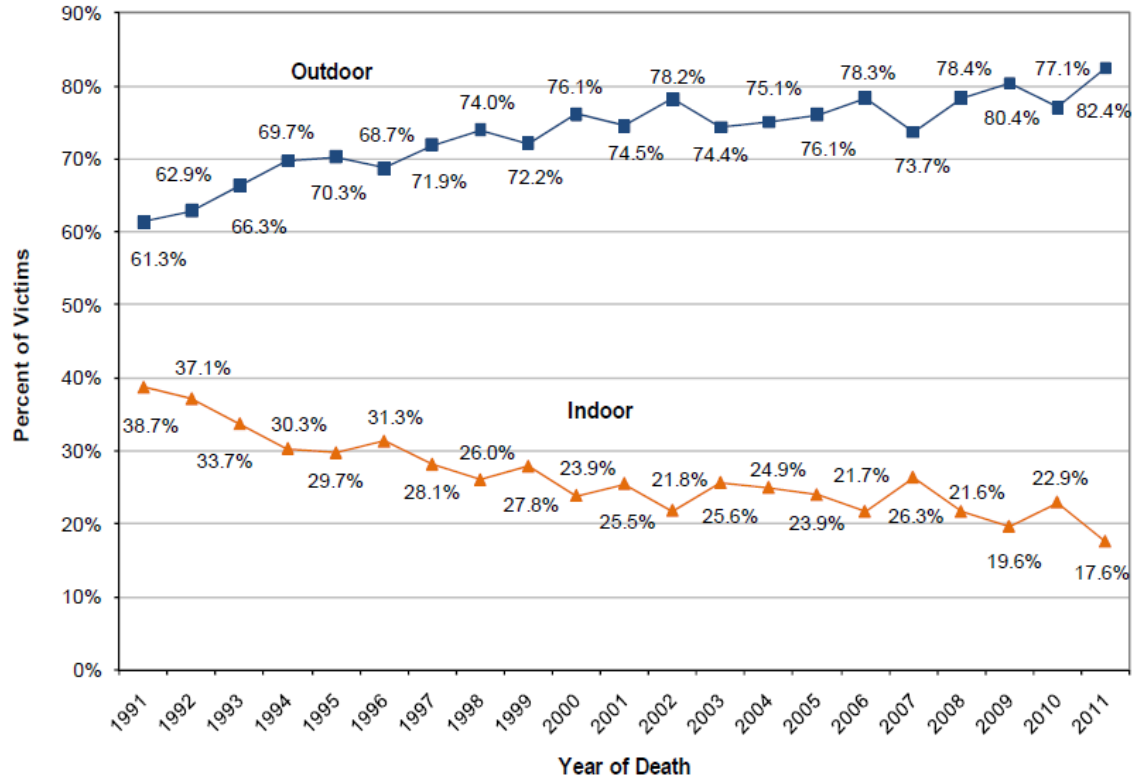
When do  
shootings  
happen?

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Large share of  
Chicago homicides  
occur between  
6am and 10pm

# Where do most shootings happen? Outdoors

**FIGURE 2: PERCENTAGE OF MURDER VICTIMS  
FOUND OUTDOORS VS. INDOORS, 1991 TO 2011**



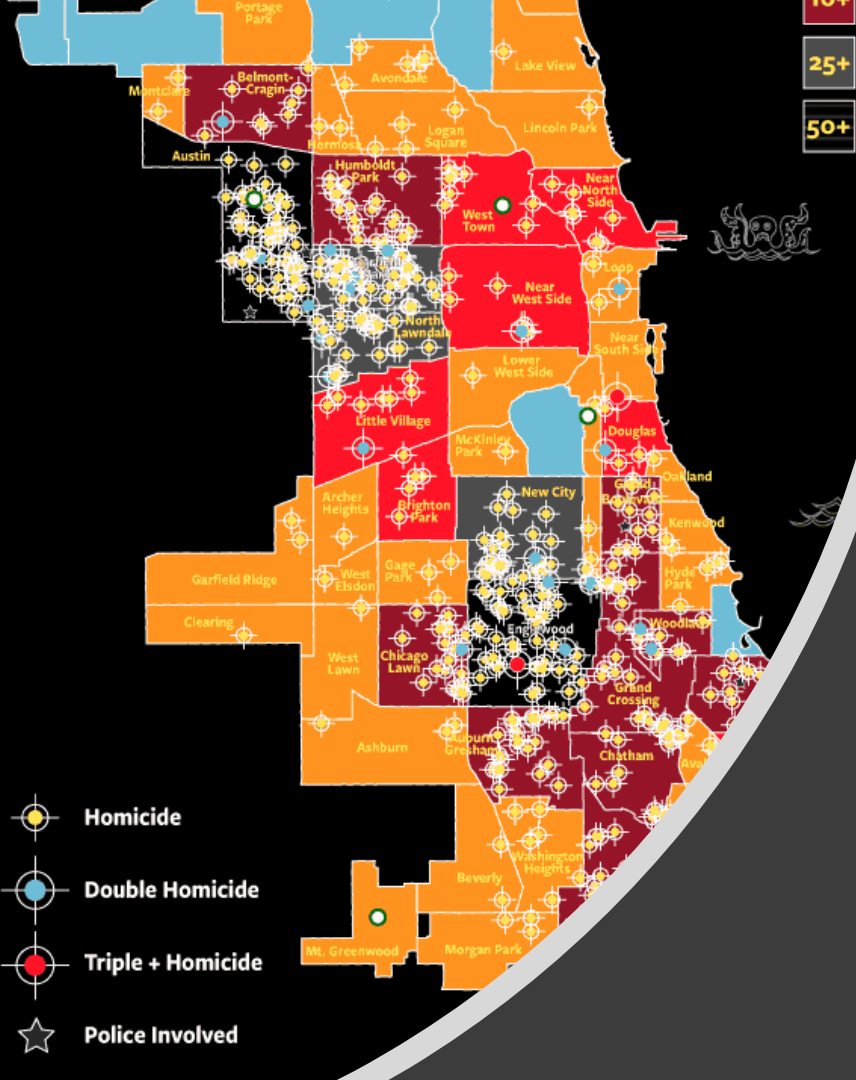
4 in 5 homicides  
committed outside











Think about how many homicides occur within a half-mile if you lived in, say, Englewood?









ScienceDaily

Children living in areas where homicides committed have lower reading, verbal test scores, study finds

Date: June 14, 2010

Source: New York University



29% ↓ in shootings in Englewood =  
↑ student learning by  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  year of school



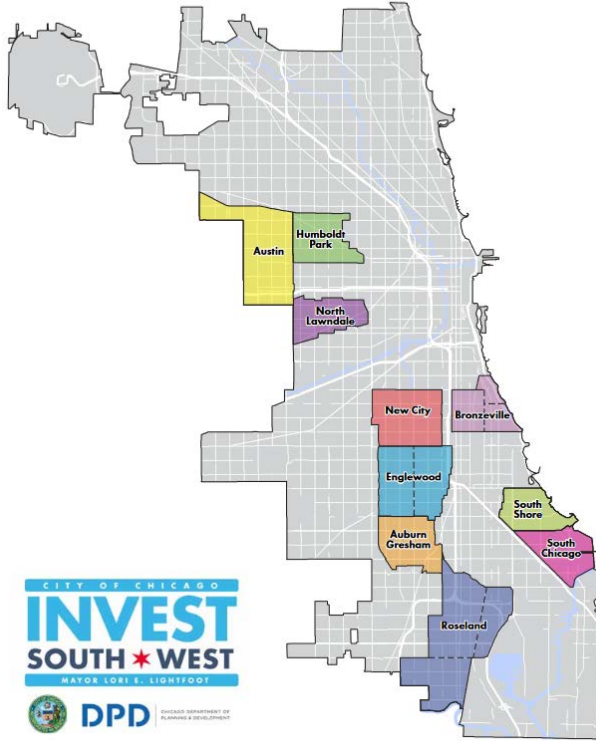


# HUMAN CAPITAL





## Community Areas



# CHICAGO SUN★TIMES

**\$250 million will bring ‘transformative change’ to 10 South, West side neighborhoods, Lightfoot says**

The neighborhoods targeted for the unprecedented infusion are: Auburn Gresham, North Lawndale, Austin, Englewood, Humboldt Park, Quad Communities, New City, Roseland, South Chicago and South Shore.

By Fran Spielman | Oct 21, 2019, 4:40pm CDT

## In the line of fire

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JULY 21, 2012



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70 fewer residents

Cullen and Levitt, 1999 RESTAT

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## Chicago YAP Choose to Change (C2C) Participants Sit Down with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin



Chicago  
Durbin



**53%** OF INMATES IN STATE PRISONS  
HAVE A DRUG USE DISORDER.



**LESS THAN 15%** RECEIVE  
TREATMENT.



It's time for real drug policy reform. Learn more about the Obama Administration's Plan to break the cycle of drug use, crime, and incarceration.

**#DrugPolicyReform**

**[wh.gov/drugpolicyreform](http://wh.gov/drugpolicyreform)**

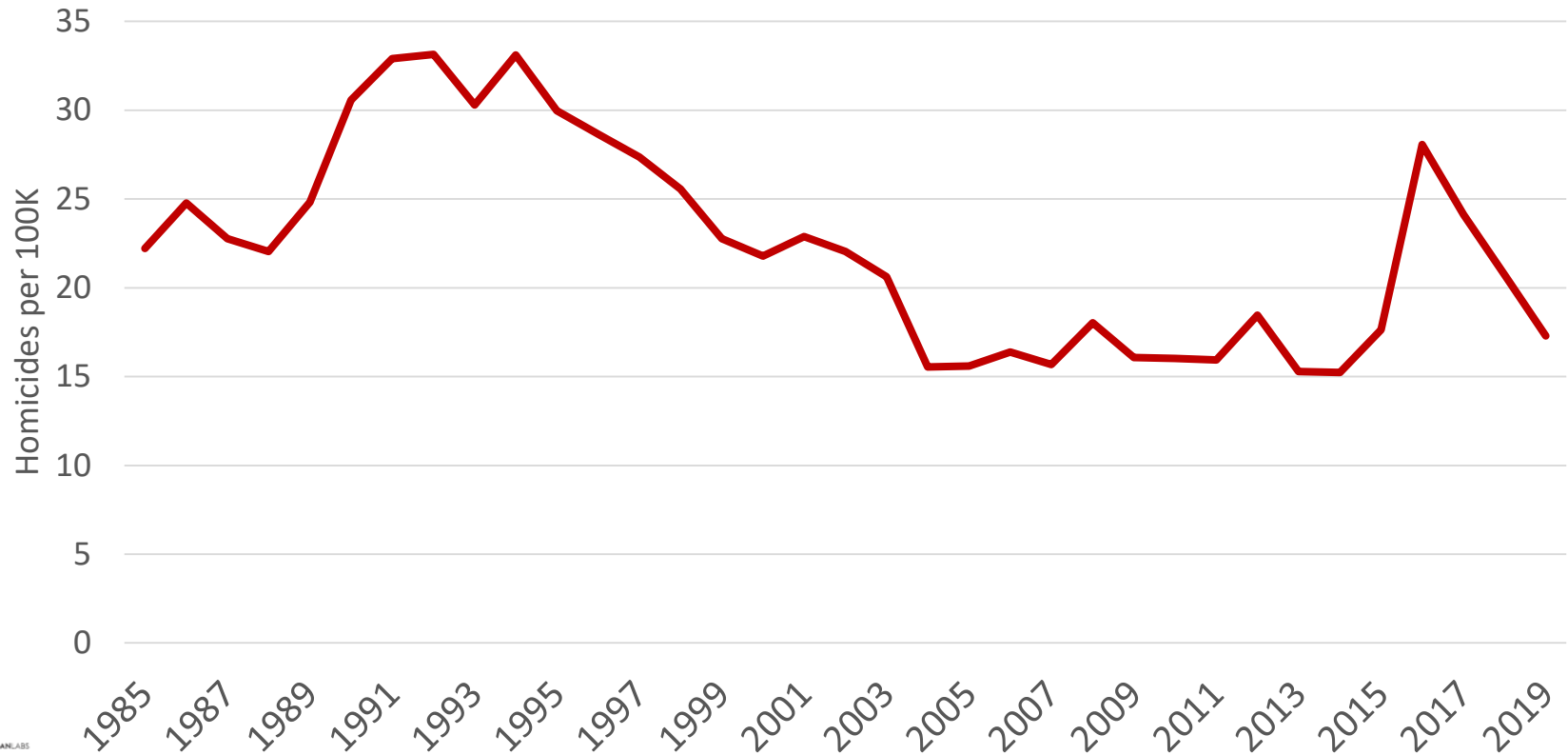
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So how are we doing in  
addressing violence?

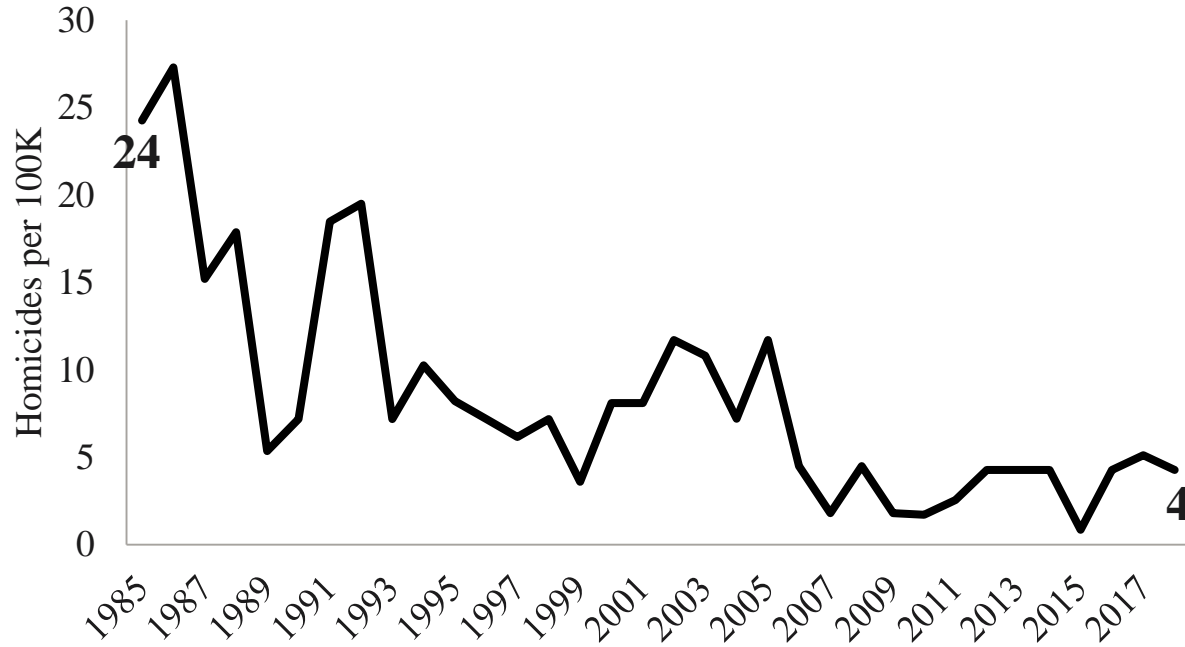


# Homicide Rate in Chicago, 1985-2019

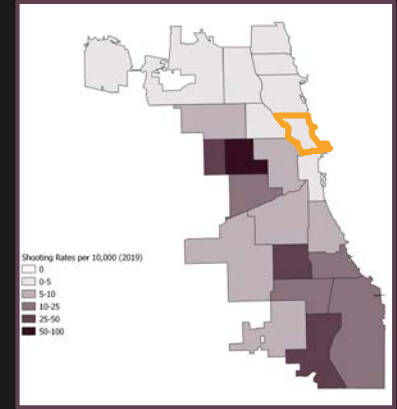


But what progress we're making is  
very uneven across the city

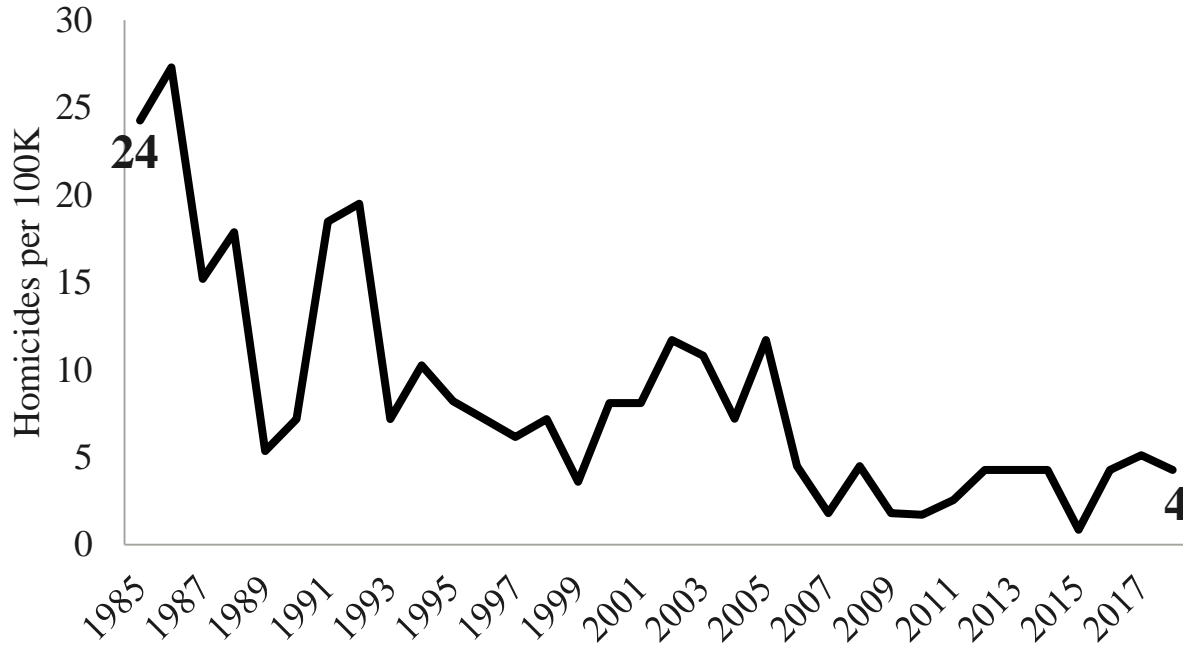
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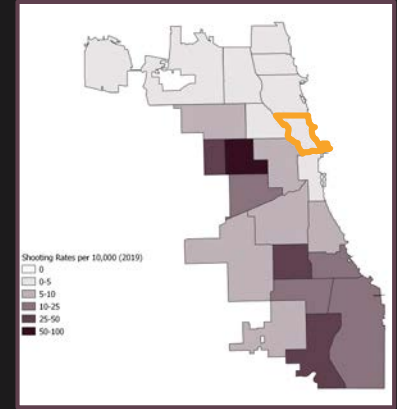
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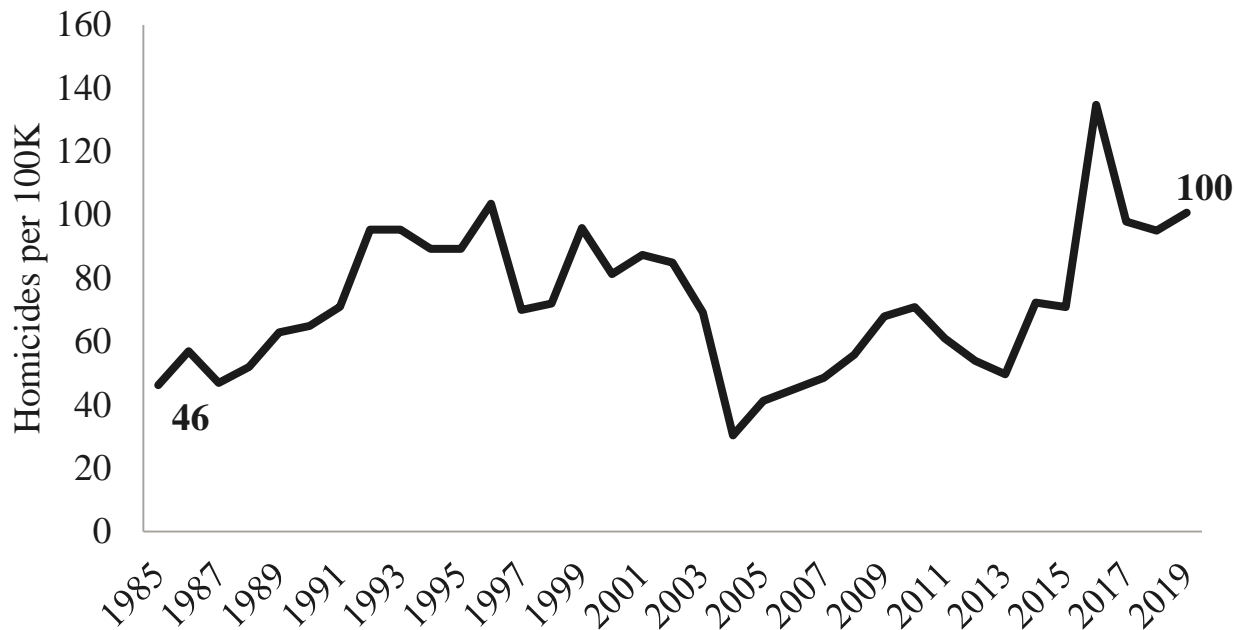


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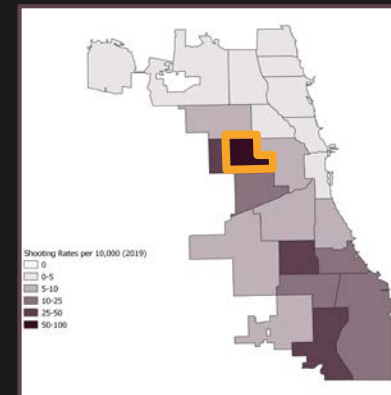


**85%**  
Reduction  
in homicides

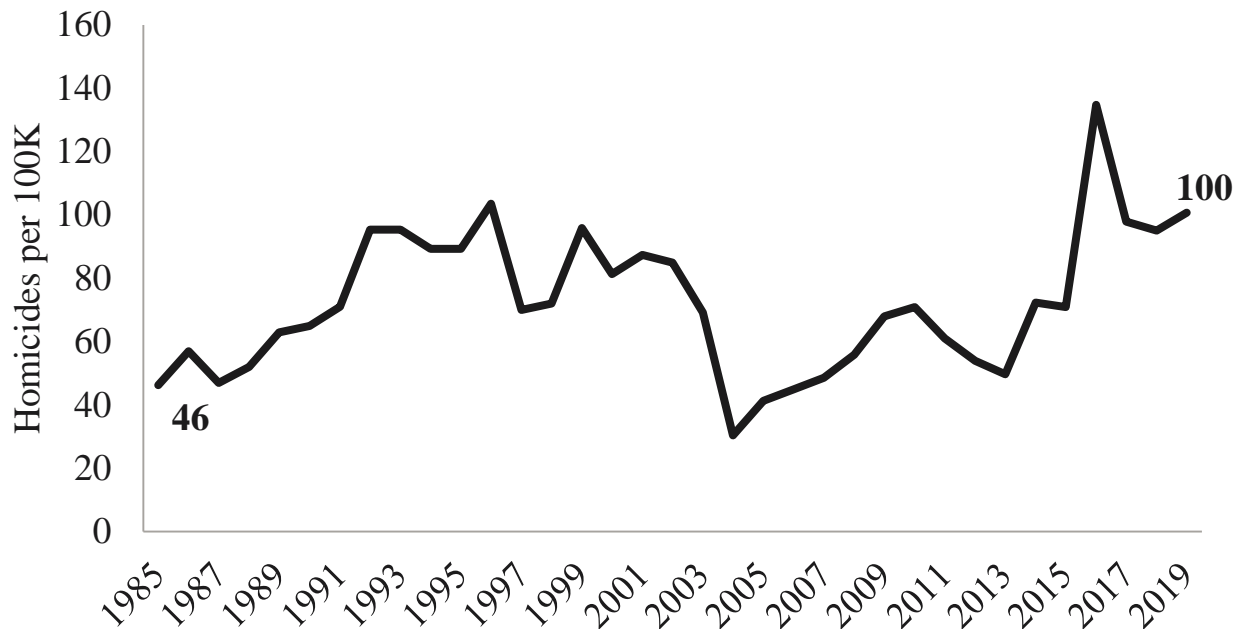
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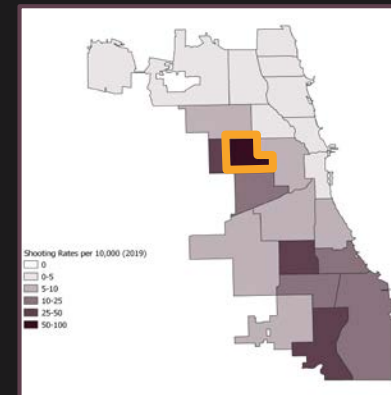
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*Increase*  
in homicides

