## Crime in Chicago: Beyond the Headlines

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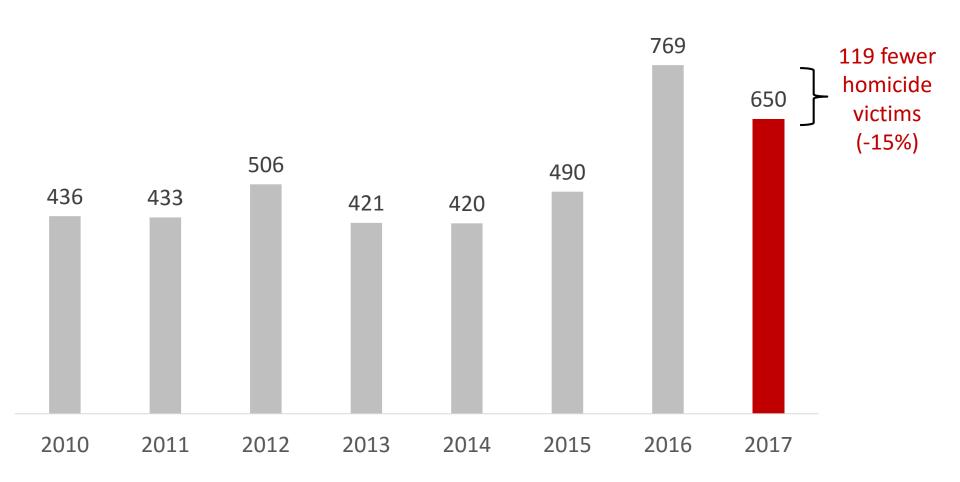
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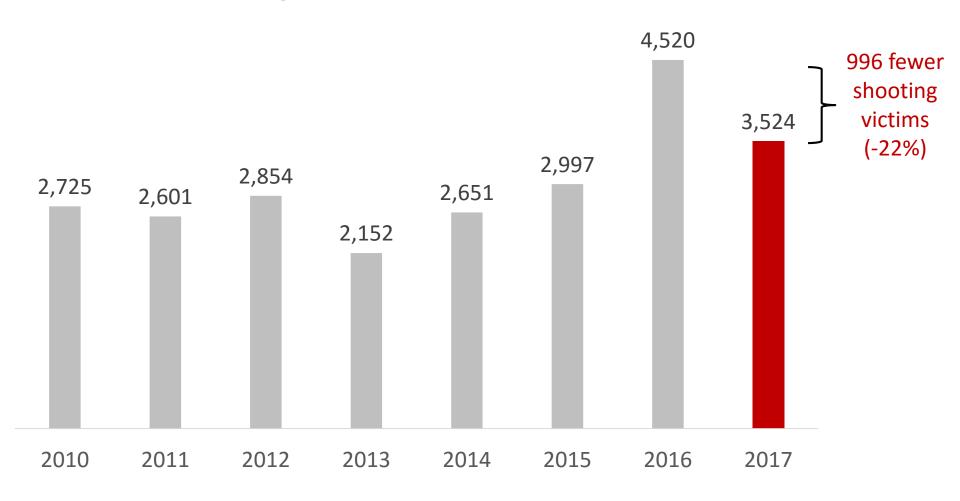
### Agenda

- What happened?
- Why?
- What else should we be doing?

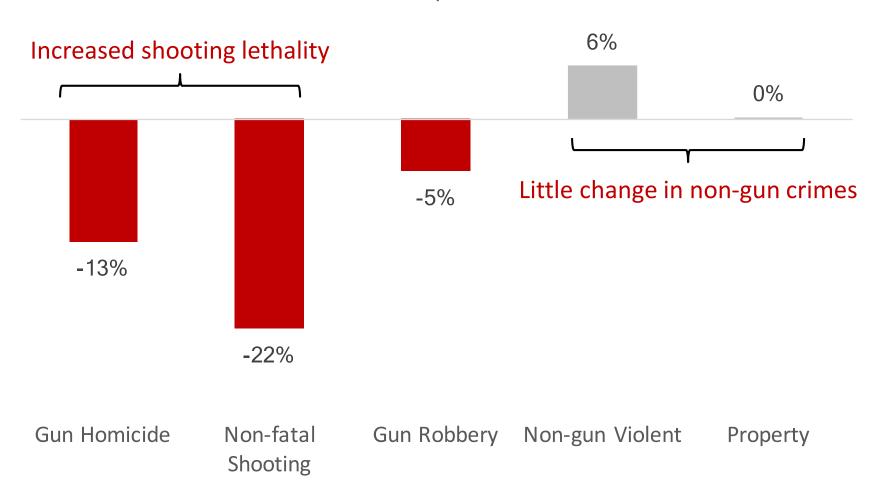
### Homicide Victims, 2010-2017



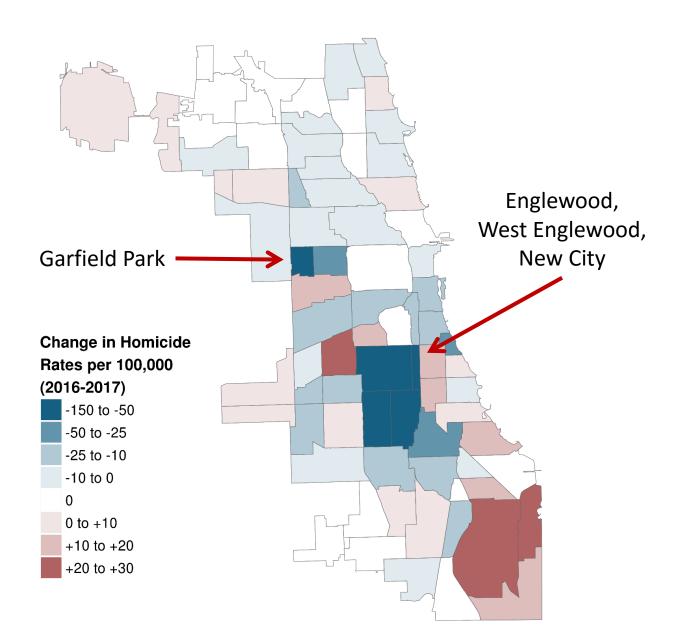
### Non-Fatal Shooting Victims, 2010-2017



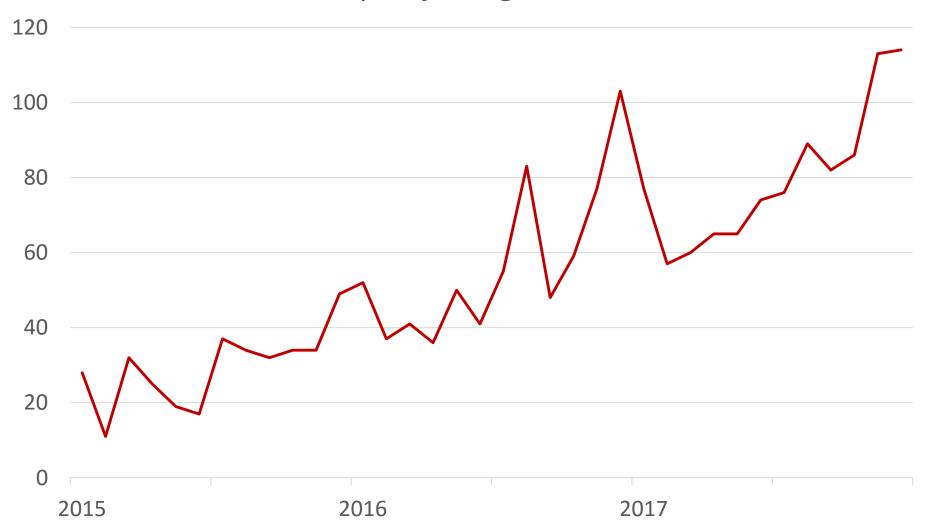
### Crime Rates, 2016-2017



### Large, but not uniform, homicide declines

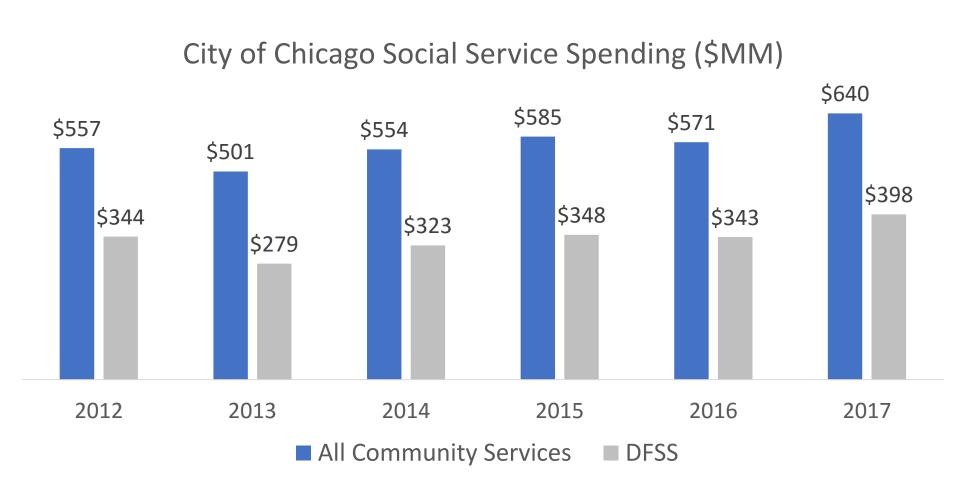


### Monthly Carjackings, 2015-2017



# What explains changes in Chicago 2017 vs. 2016?

## Stable social service spending: Unlikely to explain increase in 2016 or decrease in 2017



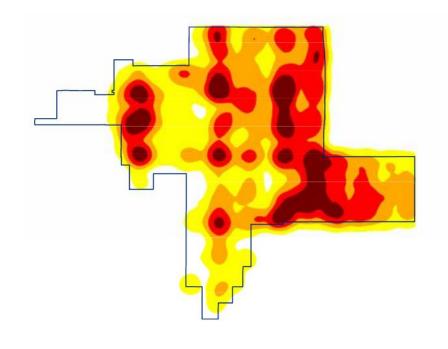
### Monthly Arrests, 2010-2017



## Here's one thing we *can* see signs in the data is working

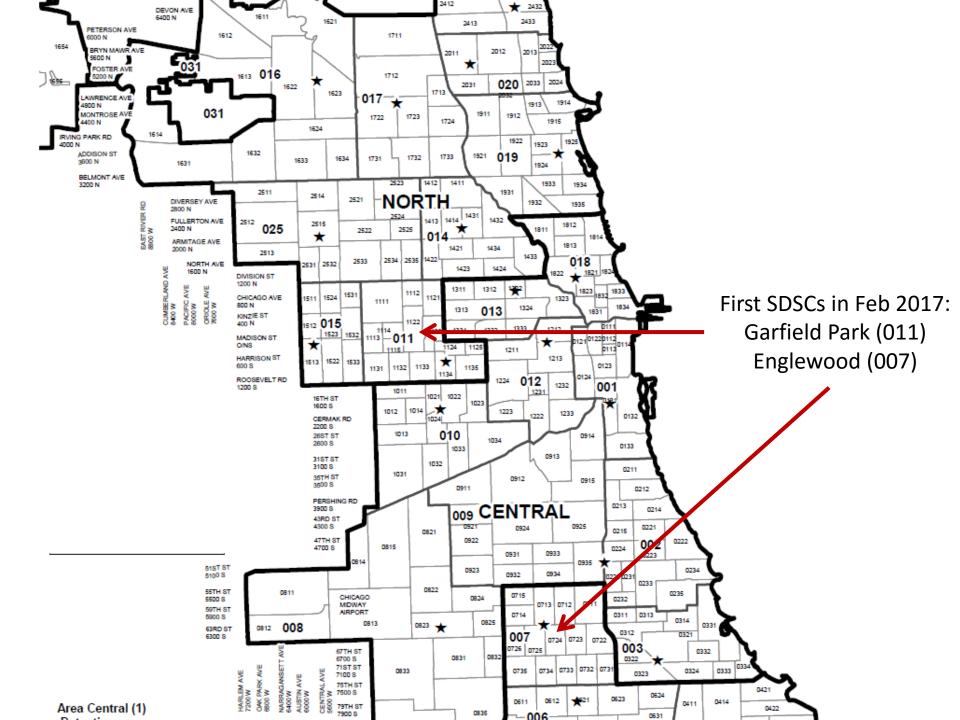
(Other things may also be working, but are harder to detect)

### Data-driven policing by CPD ("LAPD style")

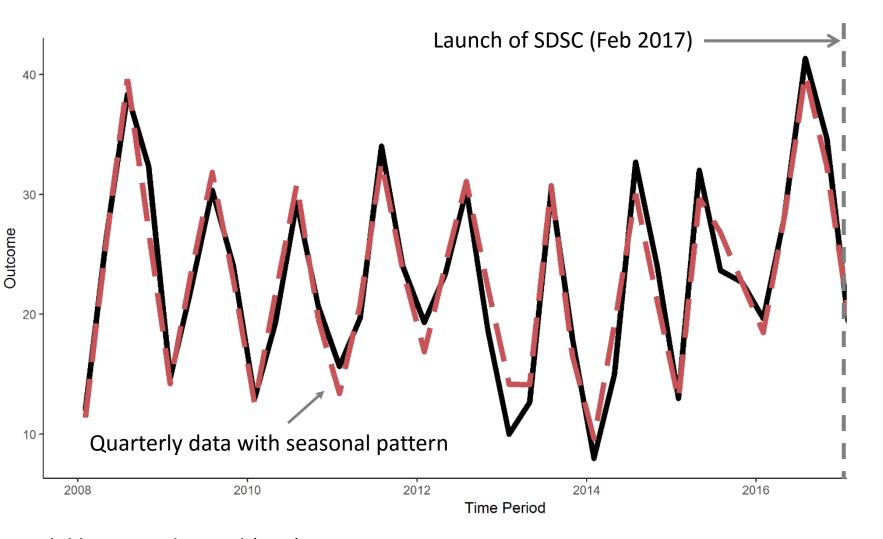


## Strategic Decision Support Centers (SDSCs), a partnership between:

- CPD
- Mayor's Office
- Chief Sean Malinowski, LAPD
- University of Chicago Crime Lab
- Data-driven police management at the district level
- 2. Build-out of data / IT capacity
- Expanded tracking of metrics (e.g., community interactions)



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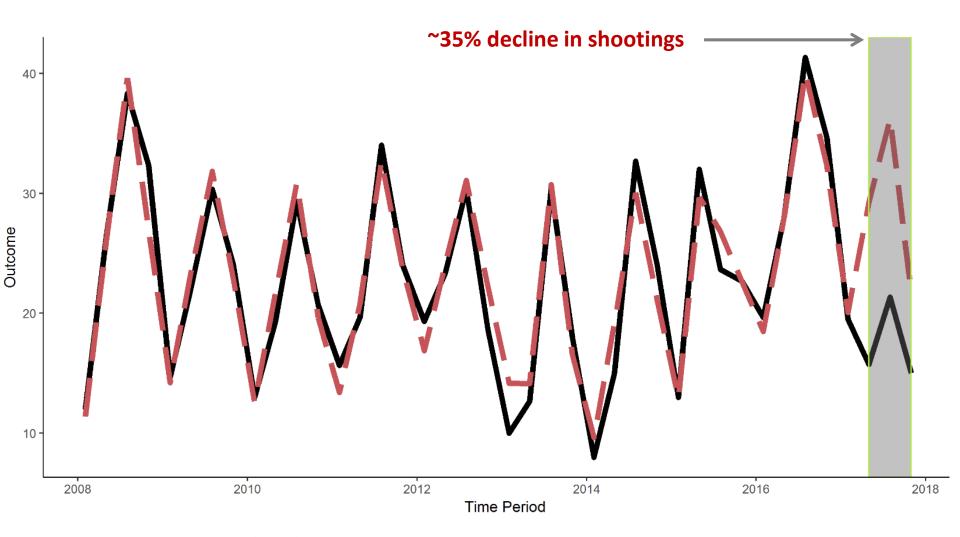


2018

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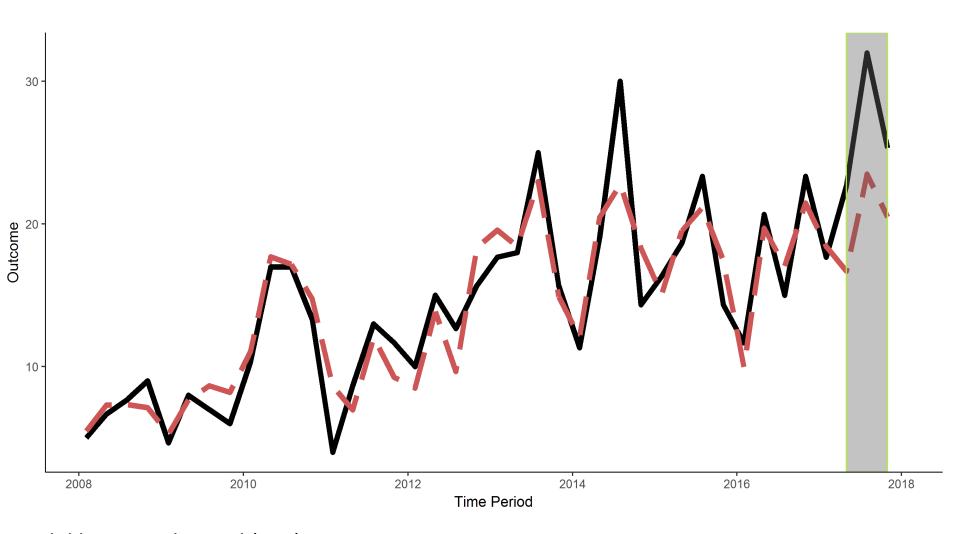
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### Changes in Englewood are not due to...

- Not due to flooding the zone with more police
  - Instead, is change in police practices
  - Important b/c practices more scalable than adding personnel

Not due to increase in overall arrests

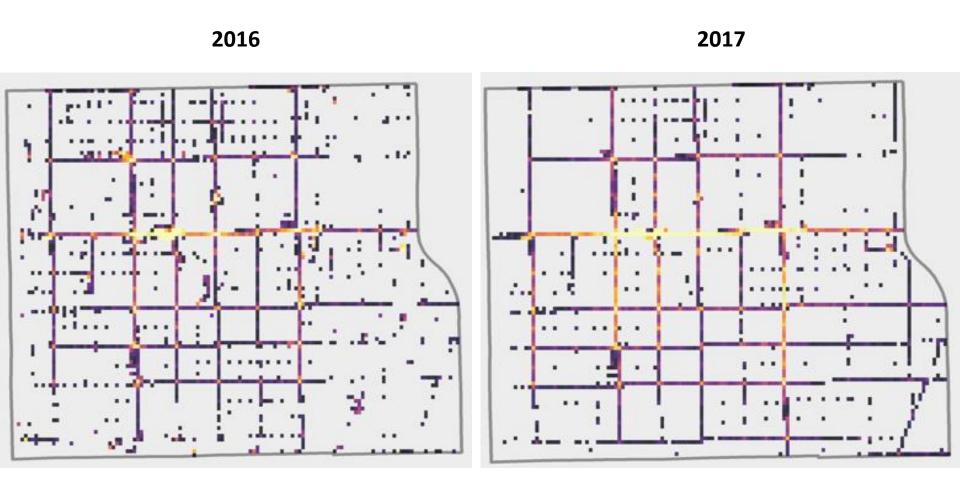
### Impact of SDSC on gun arrests in Englewood (007)



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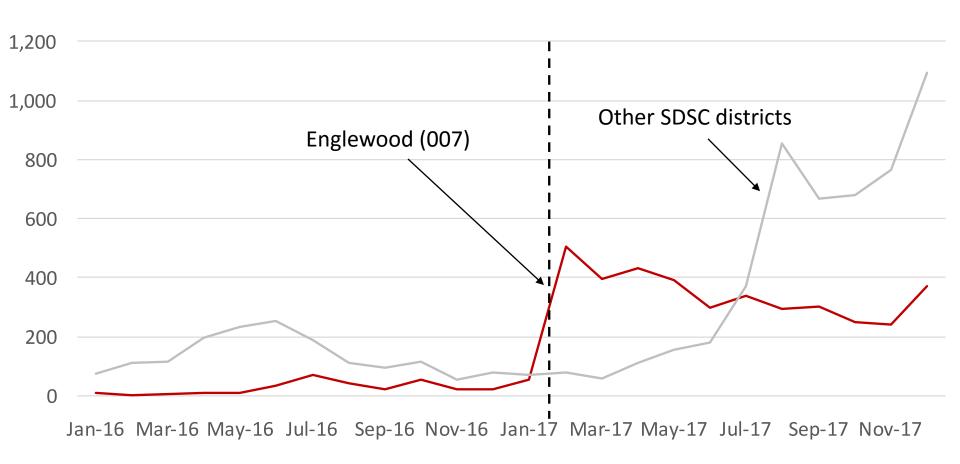
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### Impact of SDSC on focused patrol in Englewood (007)



Greater concentration of patrol on main thoroughfares in 2017

## Englewood (007) increased community interactions relative to other districts



### What about the other SDSCs?

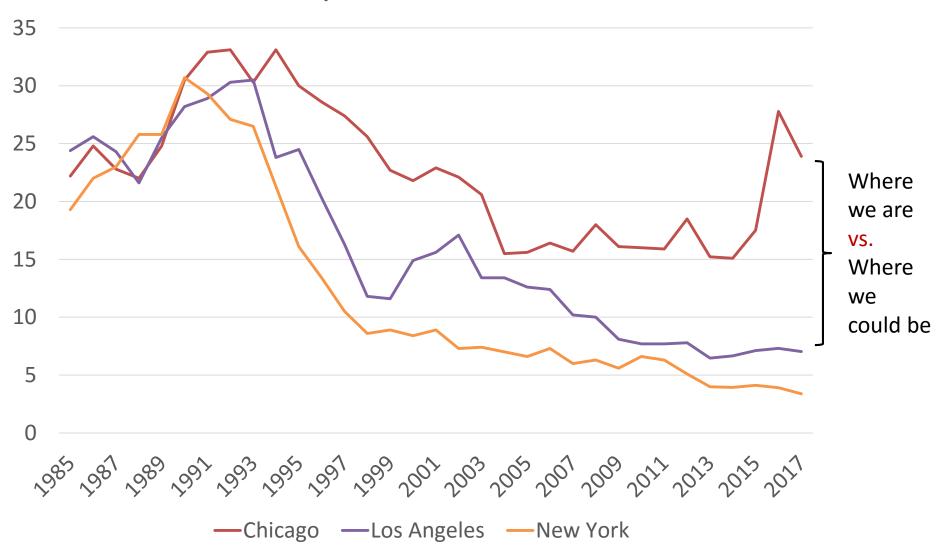
- No causal evidence yet (may be too early)
  - Delayed increase in community interactions
  - Delayed build-out of full complementary technology (cameras, "ShotSpotter" gunshot detection)

 How do we ensure every SDSC becomes as effective as Englewood's?

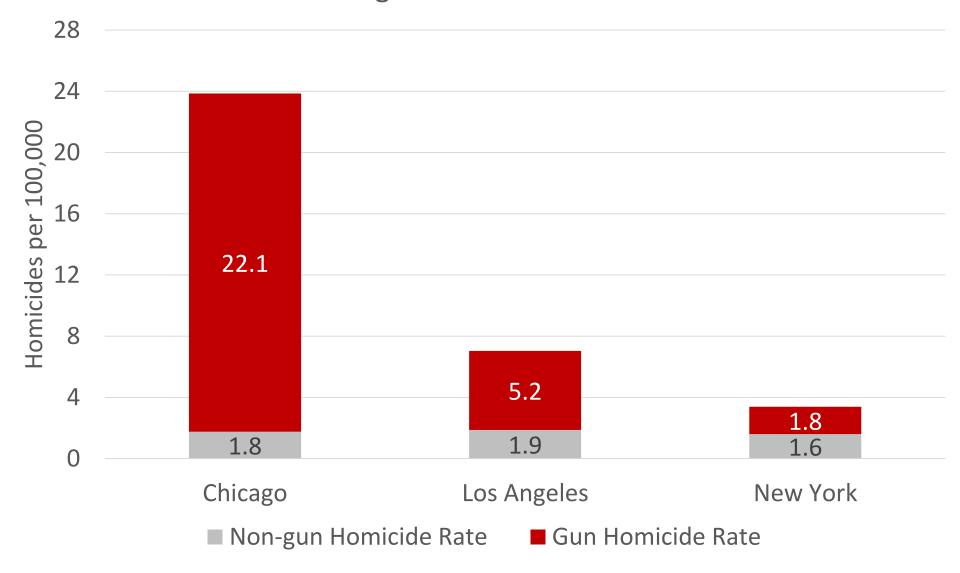
# Suppose we get Chicago 2018 back to (say) Chicago 2014

There's an even bigger challenge

### Homicides per 100,000, 1985-2017



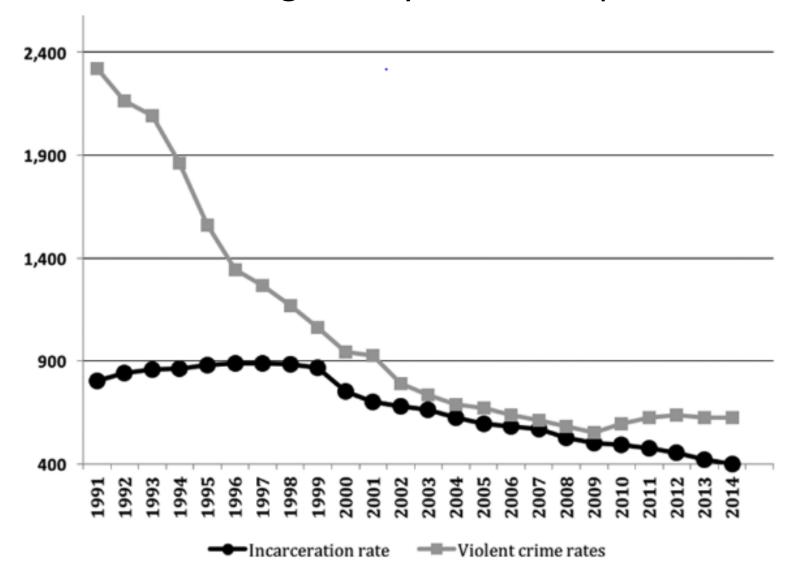
## Differences in 2017 homicide rates across cities driven by gun homicides



## LA and NYC stories usually told as (mostly) about policing

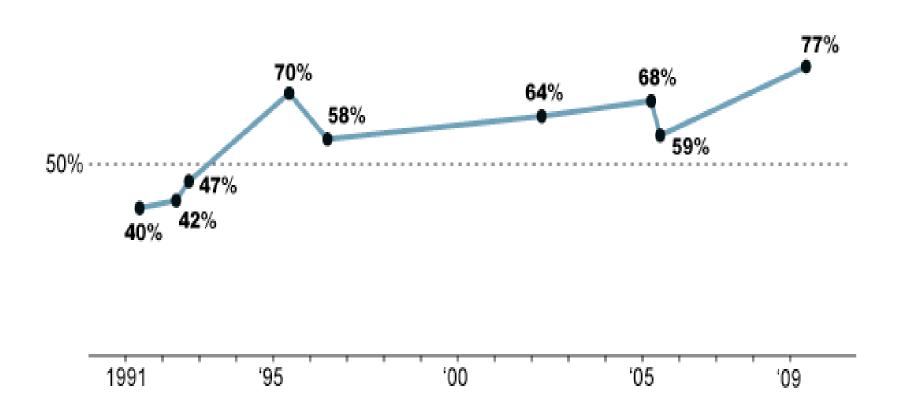
What are the collateral consequences of these large-scale policing changes?

## NYC's incarceration & violent crime rates declined: not arresting its way out of the problem

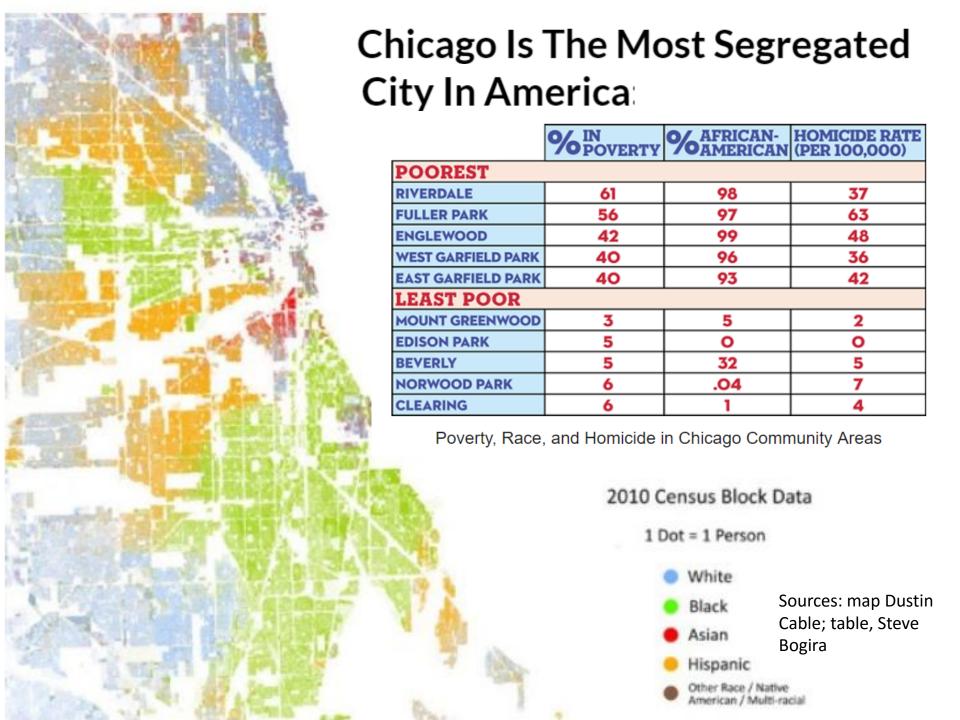


### Community approval of LAPD increased as crime rates fell





### Of course Chicago is different



### Some (initially) daunting numbers

- Risk of crime involvement (victimization or offending) highest between, say, 15 and 30
  - That's about one quarter of Chicago population

• What can we do to help 700,000 people if intensive jobs programs can cost up to \$30,000 per person?

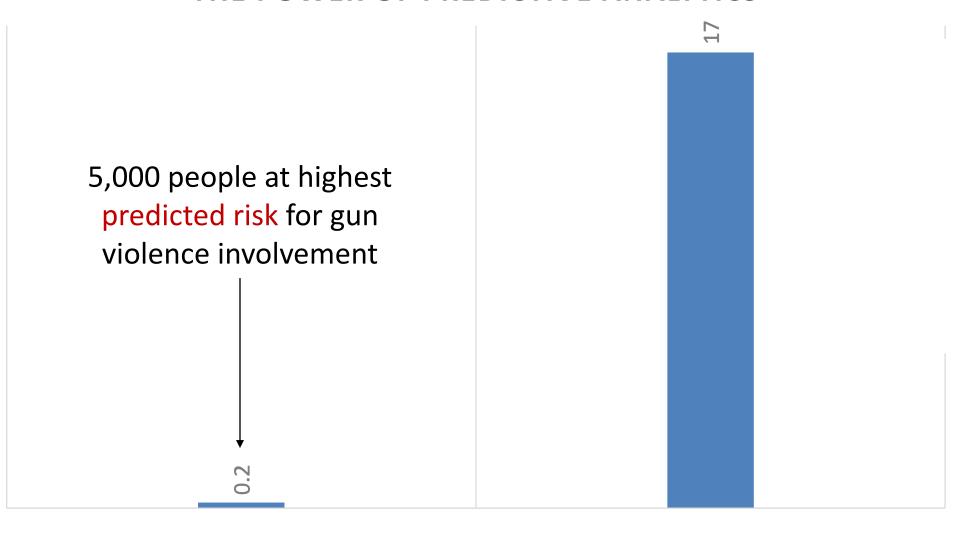
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5,000 people at highest predicted risk for gun violence involvement

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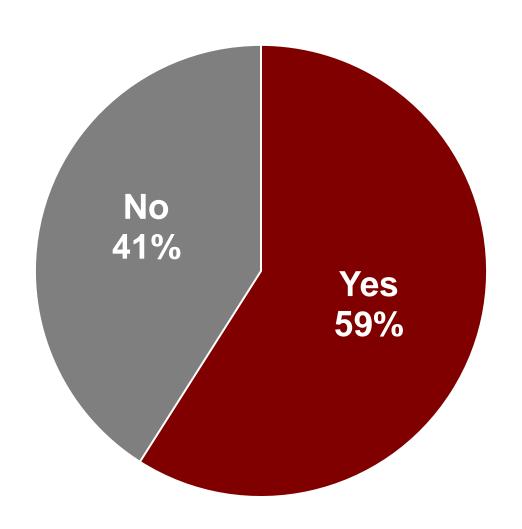
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An intensive jobs program that reduced risk for target group by 50% might cost ~\$150M and reduce citywide homicides by 9%

### No miracle cures

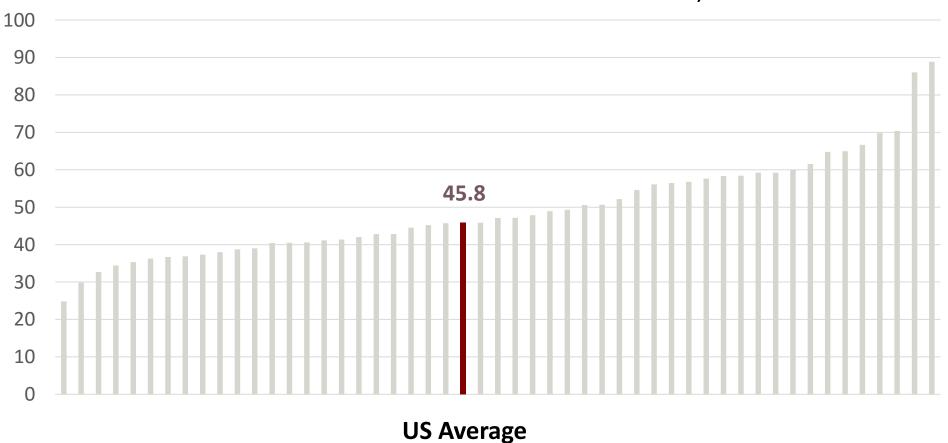
- Can only push this strategy so far
  - Diminishing ability to target highest risk people
- Need to push on multiple margins; what else?

## Prior DV Victimization or Arrest for those at Highest Risk for Gun Violence



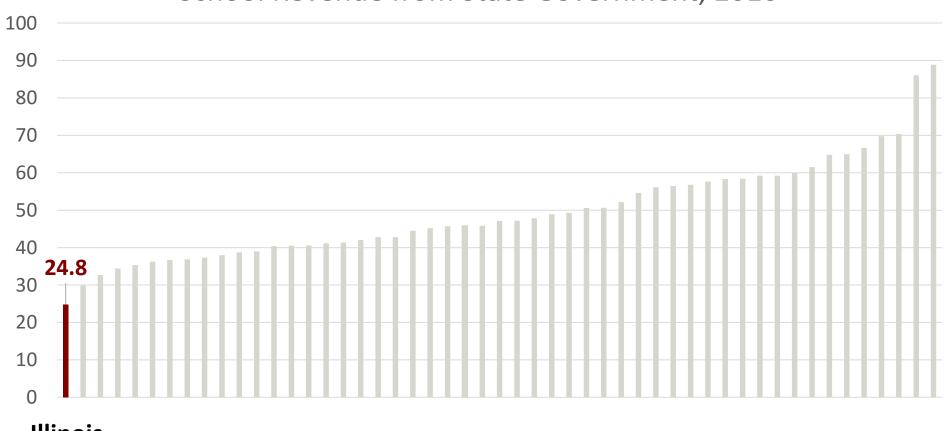
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### School Revenue from State Government, 2016

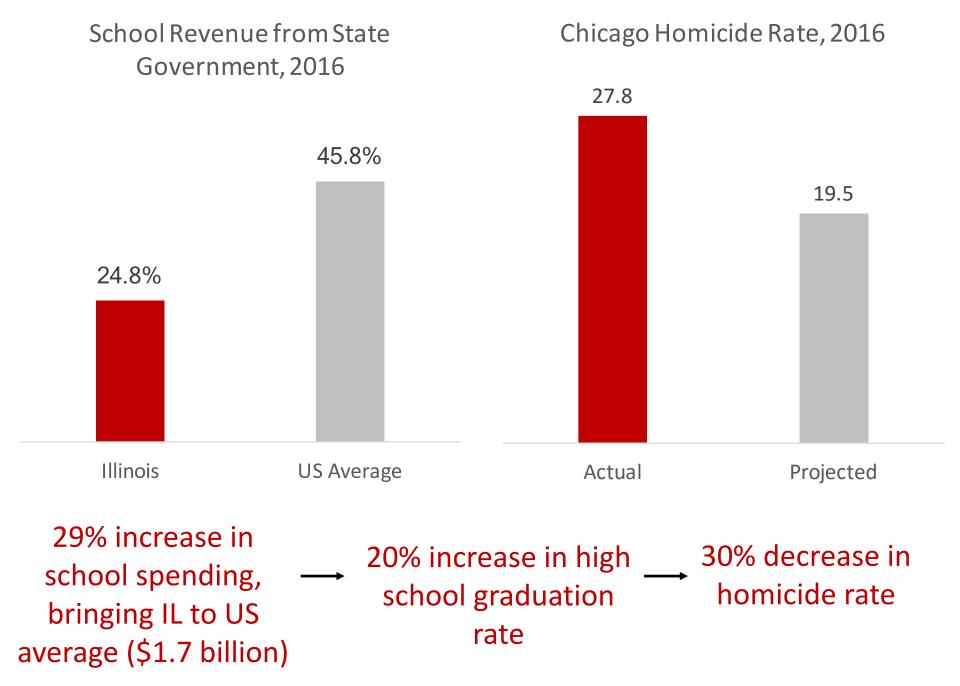


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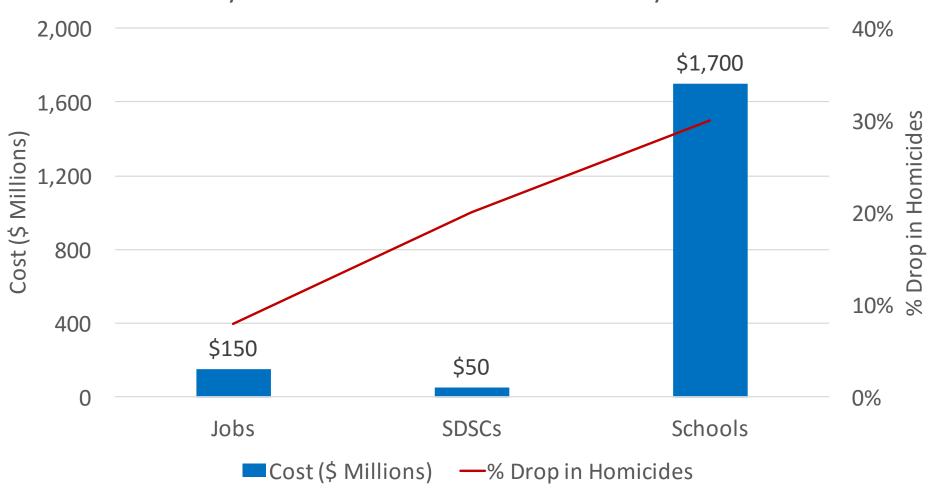
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Illinois



### Illustrative Sketch of a Balanced Strategy: Costly - but critical for both fairness & city's future



### Thank you