

2020 Year in Review

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Investigations Bureau
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2020 Homicide Investigation Overview

In 2020, the City of Cincinnati experienced a total of 94 homicides. This was 21 offenses higher than last year's total of 73 offenses, representing a 28.7% increase. Currently, the Homicide Unit's 2020 closure rate is hovering around 67%, with 63 of this year's 94 cases either being closed by arrest, death of offender, prosecution declined, or awaiting grand jury presentation. The following classifications provide the method of homicide, victim's age, gender, location by District and neighborhood:

Method:

- Firearm: **83**
- Blunt force or hands: **4**
- Edged weapon: **5**
- Undetermined: **2**

Age of Victim:

- Adult: **90**
- Juvenile: **2**
- Toddler: **1**
- Fetus: **1**

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VICTIMOLOGY cont.

- **Sex of Victim:**

- Male: **76**
- Female: **17**
- Undetermined (fetus): **1**

- **Race of Victim:**

- Black: **83**
- White: **9**
- Hispanic: **1**
- Other: **1**

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Homicides by District/Neighborhoods

- **District One: 14 totals**

- Over-the-Rhine: 6
- West End: 8

- **District Two: 7 totals**

- Madisonville: 1
- Evanston: 1
- East Walnut Hills: 1
- East End: 2
- Mt Washington: 2

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Homicides by District/Neighborhoods

- **District Three: 25 totals**

- Westwood: 9
- East Price Hill: 5
- Fay Apartments: 2
- West Price Hill: 2
- East Westwood: 2
- South Fairmount: 3
- South Cumminsville: 1
- Saylor Park: 1

- **District Four: 26 totals**

- Roselawn: 3
- Avondale: 15
- North Avondale: 2
- Mount Auburn: 2
- Walnut Hills: 2
- Paddock Hills: 1
- Hartwell: 1

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- **District Five: 20 totals**

- Winton Hills: 4
- Mount Airy: 5
- Northside: 2
- College Hill: 1
- Spring Grove Village: 4
- Clifton/University Heights: 4

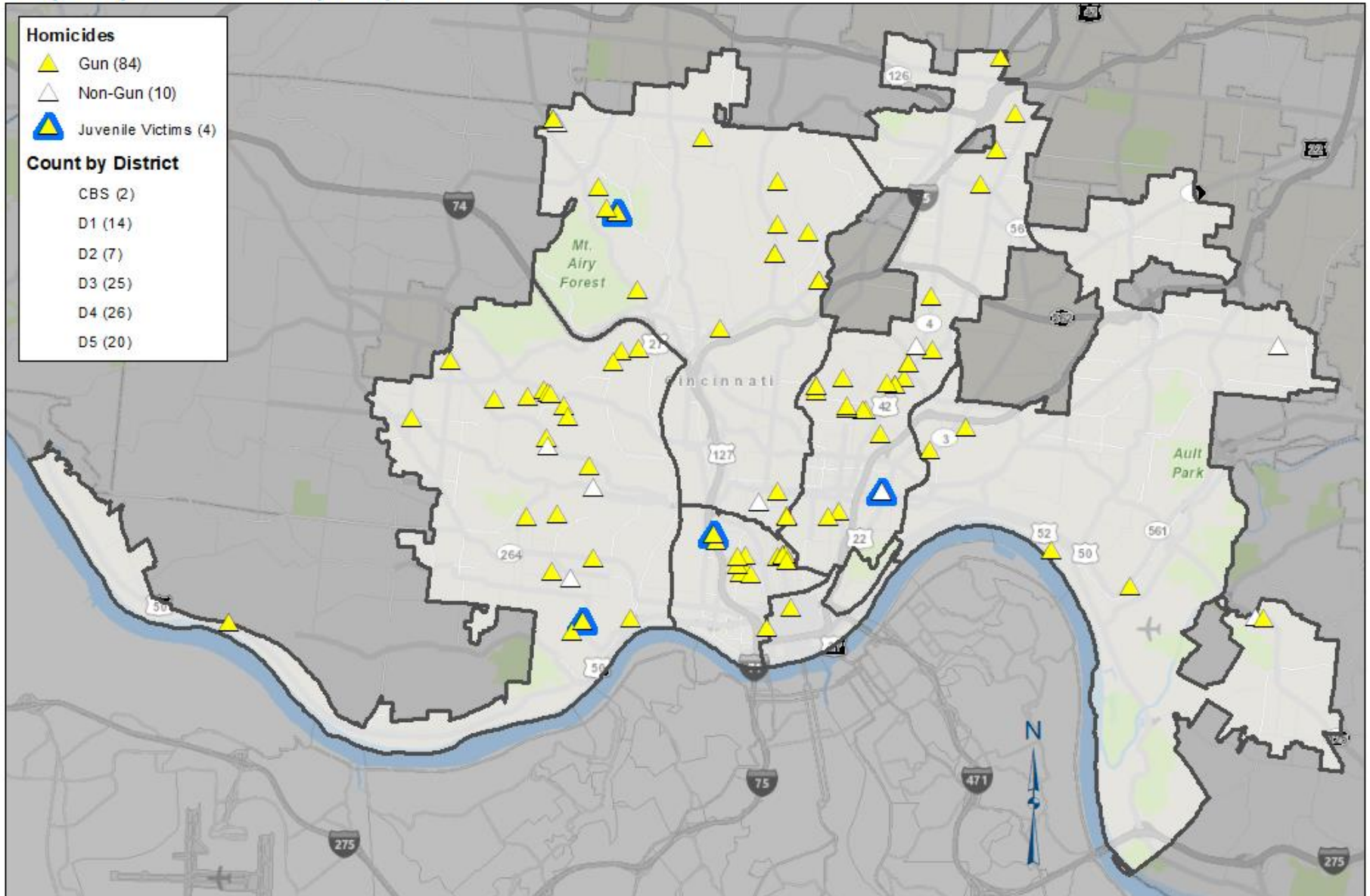
- **CBD: 2 totals**

- C.B.D./Riverfront: 2

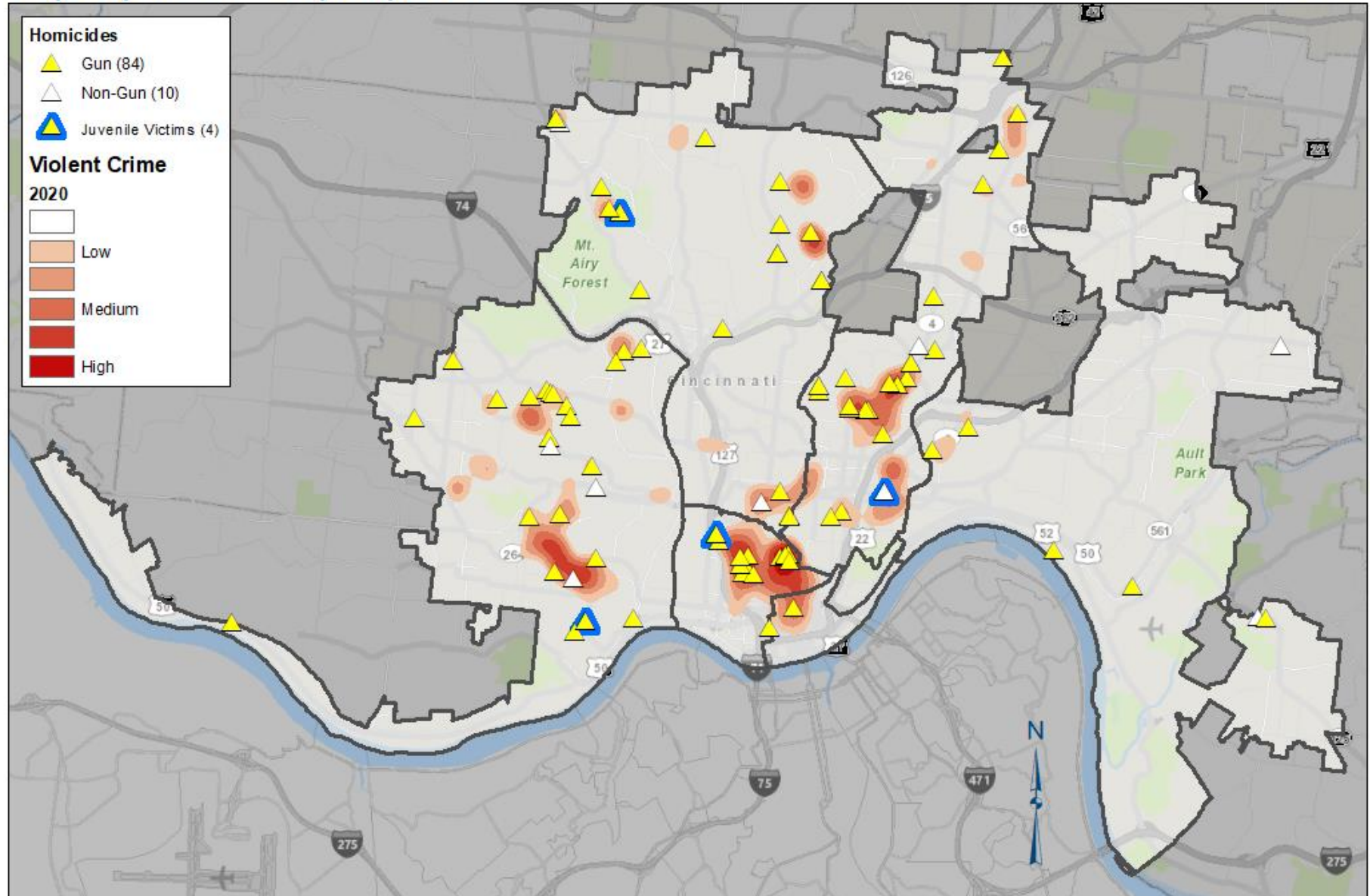
Summary;

In 2020, the greatest number of homicides occurred in District Four with 26 offenses, accounting for 28% of the total. This was followed by District Three with 25 homicides or 27% of the total. District Five's 20 homicides accounted for 21%, District One's 14 at 15%, District Two with 7 at 7%, and CBS with 2 at 2%.

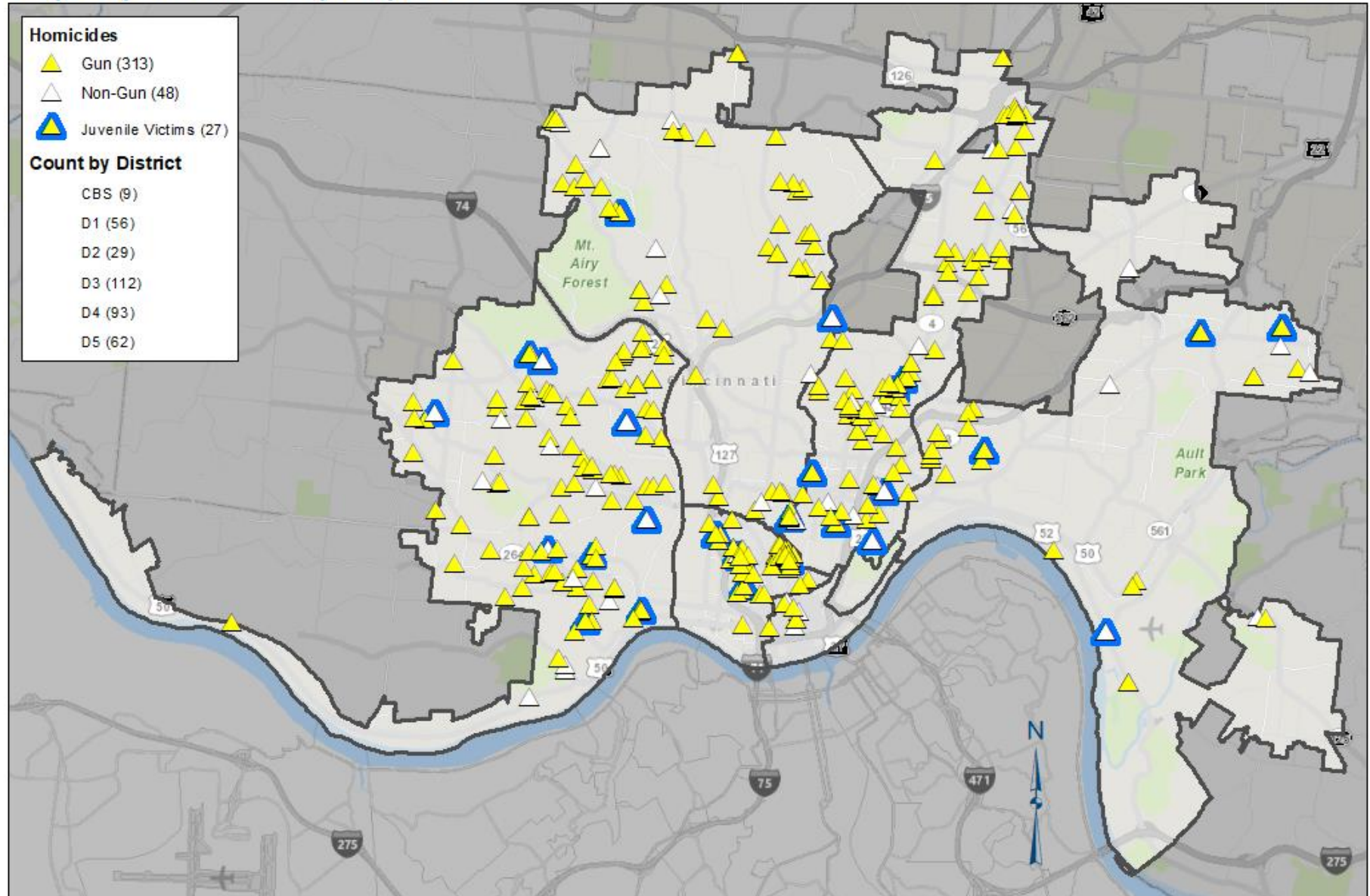
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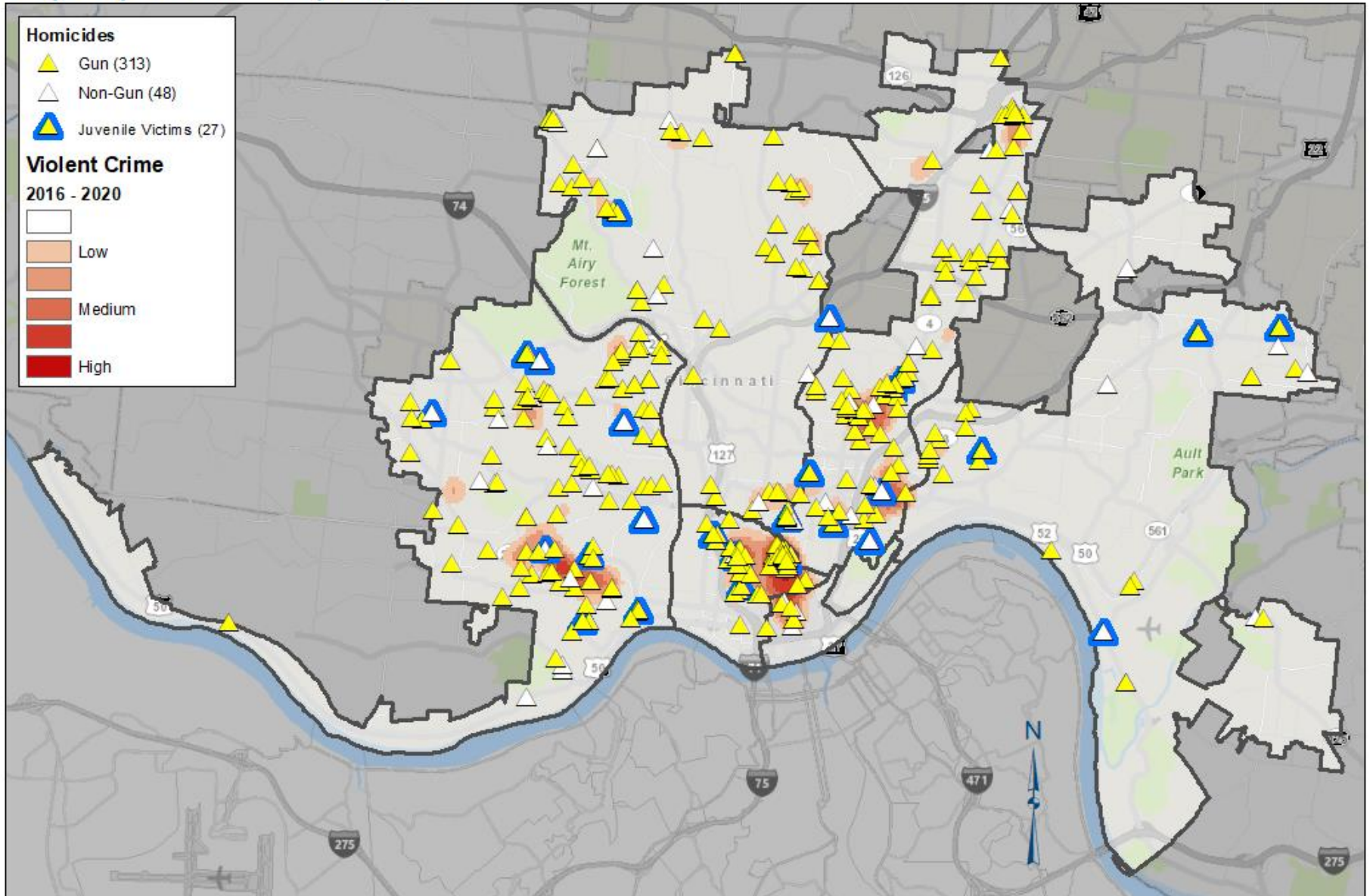
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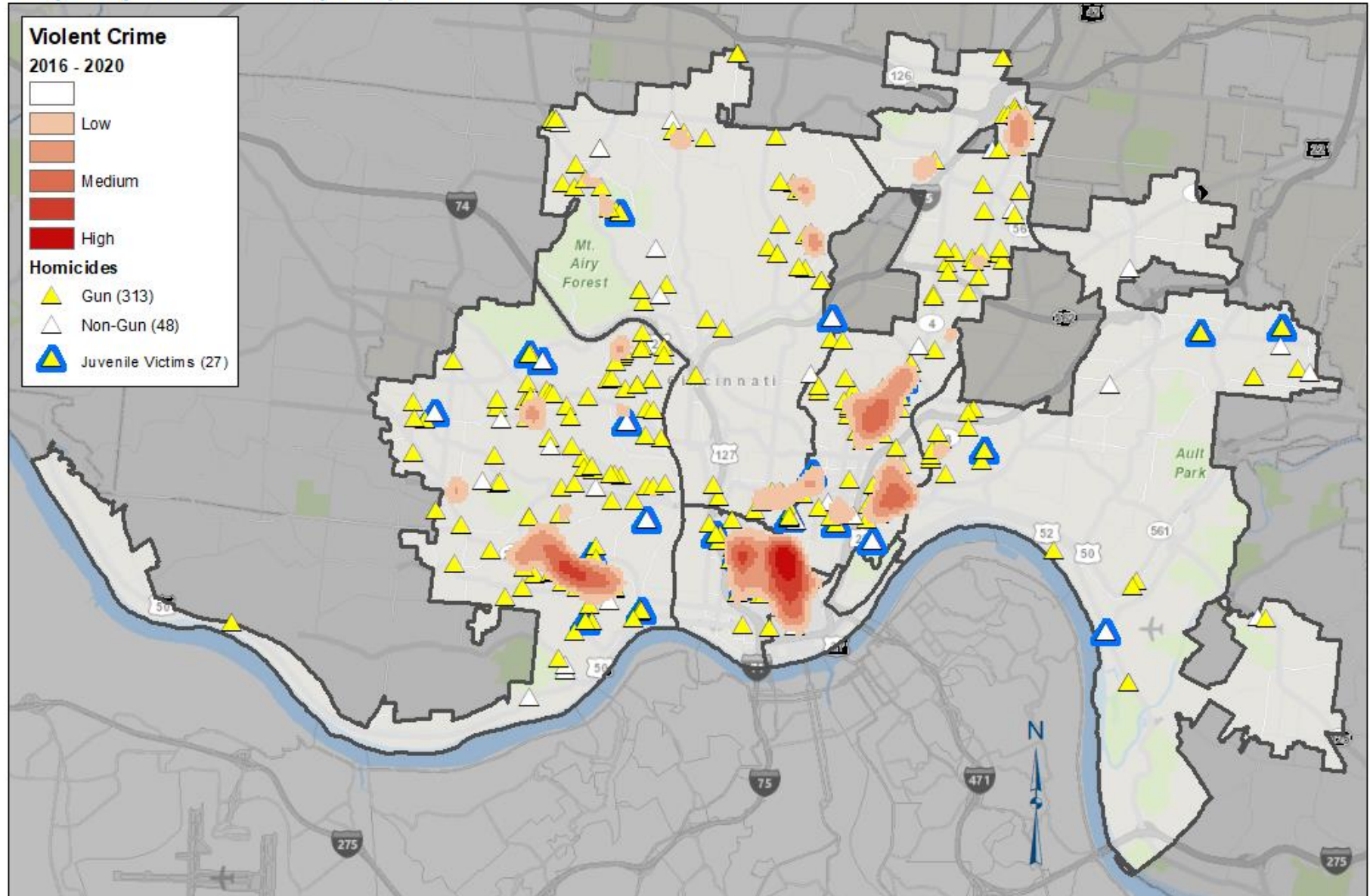
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2020 Victim Assistance Liaison Unit Activities



VALU/CCROW



Community Outreach: In partnership with CPD
Community Relations Squad:
(Millvale, Moosewood, Over the Rhine, Mt. Airy)
passed out Gun Locks and information on gun safety.
Outreach efforts also focused on completing surveys
to understand what the community's needs are
regarding their ongoing relationship with the
Cincinnati Police Department.

Victim Witness Advocacy CCROW



- 61 witnesses received assistance in 2020 (every witness received crisis intervention services and case management ongoing contact)
- 5 cases with witnesses were resolved through pleas – trials were halted due to COVID-19
- 21 individuals in the EPH-PIVOT to provide victim/witness services
- 22 victims of crime from districts 1,2,3,4, and 5 were assisted in 2020 which is a 10% increase from previous years.
- New partnerships:
- HCJFS to assist witness in overcoming employments related benefits and to help families achieve and maintain self sufficiency.
- Free Store Social Services Department; St. Vincent DePaul for assistance with immediate resource needs

Victim Assistance Liaison Unit



- Despite COVID-19,...
- 94 homicides - On-scene crisis intervention and follow-up within 24 hours of notification of all victims of homicide
- Court accompaniment with witnesses and victims' families
- Survivors of homicide support group continued virtually rather than in person
- Homicide Survivors Youth Initiative - Documentary "Shoot This Not That!" aired-January 24, 2020
- Kamarla Mathis(participant of Homicide Youth Initiative) wins Emmy