



BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

On behalf of the Citizens of Baltimore City, the Public Safety Committee will be responsible for matters concerning public safety, including, but not limited to, emergency preparedness, police services, fire/EMS, & their administrative functions.

The Honorable Mark Conway

CHAIR

PUBLIC HEARING

12/9/2025

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Crime Reduction & Violence Prevention

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Legislative Oversight Hearing

LO25-0005

Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention

For the purpose of the committee holding regular hearings with the Police Department, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and other agencies to monitor the progress of the City's crime reduction and violence prevention efforts.

BACKGROUND

Baltimore City has seen a significant decrease in violent crime over the past three years. As of August 2025, homicides had [fallen](#) by 40% since 2020. In total, as of [December 1, 2025](#), the City experienced 127 homicides – the lowest recorded level since at least 1970, 54 fewer than this time last year – and 288 nonfatal shootings, 97 fewer than the previous year.

Likewise, the City has seen a reduction in other forms of violent crime and gun violence. As of December 1, 2025, the City saw a 29.8% decrease in homicides; a 25.2% decrease in non-fatal shootings; an 11% decrease in aggravated assaults; a 29% decrease in auto thefts; a 36% decrease in carjackings; and, a 29% drop in robberies, compared to the same time last year.

The Administration has credited the steep reduction in violent crime with the [Group Violence Reduction Strategy](#) – a partnership between the Mayor, via the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE), the Baltimore Police Department (BPD), and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. Broadly, the strategy works to engage with those involved in and affected by violence and connect them with resources and services through efforts by its partners, such as the City's [Safe Streets](#) program, and outside providers including [Roca](#) and [Youth Advocate Programs](#).

FISCAL NOTE

The City's Fiscal Year (FY) [2026 Budget](#) allocates \$614,014,239 to BPD. Primarily, this allocation comes from the City's General Fund (over \$560 million), with smaller amounts coming from State, Federal, and Special sources. Of the services within BPD's budget, Police Patrol accounts for the largest projected expenditure, totaling over \$220 million, followed by Criminal Investigation at about \$110 million, Compliance at just over \$80 million, and Administration at about \$75 million. None of the Department's other services exceed \$32 million.

Since [FY22](#), the Department's budget has increased significantly – by about 16% from FY22 to FY26 – with the Department spending \$529,722,945 in FY22. Like the FY26 budget, the FY22 actual spend was mainly dedicated to patrol, investigation, and administration; however, the Department's actual and projected spending on compliance has increased far more relative to other services between FY22 and FY26. In FY22 the Department spent just over \$30 million on compliance but by FY26 the Department's budgeted spend for compliance has grown to over \$82 million – a 172% increase.

The total MONSE budget projections for FY25 and FY26 are significantly higher than the actual FY 2024 spend due to increased funding from federal, state, and special grant sources, and spending on expanded services. Like BPD, MONSE's funding has grown significantly from its actual FY22 budget of just above \$8 million to \$22,403,410 in FY26 – a 178.6% increase. Among its services, MONSE is allocated \$13 million for Neighborhood safety and Engagement, with sub-\$5million allocations to Criminal Justice Coordination, Community Empowerment and Opportunity, and Coordination of Public Safety Strategy – Administration.

REPORTING AGENCIES

- Baltimore Police Department
- Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

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Agency Reports



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Chairman Mark Conway
Vice Chairman Zac Blanchard**

December 9th, 2025



CLEARANCE RATES

CRIME	2025	2024	2023	NATIONAL AVERAGE	AVERAGE FOR SIMILAR SIZE CITIES
HOMICIDE	64.23%	56.42%	34%	57.8%	54.7%
SHOOTING	42.16%	35.68%	29%	--	--
RAPE	32.62%	25.67%	23%	26.9%	28%
ROBBERY	44.11%	35.38%	24%	27.6%	--
BURGLARY	30.21%	24.44%	12%	14.4%	--
AGG ASSAULT	69.68%	59.15%	45%	46.1%	--
ARSON	38.27%	32.61%	17%	26.9%	19.1%

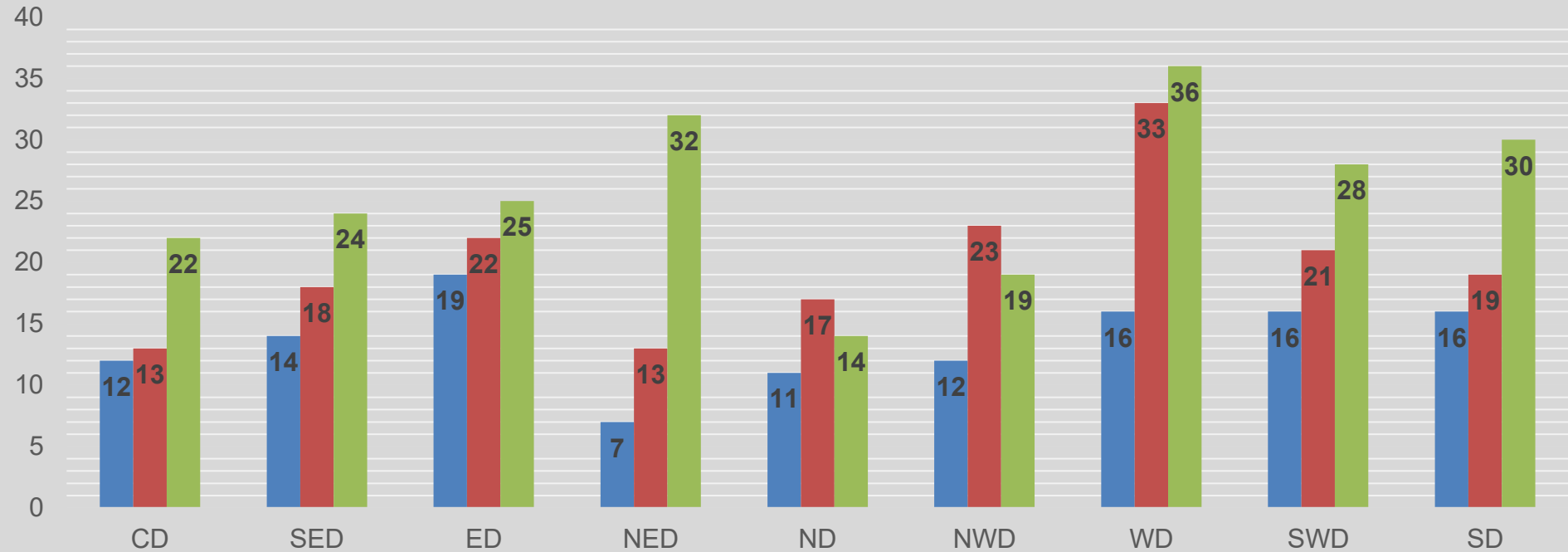


CLEARANCES FOR ALL YEARS
THROUGH DECEMBER 1

CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Homicides by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	12	14	19	7	11	12	16	16	16	123
2024	13	18	22	13	17	23	33	21	19	179
2023	22	24	25	32	14	19	36	28	30	230

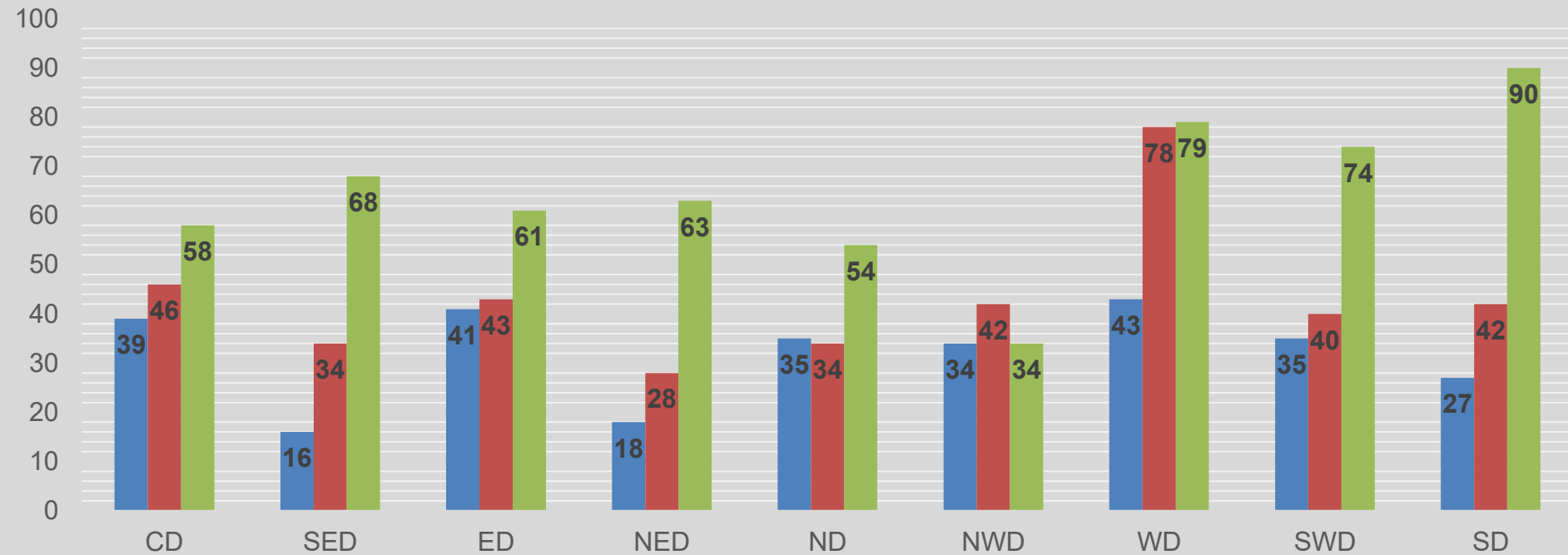


VICTIM COUNTS FOR ALL YEARS
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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Non-fatal Shootings by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	39	16	41	18	35	34	43	35	27	288
2024	46	34	43	28	34	42	78	40	42	387
2023	58	68	61	63	54	34	79	74	90	583

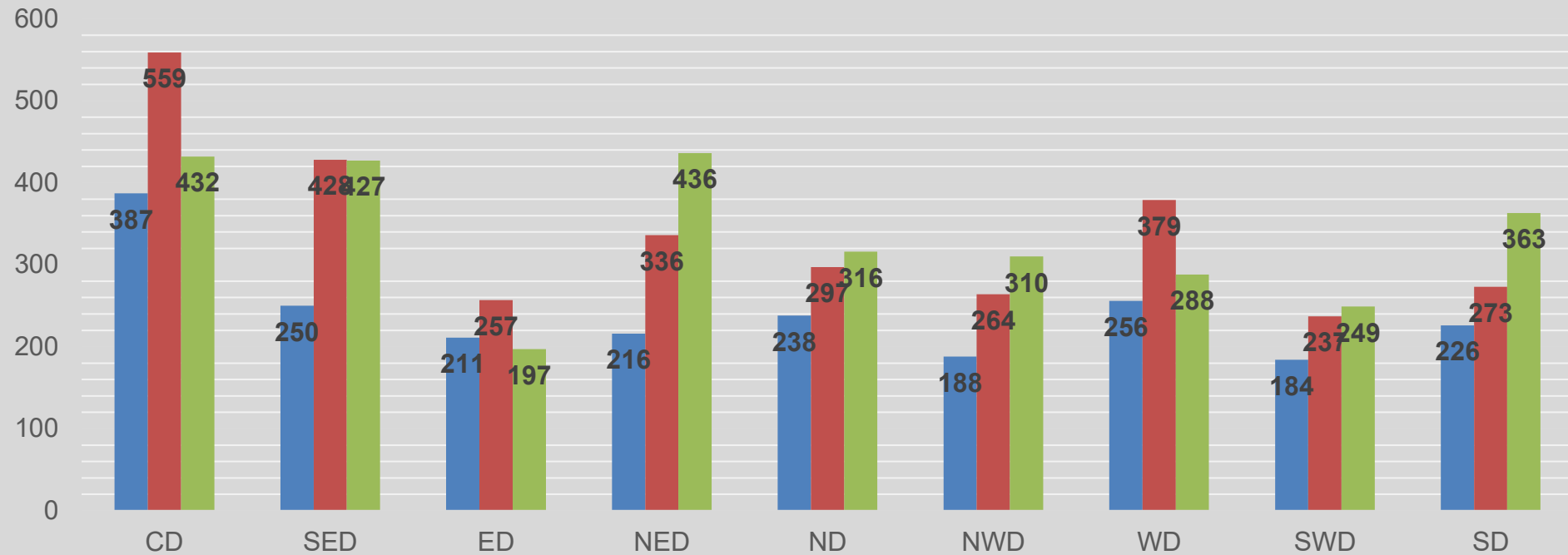


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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Robberies by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	387	250	211	216	238	188	256	184	223	2157
2024	559	428	257	336	297	264	379	237	273	3031
2023	432	427	197	436	316	310	288	249	363	3030

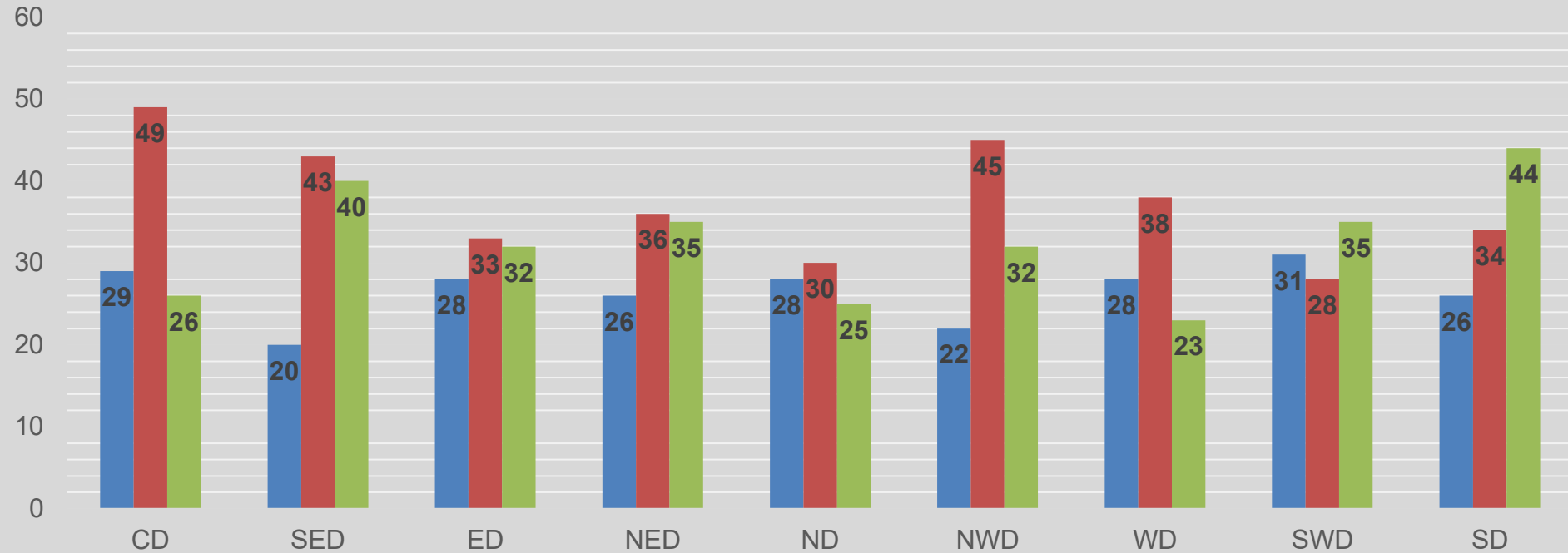


INCIDENT COUNTS FOR ALL YEARS
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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Rapes by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	29	20	28	26	28	22	28	31	26	238
2024	49	43	33	36	30	45	38	28	34	336
2023	26	40	32	35	25	32	23	35	44	294

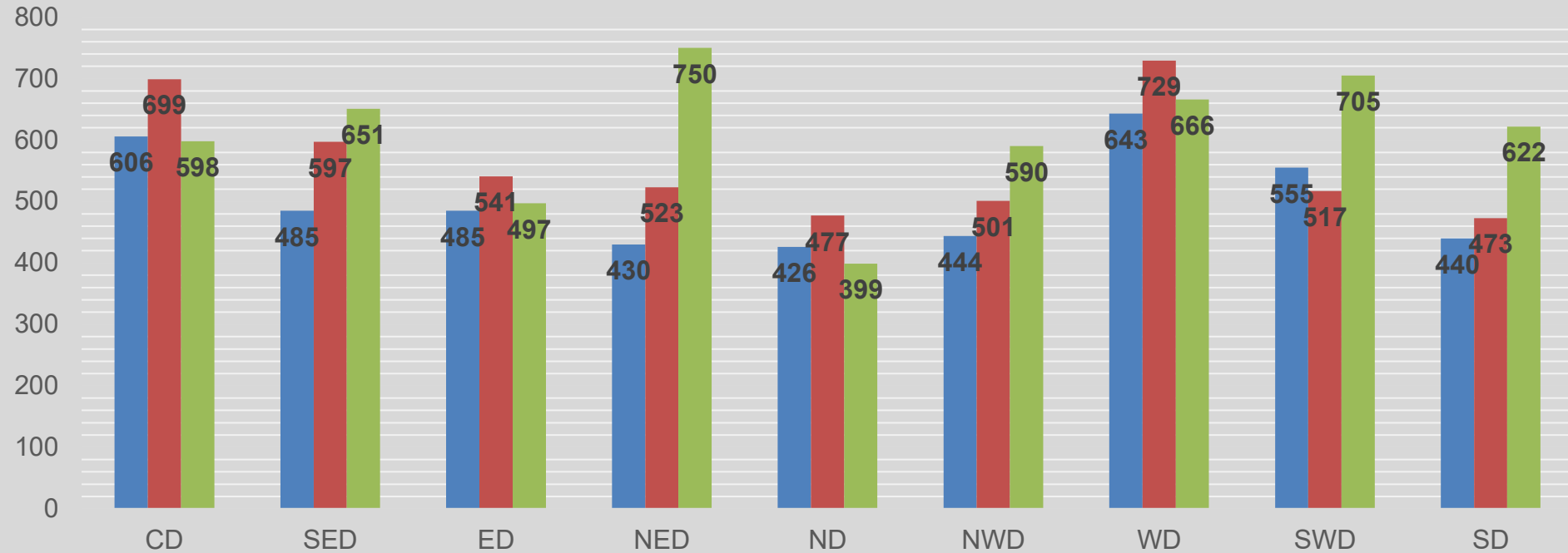


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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Aggravated Assault by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	606	485	485	430	426	444	643	555	440	4514
2024	699	597	541	523	477	501	729	517	473	5057
2023	598	651	497	750	399	590	666	705	622	5494

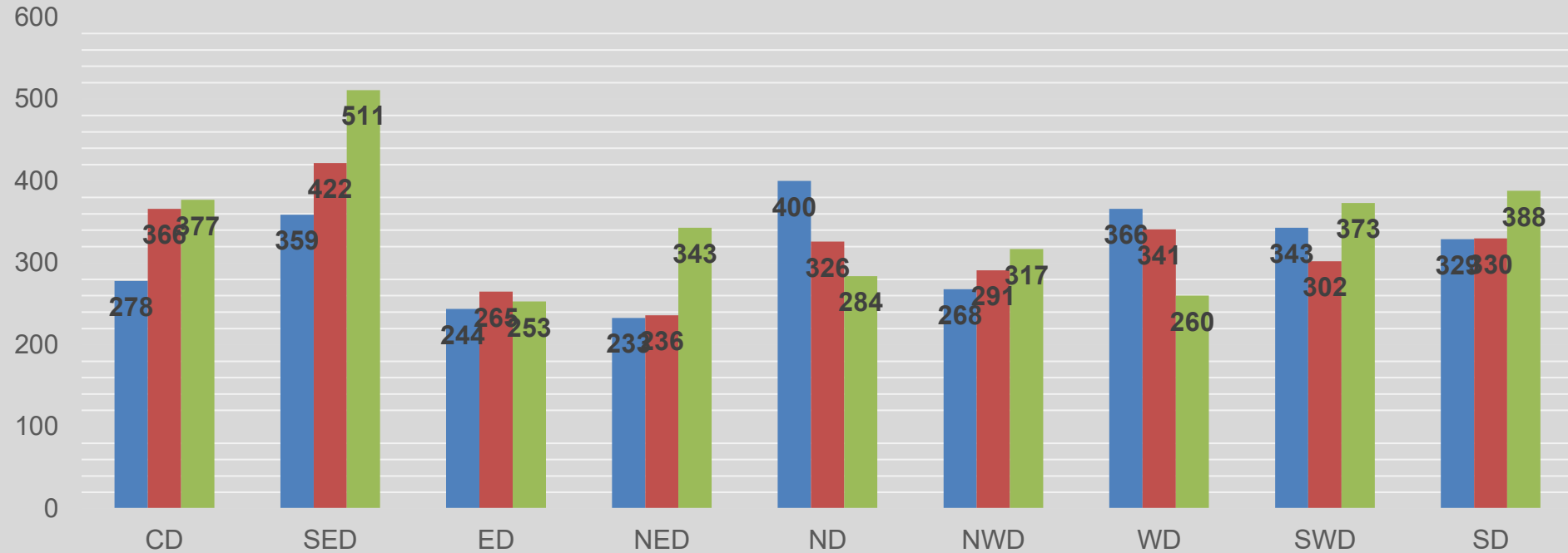


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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Burglaries by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	278	359	244	233	400	268	366	343	329	2820
2024	366	422	265	236	326	291	341	302	330	2879
2023	377	511	253	343	284	317	260	373	388	3106

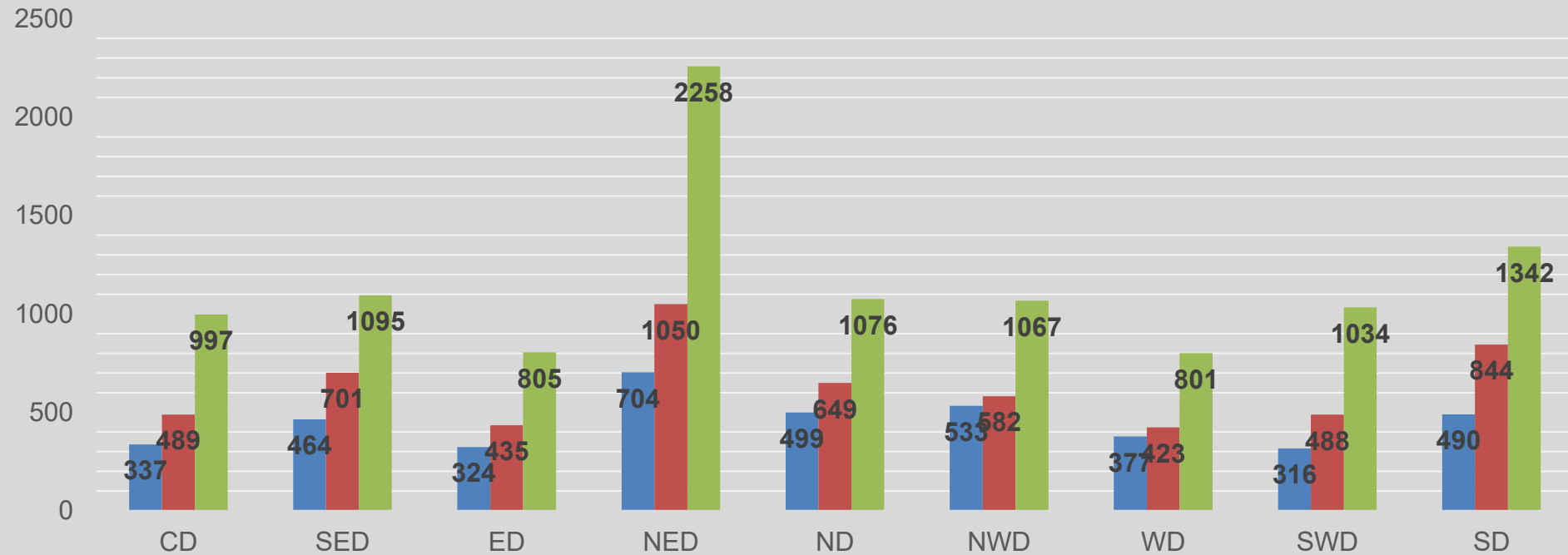


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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Auto Theft by District

2025 2024 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	337	464	324	704	499	533	377	316	490	4044
2024	489	701	435	1050	649	582	423	488	844	5661
2023	997	1095	805	2258	1076	1067	801	1034	1342	10506

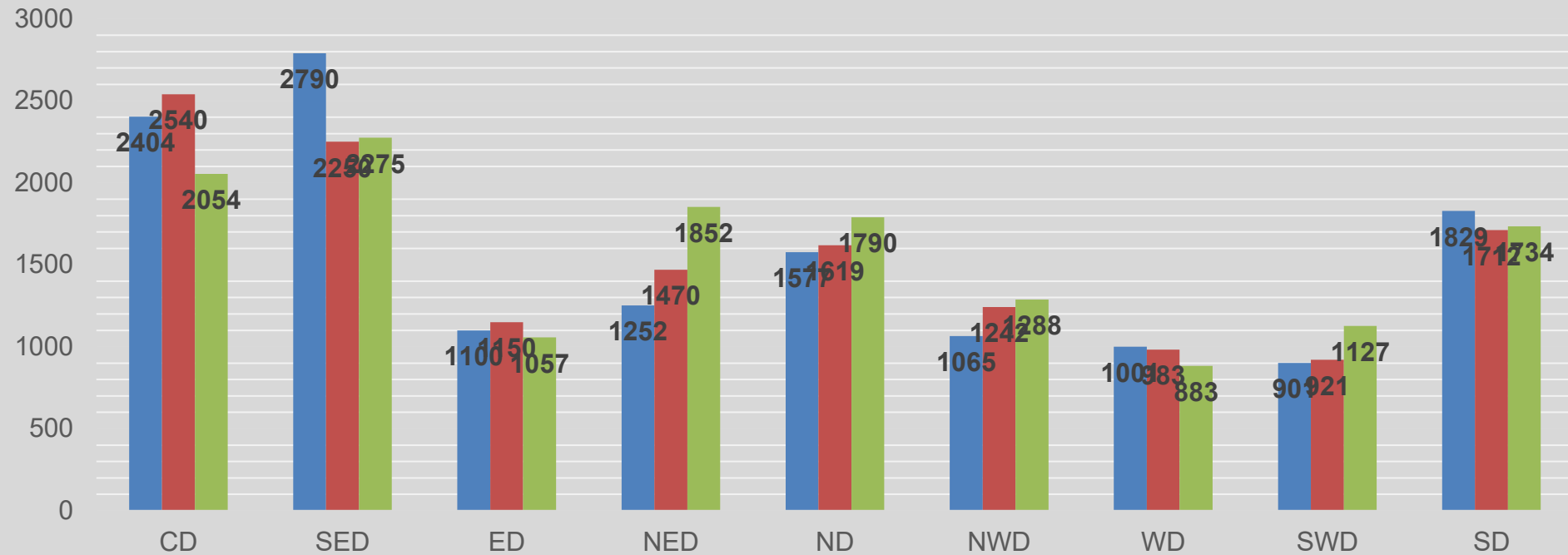


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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Larcenies by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	2404	2790	1100	1252	1577	1065	1001	901	1829	13919
2024	2540	2250	1150	1470	1619	1242	983	921	1712	13889
2023	2054	2275	1057	1852	1790	1288	883	1127	1734	14138

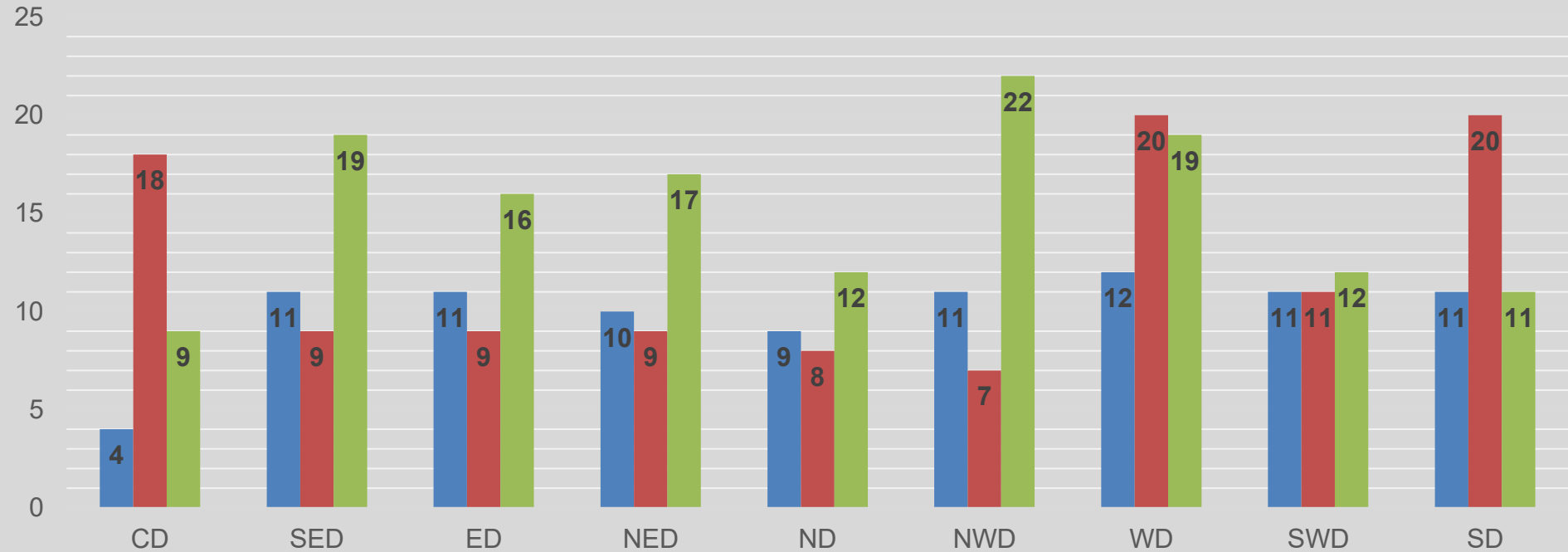


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CITY-WIDE CRIME OVERVIEW

Arson by District

■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023

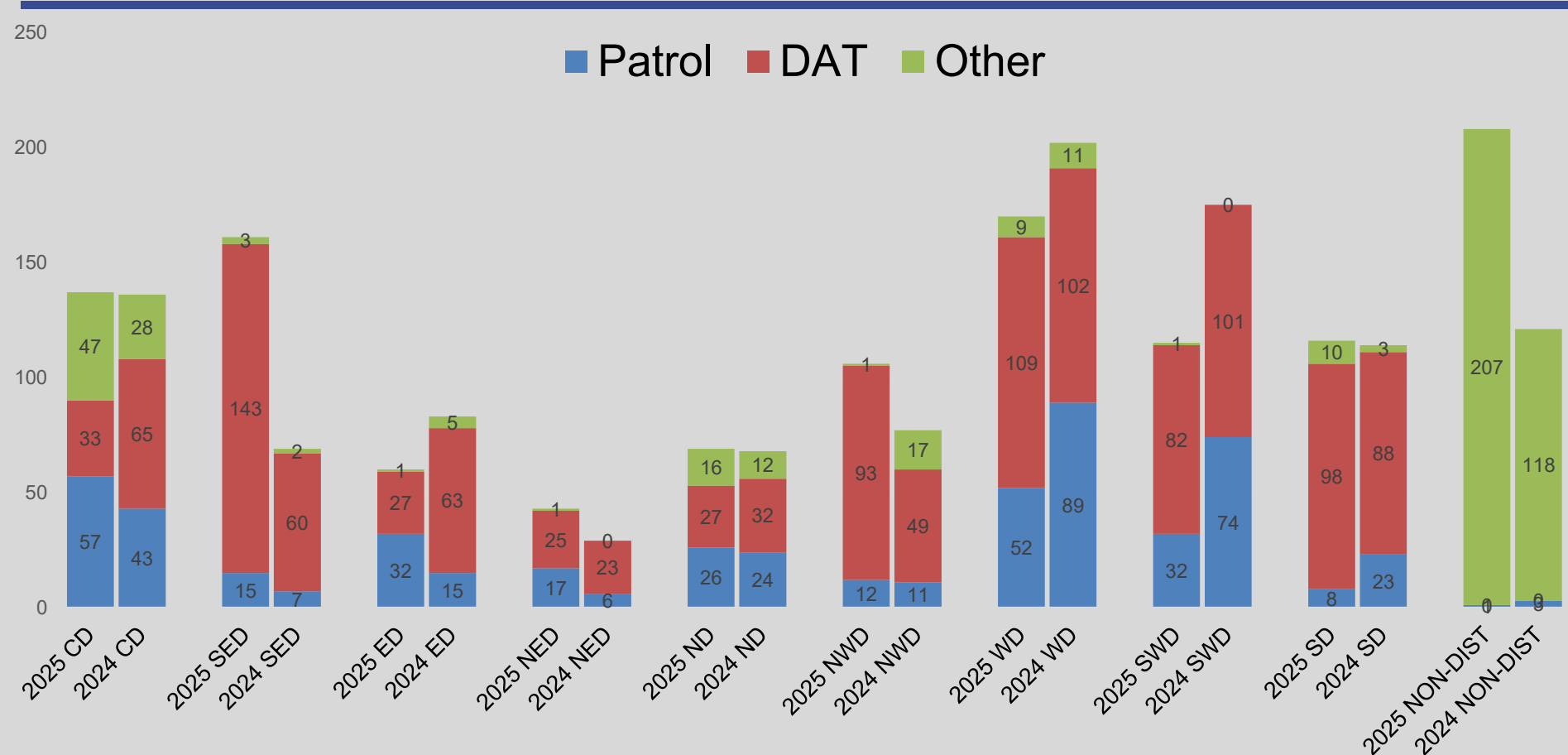


YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	4	11	11	10	9	11	12	11	11	90
2024	18	9	9	9	8	7	20	11	20	111
2023	9	19	16	17	12	22	19	12	11	137



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FELONY CDS ARRESTS

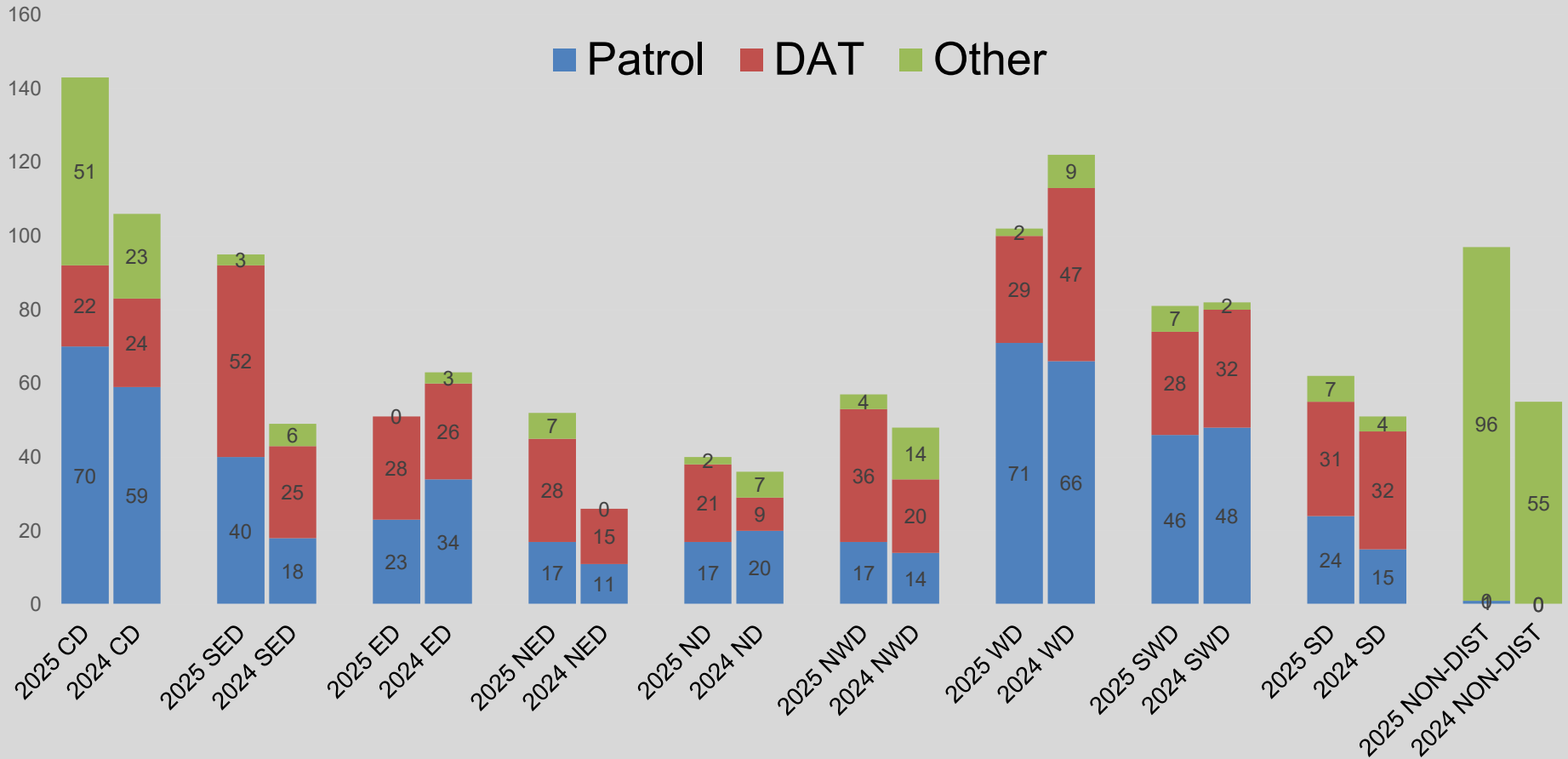


YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	NON	Total
2025	137	161	60	43	69	106	170	115	116	208	1185
2024	136	69	83	29	68	77	202	175	114	121	1074

ARRESTS FOR ALL YEARS
THROUGH DECEMBER 1



MISDEMEANOR CDS ARRESTS



ARRESTS FOR ALL YEARS
THROUGH DECEMBER 1



Entertainment District Unit

■ Enforcement Highlights

— Robbery Arrests – 4

— Handgun Violations - 6

- Two arrests in Fells Point (South Broadway Street)
- One arrest in Federal Hill (Nobles Bar & Grill) following an assault inside the establishment
- One arrest at the Inner Harbor amphitheater after observation of an armed individual
- One arrest at 1400 East Lombard Street, where officers safely disarmed a suspect actively discharging a firearm
- One arrest at 711 Eastern Avenue after observation of an armed individual

— DUI Arrests – 13

— Larceny and Retail Theft Operations

- In partnership with local businesses including TJ MAXX (Marshall) and CVS Pharmacy, officers addressed persistent retail theft activity
- 11 arrests for larceny
- 15 warrants served
- 7 criminal citations issued
- 4 trespassing warnings

Aug 10 – Nov 30, 2025



Entertainment District Unit – Enforcement Totals

Calls for Service	2,978
Reports Written	393
Bike Patrols	214
Vehicle Stops	3,263
Business Checks	11,020
Moving Violations	725
Parking Tickets	1,853
Repair Orders	169
Criminal Citations	40
Civil Citations	2
Investigative Stops	28
Guns Recovered	8
Tows	91
Warrant Turn Ups	4
Foot Patrols	12,148
Citizen Contacts	5
HGV (Handgun Violations)	6
Total Arrests	138

Aug 10 – Nov 30, 2025



RECRUITMENT

Recruitment Efforts

- Recruitment campaign across multiple media platforms
 - Leading to significant increase in recruitment website traffic
 - Peaking at over 4,000 interactions per month online
- Relocation to Baltimore City Incentive
 - \$1,000 a month for one year
- 207 total New Hires of Sworn Personal in 2025 compared to 133 in 2024



Police Recruits

- 199 new recruits in 2025 compared to 126 in 2024*
- 5 classes in 2025
- 5 more classes planned for 2026
 - Next class starts in Jan. 2026



Cadets

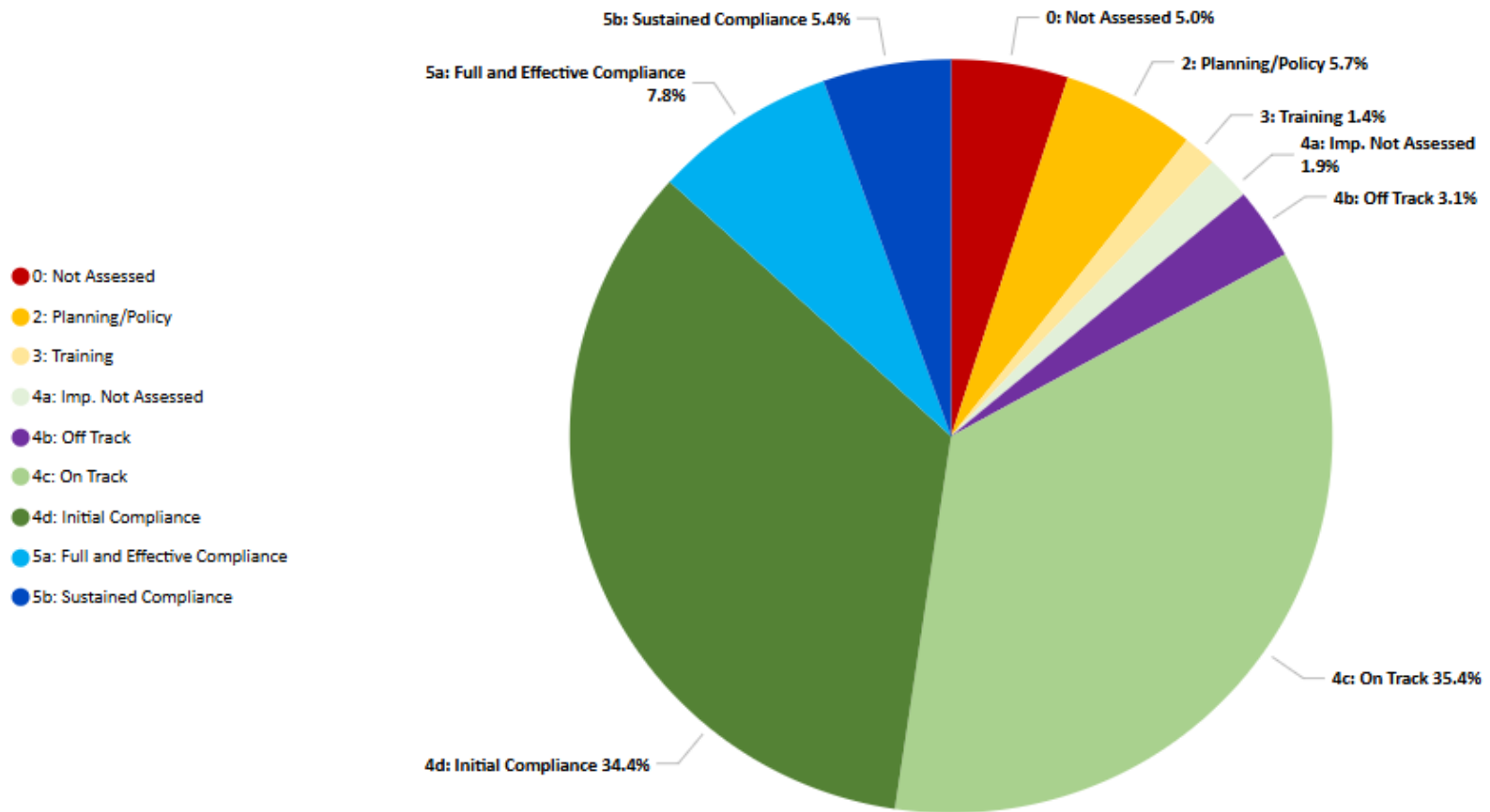
- 21 hired in 2025 compared to 9 in 2024
- 7 have transitioned to Police Trainees compared to 1 in 2024**



* YTD as of 10/31/25 New recruits
excludes lateral, rehires, and reinstatements

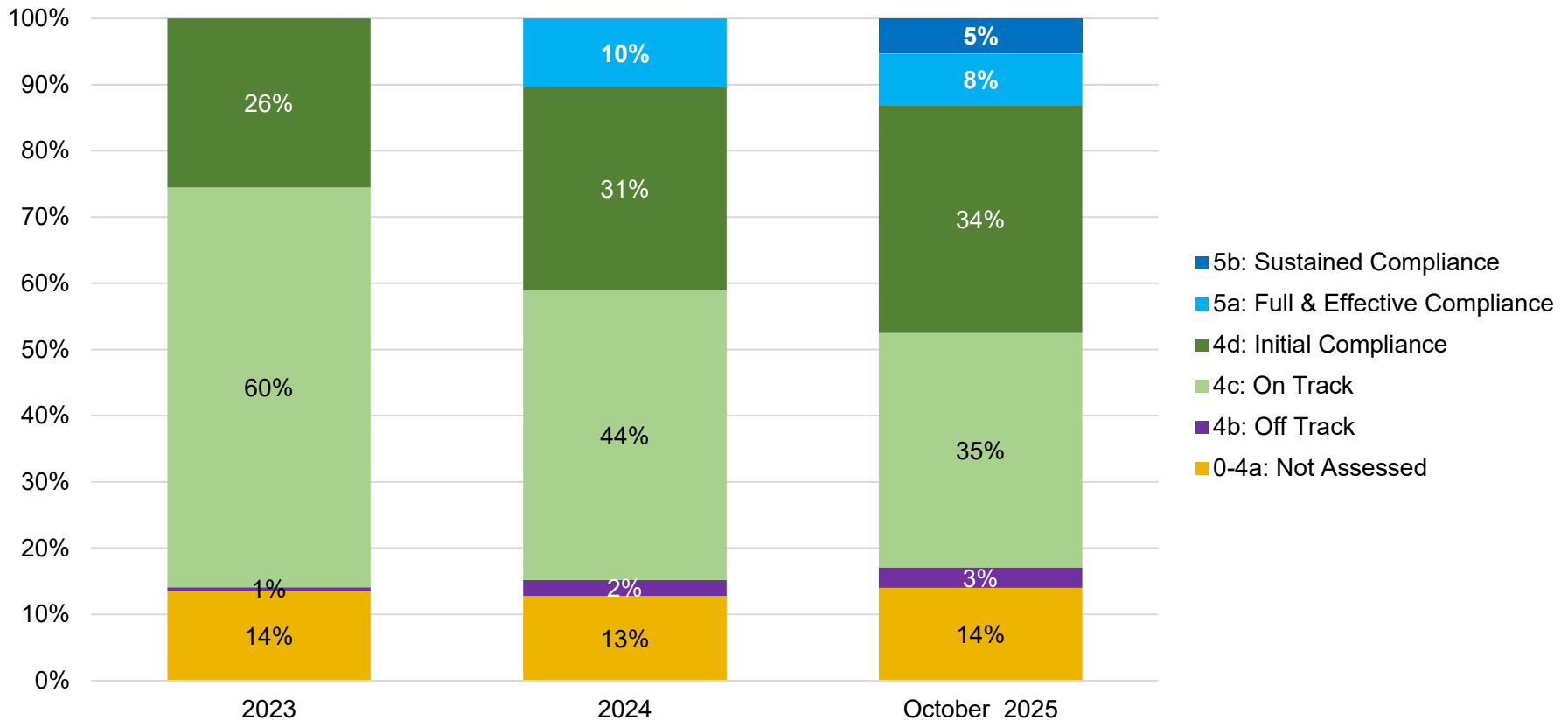
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Compliance Status



Compliance Over Time

Annual Compliance Assessment 2023 - October 2025



Compliance Review & Outcome Assessment Status

2025 Completed Monitoring Team Assessments

- Use of Force
- Technology



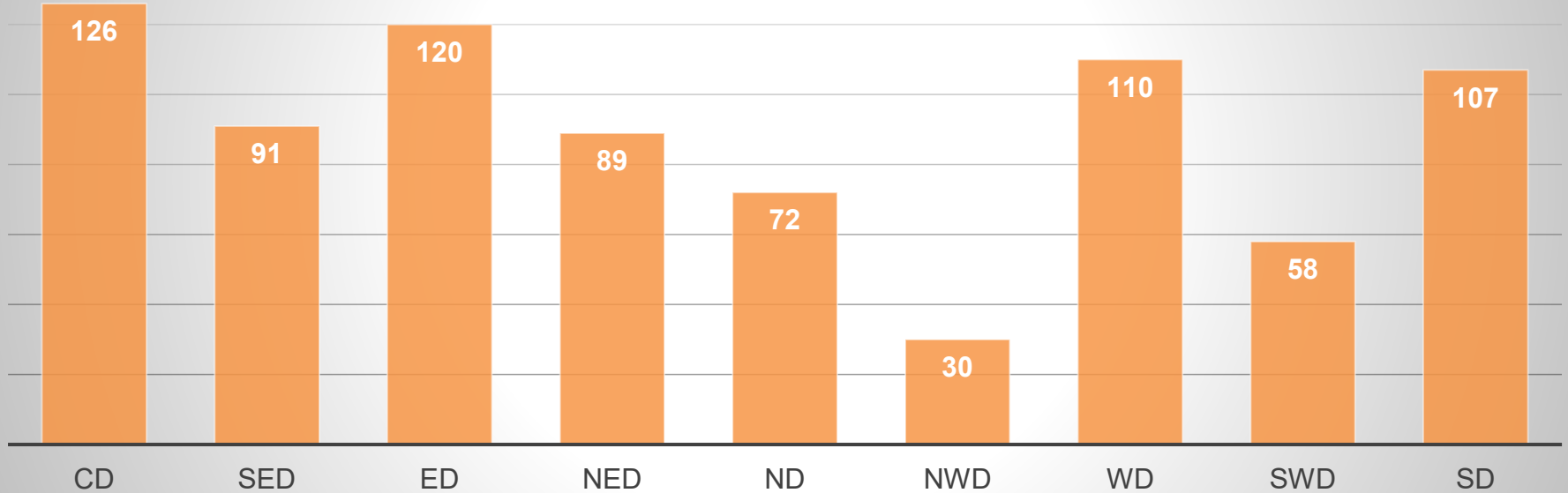
2025 Pending Monitoring Team Assessments

- Sexual Assault Investigations
- Recruitment & Retention



JUVENILE ARRESTS

2025



YEAR	CD	SED	ED	NED	ND	NWD	WD	SWD	SD	Total
2025	126	91	120	89	72	30	110	58	107	803
2024	111	54	75	61	79	42	64	45	60	591



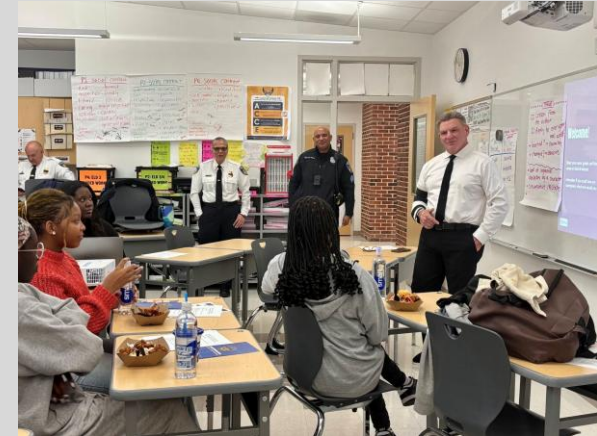
*YTD 12/2/25
 *2025 includes Paper Referrals

^Arrest counts aggregated by district geography
 ED includes school police

Youth and Community Achievements

Youth Advisory Board

- Partnered with the Academy for College and Career Exploration (ACCE)
- ACCE students, BPD officers & Command staff are building stronger relationships and ensuring our efforts in community policing, policy development, and training curriculum reflect a youth-guided perspective.



LGBTQ Advisory Board

- Currently accepting applications
- This board will assist in shaping department policies, practices and community engagement strategies with an emphasis on inclusion and respect.
- Headed by LGBTQ Liaison Dani Lawson

Community Blitzes

- 58 completed in 2025 with 2 left
- At least 60 planned for 2026 *weather depending
- Partnered with multiple city agencies to make a tangible change





Brandon M. Scott
Mayor

Public Safety and Government Operations Committee

2025 Year-End Presentation

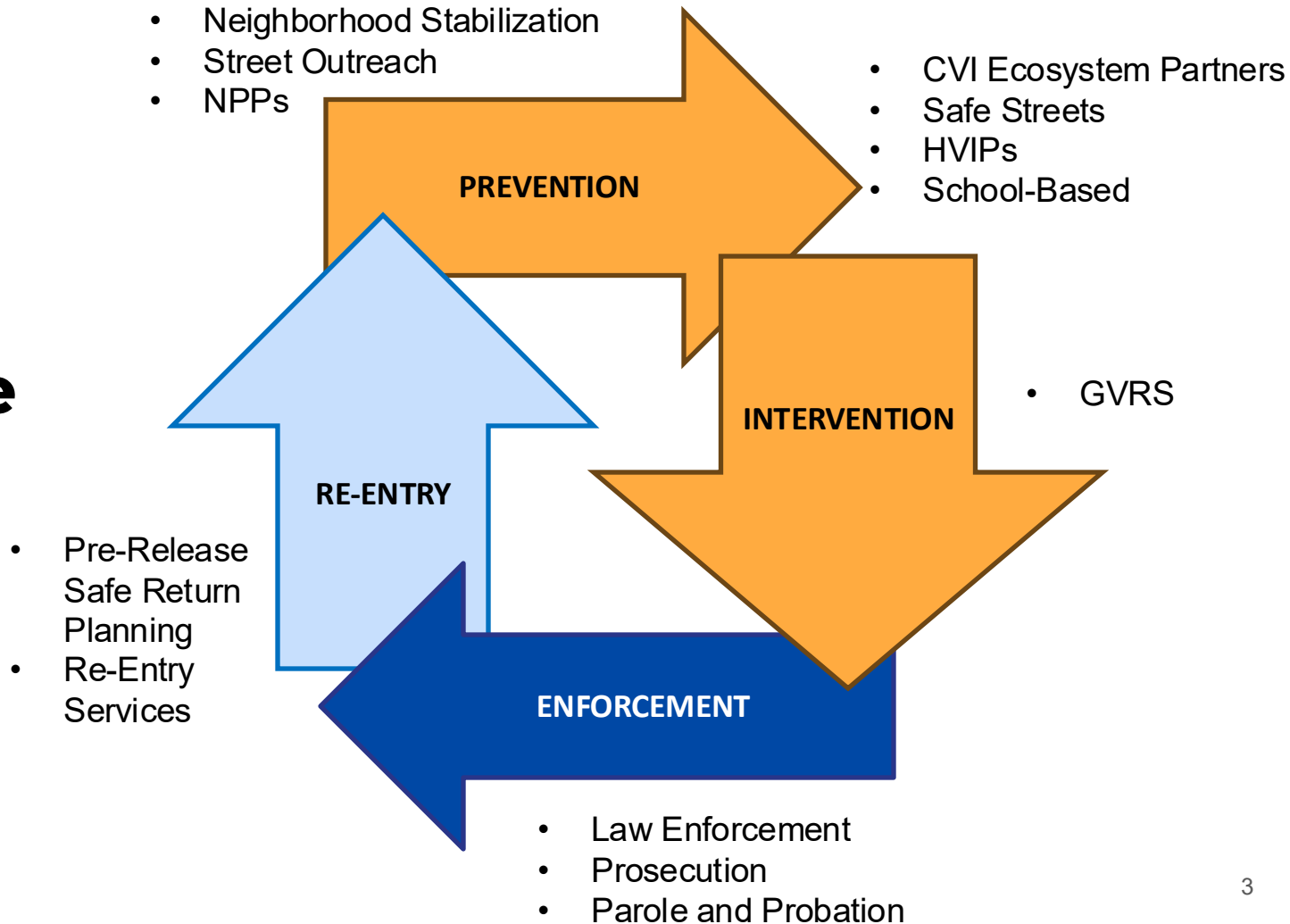
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Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (MONSE)

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

MONSE Overview

- MONSE is the agency responsible for implementing Baltimore's Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan in coordination with the entire city public safety apparatus.
- Achievement of historic reductions in homicides and nonfatal shootings across our city, with homicides down 29.8% and non-fatal shootings down 24.2% as of December 8, 2025.
- On top of Baltimore's equally historic progress in 2023 and 2024, this is an extension of the trend that began in September 2022.
- Direct result of partnership and collaboration between those working to prevent and intervene in violence, law enforcement, prosecutors, and community partners.
- Through community and interagency partnership, MONSE implements violence prevention and intervention strategies and provides wraparound services, coordinated community responses and stabilizations, outreach, and ongoing support.

Building Public Safety In Baltimore



Role of MONSE, Prevention, Intervention, And Re-Entry in Public Safety



Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)

- Now in 5 of Baltimore's 9 police districts, GVRS has been directly tied to significant reductions in shootings and homicides.
- Strategy expanded to the Southern, Western, Southwestern, Eastern, and Central districts, with expansion next to the Northern district, then to Northwestern, Southeastern, and Northeastern districts.
- Maintaining the fidelity of the model, including strong interagency coordination and participation, remains of paramount importance to the success of GVRS.
- To date, there have been 28 successful takedowns and 767 custom notifications delivered.
- Researchers found that the first 18 months of GVRS implementation in the Western District were connected with a 25% cumulative reduction in homicides and nonfatal shootings, together with a 33% reduction in carjackings, with no commensurate increase in arrests.

Group Violence Reduction Strategy (GVRS)

Topline 2025 Data (as of 12/05/2025)

Metric	2025	All-Time
GVRS Custom Notifications Delivered	219	767
<i>Full GVRS Custom Notifications</i>	154	448
<i>Law-Enforcement Only Notifications</i>	65	323
GVRS Participants Enrolled	84	335
GVRS Participants – Revictimization Rate	3.38%*	5.67%
GVRS Participants – Recidivism Rate**		6% Through 2024
GVRS Arrests	226	581



*The number of participants revictimized in 2025, divided by the number of active participants as of 12/05/2025

**GVRS recidivism definition: The percentage of individuals who were arrested for a violent offense after enrolling in services through GVRS

Community Violence Intervention (CVI)

Safe Streets Baltimore (SSB)

- Opened new permanent McElderry Park site location.
- 81.2% staffed, up from less than 60% in 2023, facilitated by strong partnership with BPD in the background check and interview process.

Hospital-Based Violence Intervention (HVIP)

- Continuity of the Baltimore HVIP network funding at an overall total of \$975,000 through FY 2026.
- 2,322 patients served in FY 2025.
- 571 Service Referrals in FY 2025.

School-Based Violence Intervention Pilot (SBVIP)

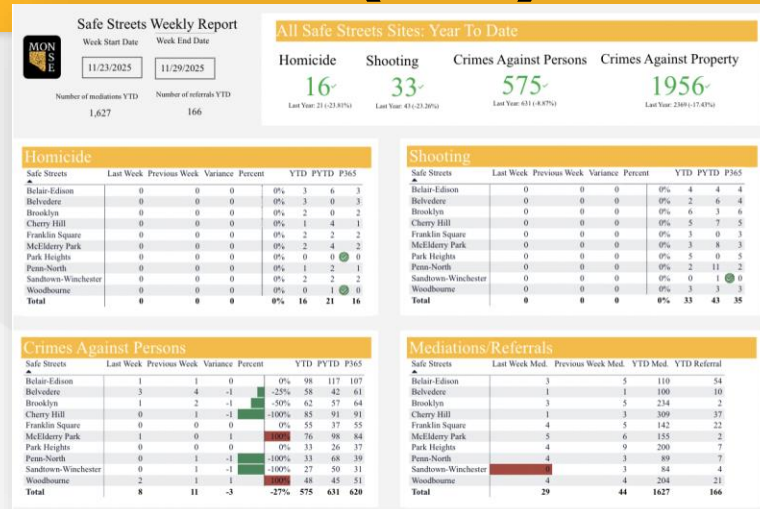
- 342 mediations conducted.
- 128 events (including lunch bunches, workshops, and restorative conversations) with 112 participants.



Community Violence Intervention (CVI)

Topline 2025 Data (as of 12/05/2025)

Metric	2025	Notes
Safe Streets Staffing Level	81.2%	<i>Up from 71.43% in January 2025</i>
Safe Streets Mediations	1,652	
Safe Streets Documented Referrals to Services	178	<i>This is a new metric for 2025.</i>
Safe Streets Community Events	302	



Victim Services – Case Management

- MONSE Victim Services has initiated both an intensive and non-intensive case management programming model to address all victimizations, with 260 people served in 2025.
- Connected 6 families with funeral assistance.
- Connected 8 families with relocation after a victimization.
- Connected 8 families with rental supports and eviction prevention.
- Connected 23 individuals and families with therapeutic support services.
- Connected 11 primary or secondary victims with employment assistance.
- Received more than 170 victim services referrals from city and state agencies, community-based organizations and directly from victims themselves.
- Made 34 referrals to external victim services providers.

Victim Services: IPV Prevention

Intimate Partner Violence Prevention

- Domestic Violence High-Risk Team collectively reviewed 333 high risk cases to offer access to services and a coordinated response between systems and community partners.
- Initiated cross-agency partnership with MOHS to provide on-site engagement with shelter residents at 2 locations.
- Participated in 59 engagement activities in 2025, including more than 81 community partners reaching more than 2,316 participants.
- The Baltimore City Visitation Center has safely facilitated 812 supervised visitation and monitored exchange sessions.
- IPV Court liaison aided 25 individuals with onsite protective order process.
- 96 Non-Visiting Parents and children served by the Visitation Center.

Victim Services: Anti-Human Trafficking

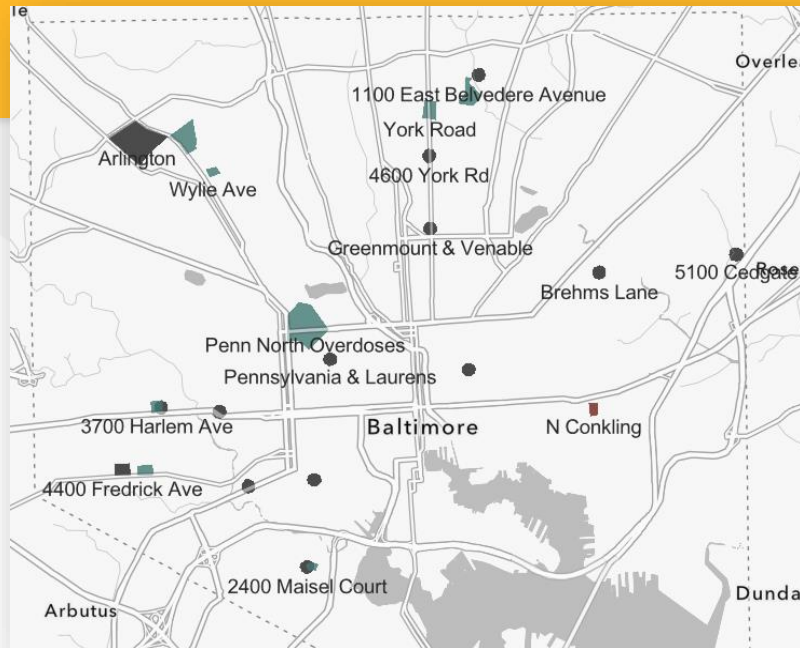
- \$300,000 in funding to nine community partners to support human trafficking support services and street outreach.
- Hosted three Anti-Human Trafficking Conferences in Ocean City and Baltimore, where 680 people attended.
- The Baltimore City Fire Department has made 24 HT referrals to Mercy's Blue Dot Program in 2025.
- MONSE Human Trafficking Manager provided HT training to 1,054 people in 2025.
- Mercy Medical Center provided emergency services to 38 suspected survivors of human trafficking.

Re-Entry Services

- 224 Safe Return Plans successfully completed – pre-release (183) and post-release (41).
- 30 consistent re-entry partners, including judicial bench members, DPSCS, community partners, public defender's office and city agencies.
- Secured \$312K in Governor's Office funding to support housing for Baltimoreans returning from incarceration. This is the second year MONSE was awarded these dollars.
- 33 returning citizens were housed during FY '25.
- Cumulative number of incarcerated people participating in RCBTW since start of program: 199

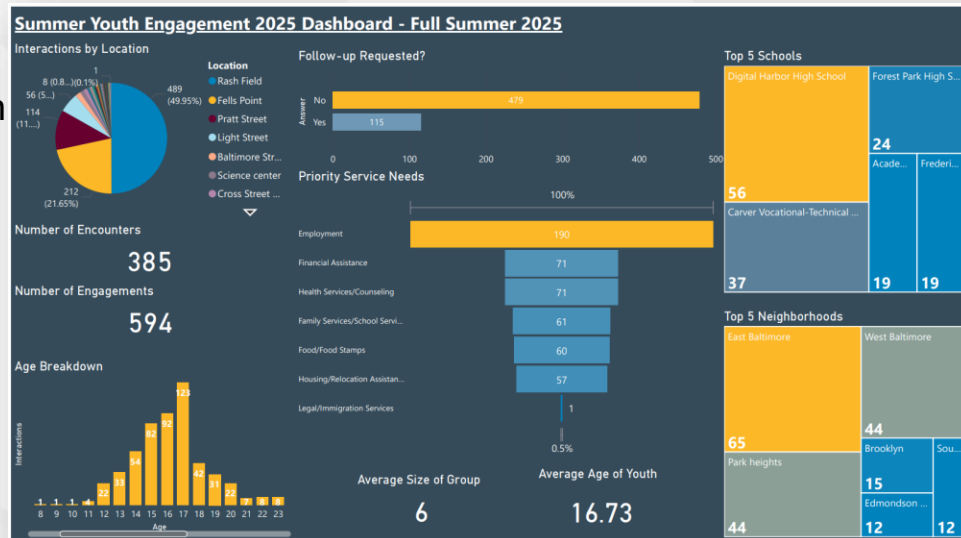
Coordinated Neighborhood Stabilization Response (CNSR)

- 22 activations in 2025, including 13 Full Stabilizations and nine (9) Community Responses.
- 58 Interagency Coordinated Responses citywide through the Multi Agency Inspection Task Force, in coordination with BPD, city agencies, and community partners.
- Multiple collaborative community resource fairs.
- Ongoing long-term activations in Penn North and Brooklyn.



Summer Youth Engagement 2025

- Mayor Scott mobilized MONSE, MOAAME, and community partners For My Kidz, Redesigning Minds, and the PEACE Team to lead proactive, ground-level engagement with young people in high foot-traffic areas.
- Coordination with BPD and Baltimore City Schools Police.
- Extended ground-level safety engagement from April to September.
- Engagement staff documented more than 977 positive interactions with young people and 113 requests for services, including connection to critical resources, employment, housing assistance, and reconnection with their school communities.



MONSE 2025 Accomplishments

- Initiated MONSE Internal Coordination Meetings to review H/NFS and discuss agency response.
- Relaunched the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at State level in partnership with Governor's Office.
- Expanded GVRs to the Southern District, the fifth expansion district.
- Brought in Office of the Attorney General as a key partner in GVRs.
- Rounded out successful Summer Youth Engagement safety engagement strategy with credible partners, school police, City agencies and BPD.
- Secured new office spaces for the three Safe Streets sites: Franklin Square, Park Heights, and McElderry Park.
- Safe Streets inaugural All-Staff Retreat and Emerging Leadership Academy.
- Advanced North Avenue Neighborhood Policing Plan (NPP) and development of the future of NPP work.
- Co-leading Penn North overdose response, Lexington Market Collaborative, and Pigtown interagency responses.
- Testimony in Hanover Armory case, which yielded \$64M settlement.



MONSE Priorities for 2026

- **Development, public feedback, and release of Baltimore's next 5-year Comprehensive Violence Prevention Plan (CVPP).**
- **Continued GVRs expansion in remaining four districts, starting with the Northern.**
- **Strengthen Community Violence Intervention (CVI) ecosystem.**

Re-activate CVI Advisory Board

Evaluations of Safe Streets, School-Based Violence Intervention, and CVI work

- **Advance and enhance youth public safety coordination with BPD, DJS, and DSS.**
- **Expand partnership with DPSCS around Safe Return Planning.**
- **Continue to foster and establish the Office of Returning Citizens.**
- **Sustain historic reductions in violence.**

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