
Section 3 – Gangs, Crime and Violence

OVERVIEW OF ANALYSIS

This section of the report seeks to provide available information on gang activity and the role of gangs in violent crime in Tacoma. Analysis for this section was conducted from police incident report data from 2015-2018, provided by Jacqueline Shelton, crime analyst for Tacoma Police Department, unless otherwise noted.

Data sets utilized:

Tacoma Police Department (2018). Police incident report data for homicide, aggravated assault and robbery for January 2015 – August 2018. Produced by: Jacqueline Shelton.

Offense categories selected for this analysis include:

- Homicide/murder
- Aggravated Assault
- Robbery

These crime categories were chosen based on guidance from *OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model: A Guide to Assessing Your Community's Youth Gang Problem* (2009).

Homicide and aggravated assault are frequently very similar in motive and method. A person who shoots or stabs another person is often trying to seriously injure or kill the victim. The primary difference between these charges is in the severity of injuries caused and the weapon(s) used. If the victim is fatally injured, the offense is typically charged as a murder or homicide. If the victim is seriously injured, but not killed, the offense is often charged as an aggravated assault, depending on the severity of injuries and aggravating factors in the commission of the offense.

Whether victims of these violent offenses are killed or injured is affected by many factors beyond intent, including access to medical care, the location on the body where injuries are sustained, and the type of force/weapon used. However, for all intents and purposes, these crimes spring from similar motives and are committed in similar ways. There are many more aggravated assaults annually in most communities than there are homicides, so analysis of aggravated assaults allows for drawing conclusions about violent crime in a community with a larger and more consistent data set.

These violent person offenses are also much more likely to be identified in police information management systems as gang-involved or gang-related offenses than property or drug crimes. There is typically a victim or witness statement attached to the initial report, as well, which provides evidence that can be used by law enforcement officers to classify an incident as gang-related or involved.

Robbery is another violent person offense in which physical force or a weapon may be used to obtain another person's money or property. In some cases, an individual may seek to commit a robbery, cause serious physical harm or death in the commission of that crime, and be charged with both robbery and aggravated assault or homicide depending on the severity of injuries. The crime of robbery is defined in statute in the Reformed Code of Washington 9A.56.190:

A person commits robbery when he or she unlawfully takes personal property from the person of another or in his or her presence against his or her will by the use or threatened

use of immediate force, violence, or fear of injury to that person or his or her property or the person or property of anyone. Such force or fear must be used to obtain or retain possession of the property, or to prevent or overcome resistance to the taking; in either of which cases the degree of force is immaterial. Such taking constitutes robbery whenever it appears that, although the taking was fully completed without the knowledge of the person from whom taken, such knowledge was prevented by the use of force or fear.

This report also examines the demographics of suspects/arrested persons and victims in these violent crimes.

OVERALL VIOLENT CRIME IN TACOMA

Overall violent crime by category is examined in this section to identify a baseline level of violence in Tacoma over the past 3.5 years (2015-2018). Where available, crimes are analyzed by gang-related versus non-gang-related characteristics. However, it should be noted that--per Tacoma Police Department--only a small percentage of gang-related crimes are flagged as gang-related crimes in their incident report management system.

Between 2015 and 2017, homicides in Tacoma decreased by 40%. Aggravated assaults increased by 3% and robberies decreased by 4%. On average, 8% of homicides, 3.3% of aggravated assaults and 1% of robberies were identified by Tacoma Police Department as gang-related between 2015 and 2018.

Table 3.1 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 homicides	14	12	10	10
Percent gang -involved	21%	0%	0%	10%

*2018 crimes are for January – August, 2018

Table 3.2 Aggravated assaults in Tacoma between 2015 and 2018, by gang-related and non-gang-related

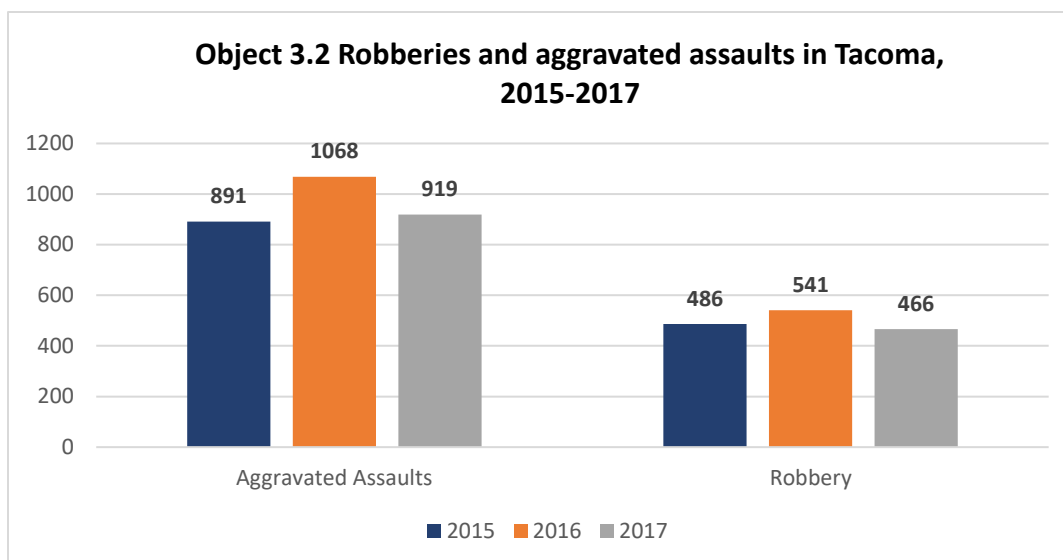
	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Gang-related	26	38	32	18
Non-Gang-related	865	1030	887	672
Total agg assaults	891	1068	919	690
Percent gang -involved	3%	4%	3%	3%

*2018 crimes are for January – August, 2018

Table 3.3 Robberies in Tacoma between 2015 and 2018, by gang-related and non-gang-related

	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Gang-related	5	7	6	5
Non-Gang-related	481	534	460	353
Total Crimes	486	541	466	358
Percent gang -involved	1%	1%	1%	1%

*2018 crimes are for January – August, 2018



Crimes during 2016 were significantly higher than violent crimes in 2015 and 2017. To determine whether the data for 2018 is on-trend for the data from 2015 to 2017 data from 2018 was compared to the average number of crimes per year by category. This comparison shows that homicides for January to

August of 2018 were significantly higher than the 3-year-average of homicides during 2015 to 2017. This data also shows an overall increase of 9.9% in violent crimes during January – August of 2018, compared to the 3-year-average.

Table 3.5 Tacoma violent crimes between January and August, 2015 - 2018

	2015	2016	2017	3-year average	2018	% change
Homicide	7	5	6	6.3	10	57.9%
Aggravated assault	570	718	625	637.7	690	8.2%
Robbery	311	360	285	318.7	358	12.3%
Total	888	1083	916	986.3	1058	9.9%

To understand how violent crime in Tacoma compares to other cities in Washington and the statewide crime rate, data was pulled from the 2017 Crime in the United States, compiled annually by the Federal Bureau of Investigation based on reporting of local law enforcement agencies in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. Data for the four largest cities in Washington (Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, and Vancouver) and the city of Lakewood, which is near Tacoma in Pierce County. Lakewood also shares some common gangs with Tacoma.

Table 3.6 2017 crime totals by city and state

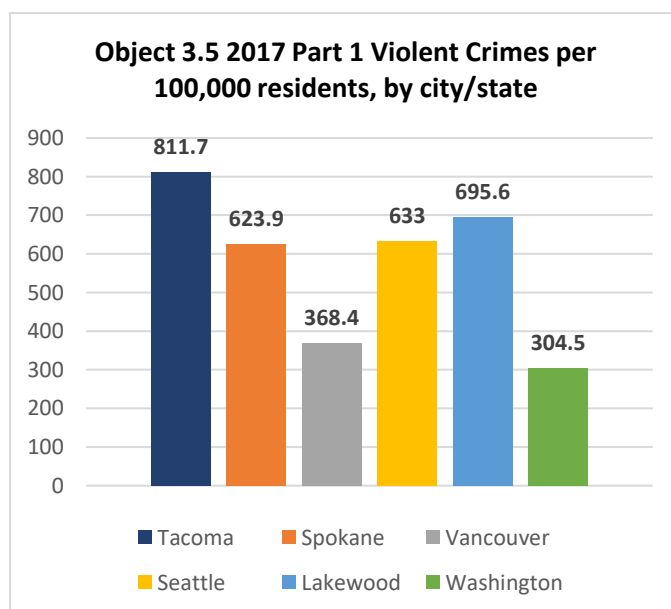
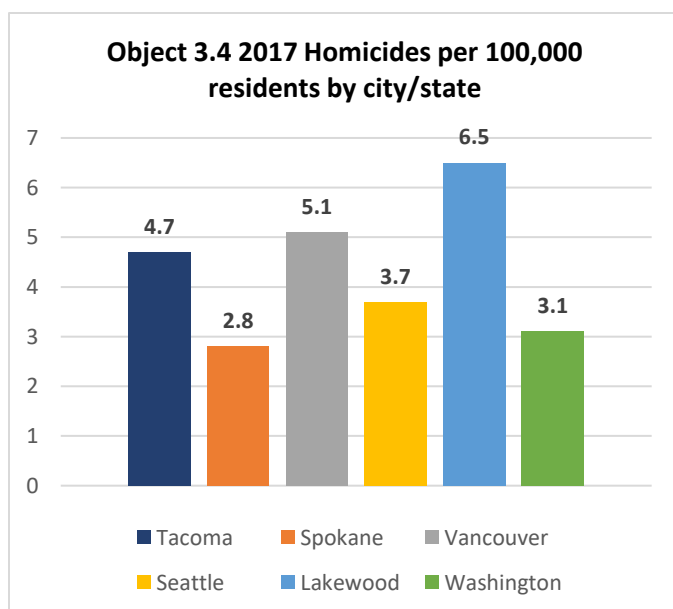
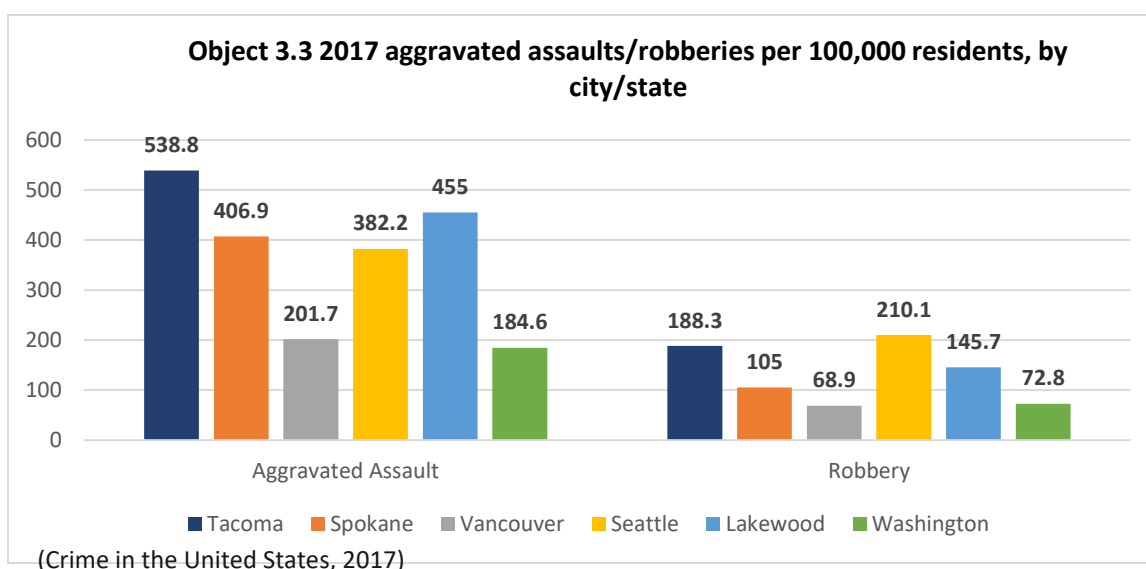
	Tacoma	Spokane	Vancouver	Seattle	Lakewood	Washington
Population	213,504	218,066	176,884	721,365	61,080	7,405,743
Homicide	10	6	9	27	4	230
Agg Assault	1,153	887	357	2,756	278	13,673
Robbery	403	229	122	1515	89	5,390
Violent crimes	1,737	1,360	652	4,564	425	22,548

(Crime in the United States, 2017)

Tacoma's homicide rate of 4.7 per 100,000 people is lower than that of Lakewood (6.5) and Vancouver (5.1). However, Tacoma's rate of 538.8 aggravated assaults per 100,000 people is significantly higher than other large cities in Washington, and Tacoma's overall rate of violent crimes (811.7) is almost three times as high as the statewide rate. Tacoma's rate of robberies (188.3) is the second highest in the five cities (Crime in the United States, 2017)

	Tacoma	Spokane	Vancouver	Seattle	Lakewood	Washington
Population	213,504	218,066	176,884	721,365	61,080	7405743
Homicide	4.7	2.8	5.1	3.7	6.5	3.1
Agg 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

(Crime in the United States, 2017)



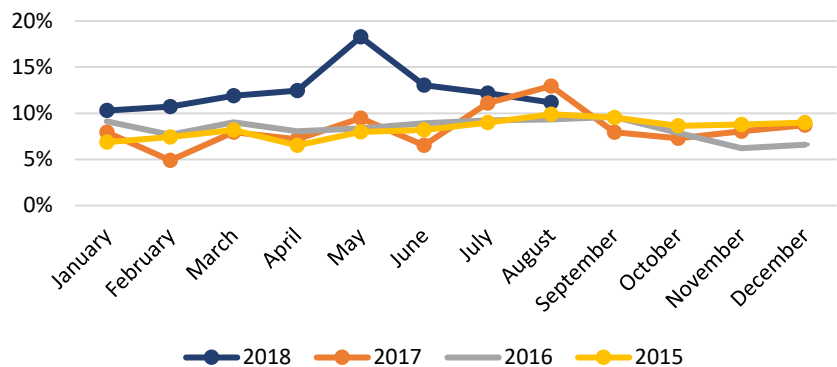
This data suggests that while the annual rate of violent crime in Tacoma has stayed relatively consistent over the past four years, it remains significantly higher than in other large/moderate-sized cities in Washington.

WHEN DO VIOLENT CRIMES OCCUR?

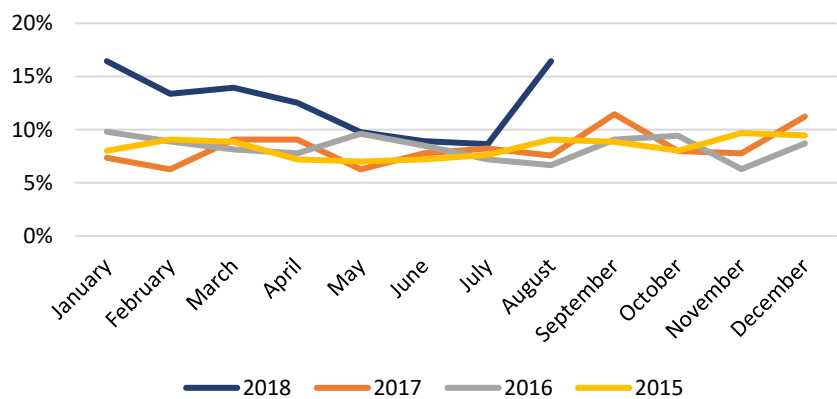
Crime data was analyzed by month, day of the week, and time of day for the years 2015-18 by crime category to see if any trends could be identified in the data.

Because numbers of crime varied by several percentage points per year across different crime categories, the percentage of crimes which occurred in each month annually were graphed. There were no clear observable trends in the data as analyzed by month. The line representing crimes occurring by category in 2018 is a statistical outlier, however, because the percentages by month are considerably higher since the data is only for 8 months, rather than 12 months. One interesting observation, though, is that a large spike in aggravated assaults was observed in August 2017, while a large spike in robberies occurred in August in 2018.

Object 3.6 Percentage of aggravated Assaults in Tacoma by month, 2015 to 2018

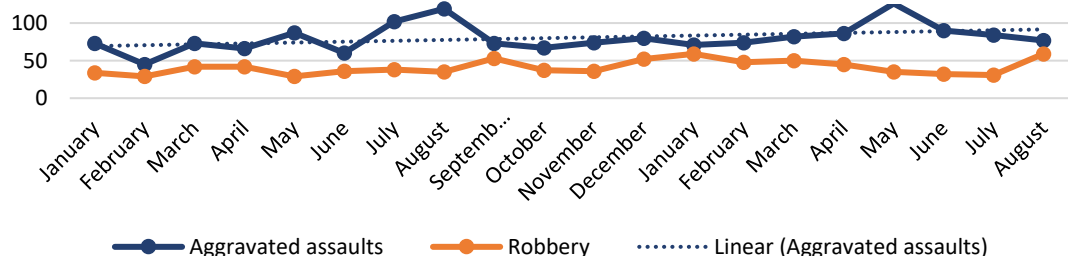


Object 3.7 Percentage of robberies in Tacoma by month, 2015 to 2018

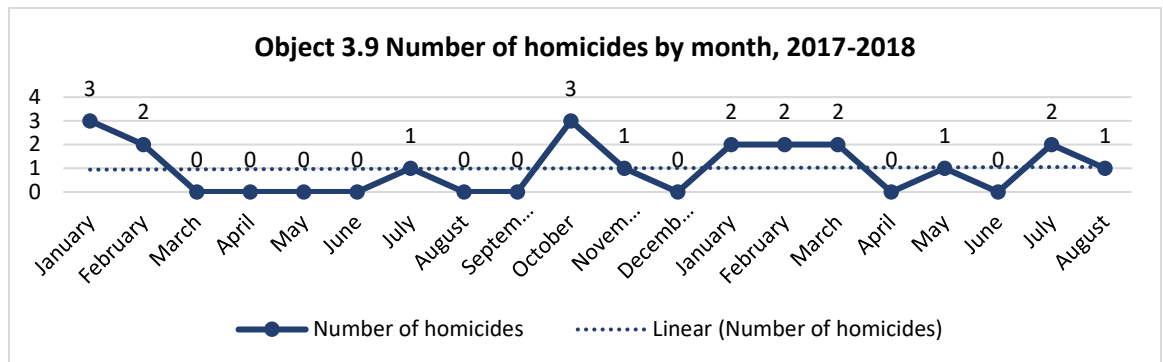


Crimes were also graphed by number of crimes for the past 18 months for all three categories to show where increases and decreases have

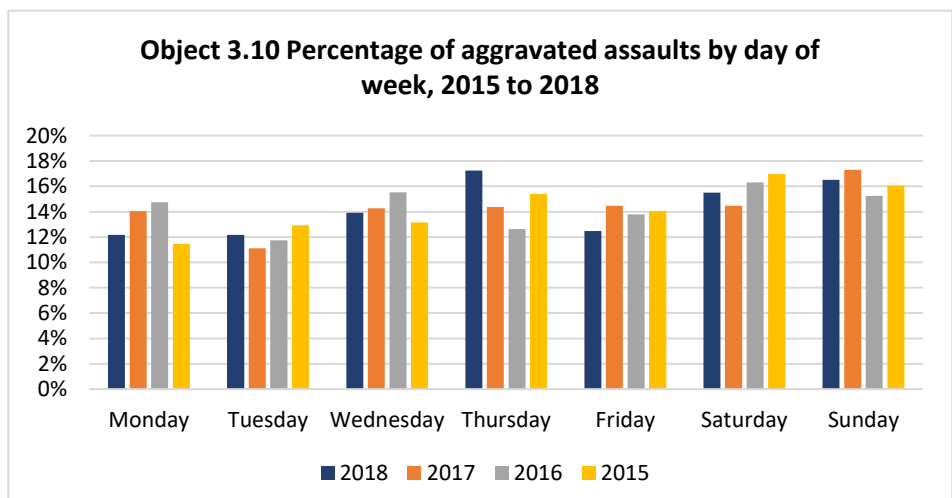
Object 3.8 Number of aggravated assaults and robberies by month, 2017 to 2018



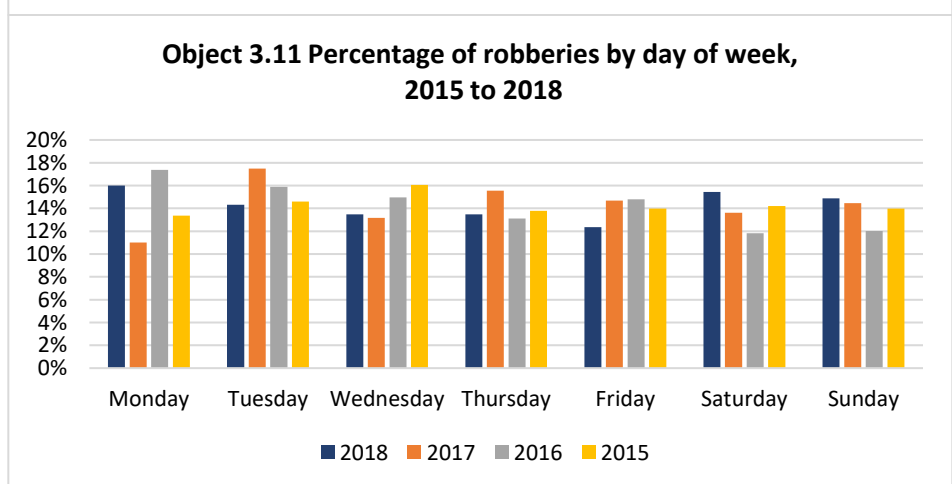
occurred in the most recent time period. A significant increase in the number of aggravated assaults occurred in July/August of 2017 and during May of 2018. A similar increase in robberies occurred in August of 2018. Murders were graphed by month for the past 18 months to see if there were corresponding spikes in murders during the months where there were a higher number of aggravated assaults, but there appears to be no correlation. Instead, the highest months for murders in Tacoma were January of 2017 and October of 2017, when 3 murders occurred.



Aggravated assaults occur with some regularity on every day of the week. For 2018, the largest number of aggravated assaults occurred on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Aggravated assaults commonly occur in the early morning hours between midnight and 6 a.m., so this may explain why Sunday was one of the more common days of the week for this crime.



In contrast, the most common day of the week for robberies during 2018 was Monday, followed by Saturday and Sunday. Not much consistency was observed for the day of the



week when robberies were most likely to be committed across 2015 to 2018, as there was considerable fluctuation from one year to another. During 2018, the most common day of the week for homicide was Wednesday, but this fluctuates considerably by year. The number of homicides that occurred

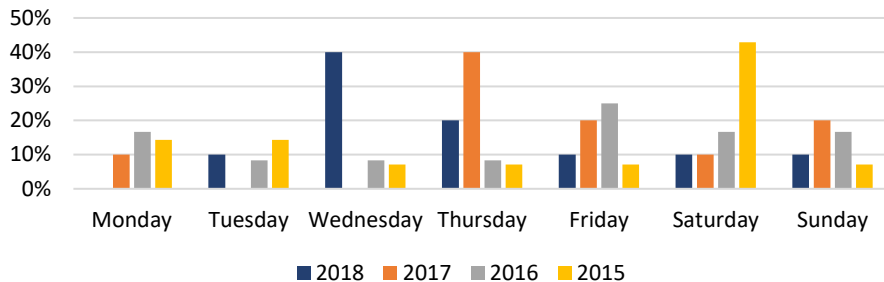
annually from 2015 to 2018 is between 10 and 14, so large fluctuations may be observed when the data is analyzed and graphed.

During the years from 2016 to 2018, homicides most commonly occurred between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. However, this was not the case during 2015, when the timeframe for homicides was distributed much more evenly across the 24-hour period. This crime is very similar to aggravated assault, so the reasons for this time occurring so frequently between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. may have to do with other factors, such as healthcare accessibility.

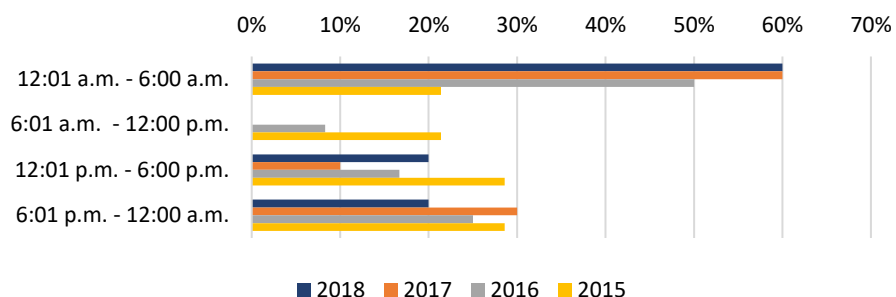
The most common time of day for aggravated assaults is between 6 p.m. and midnight, followed by the period between noon and 6 p.m. This data was consistent over all 4 years.

The most common time of day for robberies during 2018 was between 12 p.m. and 6 p.m., followed by the time period from 6 p.m. to midnight. This varies somewhat by year, but these two time periods are by far the most common time for this crime category.

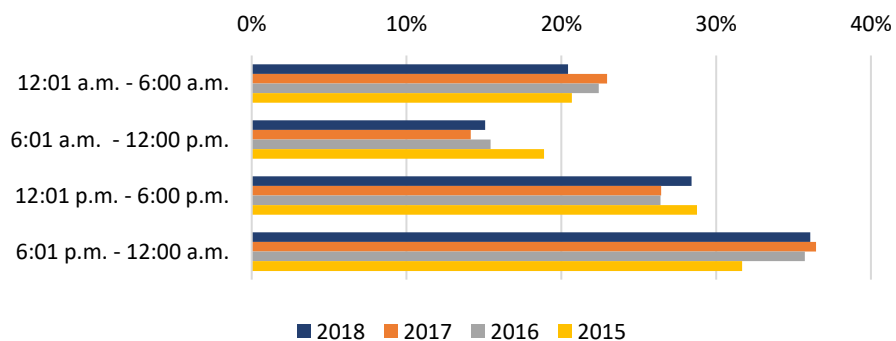
Object 3.12 Percent of homicides by day of week, 2015 to 2018



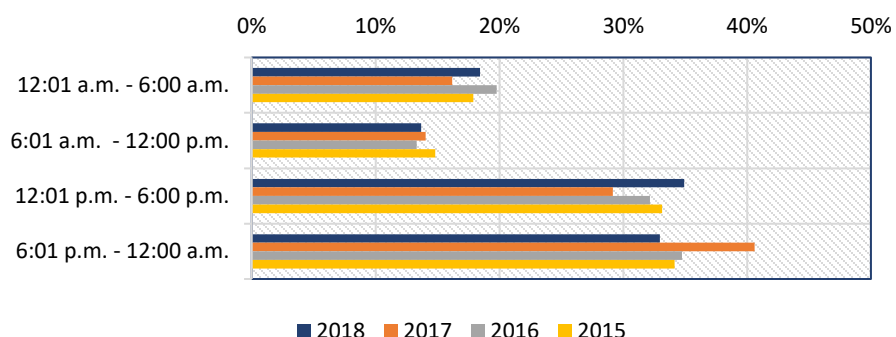
Object 3.13 Percentage of homicides by time of day, 2015 to 2018



Object 3.14 Percentage of aggravated assaults by time of day, 2015 to 2018



Object 3.15 Percentage of robberies by time of day, 2015 - 2018



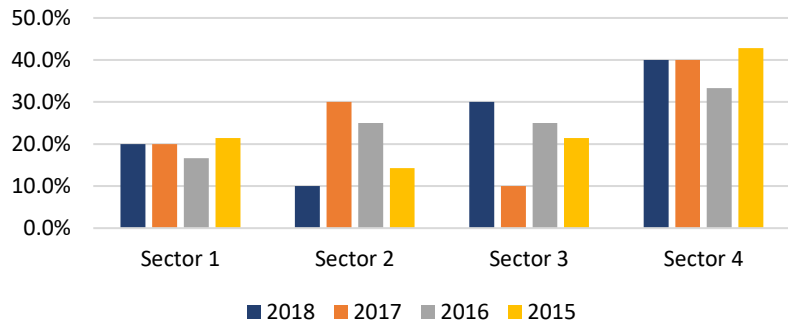
WHERE DO VIOLENT CRIMES OCCUR?

Crimes were analyzed by sectors and is reported here by crime category and year.

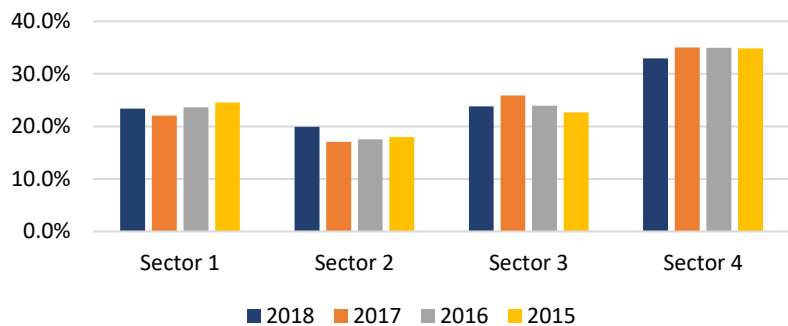
Homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies occur between 2015 and 2018 most frequently in sector 4. However, more than 20% of aggravated assaults occurred in sectors 1 and 3, and over one-fourth of robberies occurred consistently in sector 3.

There was no sector of Tacoma that did not experience homicides, aggravated assaults and robberies during all four years.

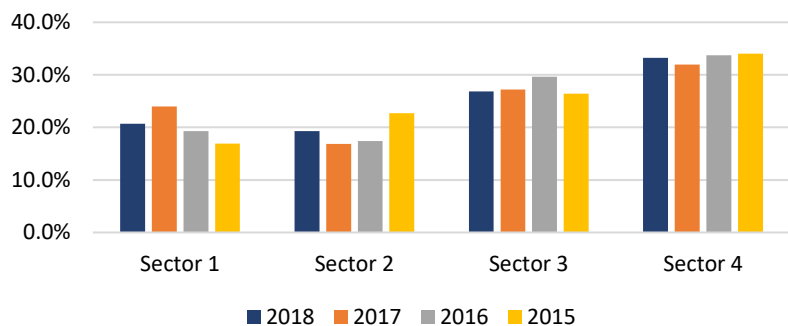
Object 3.15 Percentage of homicides by sector, 2015 to 2018



Object 3.16 Percentage of aggravated assaults by sector, 2015 to 2018

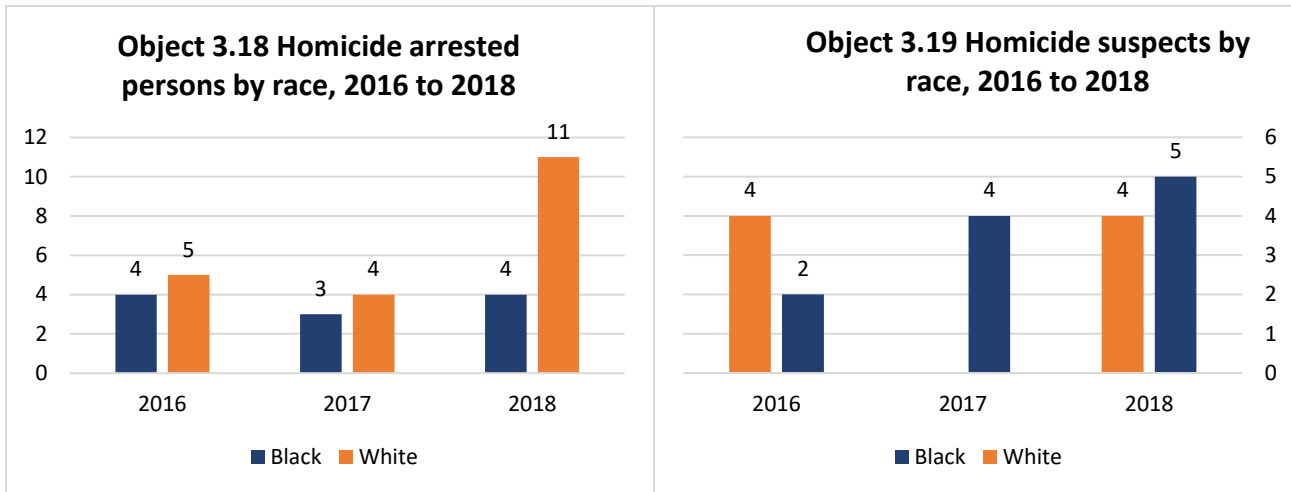


Object 3.17 Percentage of robberies by sector, 2015 to 2018

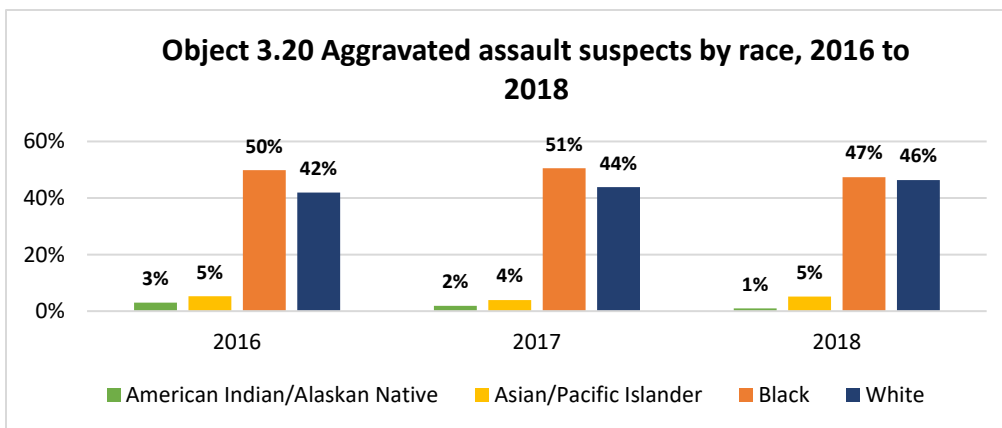


DEMOGRAPHICS OF SUSPECTS IN VIOLENT CRIME

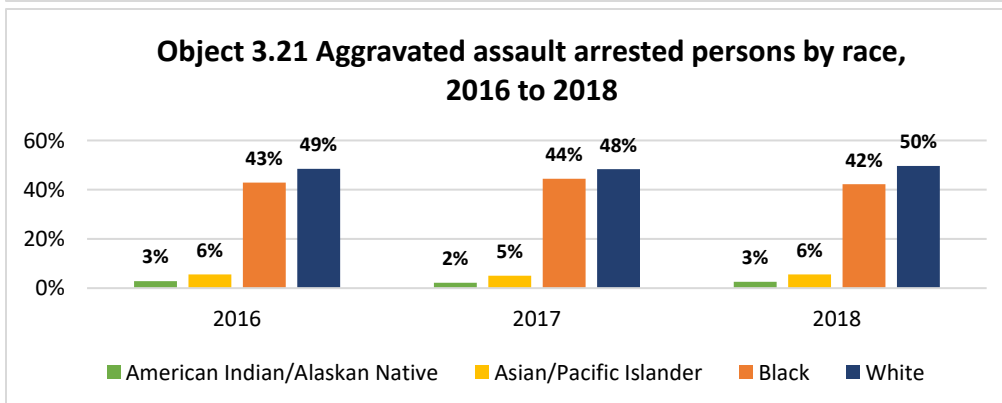
Demographics of suspects and arrested persons in violent crime were analyzed by crime category for a three-year period (2016-2018). Some variance was observed between the characteristics of suspects/arrested persons for homicide, but this is likely attributable to the small number of individuals involved in the commission of this crime. All homicides between 2016 and 2018 involved suspects and arrested persons who were black/African American and white/Caucasian. No ethnicity is tracked by Tacoma Police Department's records management system, so individuals of Hispanic descent are included primarily in the white/Caucasian racial category.



Almost all aggravated assaults between 2016 and 2018 were committed by white/Caucasian and

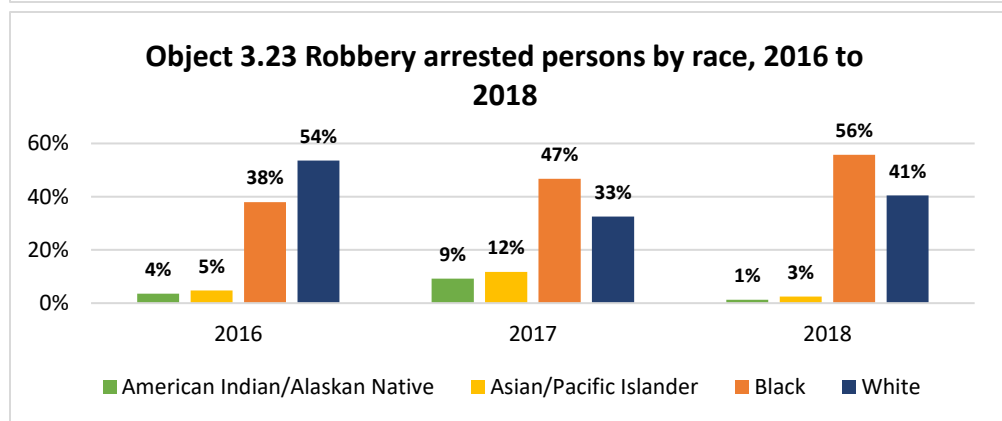
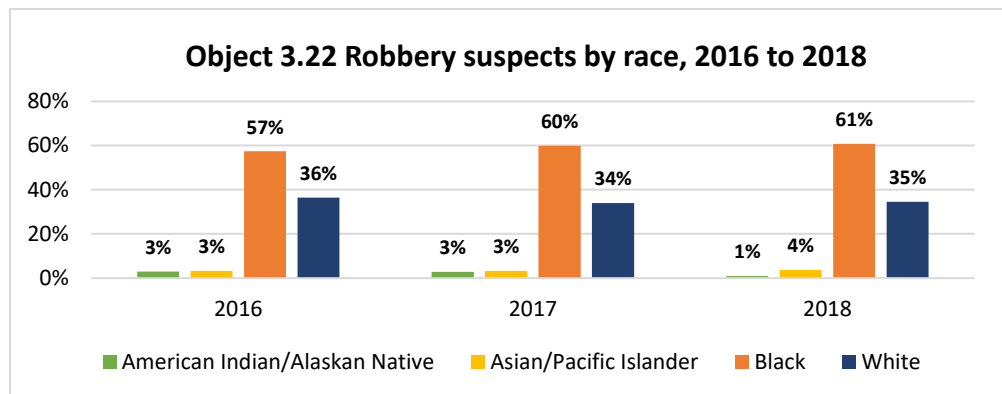


black/African American suspects and arrested persons.



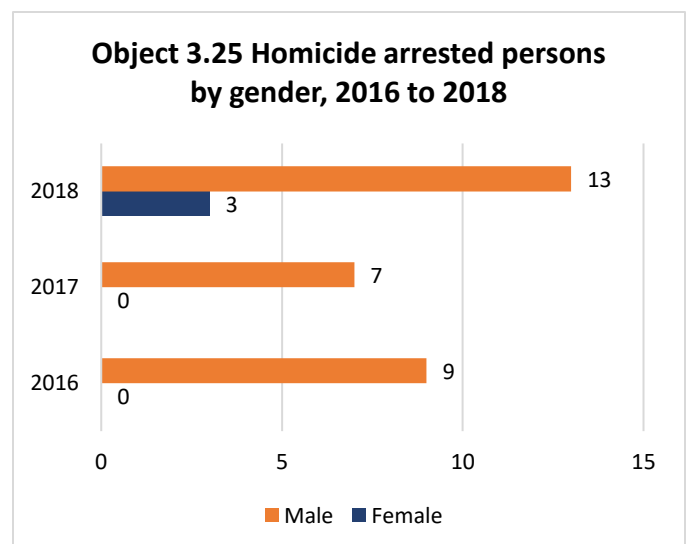
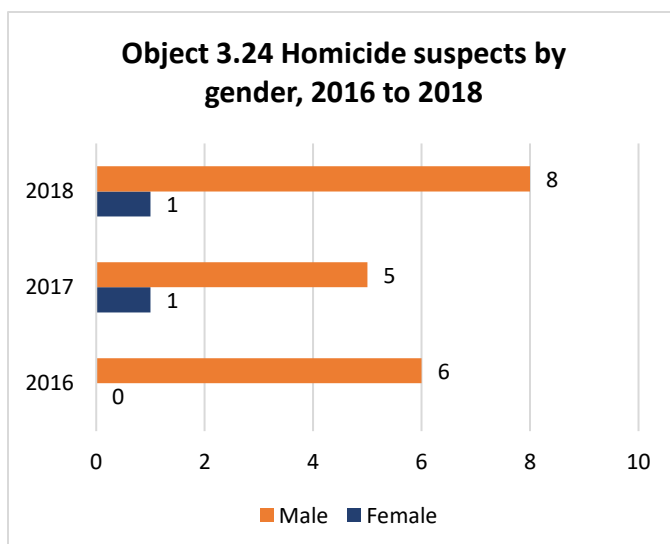
Black/African American persons comprised a slightly higher percentage of suspects, and white/Caucasian persons comprised a slightly smaller percentage of arrested persons for this offense.

Over half of suspects in robberies in Tacoma during 2016 to 2018 are black/African American, and around one-third of suspects are white/Caucasian. Small percentages of suspects are Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native on an annual basis. The percentage of arrested persons by race fluctuated quite widely between 2016 and 2018. Only about a third (38%) of arrested persons in 2016 were black/African American

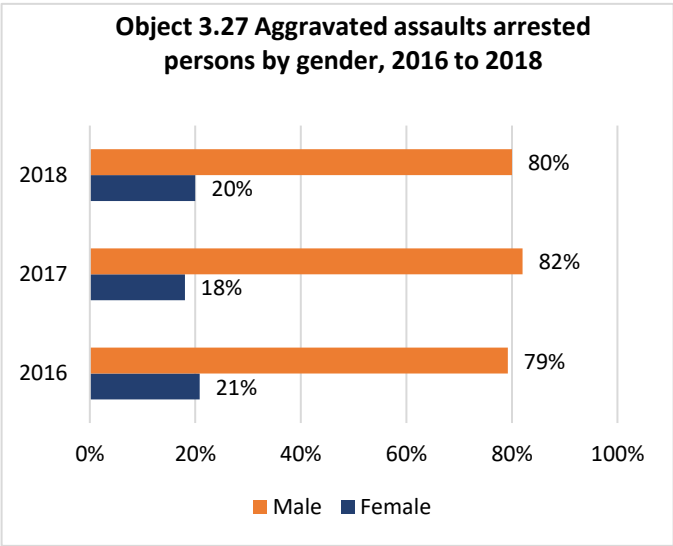
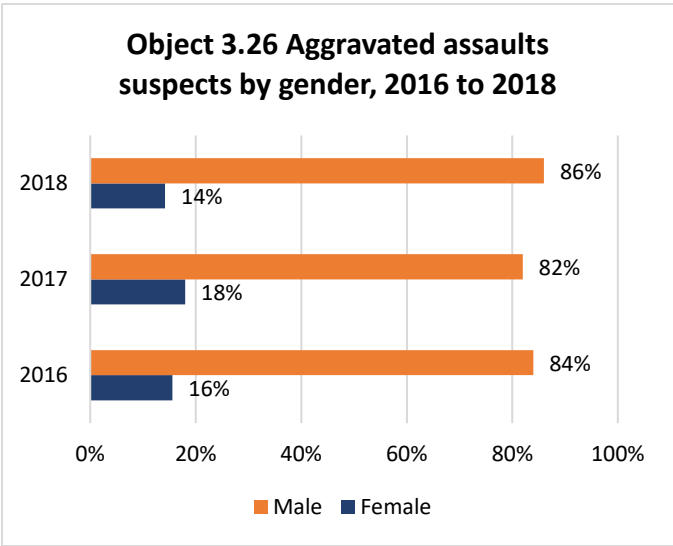


persons and white/Caucasian persons comprised over half (57%) of arrested persons during that year. However, in 2017 and 2018, the percentage of arrested persons for this category of crime was much closer to the percentage of suspects. During 2017, over one in five persons arrested for robbery was either American Indian/Alaskan Native (9%) or Asian/Pacific Islander (12%). This is significantly higher than the percentage of suspects for these racial categories during that year.

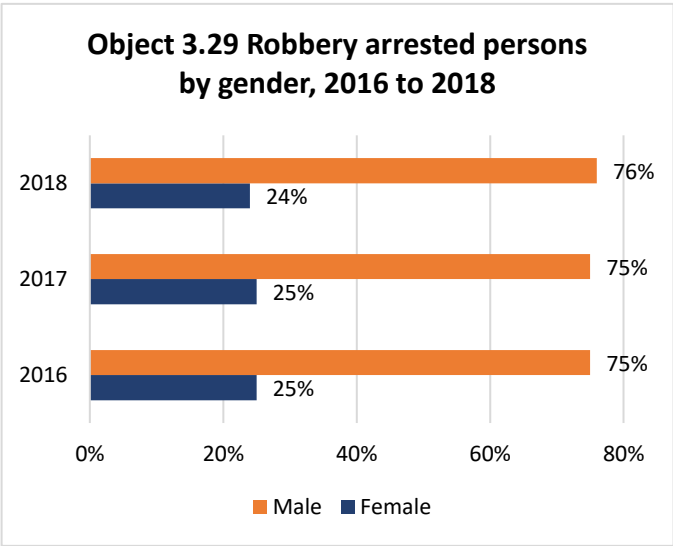
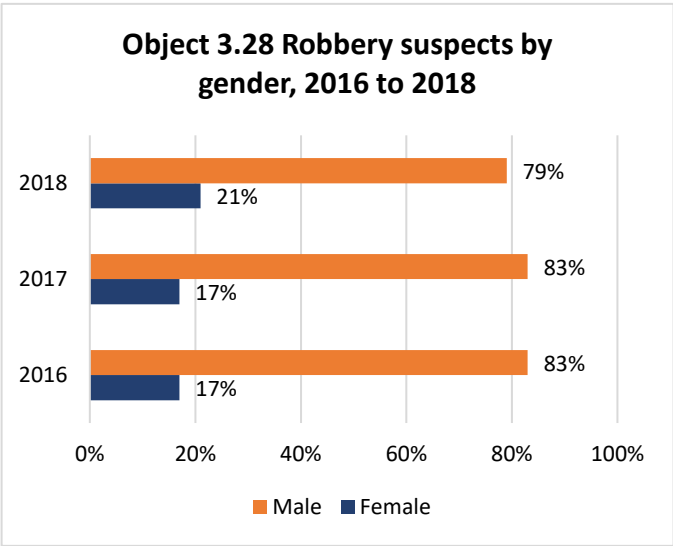
Most suspects in homicides between 2016 and 2018 were male. However, females comprised 11% of homicide suspects in 2018 and 18.8% of arrested persons for homicides in 2018.



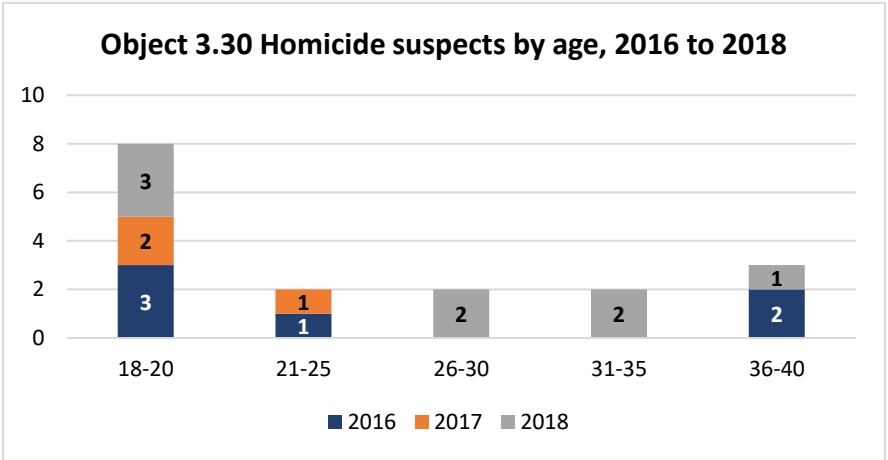
Most aggravated assault suspects and arrested persons are male. During 2018, females accounted for 20% of all arrested persons for aggravated assaults, but only 14% of suspects.



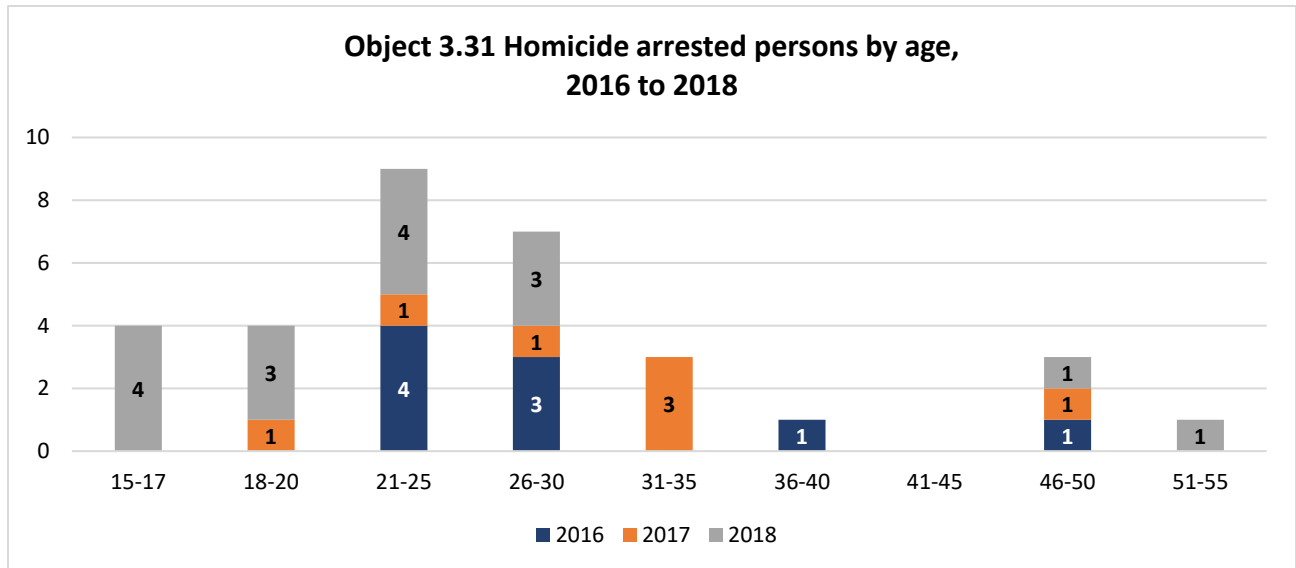
Similarly, approximately one in five (21%) of robbery suspects during 2018 are female, and one-fourth (24%) of robbery arrested persons are female.



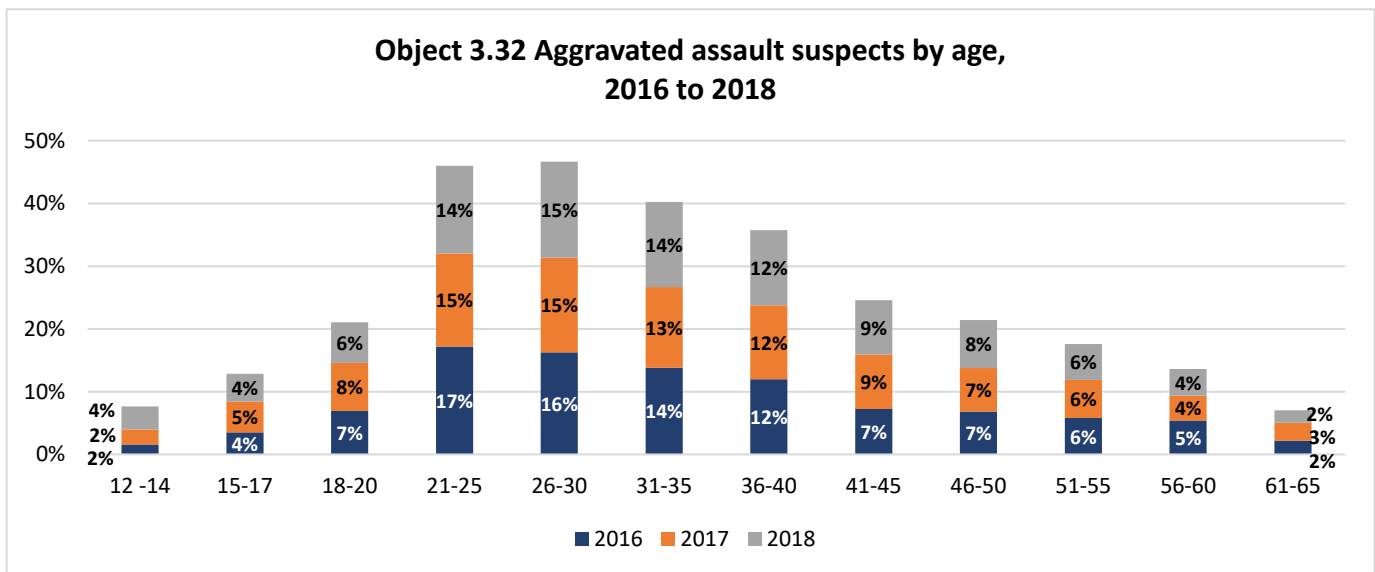
The largest number of homicide suspects during the period from 2016 to 2018 were between the ages of 18 and 20.



However, during 2018, one fourth of the individuals arrested for homicide were between the ages of 15 and 17, and almost all (87.5%) were between the ages of 15 and 30.

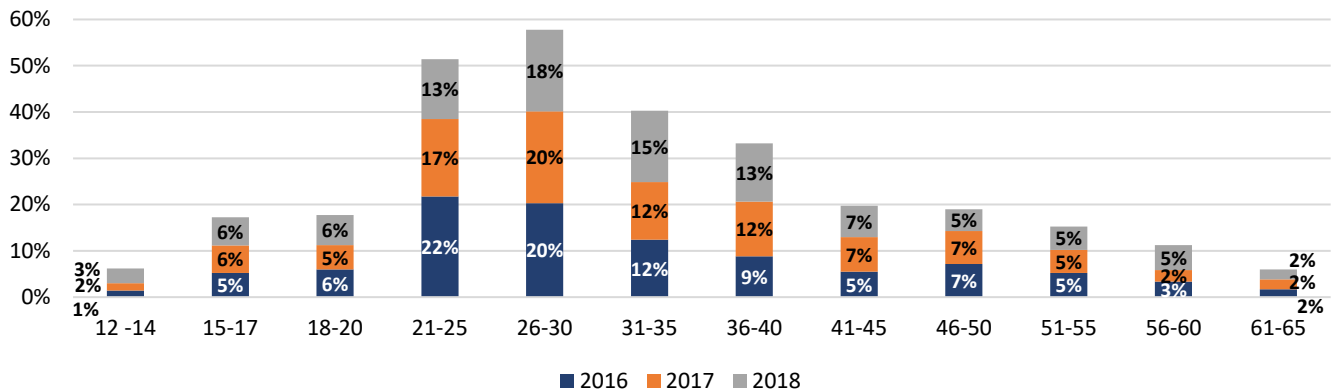


During 2018, 43% of suspects in aggravated assaults were ages 12 to 30, and the largest percentage of suspects for this crime (29%) were between the ages of 21 and 30. These percentages have remained consistent between 2016 and 2018.



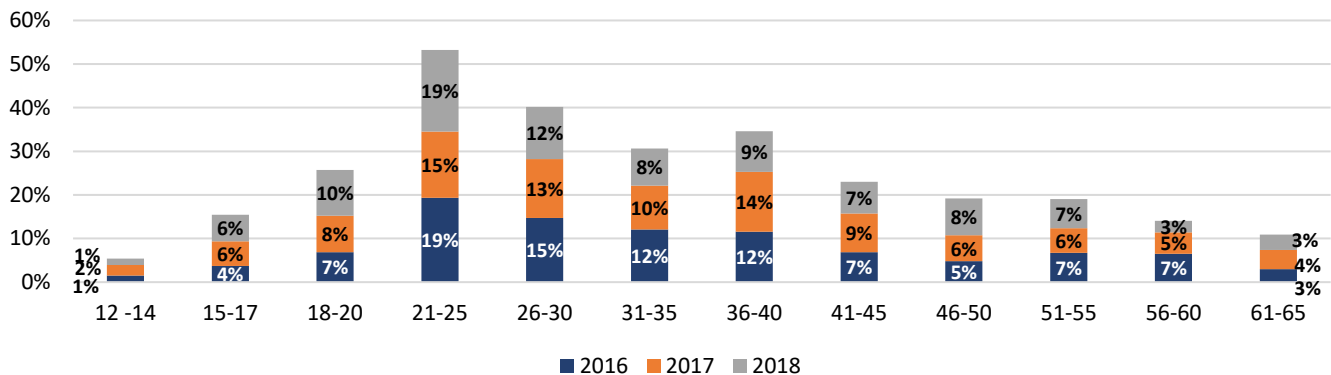
Individuals between the ages of 26 to 30 represented almost one in five (18%) of all individuals who were arrested for aggravated assault during 2018. A little less than one third (28%) of persons arrested for aggravated assault during 2018 were between 12 and 25. Smaller percentages of arrested persons were between the ages of 18 and 25 during 2018 compared to previous years.

**Object 3.33 Aggravated assault arrested persons by age,
2016 to 2018**



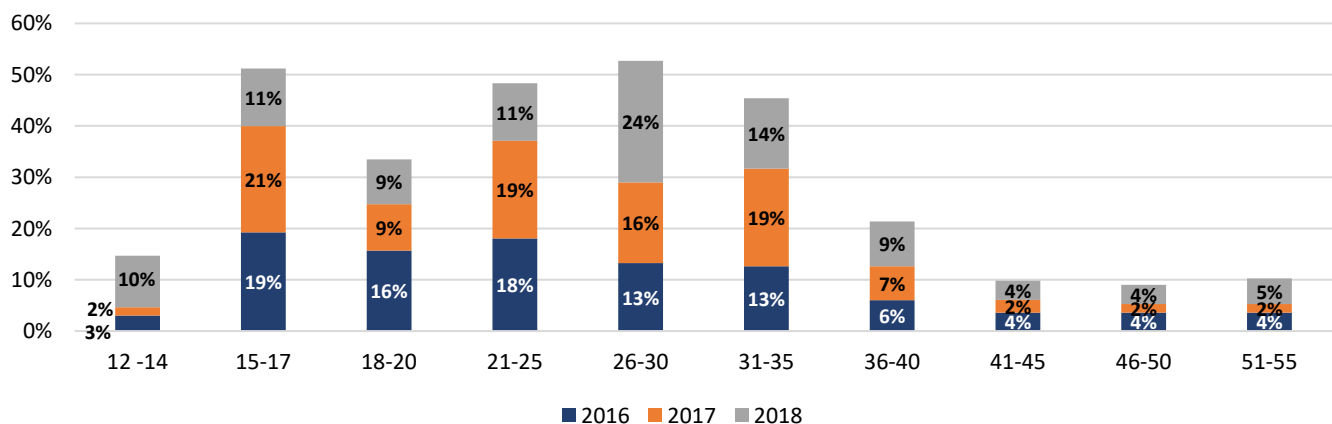
The largest percentage (19%) of persons who were suspects in robberies between 2016 and 2018 were between the ages of 21 to 25, but this group only represented 11% of arrested persons.

**Object 3.34 Robbery suspects by age,
2016 to 2018**



During 2018, the largest percentage of persons arrested for robbery (24%) were between the ages of 26 and 30.

**Object 3.35 Robbery arrested persons by age,
2016 to 2018**

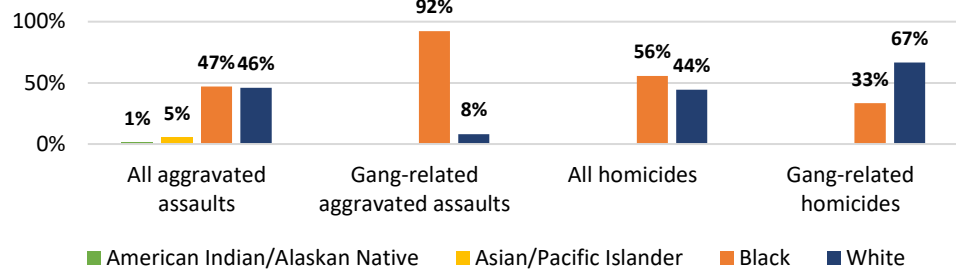


SUSPECTS IN GANG-RELATED VIOLENT CRIMES

Because only a small percentage of crimes in Tacoma are identified as gang-related, the number of gang-related suspects and arrested persons in Tacoma is also small. However, there are some critical demographic

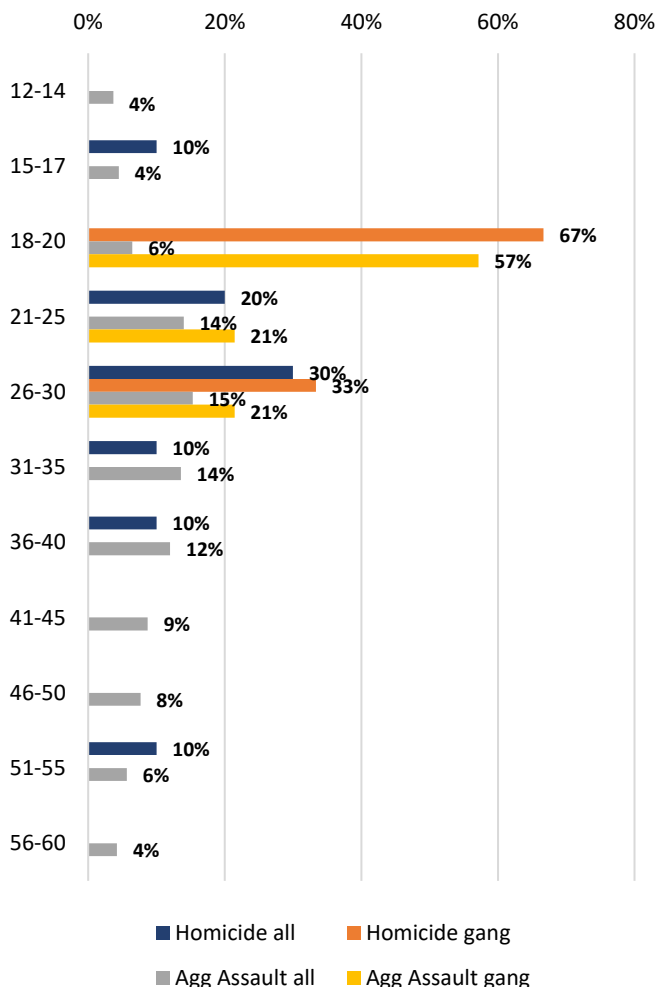
differences between the suspects and arrested persons in gang-related crimes and the global population of suspects/arrested persons for violent crimes. First, the suspects/arrested persons in

Object 3.36 2018 homicides and aggravated assaults - suspects by race, all and gang-related



aggravated assaults that are identified as gang-related are overwhelmingly black/African American (92%), whereas most suspects in gang-related homicides are white (67%).

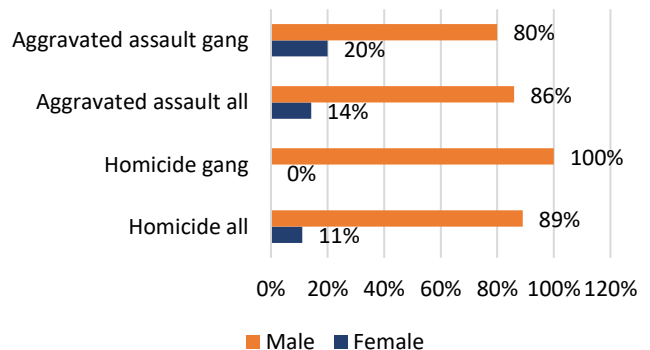
Object 3.37 2018 Homicide and aggravated assault suspects by age, all and gang-related



All (100%) of suspects in gang-related homicides and 99% of suspects in gang-related aggravated assaults are between the ages of 18 and 30, whereas this population only represents one-third (35%) of suspects in all homicides.

There are slightly more female suspects in gang-related aggravated assaults compared to all aggravated assaults.

Object 3.38 2018 aggravated assaults and homicides - Suspects by gender, all versus gang-related incidents



It should be noted that one in ten murders (10%) and 18 aggravated assaults (3%) that occurred during 2018 were designated as gang-related. However, there were 9 unduplicated suspects/arrested persons in the one gang-related homicide that occurred during 2018, and 27 unduplicated suspects/arrested persons in 18 gang-related aggravated assaults.

WEAPONS USED IN VIOLENT CRIMES

Offenses were analyzed by type of weapon used. Detailed information on weapons used is collected by the Tacoma Police Department.

For clarity/brevity, related types of weapons were combined in a single category as shown in table _____. The most common weapon used in homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies in Tacoma is a firearm, followed by physical force/asphyxiation and knife/cutting instrument.

Significantly more homicides are committed using a firearm compared to other crimes, which speaks

Table 3.8 Types of weapons by weapon categories included

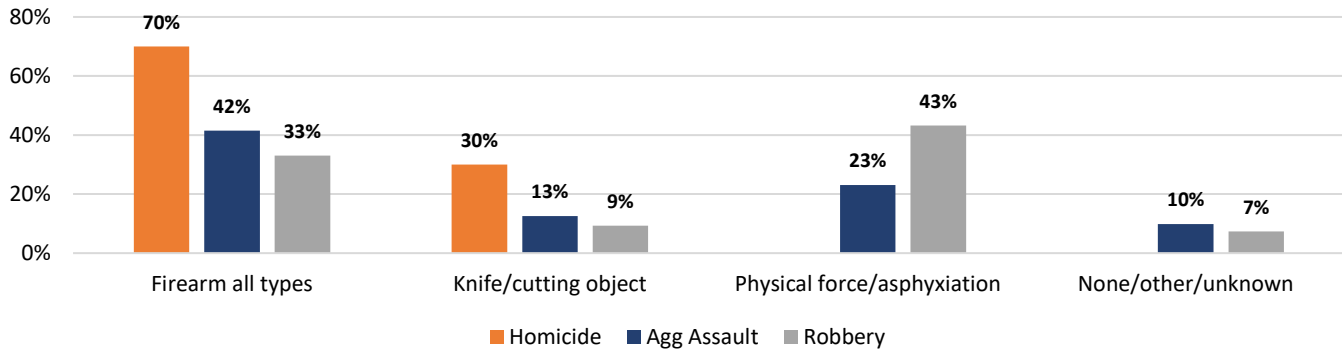
Knife/cutting instrument	Knife, folding knife, other cutting instrument
Firearm all types	Firearm type unknown, other type gun, revolver, rifle, sawed rifle, semi-automatic pistol, shotgun
Physical force/asphyxiation	Asphyxiation, Personal Weapon (hands, fists, feet, etc.)
None/other/unknown	Brass knuckles, drug (date rape drug), drug (sleeping pill), poison, fire, other undescribed

Table 3.9 Weapons used in violent offenses, by offense category, 2016-2018

Weapon	2018			2017			2016		
	2018 Homicide	2018 Agg Assault	2018 Robbery	2017 Homicide	2017 Agg Assault	2017 Robbery	2016 Homicide	2016 Agg Assault	2016 Robbery
Blunt Object		7%	2%	30%	5%	2%		6%	2%
Chemical Spray		1%	2%		3%			1%	
Firearm, all types	70%	42%	33%	60%	47%	46%	85%	46%	41%
Implied Weapon			1%			2%			1%
Knife/cutting instrument	30%	13%	9%		13%	8%	8%	13%	9%
Motor Vehicle		5%	1%		6%	1%		5%	1%
Physical force/asphyxiation		23%	43%	10%	17%	33%		19%	39%
None/other/unknown		10%	7%		8%	8%	8%	9%	7%
Total	10	792	421	10	1047	526	13	1187	610

to the lethality of firearm use compared to other types of weapons. Almost three-fourths of homicides in 2018 (70%) were committed using a firearm. The lethality of firearm use in violent crime during 2018 in Tacoma is illustrated above. A firearm was used in 70% of homicides during 2018, but only 42% of aggravated assaults and 33% of robberies.

Object 3.39 2018 Violent offenses by percentage of weapon used (selected weapon categories only)



Firearms were used in violent offenses committed in Tacoma during 2018 by suspects/arrested persons ranging in age from 12 to 71 years of age. Further analysis of firearm use by age category suggests that firearm use is highest among individuals ages 18 to 25. In fact, almost half (48%) of violent crimes committed by suspects/arrested persons ages 18 to 20 involved a firearm. Over a third (36%) of violent offenses committed by suspects/arrested persons ages 21 to 25 involve a firearm. The highest rate of involvement in violent crimes was in the 26 to 30-year-old age group, but firearm usage by this category (25%) was slightly more than half of firearm usage by 18 to 20-year-old arrested persons and suspects (48%).

One other concerning issue is that almost one-fourth of violent offenses committed by a suspect or arrested person age 15 to 17 involved a firearm. Almost two thirds (60%) of offenses with unknown suspects/arrested persons involved a firearm.

Table 3.10 2018 Homicide, Aggravated Assault and Robbery, percentage of firearm usage by age category

Age range	Firearm	All other weapons	Percent firearm used
11 and under	0	4	0%
12 to 14	6	36	14%
15 to 17	31	99	24%
18 to 20	112	119	48%
21 to 25	78	140	36%
26 to 30	58	178	25%
31 to 35	31	89	26%
36 to 40	18	86	17%
41 to 45	11	41	21%
46 to 50	6	42	13%
51 to 55	8	26	24%
56 to 60	2	19	10%
61 and older	1	14	7%
Unknown	96	63	60%
Total	458	956	1414

VIOLENT GUN CRIMES BY 12 TO 25-YEAR-OLDS

Because the number of police incidents classified as gang-involved are so limited, data on young suspects/arrested persons in violent gun offenses was examined for 2018. During 2018, there were 227 suspects and/or arrested persons between the ages of 12 and 25 who were involved in commission of a violent gun crime in Tacoma. More than half (50.7%) were involved in an aggravated assault, and 43.6% were involved in a robbery. Thirteen individuals (5.7%) were involved in commission of a homicide.

More than half (54.2%) of these individuals ages 12-25 who were involved in commission of a violent gun crime were black/African American. About one-third (32.6%) were white/Caucasian.

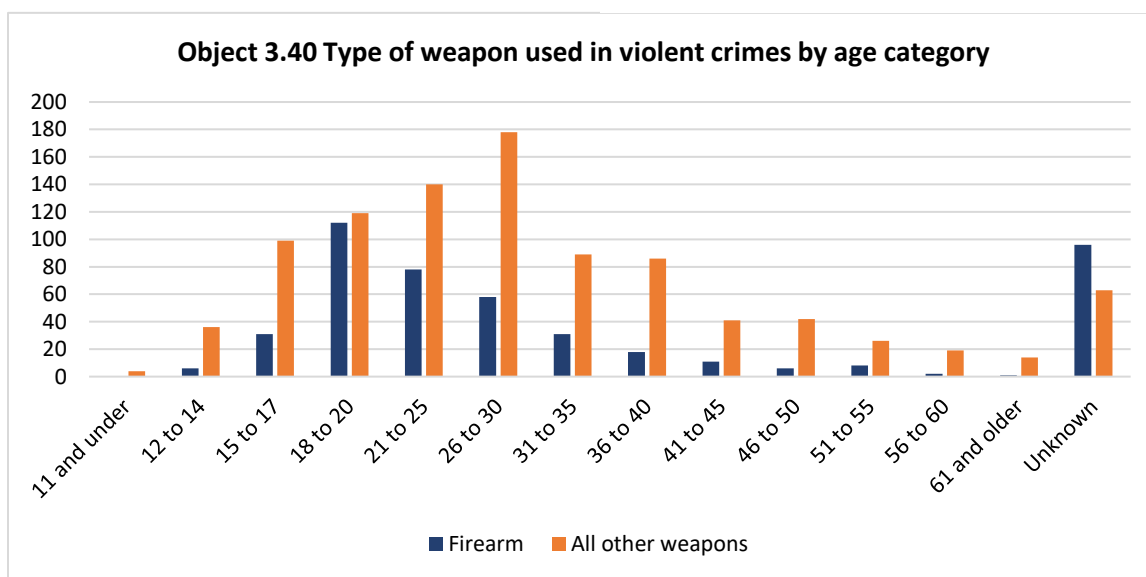
About half (49.3%) of individuals ages 12 to 25 who used a firearm in the commission of a violent crime (homicide, aggravated assault, robbery) were between the ages of 18 to 20. Over one-third were between the ages of 21 and 25.

Only 15% of the individuals aged 12 to 25 who committed a violent crime using a firearm during 2018 were involved in a crime that was classified by Tacoma Police Department as gang-involved. The most commonly used gun was a semi-automatic pistol, which was used in over half (50.7%) of violent gun crimes by suspects and arrested persons during 2018.

Because names of suspects/arrested persons were not provided in the data for this report, it is impossible to be certain how many individuals within the total of 227 suspects/arrested persons were involved in multiple crimes. However, the high level of involvement by 18 to 25-year-old suspects and arrested persons in violent gun crimes is a significant finding.

Table 3.11 Characteristics of suspects and arrested persons, ages 12-25, involved in a violent gun crime during 2018

Offense	Number	Percent
Homicide	13	5.7%
Aggravated Assault	115	50.7%
Robbery	99	43.6%
Race	Number	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	12	5.3%
Black	123	54.2%
White	74	32.6%
Unknown	17	7.5%
Age	Number	Percent
12 to 14	6	2.6%
15 to 17	31	13.7%
18 to 20	112	49.3%
21 to 25	78	34.4%
Gang involvement	Number	Percent
None/Unknown	193	85.0%
Gang	34	15.0%
Type of weapon	Number	Percent
Firearm, Unknown Type	79	34.8%
Semi-Automatic Pistol	115	50.7%
Other Type Gun	23	10.1%
Revolver	5	2.2%
Shotgun	3	1.3%
Rifle	2	0.9%
Total individuals: 227		



ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION ON KNOWN GANG MEMBERS

Dataset used for this analysis: Tacoma Police Department. (2018). Identified gang members as of November 2018. Produced by Jaqueline Shelton.

Gang Intelligence is collected by the Tacoma Police Department during routine police patrols, contacts with gang members, and investigation of gang-related crimes. This intelligence data is statutorily regulated by the Revised Code of Washington, Statute 9.94A.030. This statute is also utilized for determining if crimes are gang-related for the purposes of enhanced sentencing penalties.

Because these definitions are already statutorily defined and widely used in Washington by law enforcement agencies, the existing definitions were used for this assessment.

4.2.2 Revised Code of Washington Statute 9.94A.030

(12) "Criminal street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, having as one of its primary activities the commission of criminal acts, and whose members or associates individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal street gang activity. This definition does not apply to employees engaged in concerted activities for their mutual aid and protection, or to the activities of labor and bona fide nonprofit organizations or their members or agents.

(13) "Criminal street gang associate or member" means any person who actively participates in any criminal street gang and who intentionally promotes, furthers, or assists in any criminal act by the criminal street gang.

(14) "Criminal street gang-related offense" means any felony or misdemeanor offense, whether in this state or elsewhere, that is committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, or is committed with the intent to promote, further, or assist in any criminal conduct by the gang, or is committed for one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) To gain admission, prestige, or promotion within the gang;
- (b) To increase or maintain the gang's size, membership, prestige, dominance, or control in any geographical area;
- (c) To exact revenge or retribution for the gang or any member of the gang;
- (d) To obstruct justice, or intimidate or eliminate any witness against the gang or any member of the gang;
- (e) To directly or indirectly cause any benefit, aggrandizement, gain, profit, or other advantage for the gang, its reputation, influence, or membership; Or
- (f) To provide the gang with any advantage in, or any control or dominance over any criminal market sector, including, but not limited to, manufacturing, delivering, or selling any controlled substance (chapter [69.50](#) RCW); arson (chapter [9A.48](#) RCW); trafficking in stolen property (chapter [9A.82](#) RCW); promoting prostitution (chapter [9A.88](#) RCW); human trafficking (RCW [9A.40.100](#)); promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor (RCW [9.68A.101](#)); or promoting pornography (chapter [9.68](#) RCW).

A total of 194 unduplicated gang members had been identified in Tacoma as of October 2018.

Two issues arose during analysis of this gang intelligence information. First, many individuals have multiple gang affiliation and multiple addresses. This made analyzing their specific gang affiliation and location difficult.

- 11 individuals had both multiple gang affiliations and multiple addresses
- 11 individuals had multiple gang affiliations (but only one address)
- 16 individuals had multiple addresses (but only one gang affiliation).

Table 3.12 Individuals by number of gang affiliations identified		
Number of affiliations	Number of Individuals	% of total
One gang	173	88.7%
Two gangs	17	8.7%
Three gangs	2	1.0%
Four gangs	1	0.5%
Five gangs	1	0.5%
Total	194	

About one in ten (11.2%) of individuals identified as gang members or gang associates have multiple affiliations. To conduct the analysis in this section, the following protocols were used.

Multiple gang affiliations: The demographic data for individuals with multiple sets/affiliations is included as a single entry in each set/affiliation with which they are reported to be a member or associate. If, for instance, an individual reported affiliation with multiple Crip sets, they are reported as a singular individual in overall reporting on the Crip affiliation, and their demographic data is also included as a singular report in each set with which they are identified. Thus, duplication of individual demographic data occurs across gang sets and affiliations, but not within them.

Multiple addresses: Individuals with multiple addresses were treated as a single individual in gang affiliation/set but reported as multiple individuals for neighborhood/Zip code, because it was impossible to be sure of their most current residence.

The second issue identified by this analysis is that the total population of gang members identified in Tacoma appears to have declined considerably between 2011 and 2018. Populations for identified members and associates of active gangs, by affiliation, are reported below, as well as the percentage of increase/decrease from reported totals in 2011. The total number of active gangs decreased by almost half (47.7%) between 2011 and 2018. Significant reductions also occurred in the populations of Sureños (-86.1%), Bloods (-68.4%), and Crips (60.6%). Possible explanations for this decline in population:

- The 2011 report examined all gang members active over a three-year period, whereas the 2018 report examines all gang members active at a point in time (October 2018). Point in time data was selected for this report because it provides the most current information on known gang members and associates in the city of Tacoma. This may account for a

small degree of difference between the two datasets, but is unlikely to account for a 60+% decline in known gang members and associates between 2011 and 2018

- It is also possible that fewer gang members are currently active in 2018 compared to prior years
- The reduction may have occurred due to decreased emphasis on gang enforcement and investigation activities by Tacoma Police Department officers.

Interviews conducted with TPD personnel and a survey of public safety officers suggest that a combination of all three factors above. Additionally, a reduction in personnel coupled with expanded responsibilities in other areas in the Tacoma Police Department gang unit probably also contributed to the reduction in the number of known gang members between 2011 and 2018. Officers also indicated that the number of identified gang members and associates certainly falls short of the actual number of members and associates active within the city.

The aggregate information on identified gang members is likely an incomplete picture of total gang membership in Tacoma, but it comprises the best information available at present.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF IDENTIFIED GANGS/GANG MEMBERS

Primary types of gangs in Tacoma that were identified in this analysis include:

- Crips
- Bloods
- Sureños
- Norteños
- Other

For continuity with the 2011 report, the following gang affiliations were grouped in the other category:

- Folk (Other)/Folk Nation
- Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs
- White supremacist
- Juggalos

The largest percentage of gang members/associates identified in the City of Tacoma are between the ages of 21 and 30 (44.9%) but identified gang members and associates range in age from 15 to 69. The average age for

Table 3.13 Gang population by affiliation, 2011 and 2018

	2011 members & associates*†	2018 members & associates*	% change
Total active gangs	88	46	-47.7%
Crips	335	100	-70.1%
Bloods	114	35	-69.3%
Sureños	108	15	-86.1%
Norteños	5	5	0
Other total	89	70	-21.3%
Folks/Folk Nation		34	
Outlaw	n/a	7	n/a
Motorcycle Gangs (OMG)			
-White	n/a	4	n/a
supremacist			
Juggalos	37	4	-91.9%
Other sets		21	
Total	651	225	-65.4%
Total unduplicated gang membership		194	
*includes duplicate entries for individuals with multiple reported gang affiliations but does not include duplicate entries for individuals with multiple addresses.			
†Does not include data for outlaw motorcycle gangs or white supremacist groups.			

identified gang members and associates is 31.5. The youngest identified gang members/associates in Tacoma (ages 15-17) are in Knoccoutz (4), Hilltop Crips (1) and Gangster Disciples (1). Gang members between the ages of 51 and 69 are primarily affiliated with Hilltop Crips (3), Black Gangster Disciples (1), Bloods (no set identified (1), and the Outlaws motorcycle gang (1).

Table 3.14 Demographics of all identified gang members and associates (n=194)					
Demographic Trait	Number	Percent	Demographic trait	Number	Percent
Age			Gender		
15-17	6	3.1%	Male	189	97.4%
18-20	17	8.8%	Female	5	2.6%
21-25	36	18.6%	Race		
26-30	51	26.3%	American Indian/Alaskan Native	7	3.6%
31-35	25	12.9%	Asian/Pacific Islander	11	5.7%
36-40	25	12.9%	Black/African American	128	66.0%
41-45	13	6.7%	White/Caucasian (includes Hispanic)	48	24.7%
46-50	14	7.2%	Convicted felon		
51-55	3	1.5%	Yes	115	59.3%
56-60	2	1.0%	No	79	40.7%
61-65	1	0.5%	Average age: 31.5		
66-70	1	0.5%	Youngest: 15	Oldest: 69	

Almost all identified gang members/associates (97.4%) are male. Almost two-thirds of identified gang members/associates are black/African American (66%). About one-fourth are white/Caucasian (24.7%). Unfortunately, the gang intelligence collected by Tacoma Police Department does not capture ethnicity and does not differentiate between Asians and Pacific Islanders. As noted in the 2011 Tacoma Gang Assessment:

Although the 2010 Census and law enforcement data captures Hispanic as an ethnicity, the gang intelligence data does not. In this data set, Hispanic ethnicity is classified as white in terms of race. While the census data shows that individuals of Hispanic ethnicity comprise 11.3% of the overall population in the city, the current gang intelligence format does not indicate how many identified gang members/associates are of Hispanic descent (Cordeiro, 2011).

The demographics of identified gang members and associates have changed substantially from 2011 to 2018, particularly in the areas of age. The proportion of identified gang members and associates ages 31 and over increased by 175%. The proportion of individuals ages 26

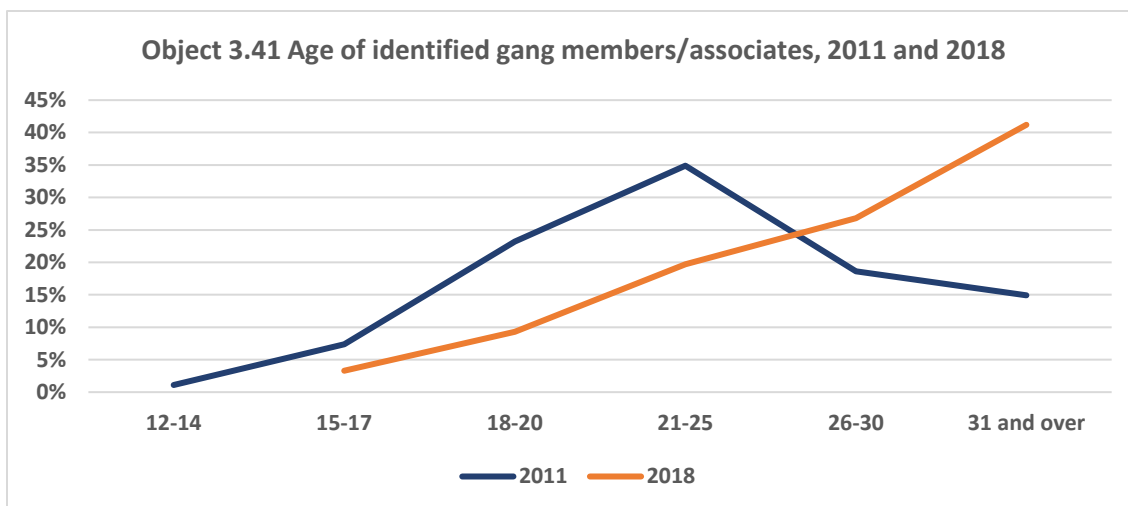
Table 3.15 Age of identified gang members and associates, 2011 and 2018

Age	2011 %	2018 %*
12-14	1.1%	
15-17	7.4%	3.3%
18-20	23.2%	9.3%
21-25	34.9%	19.7%
26-30	18.6%	26.8%
31 and over	14.9%	41.0%

*For continuity, individuals affiliated with outlaw motorcycle gangs and white supremacist groups were excluded from this analysis.

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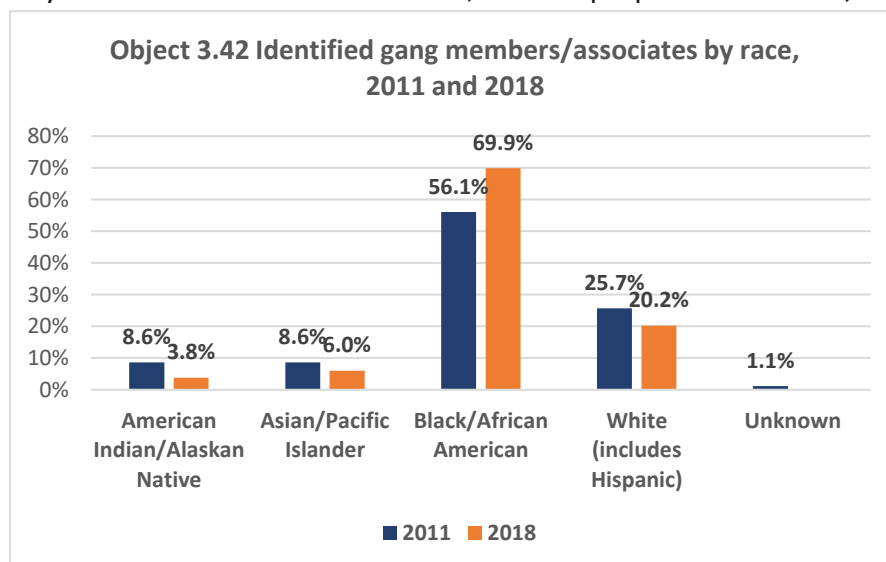


increased by 44%. Conversely, the number of identified individuals ages 20 and under decreased by 60.3% between 2011 and 2018.

Table 3.16 Gender of identified gang members and associates, 2011 and 2018		
Age	2011 %	2018 %*
Male	96.9%	97.3%
Female	2.9%	2.7%
Unknown	0.2%	
Total #	651	183
* individuals affiliated with outlaw motorcycle gangs and white supremacist groups were excluded from this analysis.		

Table 3.17 -Race of identified gang members and associates, 2011 and 2018			
Age	2011 %	2018 %*	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	8.6%	3.8%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.6%	6.0%	
Black/African American	56.1%	69.9%	
White (includes Hispanic)	25.7%	20.2%	
Unknown	1.1%		
Total	651	183	
* individuals affiliated with outlaw motorcycle gangs and white supremacist groups were excluded from this analysis.			

This is indicative of a scenario in which gang intelligence collection has slowed or ceased in recent years, and less information is collected on younger individuals who have more recently become involved in gangs. The gender of identified gang members and associates was virtually unchanged between 2011 and 2018. However, the proportion of black/African American identified gang members and associates increased by 24.6% between 2011 and 2018, and the proportion of white/Caucasian identified gang members/ associates decreased by 20.6%. Similarly, the proportion of American Indian/Alaskan Native gang members and associates decreased by 55.8% and the proportion of Asian/Pacific Islander identified gang members and associates decreased by 30.2% compared to 2011 levels.



CRIPS

Based upon membership, Crips are the largest gang affiliation in Tacoma at present. A non-duplicated total of 100 individuals from 17 different Crip sets have been identified by law enforcement as being a member or associate of a Crips set (though some have multiple affiliations). Most individuals who are identified as Crips (85%) are African American/Black, male (98%) and between the ages of 18 and 30 (57%).

57% of identified Crip gang members/associates are between 18 and 30 years old.

Small percentages of identified Crip gang members are Asian/Pacific Islander (8%), White/Caucasian (4%), and Native American/Alaskan Native (3%). Only 5% of Crips are under age 18, and more than one-third are between the ages of 31 and 60. Only 2% of identified Crips are female.

Table 3.16 Demographics of all Crip-identified individuals (non-duplicated within this category)

Demographic trait	Number	Percent
Race/ethnicity (n=100)		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	8%
Black	85	85%
White	4	4%
Gender (n=100)		
Male	98	98%
Female	2	2%
Age (n=100)		
12 to 14	0	
15 to 17	5	5%
18 to 20	11	11%
21 to 25	20	20%
26 to 30	26	26%
31 to 35	9	9%
36 to 40	11	11%
41 to 45	8	8%
46 to 50	7	7%
51 to 55	1	1%
56 to 60	2	2%
Convicted felon (n=100)		
Yes	59	59%
No	41	41%

59% of identified Crips are convicted felons

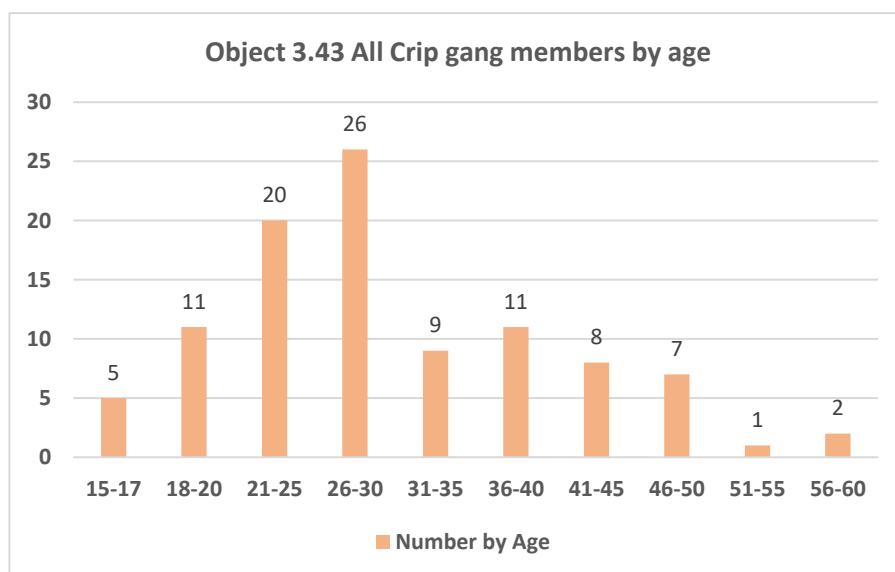
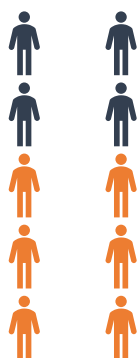


Table 3.17 Identified Crip members/ associates by neighborhood

Central	31	26.3%
Eastside	19	16.1%
New Tacoma	4	3.4%
North End	1	0.8%
South End	26	22.0%
South Tacoma	27	22.9%

The largest percentage of identified Crip gang members and associates reside in the Central (26.3%), South End (22%), and South Tacoma (22.9%) neighborhoods. The lowest percentage of Crips reside in North End (0.8%) and New Tacoma (3.4%).

The largest percentage of Crip gang members reside in 98405 (27.9%), 98409 (24.3%), and 98404 (19.8%).

Object 3.44 Identified Crip members/associates by neighborhood

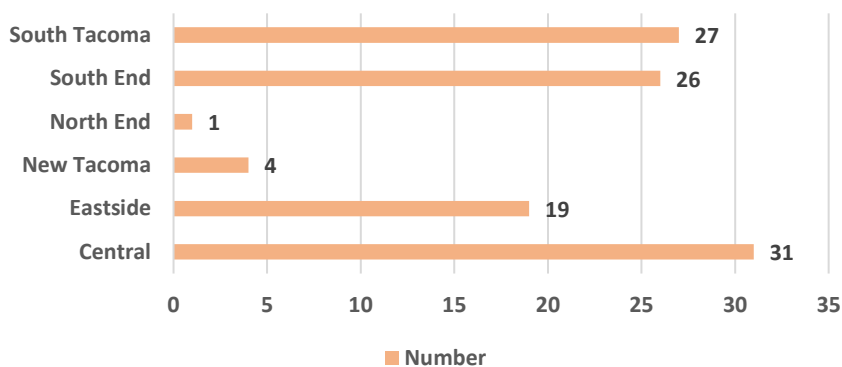


Table 3.18 All Crip gang members by Zip code

98404	22	19.8%
98405	31	27.9%
98406	6	5.4%
98407	1	0.9%
98408	10	9.0%
98409	27	24.3%
98418	7	6.3%
98444	4	3.6%
98466	2	1.8%
98467	1	0.9%

Tacoma Crip gangs with the most identified members are Hilltop Crips, Knoccoutz, and The Family. A little more than 40% of all Crip gang members/associates identified in Tacoma are affiliated with Hilltop Crips. One in five Crip gang members/associates (19.3%) are affiliated with Knoccoutz and about one in ten (8.8%) are affiliated with The Family.

41.2% of all Crips are affiliated with Hilltop Crips.

Table 3.19 Crip gangs by population

Crip gang sets	2011	% total 2011	2018	% total 2018
Acacia Blocc (Crips)	n/a	n/a	1	0.9%
Asian Boyz (Crips)	3	1.0%	1	0.9%
Black Gangsta Mafia (Crips)	3	1.0%	3	2.6%
Diamond Blocc Crips (Crips)	n/a	n/a	1	0.9%
Eastside Gangster Crips (Crips)	n/a	n/a	3	2.6%
Hilltop Crips (Crips)	92	31.6%	47	41.2%
Hoover Crips (Crips)	18	6.2%	5	4.4%
Knoccoutz (Crips)	48	16.5%	22	19.3%
Lakewood Hustlers (Crips)	12	4.1%	3	2.6%
Loc'd Out Crips (Crips)	18	6.2%	4	3.5%
Native Gangster Crips (Crips)	22	7.6%	6	5.3%
Neighborhood Crips (Crips)	9	3.1%	1	0.9%
Nutty Blocc Crips (Crips)	n/a	n/a	1	0.9%
Rollin 60's (Crips)	n/a	n/a	2	1.8%
The Family (Crips)	22	7.6%	10	8.8%
Young Gangster Crips (Crips)	6	2.1%	1	0.9%
Crips (no set listed)	11	3.8%	1	0.9%
All other Crip sets (21 sets)	27	9.3%	n/a	n/a
Total	291		114	100%

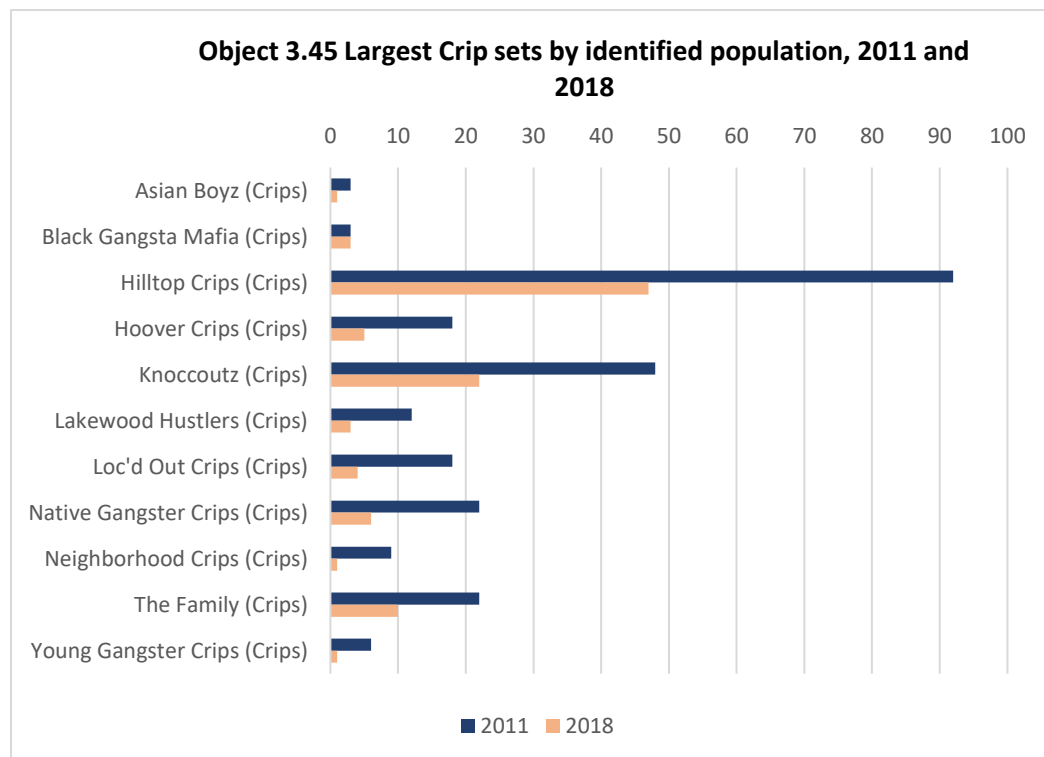
Populations of Crip sets active in 2011 and the 17 Crip sets still identified as active in 2018 have shifted considerably. While Hilltop Crips remains the largest identified gang in Tacoma, the 2018 population of identified Hilltop Crip members and associates is about half (-48.9%) of the 2011 identified population.

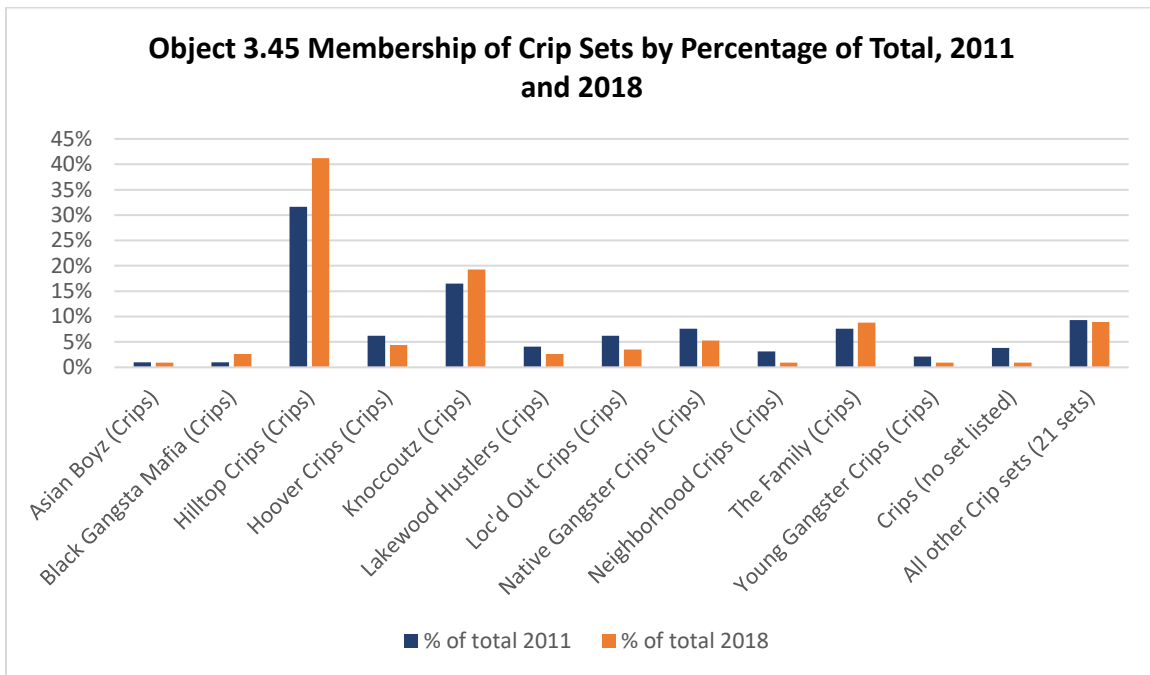
Similarly, the number of identified members and associates of other gangs have also decreased:

- Knoccoutz have decreased by 54.2%
- Neighborhood Crips have decreased by 88.9%
- Hoover Crips have decreased by 72.2%
- Lakewood Hustlers have decreased by 75%
- Native Gangster Crips have decreased by 72.7%.

Table 3.20 Population of Crip sets from 2011 to 2018

Crip gang sets	2011	2018	% Change
Acacia Blocc (Crips)	n/a	1	n/a
Asian Boyz (Crips)	3	1	-66.7%
Black Gangsta Mafia (Crips)	3	3	0
Black Gangster Disciples (Other)	n/a	2	n/a
Diamond Blocc Crips (Crips)	n/a	1	n/a
Eastside Gangster Crips (Crips)	n/a	3	n/a
Hilltop Crips (Crips)	92	47	-48.9%
Hoover Crips (Crips)	18	5	-72.2%
Knoccoutz (Crips)	48	22	-54.2%
Lakewood Hustlers (Crips)	12	3	-75.0%
Loc'd Out Crips (Crips)	18	4	-77.8%
Native Gangster Crips (Crips)	22	6	-72.7%
Neighborhood Crips (Crips)	9	1	-88.9%
Nutty Blocc Crips (Crips)	n/a	1	n/a
Rollin 60's (Crips)	n/a	2	n/a
The Family (Crips)	22	10	-54.5%
Young Gangster Crips (Crips)	6	1	-83.3%
Crips (no set listed)	11	1	-90.9%
All other Crip sets (21 sets)	27	n/a	n/a
Total	291	114	-60.8%





DEMOGRAPHICS OF LARGEST CRIP SETS

Hilltop Crips

A total of 47 individuals were identified as affiliated with the Hilltop Crips, ranging in age from 15 to 60. The majority of identified Hilltop Crips are African American/Black, male, and between the ages of 18 and 50.

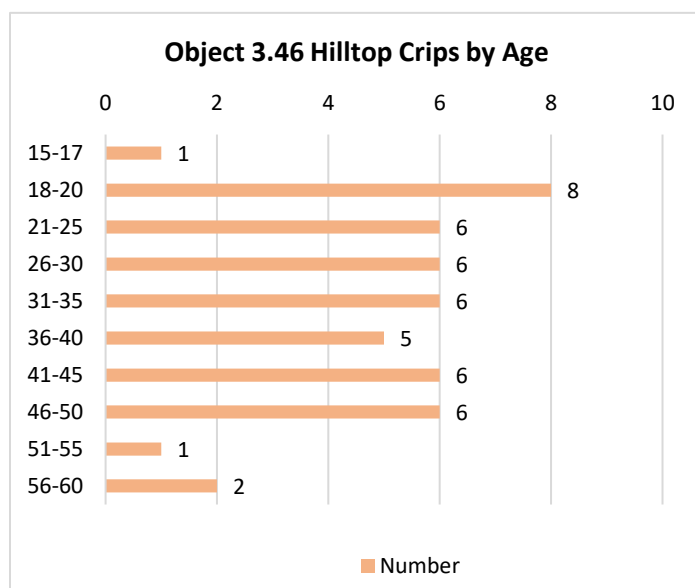


Table 3.21 Demographics of Hilltop Crips

Race (n=47)

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	2.1%
African American/Black	45	95.7%
Caucasian/White	1	2.1%

Gender (n=47)

Male	45	95.7%
Female	2	4.2%

Age (n=47)

15-17	1	2.1%
18-20	8	17.0%
21-25	6	12.8%
25-30	6	12.8%
31-35	6	12.8%
36-40	5	10.6%
41-45	6	12.8%
46-50	6	12.8%
51-55	1	2.1%
56-60	2	4.3%

Average Age: 34

There are relatively consistent numbers of Hilltop Crips in every age group between 18 and 50, and the average age of identified Hilltop Crip members is 34. Slightly less than half (44.7%) of identified Hilltop Crips are between the ages of 15 and 30. Over one third (36.2%) are between the ages of 31 and 50. A small percentage (6.7%) are between the ages of 51 and 60. Almost all identified Hilltop Crips are African American/Black (95.7%) and male (95.7%).

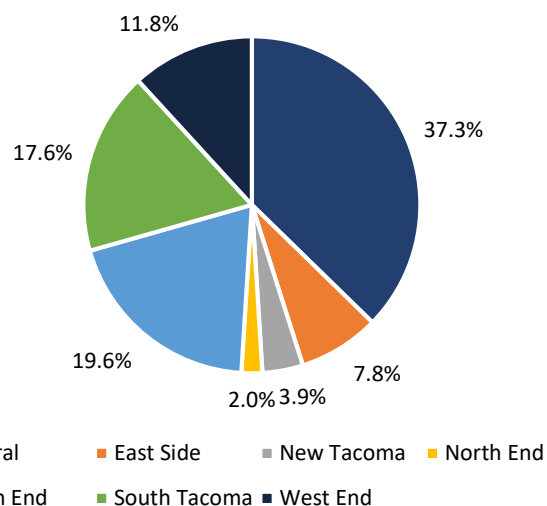
While Hilltop Crips are commonly believed to

Table 3.22 Hilltop Crips by Neighborhood

Location	Number	Percent
Central	19	37.3%
East Side	4	7.8%
New Tacoma	2	3.9%
North End	1	2.0%
South End	10	19.6%
South Tacoma	9	17.6%
West End	6	11.8%
Total	51*	

*Number includes 4 individuals with multiple addresses.

Object 3.47 Hilltop Crips by neighborhood



reside primarily in the Hilltop area of the Central Neighborhood, individuals identified as Hilltop Crips are spread throughout the City of Tacoma, primarily in the central and south portions of the city. Over one third (37.3%) of Hilltop Crips reside in the Central neighborhood. One-fifth of identified Hilltop Crips reside in the South End (19.6%) and one-sixth live in South Tacoma (17.6%).

Table 3.23 Hilltop Crips by Zip code

Location	Number	Percent
98404	5	9.8%
98405	21	41.2%
98406	5	9.8%
98408	5	9.8%
98409	8	15.7%
98418	3	5.9%
98444	1	2.0%
98465	1	2.0%
98466	2	3.9%
Total	51	

*Number includes 4 individuals with multiple addresses.

By Zip code, the majority (41.2%) of identified Hilltop Crips live in 98405 with smaller percentages of identified individuals in 98409 (15.7%), 98404 (9.8%), 98406 (9.8%), and 98408 (9.8%).

60% of identified Hilltop Crips are convicted felons.



Knoccoutz

Knoccoutz are the second largest Crip set with 22 identified members. All identified Knoccoutz members are African American/Black and male. Identified Knoccoutz members and associates are between the ages of 15 and 31, and the average age of members is 24. The most common age for identified members (40.9%) is between the age of 26-30. About one-fourth (27.3%) of Knoccoutz members and associates are between the age of 21 and 25. One in six (17.3%) are between the ages of 15 and 20.

A little less than one-half (45.5%) of identified Knoccoutz members are convicted felons.

Table 3.24 Demographics of Knoccoutz Crips

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=22)		
African American/Black	22	100%
Gender (n=22)		
Male	22	100%
Age (n=22)		
15-17	4	8.2%
18-20	2	9.1%
21-25	6	27.3%
26-30	9	40.9%
31-35	1	4.5%

Table 3.25 Knoccoutz by location

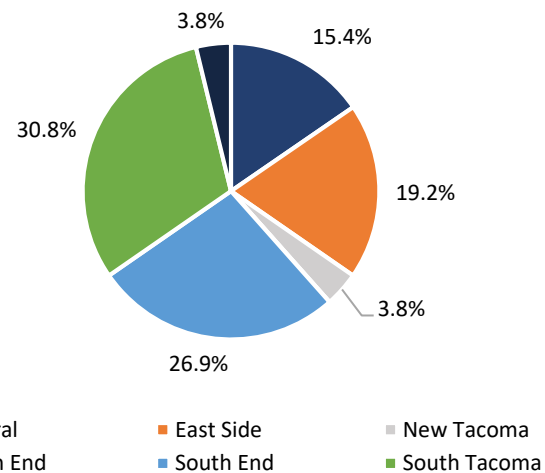
Neighborhood	Number	Percent
Central	4	15.4%
East Side	5	19.2%
New Tacoma	1	3.8%
North End	0	0%
South End	7	26.9%
South Tacoma	8	30.8%
West End	1	3.8%

Zip code	Number	Percent
98404	4	15.4%
98405	4	15.4%
98407	1	3.8%
98408	5	19.2%
98409	8	30.8%
98418	2	7.7%
98445	1	3.8%
98467	1	3.8%
Total	26	

*Number includes 4 individuals with multiple addresses.

Like other gangs in Tacoma, Knoccoutz members and associates do not appear to be clustered in a specific neighborhood but reside in a variety of areas around the community. The majority of identified Knoccoutz members and associates reside in South Tacoma (30.8%) and South End (26.9%), with smaller percentages in Central (15.4%) or East Side (19.2%).

Object 3.48 Knoccoutz by neighborhood



Similarly, identified Knoccoutz members reside in 8 different zip codes. The most common zip codes for Knoccoutz are 98409 (30.8%), 98408 (19.2%), 98404 (15.4%) and 98405 (15.4%).

The Family (Crips)

Ten individuals were identified as members or associates of The Family. All identified members and associates are between the ages of 21 and 30, and all are African American/black and male. More than half (60%) are between the ages of 21 and 25, and 40% are between the ages of 26 and 30. The majority

Table 3.26 Demographics of The Family		
Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=10)		
African American/Black	10	100%
Gender (n=22)		
Male	10	100%
Age (n=10)		
15-17		
18-20		
21-25	6	60%
26-30	4	40%
31-35		
Average Age: 25		

are members of The Family (80%) and a smaller number (20%) were identified as associates. Almost three in four (70%) are convicted felons.

Members of this group were highly likely to have multiple entries in the intelligence system for multiple gang affiliations and addresses: 70% had multiple gang affiliations and more than half (60%) had multiple addresses. One individual within this gang had five different addresses listed and two gang affiliations. This group appears to have considerable crossover with 120 Crew Folks and Hilltop Crips. One in three (30%) have also been indexed as

120 Crew Folks, and one in five (20%) have been indexed as Hilltop Crips. One individual was indexed as Knoccoutz and one individual was indexed with Lakeview Hustlers.

Many identified members/associates from The Family (38.9%) have resided in Central Tacoma. A small number (22.2% have also resided in the East Side. The only area of the city where no members of this group have been identified is in the North End. The most common zip code for this group is 98405 (44.4%), followed by 98404 (22.2%) and 98409 (16.7%).

Table 3.27 The Family by location

Location	Number	Percent
Central	7	38.9%
East Side	4	22.2%
New Tacoma	2	11.1%
North End	0	
South End	2	11.1%
South Tacoma	2	11.1%
West End	1	5.6%
Total	18	
*Number includes 5 individuals with multiple addresses.		

Object 3.49 The Family by neighborhood

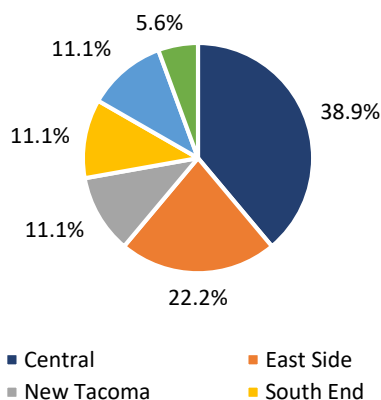


Table 3.28 The Family by Zip code

Location	Number	Percent
98404	4	22.2%
98405	8	44.4%
98406	1	5.6%
98409	3	16.7%
98418	2	11.1%
Total	18	
*Number includes 5 individuals with multiple addresses.		

BLOODS

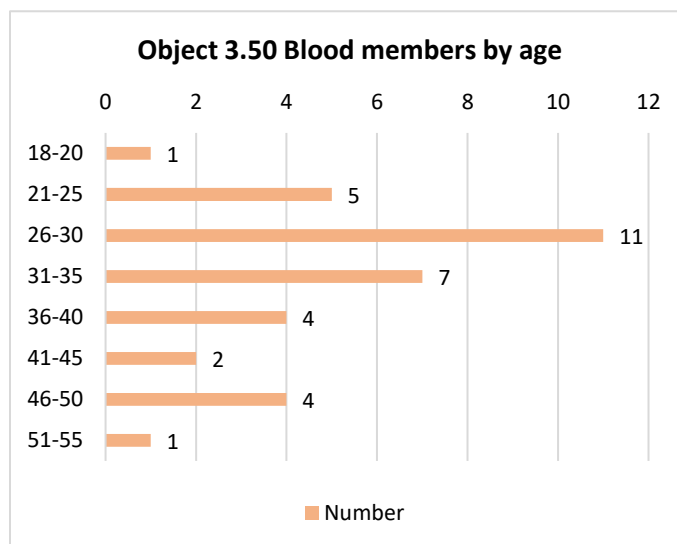
Approximately 35 individuals from 10 different sets have been indexed as Blood gang members or associates by Tacoma Police Department. These individuals range in age from 20 to 51, and most (65.7%) are between the ages of 21 and 35. The average age of identified Blood gang members and associates is 33. Many identified Blood members are black/African American (57.1%) and white/Caucasian (28.6%). There are also small percentages of members who are American Indian/Alaskan Native (8.6%) and Asian/Pacific Islander (5.7%). Almost all identified Bloods are male (91.4%).

More than half of identified Bloods (57.1%) are

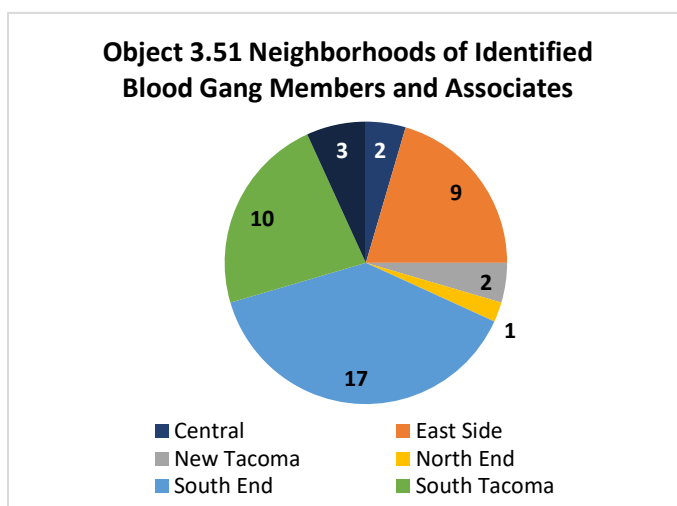
Table 3.29 Demographics of all Blood-identified individuals (non-duplicated within this category)

Demographic trait	Number	Percent
Race/ethnicity (n=35)		
American Indian/Alaskan Native	3	8.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	5.7%
Black	20	57.1%
White	10	28.6%
Gender (n=35)		
Male	32	91.4%
Female	3	8.6%
Age (n=35)		
15 to 17	0	
18-20	1	2.9%
21-25	5	14.3%
26-30	11	31.4%
31-35	7	20.0%
36-40	4	11.4%
41-45	2	5.7%
46-50	4	11.4%
51-55	1	2.9%
Convicted Felon (n=35)		
Yes	20	57.1%
No	15	42.9%
Neighborhood (n=44*)		
Central	2	4.5%
East Side	9	20.5%
New Tacoma	2	4.5%
North End	1	2.3%
South End	17	38.6%
South Tacoma	10	22.7%
West End	3	6.8%

*Includes 8 individuals with two or more addresses.



convicted felons. Most (61.3%) reside in the South End (38.6%) or South Tacoma (22.7%).



The number of identified Blood gang members in Tacoma has dropped by over two-thirds (-68.4%) since the last gang assessment report was compiled in 2011. In 2011, there were 114 identified Blood gang members or affiliates in the City of Tacoma; in 2018, there are 36.

Eastside Pirus is the largest Blood set in Tacoma as of 2018, and East Side Pirus members and associates currently comprise 55.6% of all identified Blood gang members and associates. The number of identified East Side Piru members and associates decreased by 52.4% between 2011 and 2018, from 42 to 20. There are no other sizeable Blood gangs currently identified in Tacoma.

Similarly, Native Gangster Bloods and Original Loko Boyz each comprised 14% of the gang population in Tacoma in 2011. In 2018, there are only 3 identified Native Gangster Bloods, a decrease of 81.3%. Original Loko Boyz have 2 identified members, a decrease of 87.5% since 2011.

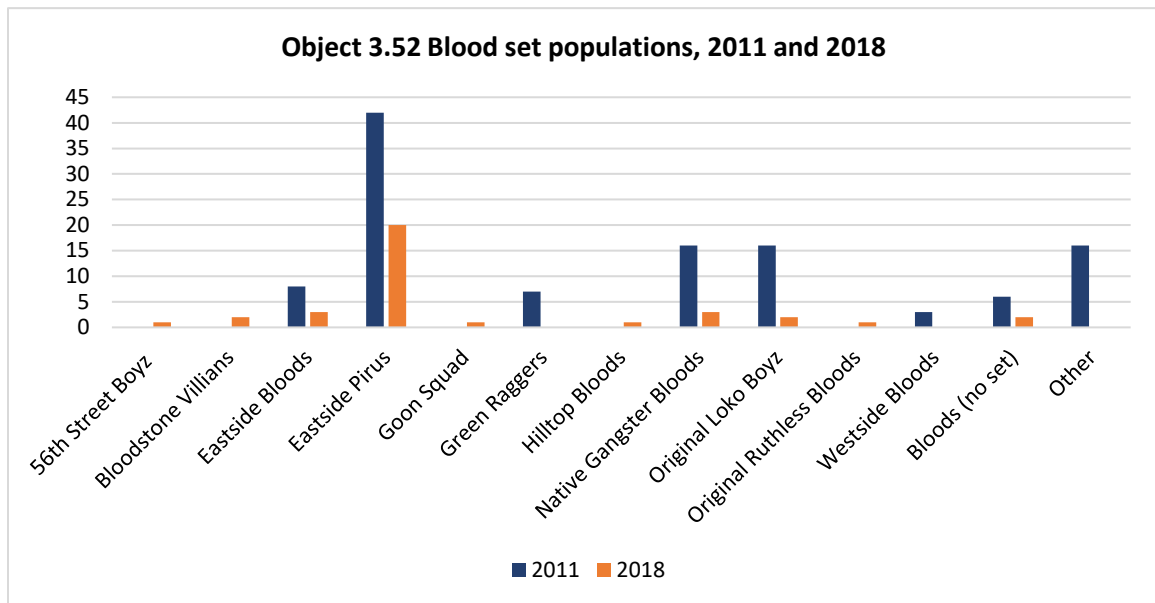
Table 3.30 Blood gangs by population

	2011	% total 2011	2018	% total 2018
56th Street Boyz	n/a		1	2.8%
Bloodstone Villians	n/a		2	5.6%
Eastside Bloods	8	7.0%	3	8.3%
Eastside Pirus	42	36.8%	20	55.6%
Goon Squad	n/a		1	2.8%
Green Ragers	7	6.1%	n/a	
Hilltop Bloods	n/a		1	2.8%
Native Gangster Bloods	16	14%	3	8.3%
Original Loko Boyz	16	14%	2	5.6%
Original Ruthless Bloods	n/a		1	2.8%
Westside Bloods	3	2.6%	n/a	
Bloods (no set)	6	5.3%	2	5.6%
Other	16	14%	n/a	
Total	114		36*	-68.4%

*Includes one individual with multiple Blood gang affiliations

Table 3.31 Population of Blood sets from 2011 to 2018

	2011	2018	% Change
56th Street Boyz	n/a	1	n/a
Bloodstone Villians	n/a	2	n/a
Eastside Bloods	8	3	-62.5%
Eastside Pirus	42	20	-52.4%
Goon Squad	n/a	1	n/a
Green Ragers	7	n/a	n/a
Hilltop Bloods	n/a	1	n/a
Native Gangster Bloods	16	3	-81.3%
Original Loko Boyz	16	2	-87.5%
Original Ruthless Bloods	n/a	1	n/a
Westside Bloods	3	n/a	n/a
Bloods (no set)	6	2	-66.7%
Other	16	n/a	n/a
Total	114	36	-68.4%



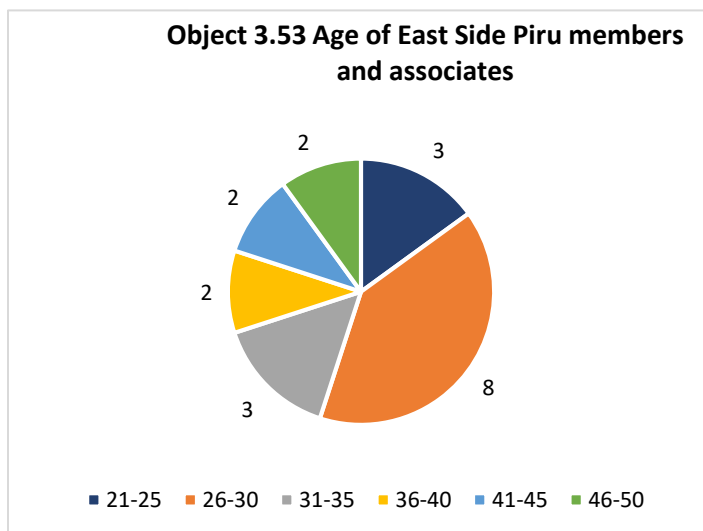
DEMOGRAPHICS OF BLOOD SETS

East Side Piru

The current number of identified East Side Piru members and associates is 20. East Side Piru is the only Blood set in Tacoma as of 2018 with more than 3 identified members. Identified members and associates of East Side Piru are between the ages of 21 and 46, and the average age of identified members/associates is 33. The most common age for East Side Pirus (40%) is between the age of 26 and 30, but identified individuals are spread evenly across other age groups.

Table 3.32 Demographics of East Side Piru

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=20)		
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	5.0%
African American	14	70.0%
American/Black	5	25.0%
Caucasian/White		
Gender (n=20)		
Male	18	90%
Female	2	10%
Age (n=20)		
21-25	3	15.0%
26-30	8	40.0%
31-35	3	15.0%
36-40	2	10.0%
41-45	2	10.0%
46-50	2	10.0%
Average Age: 33		



Most East Side Pirus are African

American/Black (70%). One fourth (25%) are Caucasian/white and 5% are Asian/Pacific Islander.

Most identified East Side Piru members and associates reside in South Tacoma (30.8%) and the South End (26.9%). About one in five (19.2%) live on the East Side and 15.4% live in the Central neighborhood. The largest number of East Side Pirus reside in zip code 98409 (23.1%), 98408 (19.2%), and 98404 (19.2%), but East Side Pirus reside in eight zip codes across Tacoma.

Table 3.33 East Side Pirus by neighborhood		
Location	Number	Percent
Central	1	3.8%
Eastside	5	19.2%
New Tacoma	1	3.8%
North End		
South End	12	46.2%
South		
Tacoma	7	26.9%
West End		
Total	26*	
*Number includes 5 individuals with multiple addresses.		

Table 3.34 East Side Pirus by Zip code		
Location	Number	Percent
98404	5	19.2%
98405	2	7.7%
98408	5	19.2%
98409	6	23.1%
98418	3	11.5%
98444	3	11.5%
98445	1	3.8%
98467	1	3.8%
Total	26	
*Number includes 5 individuals with multiple addresses.		

73.1% of East Side Pirus live in the South End or in South Tacoma.

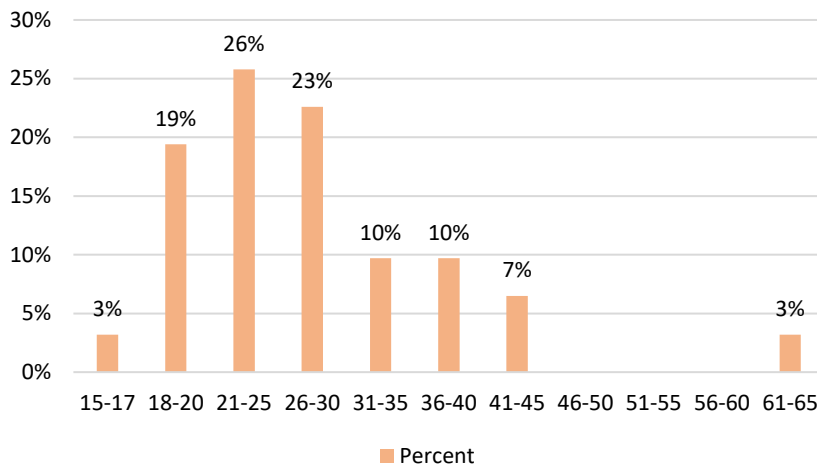
FOLKS/FOLK NATION

Tacoma Police Department has identified 31 Folk affiliated individuals from 5 Folk/Folk Nation sets. These individuals range in age from 15 to 61 with an average age of 28. Over two-thirds (67.8) of identified Folk/Folk Nation members and associates are between the age of 18 to 30. Almost all (90.3%) Folk/Folk Nation gang members and associates are African American/black and all (100%) are male.

Table 3.35 Demographics of all Folk-identified individuals (non-duplicated within this category)		
Demographic trait	Number	Percent
Race/ethnicity (n=31)		
American Indian/Alaska native	1	3.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	3.2%
African American/Black	28	90.3%
Caucasian/white	1	3.2%
Age (n=31)		
15-17	1	3.2%
18-20	6	19.4%
21-25	8	25.8%
26-30	7	22.6%
31-35	3	9.7%
36-40	3	9.7%
41-45	2	6.5%
61-65	1	3.2%

Demographic trait	Number	Percent
Gender (n=31)		
Male	Male	Male
Convicted Felon (n=31)		
Yes	17	54.8%
No	14	45.2%
Neighborhood (n=32*)		
Central	2	6.3%
East Side	9	28.1%
New Tacoma	4	12.5%
North End	1	3.1%
South End	10	31.3%
South Tacoma	5	15.6%
West End	1	3.1%
*Includes 1 individuals with two addresses.		

Object 3.54 Age of identified Folk gang members and associates



Slightly more than half (54.8%) of all Folk gang members and associates are convicted felons. Many Folk affiliated members and associates live in either the South End (31.3%) or the East Side (28.1%), but there are small numbers in all neighborhoods except the West End.

Black Gangster Disciples, Gangster Disciples and Tillicum Park Gangsters have the largest numbers of identified members

Table 3.36 Folk gangs by population, 2011 and 2018

	2011	% total 2011	2018	% total 2018
Black Gangster Disciples	16	44.4%	10	29.4%
Gangster Disciples	n/a		10	29.4%
Native Gangster Disciples	n/a		1	2.9%
Tillicum Park Gangsters	10	27.8%	9	26.5%
Folk (other)	10	27.8%	4	11.8%
Total	36		34*	-68.4%

*Includes three individuals with multiple Folk/Folk Nation gang affiliations

and associates in the City of Tacoma, representing 85.3% of all identified Folks/Folk nation members/associates. The Folk/Folk Nation sets experienced a small decrease (-5.6%) in total identified membership between 2011 and 2018, but this decrease was considerably smaller than the declines in the populations of other gang affiliations.

Object 3.55 Identified Folk gang set populations, 2011 and 2018

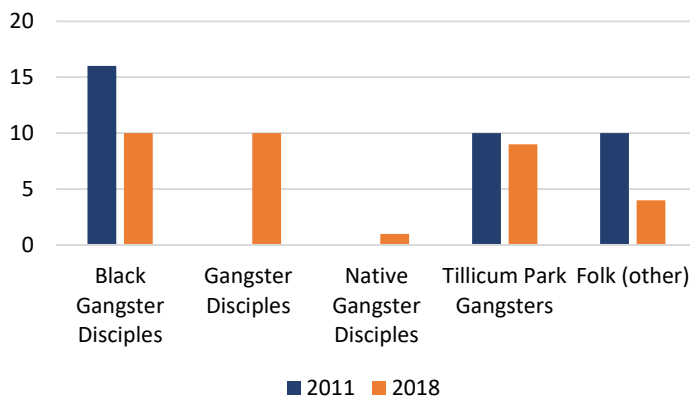


Table 3.37 Identified population of Folk/Folk Nation sets, 2011 and 2018

	2011	2018	% Change
Black Gangster Disciples	16	10	-37.5%
Gangster Disciples	n/a	10	n/a
Native Gangster Disciples	n/a	1	n/a
Tillicum Park Gangsters	10	9	-10%
Folk (other)	10	4	-60%
Total	36	34*	-5.6%

*Includes three individual with multiple Folk/Folk Nation gang affiliations

DEMOGRAPHICS OF LARGEST FOLK/FOLK NATION SETS

Black Gangster Disciples

There are 10 individuals identified as affiliated with the Black Gangster Disciples (BGD), ranging in age from 19 to 61. The average age of identified BGD members/associates is 33. The majority of BGD members are black/African American (80%) and all identified BGD members/ associates are male.

Black Gangster Disciple members have been identified in almost every neighborhood in Tacoma except the North End, and in 6 different Zip codes. However, only a relatively small number of individuals have been identified per neighborhood.

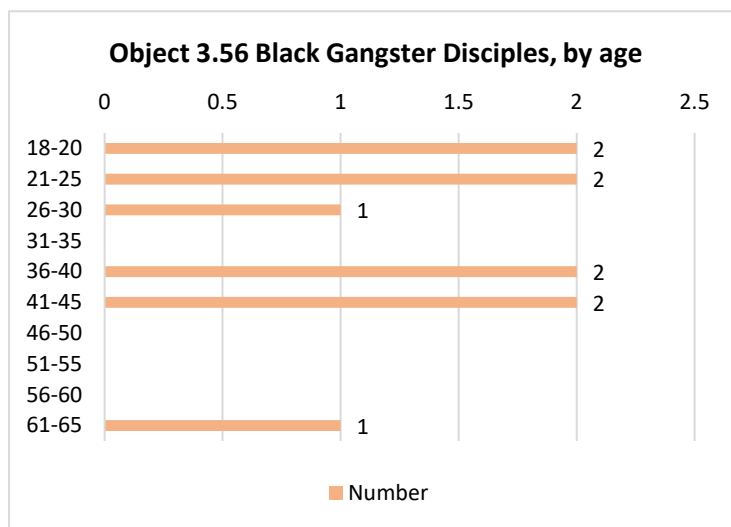


Table 3.38 Demographics of Black Gangster Disciples

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=10)		
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	10%
African American/Black	8	80%
White	1	10%
Gender (n=10)		
Male	10	100%
Age (n=10)		
18-20	2	20%
21-25	2	20%
26-30	1	10%
31-35	0	0%
36-40	2	20%
41-45	2	20%
46-50	0	0%
51-55	0	0%
56-60	0	0%
61-65	1	10%
Average Age: 33		

Table 3.39 Black Gangster Disciples by location

Neighborhood	Number	Percent
Central	2	18.2%
Eastside	3	27.3%
New Tacoma	1	9.1%
North End	0	0%
South End	2	18.2%
South Tacoma	2	18.2%
West End	1	9.1%
Location		
98404	2	18.20%
98405	3	27.30%
98407	1	9.10%
98408	2	18.20%
98409	2	18.20%
98418	1	9.10%
Total	11	

*Number includes 1 individual with multiple addresses.

Gangster Disciples

There are 10 individuals identified as members/associates of Gangster Disciples. These There are 10 individuals identified as members/associates of Gangster Disciples. These individuals range in age from 15 to 36. The average age of individuals indexed as members or associates of Gangster Disciples is 25. All identified members/associates are male and African American/black.

Identified Gangster Disciples reside only in the East Side, South End, and South Tacoma. They are spread across five different Zip codes.

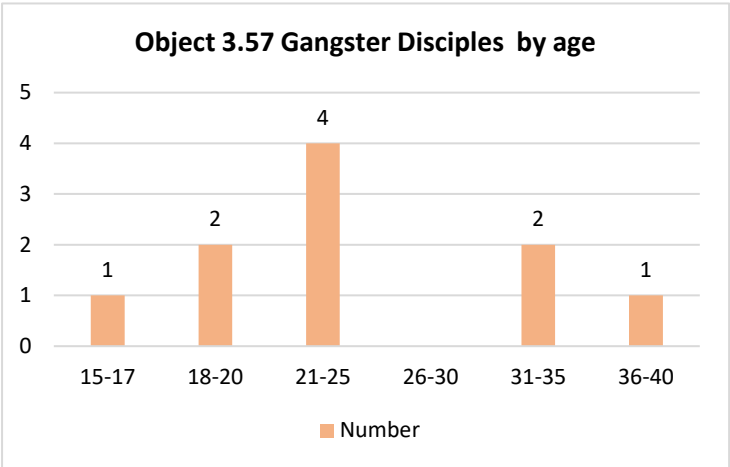
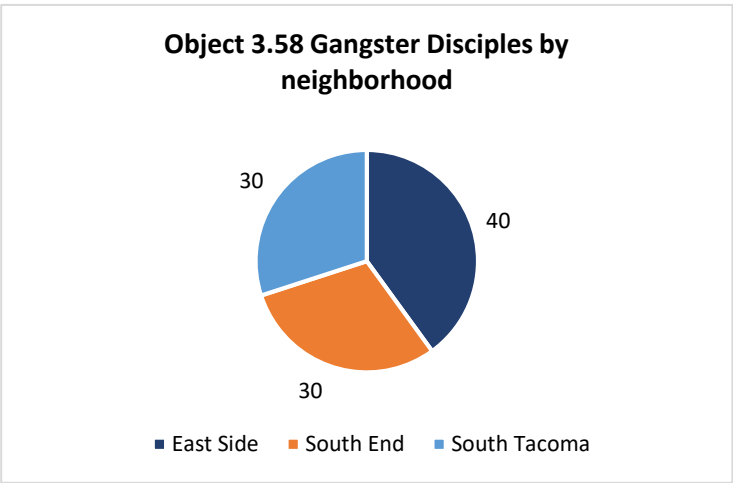
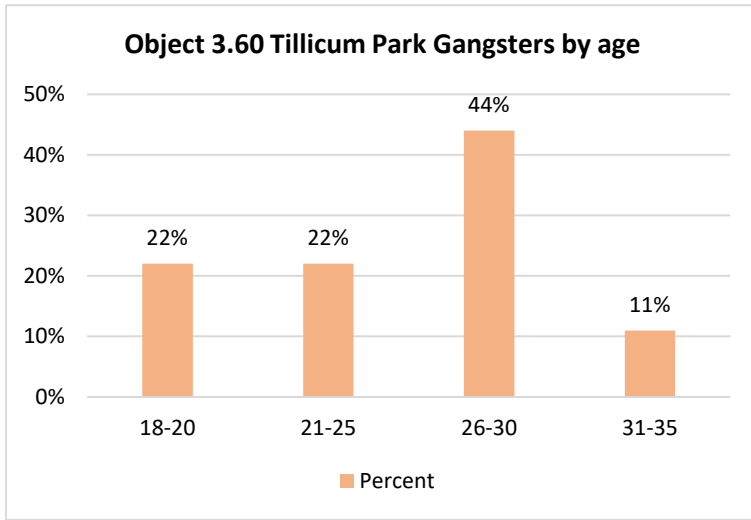


Table 3.40 Gangster Disciples by location		
Neighborhood	Number	Percent
East Side	4	40%
South End	3	30%
South Tacoma	3	30%
Zip code	Number	Percent
98404	3	30%
98408	2	20%
98409	3	30%
98418	1	10%
98444	1	10%
Total	10	



TILLICUM PARK GANGSTERS

There are 9 identified members/associates of Tillicum Park Gangsters (TPG), who range in age from 19 to 35. The average age of identified Tillicum Park Gangsters members and associates is 25. Most TPG members and associates are between the ages of 18 and 30 (88%), black/African American (88%), and male (100%). Many identified Tillicum Park Gangsters members and



convicted felons.

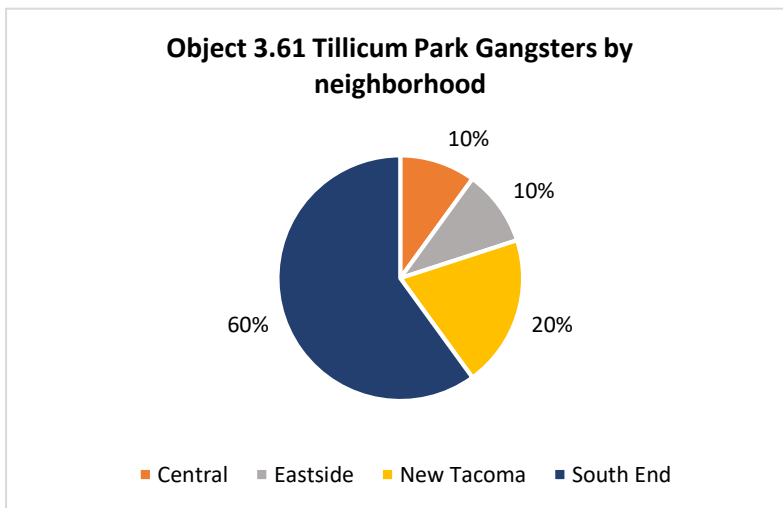


Table 3.41 Demographics of Tillicum Park Gangsters

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=9)		
American		
Indian/Alaskan native	1	11%
African		
American/Black	9	88%
Gender (n=9)		
Male	9	100%
Age (n=9)		
18-20	2	22%
21-25	2	22%
26-30	4	44%
31-35	1	11%
Average Age: 25		

associates reside in the South End (60%) and are spread across five Zip codes. Two-thirds of Tillicum Park Gangster members/associates (66.7%) are

Table 3.42 Tillicum Park Gangsters by location

Neighborhood	Number	Percent
Central	1	10%
Eastside	1	10%
New Tacoma	2	20%
South End	6	60%
Location		
98404	1	98404
98405	3	98405
98408	2	98408
98418	2	98418
98444	2	98444
Total	10*	

*Includes 1 individual with multiple addresses

**67% of
Tillicum Park Gangsters
are convicted felons.**

SUREÑOS DEMOGRAPHICS

There are 15 identified Sureños gang members and associates in Tacoma, ranging in age from 23 to 40. The average age of Sureños gang members and associates is 29. Two-thirds of identified Sureños gang members are between the ages of 21 and 30. All identified Sureños gang members are white/Caucasian and male.

Ethnicity of known gang members is not recorded by Tacoma Police Department, so it is unclear how many identified Sureños gang members and associates are Hispanic/Latino. However, Sureños is primarily a gang affiliation that evolved in Hispanic neighborhoods in Southern California. It is also the most common affiliation in Mexico and Central America, so it is likely that some or many identified Sureños gang

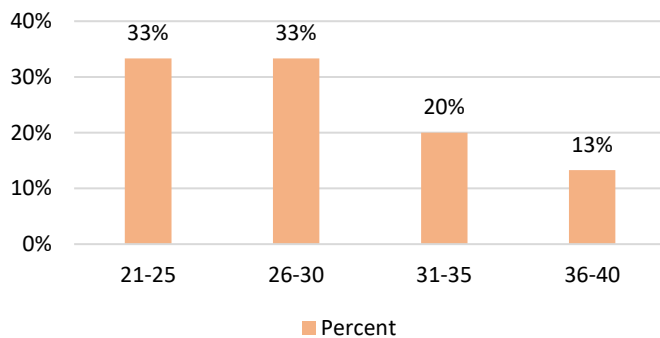
Table 3.43 Sureños demographics

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=15)		
White/Caucasian	15	100%
Gender (n=15)		
Male	15	100%
Age (n=9)		
21-25	5	33.3%
26-30	5	33.3%
31-35	3	20.0%
36-40	2	13.3%
Total	15	
Average Age: 25		

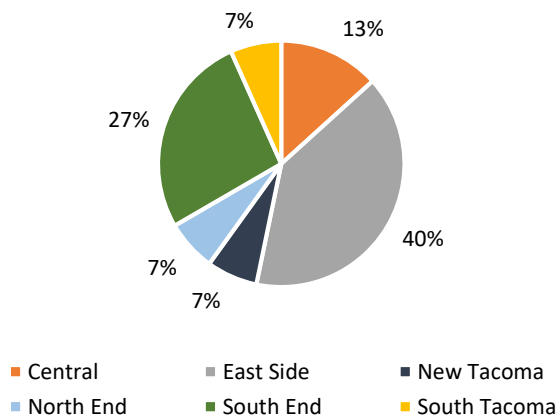
members in Tacoma are Hispanic/Latino.

Sureños gang members and associates most commonly reside in the East Side (40%) and South End (26.7%) but have been identified as residing in all neighborhoods except the West End. The majority of Sureños gang members

Object 3.62 Sureños by age



Object 3.63 Sureños by neighborhood



reside in 98404, 98405 and 98408.

Table 3.44 Sureños by neighborhood

Neighborhood	Number	Percent
Central	2	13.3%
East Side	6	40.0%
New Tacoma	1	6.7%
North End	1	6.7%
South End	4	26.7%
South Tacoma	1	6.7%
Zip Code		
98403	1	6.7%
98404	5	33.3%
98405	3	20.0%
98408	3	20.0%
98409	1	6.7%
98418	1	6.7%
98444	1	6.7%
Total	15	

Sixty percent (60%) of identified Sureños gang members and associates are convicted felons.

There are four different Sureños sets identified in Tacoma:

- Locos Pandilleros Sureños
- Playboyz Sureños
- Sureños 13 (SUR 13)
- Varrio Sureños Lokotes

At present, the largest Sureños set in Tacoma is Sureños 13, with a population of 9 identified members and associates, which represents 60% of all identified Sureños.

The population of identified Sureños gang members and associates has declined substantially since 2011, from 108 to 15, a drop of 86.1%. Eastside Locos Sureños, which represented almost 25% of known Sureños. Eastside Locos Sureños, which represented almost 25% of known Sureños gang members in 2011 has no identified members in 2018.

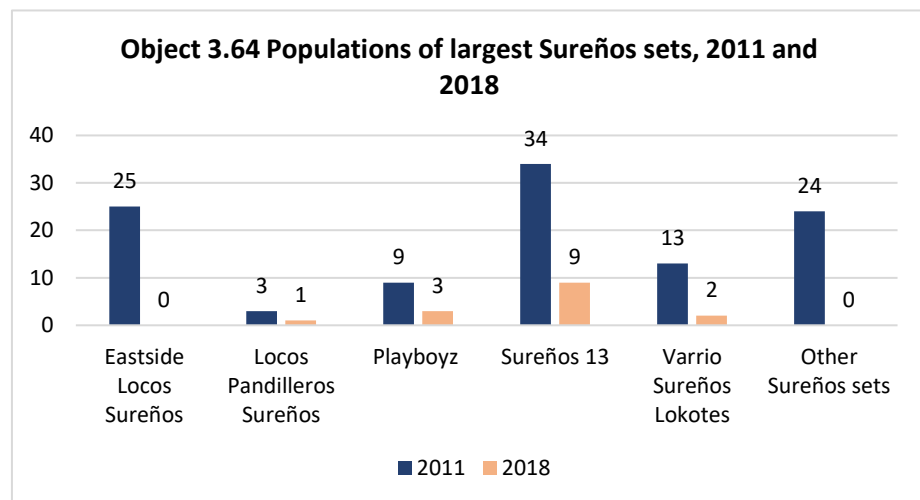
Table 3.45 Sureños gangs by population, 2011 and 2018

Gang	2011	% total 2011	2018	% total 2018
Eastside Locos Sureños	25	23.1%	0	0
Locos Pandilleros Sureños	3	2.8%	1	6.7%
Playboyz	9	8.3%	3	20.0%
Sureños 13	34	31.5%	9	60.0%
Varrio Sureños Lokotes	13	12.0%	2	13.3%
Other Sureños sets	24	22.2%	0	0.0%

Table 3.46 Change in population of Sureños sets from 2011 to 2018

Gang	2011	2018	% Change
Eastside Locos Sureños	25	0	-100%
Locos Pandilleros Sureños	3	1	-66.7%
Playboyz	9	3	-66.7%
Sureños 13	34	9	-73.5%
Varrio Sureños Lokotes	13	2	-84.6%
Other Sureños sets	24	0	-100%
Total	108	15	-68.4%

The number of identified Sureños gang members and associates has decreased by 86.1% since 2011.



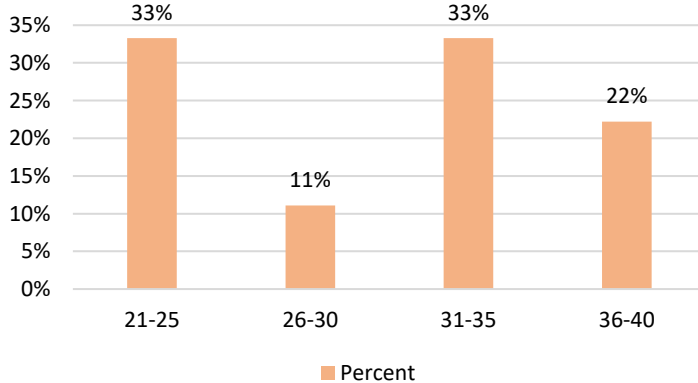
DEMOGRAPHICS OF SUREÑOS SETS

Sureños 13

Sureños 13 is the only Sureños set in 2018 with more than three identified members. Sureños 13 has 9 identified members/associates ranging in age between 23 and 40. The average age of identified Sureños members and associates is 31. The majority (55.5%) of Sureños members and associates are between the ages of 31 and 40.

All identified Sureños 13 members and associates are white/Caucasian and male.

Object 3.65 Sureños 13 by age



Object 3.66 Sureños 13 by neighborhood

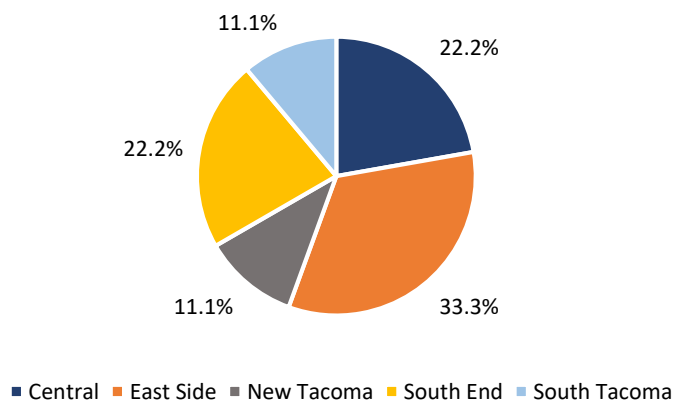


Table 3.47 Demographics of Sureños 13

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=9)		
White/Caucasian	9	100%
Gender (n=9)		
Male	9	100%
Age (n=9)		
21-25	3	33.3%
26-30	1	11.1%
31-35	3	33.3%
36-40	2	22.2%
Average Age: 31		

Almost all (88.9%) of Sureños members and associates are convicted felons.

Sureños 13 members and associates reside in all neighborhoods in Tacoma except the North End and the West End. Two-thirds (66.7%) reside in Zip codes 98404 and 98405.

Table 3.48 Sureños 13 by location

Neighborhood	Number	Percent
Central	2	22.2%
East Side	3	33.3%
New Tacoma	1	11.1%
South End	2	22.2%
South Tacoma	1	11.1%
Location		
98404	3	33.3%
98405	3	33.3%
98409	1	11.1%
98418	1	11.1%
98444	1	11.1%
Total	9	

88.9% of identified Sureños 13 members are convicted felons



NORTENOS

There are four identified members and associates of Norteños as of October 2018. The average age of identified Norteños members and associates is 28. All Norteños members and associates are between the age of 24 and 36. All identified Norteños members reside in East Side, South End and South Tacoma neighborhoods. Half (50%) of identified Norteños are convicted felons.

The population of identified Norteños in Tacoma has decreased by 20% since 2011.

Table 3.50 Norteños population, 2011 and 2018

	2011	2018
Elite Norteño Empire	1	0
Norte Varrio Loko	1	0
Norteños 14	3	4

Table 3.49 Demographics of Norteños

Demographic Trait	Number	Percent
Race (n=4)		
White/Caucasian	4	100%
Gender (n=4)		
Male	4	100%
Age (n=4)		
21-25	2	50%
26-30	1	25%
31-35		
36-40	1	25%
Total	4	
Average Age: 25		
Neighborhood (n=6)		
East Side	2	33.3%
South End	2	33.3%
South Tacoma	2	33.3%
Zip Code (n=4)		
98404	2	33.3%
98408	1	16.7%
98409	2	33.3%
98418	1	16.7%
Convicted Felon (n=4)		
Yes	2	50%
No	2	50%

OTHER GANGS/GROUPS

Gangs/groups in the other category include:

- 120 Crew
- Juggalos
- Outlaw motorcycle gangs
 - Hell's Angels (3)
 - Bandidos (1)
 - Outsiders (1)
 - No set (1)
- White supremacists

Table 3.51 Other gangs/groups, 2011 and 2018

	2011	2018
120 Crew	n/a	7
Juggalos	37	4
Outlaw motorcycle gangs	n/a	6
White supremacists	n/a	4

Table 3.52 Gang/group	120 Crew	Juggalos	OMGs	White Supremacists
Average age	30	31	50	32.8
Race	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black (83.3%) • Asian/Pacific Islander (16.7%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White (100%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White (100%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White (100%)

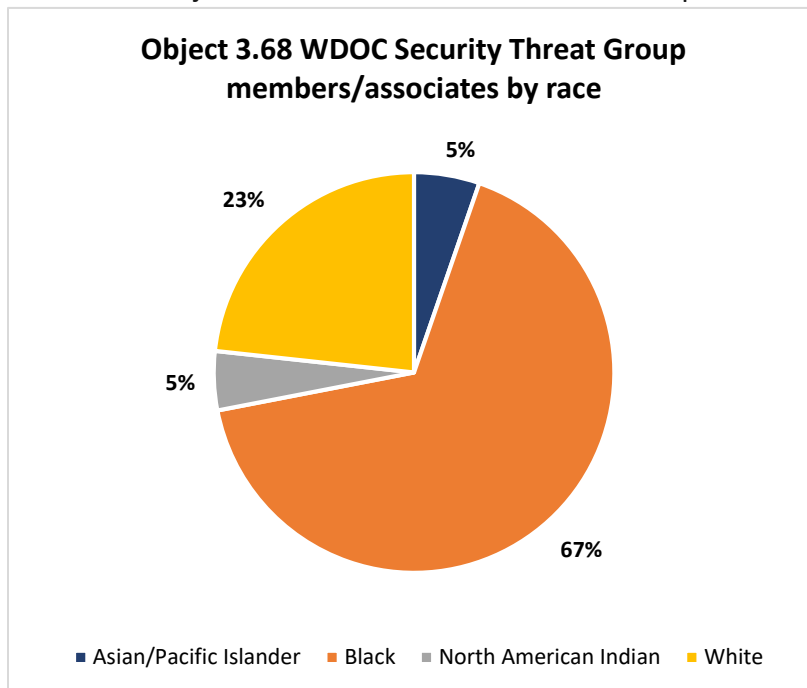
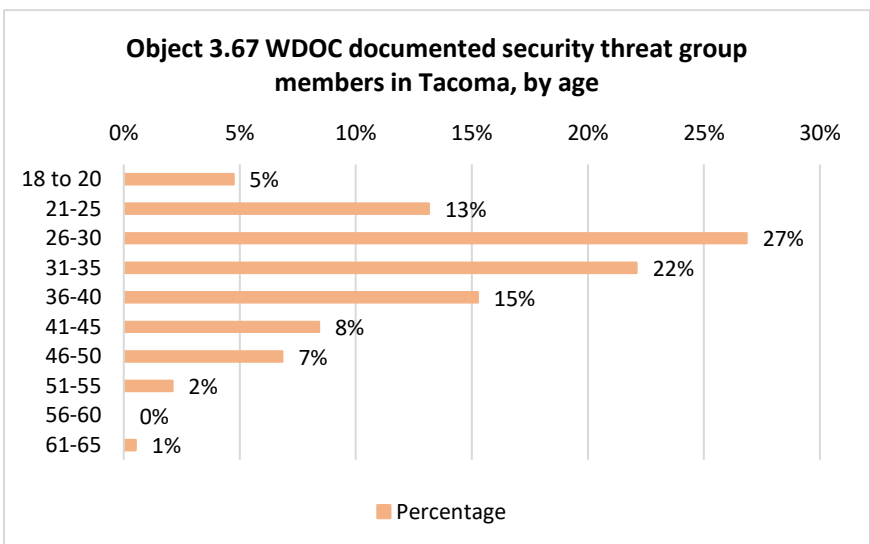
WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GANG INTELLIGENCE DATA

Dataset used for the analysis in this section:

Washington Department of Corrections. (2018). Security Threat Group Members in Tacoma, Washington, December 2018. Produced by Kelly Casperson.

According to Washing Department of Corrections (WDOC) records, there are 189 unduplicated and documented members and associates of security threat groups who currently reside in Tacoma. These individuals are currently supervised by WDOC on probation or parole. These individuals were documented as gang/security threat group members in either the correctional or community corrections setting or both.

Individuals documented as security threat group (STG) members/associates range in age from 19 to 61 years of age, with an average age of 32.8. The most common age of documented STG members/associates is between 26 and 30, and the second most common age is between 36 and 40. It is unsurprising that these individuals would be in their late 20s and mid-30s, as many have been convicted of crimes in the adult criminal justice and some have served time in prison for these offenses.



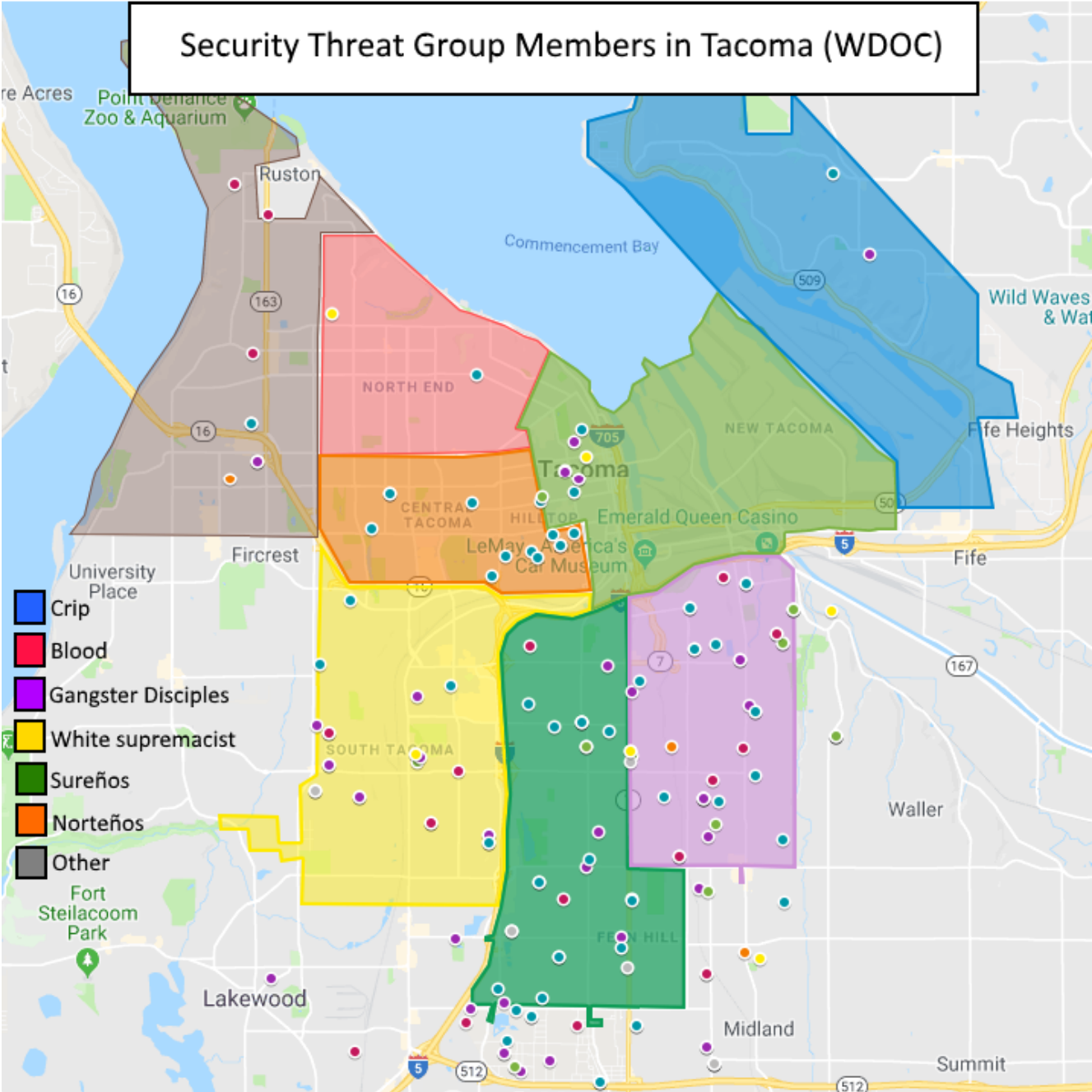
Two thirds (67%) of individuals documented as security threat group members/associates are black/African American. One fourth (23%) are white (including Hispanics). One in ten (10%) are designated as Asian/Pacific Islander or North American Indian.

Gender was not provided in this data and is not covered in this section.

One in five (21%) of documented security threat group members/associates are classified as homeless/transient, and do not have

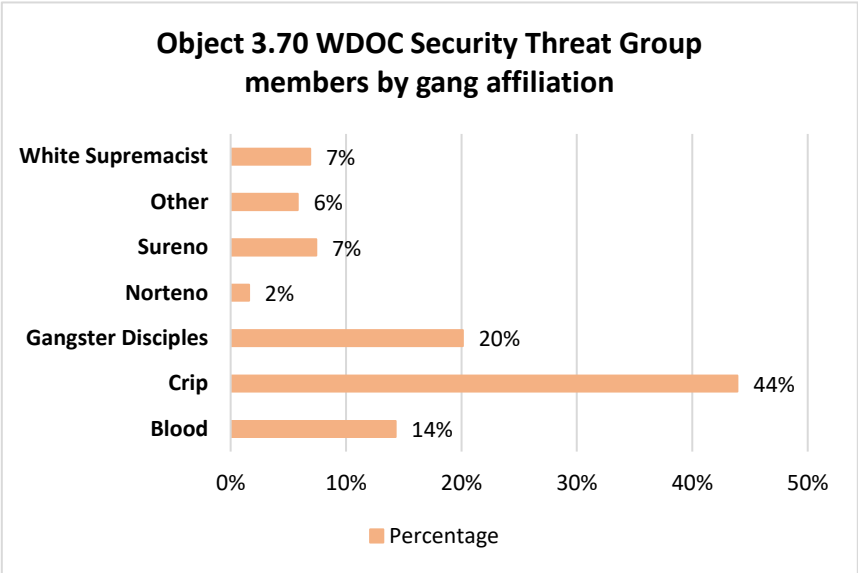
a permanent or temporary address. The majority reside in the south end of Tacoma, in the South End, South Tacoma, and East Side neighborhoods. Locations of security threat group members/associates are mapped by gang affiliation on the following map.

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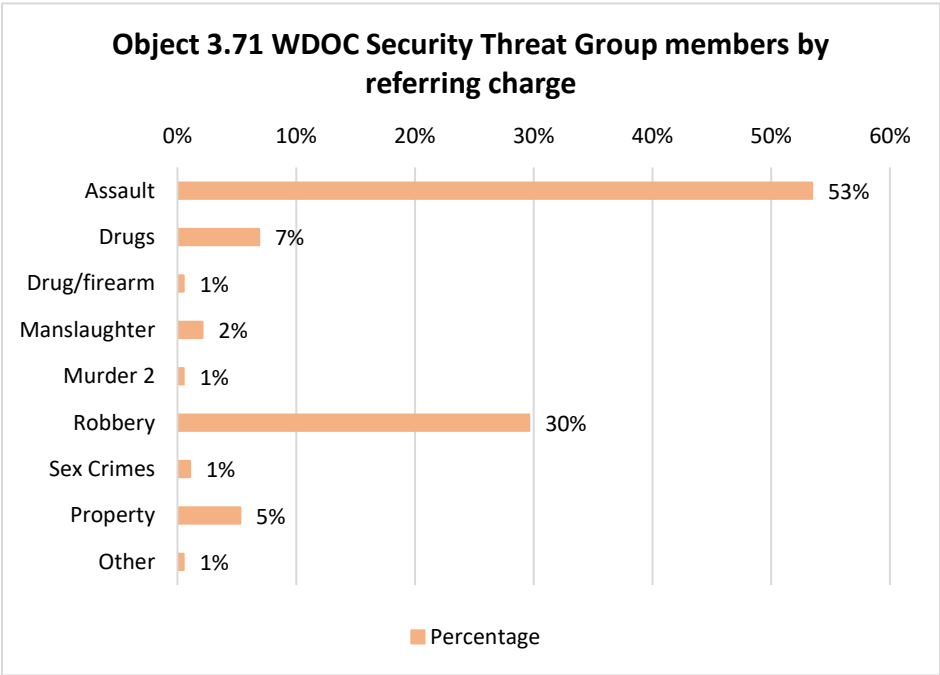


The largest gang affiliation of documented security threat group members/associates is Crip.

A little less than half of all identified STG members/associates are affiliated with Crips. One in five (20%) are affiliated with Gangster Disciples. One in six (14%) are affiliated with Bloods. Smaller percentages of individuals are affiliated with white supremacist groups, Sureños, Norteños, or other groups, which include Vice Lords, Asian gangs, 3rd Ward, Young and Thuggin, Insane Clown Posse, and Mara Salvatrucha.



The most recent offense of more than half (53%) of all STG members/associates is assault (simple and aggravated). One in three (30%) were most recently convicted of robbery. Less than one in ten (7%) were most recently convicted of drug offenses.

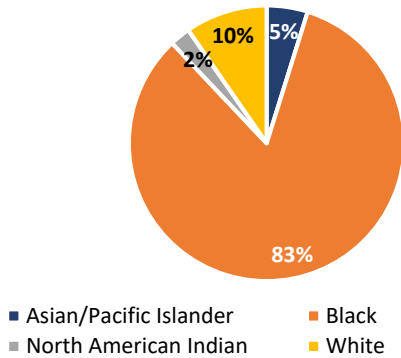


About one in twenty (5%) was most recently convicted of a property offense. About one in 30 (3%) were most recently convicted of manslaughter/murder.

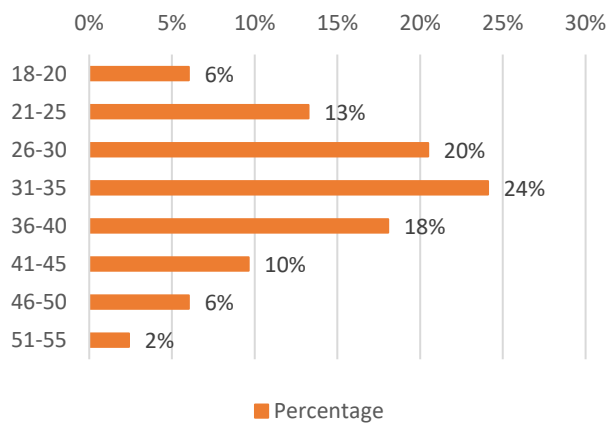
Object 3.72 Crips

Documented members/associates: 83

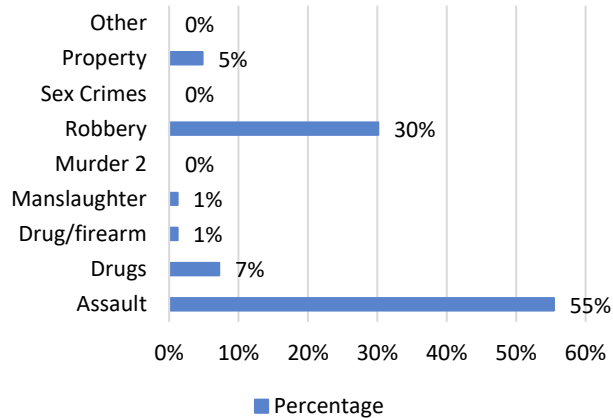
Crip members by race



Crip members by age



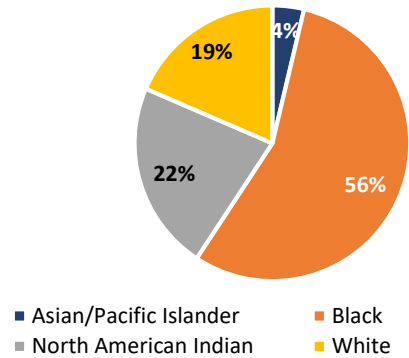
Crip members/associates by referring charge



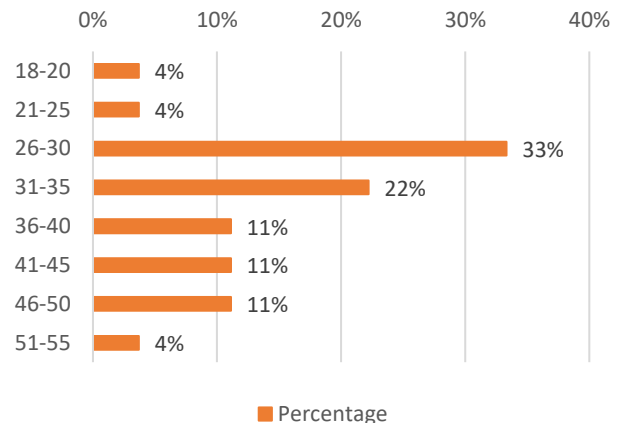
Object 3.73 Bloods

Documented members/associates: 27

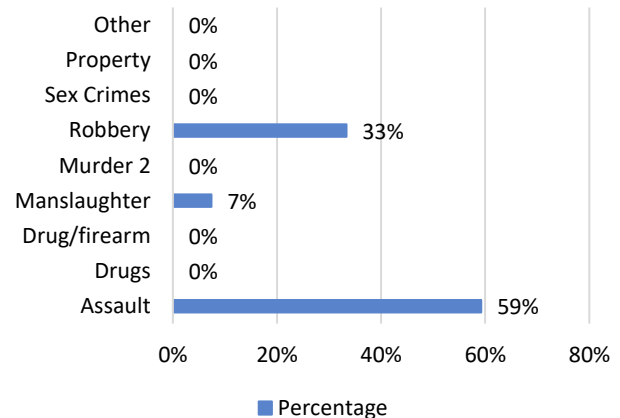
Blood members by race



Blood members by age



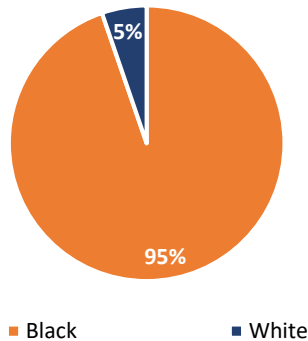
Blood members/associates by referring charge



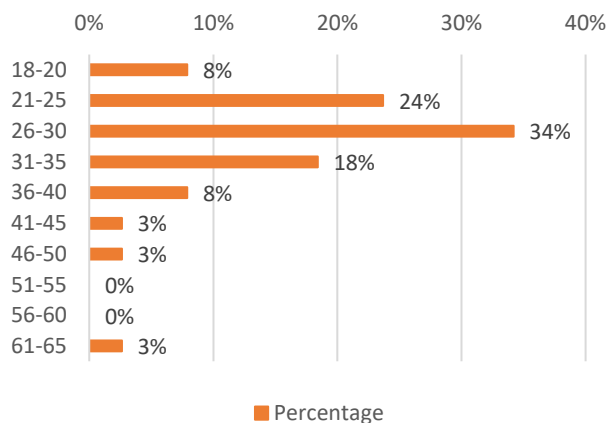
Object 3.74 Gangster Disciples

Documented members/associates: 38

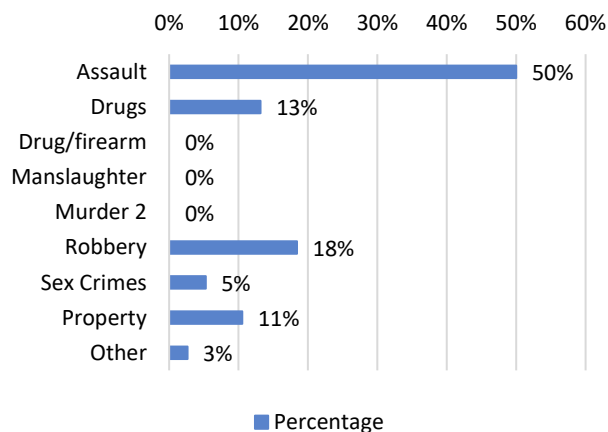
Gangster Disciples members by race



Gangster Disciple members by age



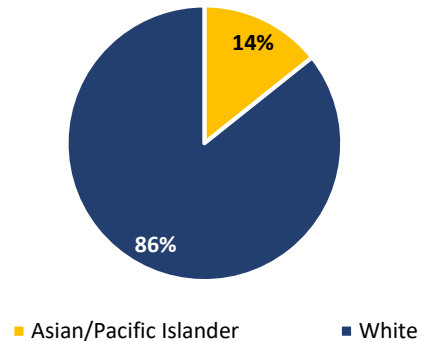
Gangster Disciples members/associates by referring charge



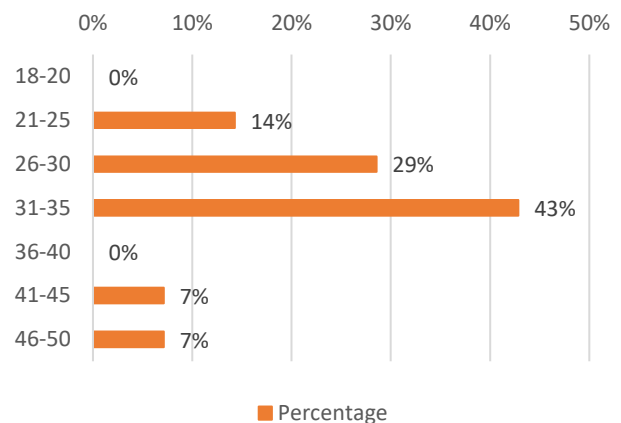
Object 3.75 Sureños

Documented members/associates: 14

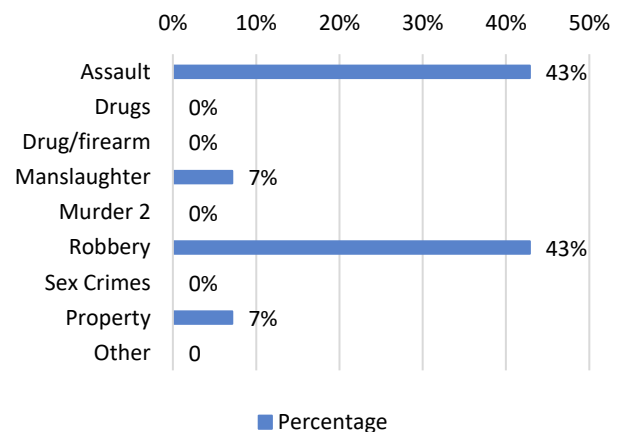
Sureños members by race



Sureños members by age

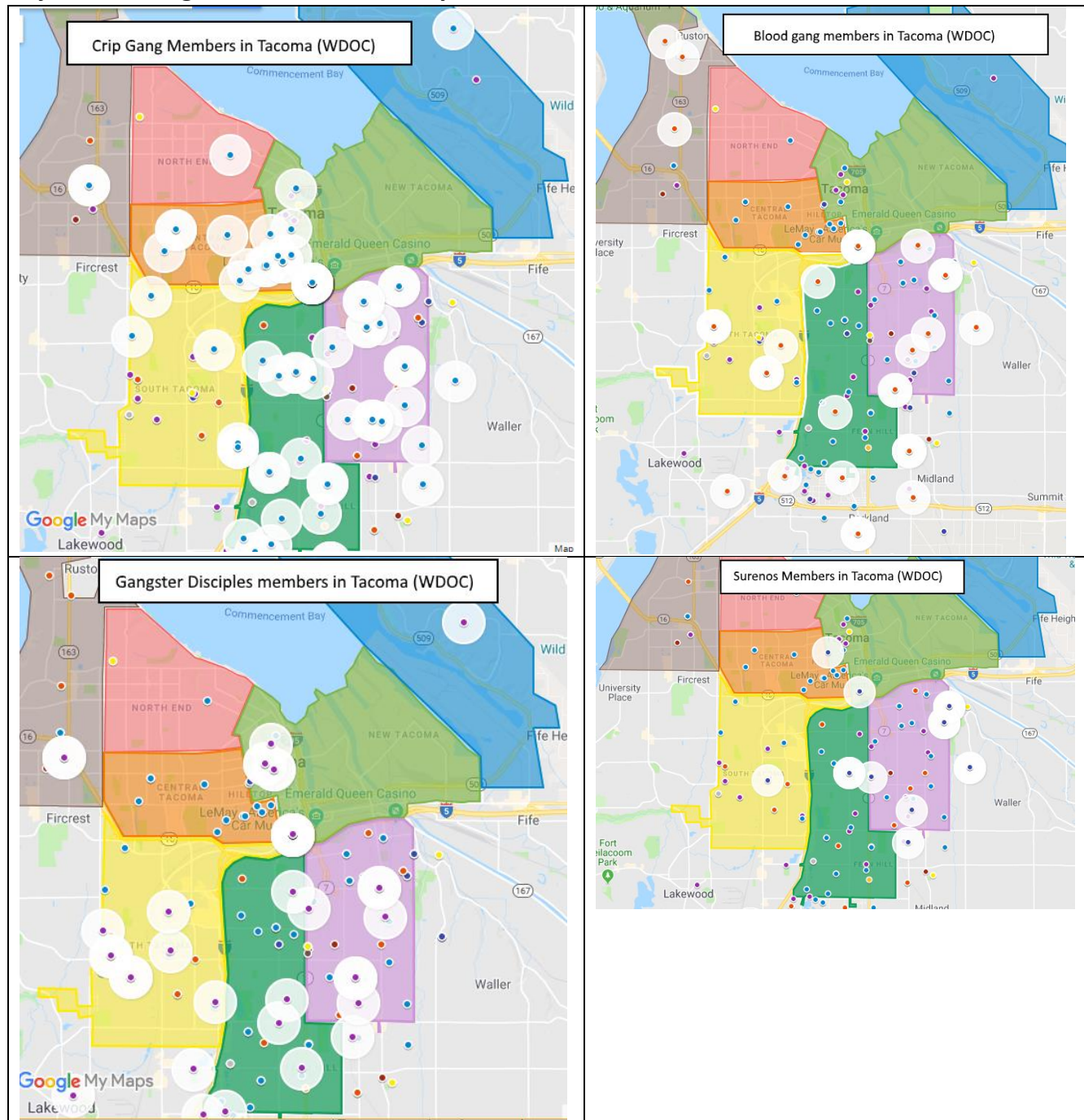


Sureños members/associates by referring charge



STG members/associates were mapped by gang affiliation. There appears to be no single area of the community where specific gang affiliations are found, but there are some differences. Blood gang members are found primarily in South End, South Tacoma, and East Side, with a few members in West End. Crip gang members are found in every neighborhood of the city, but especially in Central Tacoma, South End and East Side. Gangster Disciples are also found in every neighborhood. Sureños members are found primarily in the east Side and South Side of Tacoma.

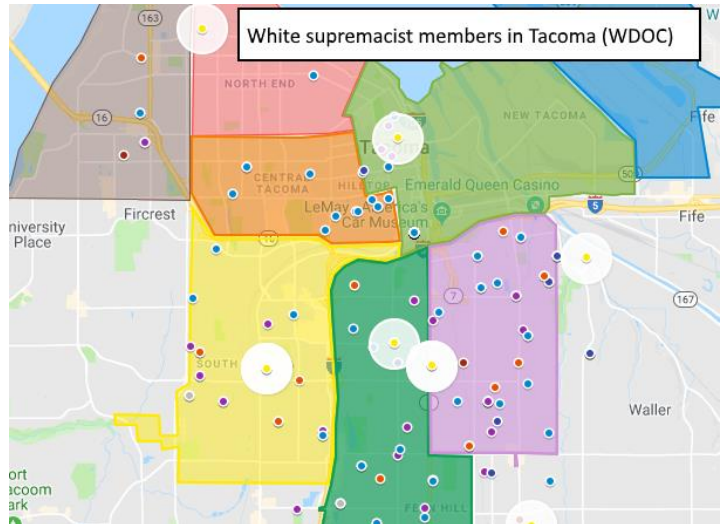
Object 3.76 Gang members in Tacoma by affiliation and location



White supremacists are found primarily on the south and east side of Tacoma, but also in the West End/North Side and Central Tacoma.

A comparison was also conducted of the criminal involvement by different gang affiliations to determine which crimes individuals were most likely to be convicted of by gang affiliation.

Based upon their share of the total population of gang members, Gangster Disciples were disproportionately likely to be convicted of a drug crime.

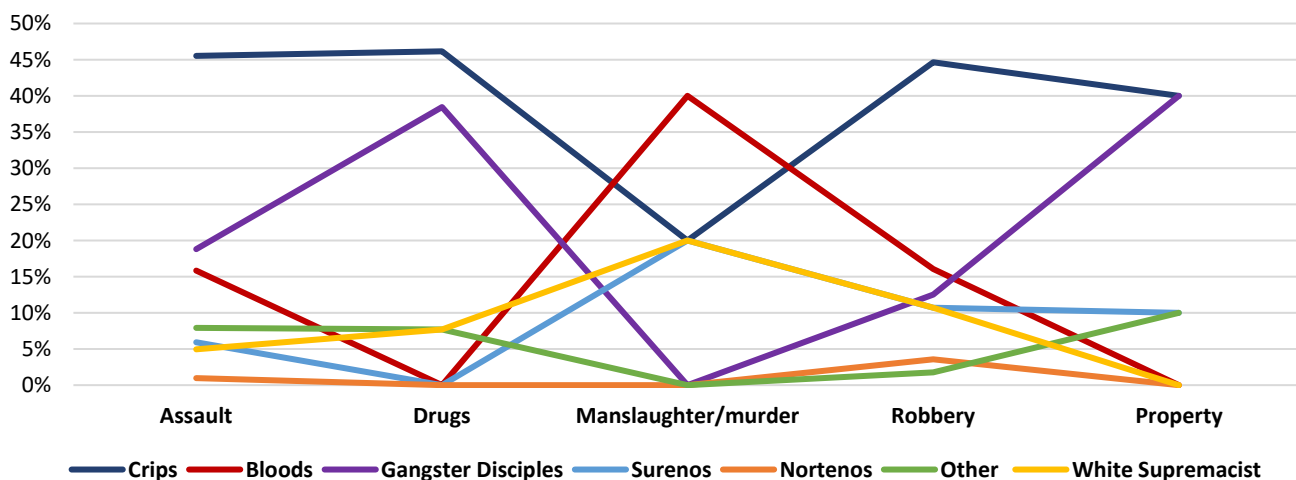


Object 3.77 White Supremacists by location

Table 3.53 Security Threat Group members by gang affiliation and referring charge

Affiliation	Total	Crip	Blood	Gangster Disciple	Sureños	Norteños	Other	White supremacist
All gang members	189	44%	14%	20%	7%	2%	6%	7%
Assaults	101	46%	16%	19%	6%	1%	8%	5%
Drugs	13	46%	0%	38%	0%	0%	8%	8%
Drug/firearm	1	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Manslaughter	4	25%	50%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%
Murder	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Robbery	56	45%	16%	13%	11%	4%	2%	11%
Sex Crimes	2	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Property	10	40%	0%	40%	10%	0%	10%	0%
Other	1	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%

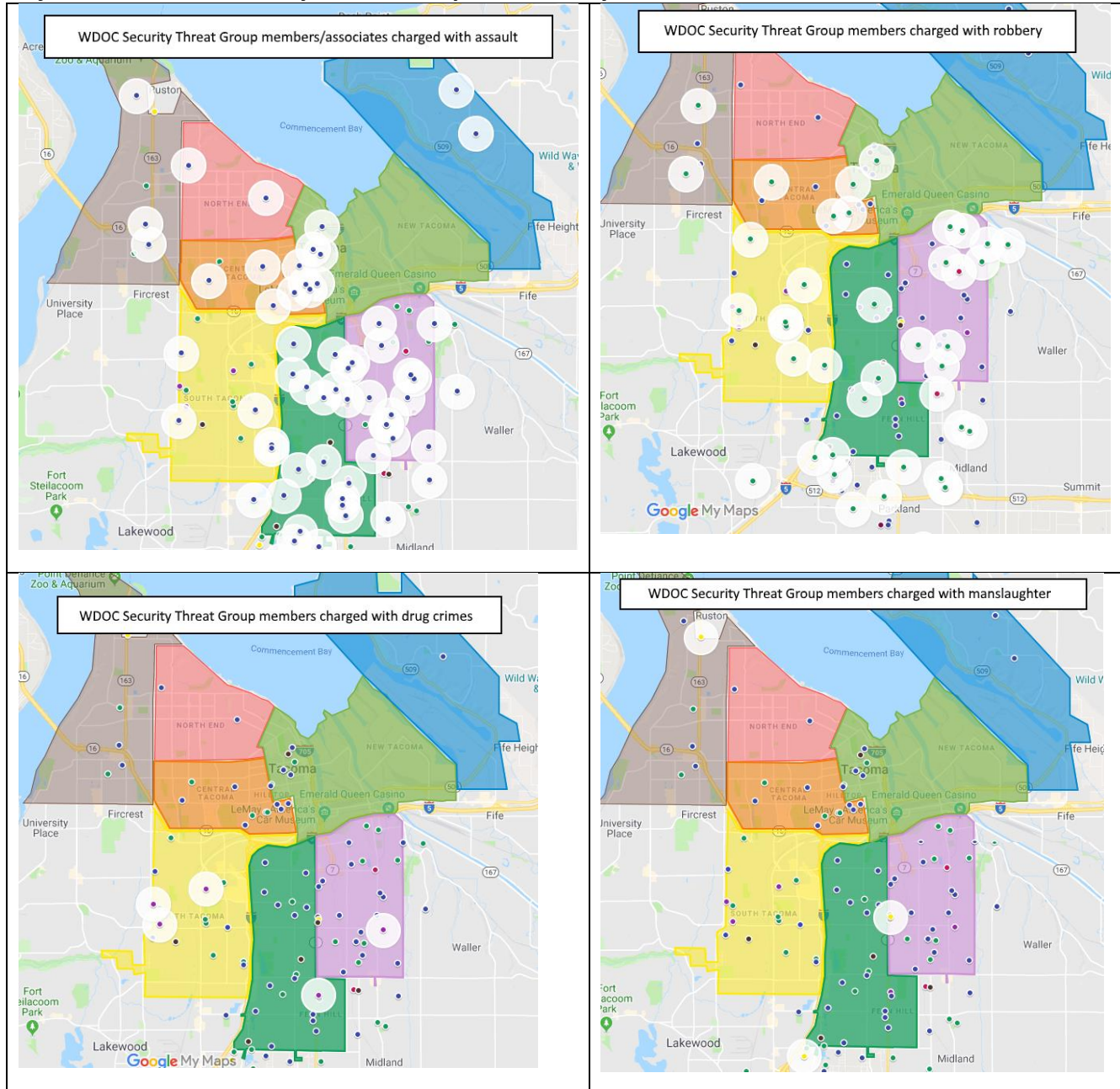
Object 3.78 Security threat group members by gang affiliation and referring charge



Bloods, Sureños and White Supremacists were disproportionately likely to have been convicted of manslaughter/murder. Sureños and Norteños are also disproportionately likely to have been convicted of robbery based upon their share of the overall gang population.

The last known address of STG members/associates were also mapped, based upon their most recent conviction:

Object 3.79 WDOC Security Threat Group members by most recent conviction



While Security Threat Group members and associates may not be entirely representative of younger, less criminal justice-involved gang members in the community, they do suggest heavy involvement by local gangs in crimes such as assault and robbery, and highlight issues that may affect other gang members, such as homelessness.

Documentation of security threat group members/associates is continually refreshed by members of the WDOC community corrections gang unit as individuals return to the community from incarceration and as individuals on probation are identified with gang ties in the local community. The regular contacts made by members of this gang unit with STG-involved offenders also makes this data highly reliable in quantifying the number of known gang members in the adult criminal justice system. These numbers do not include individuals who are currently incarcerated in state or federal prison systems or local jails. A comparison of WDOC data with TPD gang unit data is show below.

Table 3.54 Population by gang affiliation, WDOC STG and TPD known gang members

	2018 WDOC STG members & Associates	2018 TPD known gang members & associates
Crips	83	100
Bloods	27	35
Sureños	14	15
Norteños	3	5
Gangster Disciples	38	
Folks/Folk Nation		34
White supremacist	13	4
Other sets	11	25
Total	189	225
Total unduplicated gang membership	189	194

WDOC only tracks documented affiliation with security threat groups/gangs by adult offenders who are on probation/parole. In contrast, Tacoma Police Department identifies gang-involved individuals throughout the community at any age via investigative and enforcement work.