

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

What is CSIT?

The Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT) is a multi-agency, collaborative group, including Public Health, the Madison Police Department, Focused Interruption, and other agencies. CSIT reviews information weekly about violent incidents, with a special focus on gun violence. The team then coordinates interventions, outreach, and case management. The ultimate goal is to prevent more violence from occurring.

The team provides a variety of outreach depending on the needs of each situation. We may:

- Provide support in the hospital
- Intervene before possible retaliatory violence
- Provide crisis management
- Give emergency funds
- Connect people to victim support services

What kinds of incidents are reviewed?

- Homicides/Attempted homicides
- Violent crimes with firearms or other weapons
- Significant gang related activity
- Mass violence (e.g., crowd violence, school fights, mass shootings)
- Incidents at risk of ongoing or retaliatory violence



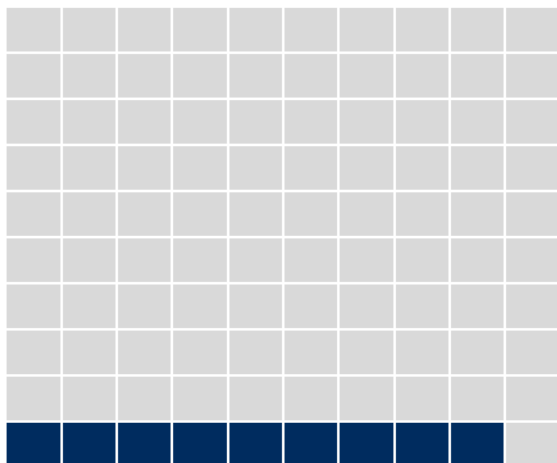
Some incidents that require ongoing discussion and follow-up. We call these ongoing incidents “cases.” We monitor follow-up and case outcomes to strengthen violence intervention efforts.

2022 Data

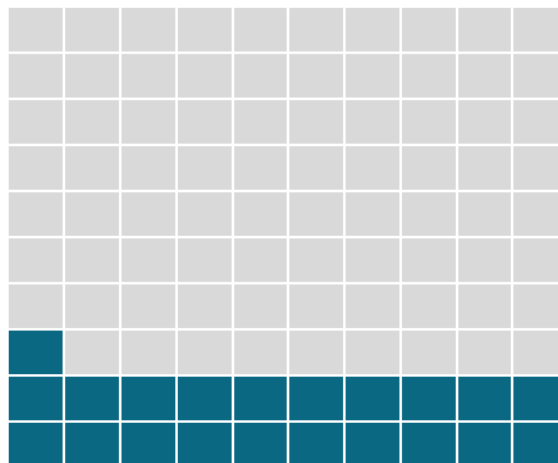
CSIT discussed a total of 113 unique incidents in 2022.



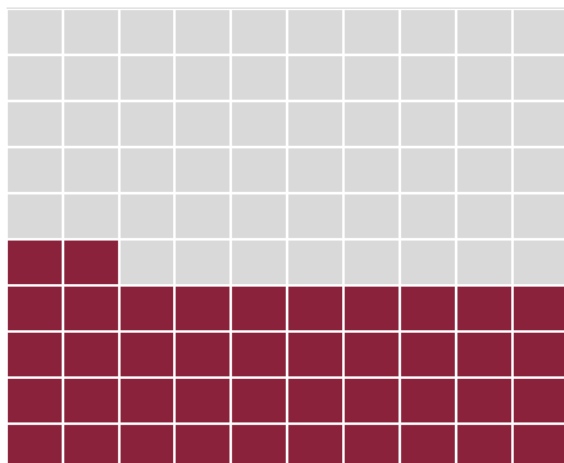
9% of incidents were
homicides.



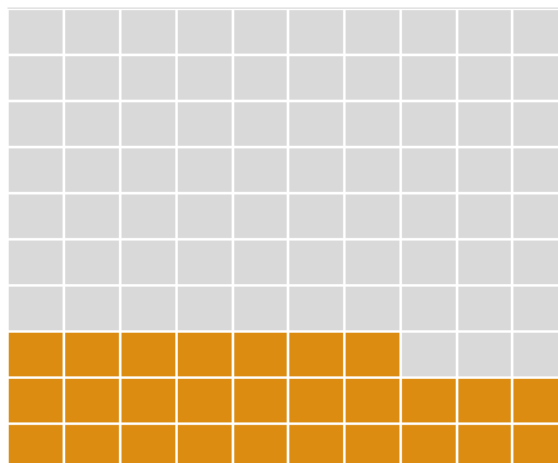
21% of incidents were
attempted homicides.



42% of incidents were **shots**
fired.



27% of incidents were
another kind of violent event.



2022 Successes

Story 1: Follow up to a homicide

The Madison Police Department and Focused Interruption worked with families and friends of both the person who was killed and the person who was suspected of killing them. We identified emergency needs and discussed [potential violence intervention strategies](#). We connected with the families on several occasions to promote calm and provide crisis management while the investigation continued. We also shared information with each other about the people involved in order to prevent further violence.

Story 2: Preventing retaliation

Two people were about to be released from custody after court appearances about a previous homicide. We determined that potential for retaliatory violence related to the homicide was very high. Focused Interruption made contact with the families of the people released in order to work with them on leaving Madison for their safety. The plan included direct outreach from Madison Police Department and Focused Interruption, and encouraging temporary stays outside of Madison. In the end, they both stayed in custody, but their case showed us the need for coordinated support for people returning to their communities.

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Story 3: Supporting families

One incident involved the death of a father. His loss shook up the families and impacted everyone, from grandparents to young children. This turbulent time created tension that reverberated throughout the community. We identified that his family needed some assistance during the holiday season. We helped the family maintain some semblance of normalcy with a tree and gifts for the younger children. We learned a lot about the ongoing need for cross-sector collaborations to help those most affected by violence.

Story 4: Supporting youth

In several instances last year, when youth were released from the Juvenile Reception Center or correctional facilities, we coordinated strategies for the youths' safety. We examined the connections between the youth and cases they were involved in, as well as possible ongoing retaliation, community safety concerns, and pitfalls that could lead to a return to correctional facilities.

Our goal is to help youth succeed in school, decrease further involvement in the youth justice system, and connect them with appropriate resources and services. [Assisting youth transitioning back from incarceration](#) has become part of our overall violence prevention efforts, particularly with the partnerships of the Department of Corrections, Madison Metropolitan School District, Dane County Human Services, youth justice organizations and other service providers.



Updates & Next Steps

In 2022, our membership grew to include new City, County, and State partners, including the Mayor's Office and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. New members help us build a more comprehensive response to violent incidents and plan additional preventative strategies.

We are implementing new case management software to improve how incidents, cases, people and outcomes are tracked. This will help us enhance our coordination of violence interventions and strategies. It will also allow us to make better connections between cases and people, map relationships, and track service referrals.

Public Health Madison & Dane County is creating Violence Intervention Program, which will complement and enhance the direct outreach and assistance CSIT provides. The additional intervention staff and resources will support violence prevention efforts, including more outreach to people experiencing or participating in violence.