

# Lowell Police Department 2020 Crime Report

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#### CAD

- CAD entries increased 12%, from 90,775 in 2019 to 101,516 in 2020.
- Disturbance Calls increased 42% from 4,922 in 2019 to 7,010 in 2020.
- Highest call volume between 1700-2159, 7 days a week; Saturdays 2100-2259.

#### **General Statistics**

- In 2020 officers arrested 2,012 persons; this statistic represents a 42% decrease over the 5-year period.
- LPD officers filed 13,622 incident reports in 2020, which is a 39% decrease over the 5-year period.
- 4,888 Field Interviews were written by officers in 2020, which is an 18% decrease from 2019.
- Officers issued 10,942 citations in 2020; this statistic represents a 39% decrease compared to 2019.

#### NIBRS

- NIBRS crimes decreased 24% over the 5-year period.
- NIBRS crimes decreased 8% when comparing 2020 (n=5,608) to 2019 (n=6,064).

#### Homicides

• The City of Lowell had 5 Homicides; 4 were by means of a firearm and 3 were gang involved.

#### Rapes

• Forcible Rapes (n=14) reflect a 26% decrease over the 5-year period.

#### Robberies

- Robberies (n=68) decreased 46% over the 5-year period and 32% compared to 2019.
- Street Robberies accounted for 74% of the robberies in 2020 and 26% were Commercial Robberies.

#### Aggravated Assaults

- Aggravated Assaults (n=189) decreased 10% over the 5-year period and 19% compared to 2019.
- Approximately 38% of the Aggravated Assaults were domestic-related.
- Aggravated Assaults primarily took place in the Centralville, Acre, Back Central, and Downtown neighborhoods; a majority were on Platoon 3.

#### Domestic Violence

- Domestic-related offenses (n=2,549) decreased 3% compared to 2019.
- Domestic Aggravated Assault decreased 27% and Domestic Simple Assault decreased 7%.

#### Burglaries

- Burglaries (n=229) decreased 42% over the 5-year period and 23% compared to 2019.
- Burglaries primarily took place in the Downtown, Centralville, and Highlands neighborhoods.
- Forty-seven percent were non-forcible entries.

#### Car Breaks

- Car Breaks (n=300) decreased 35% over the 5-year period and 21% compared to 2019.
- Car Breaks primarily occurred on Platoon 1, and in the Centralville and Highlands neighborhoods.

#### Vandalisms

- Vandalisms (n=711) decreased 38% over the 5-year period and increased 3% compared to 2019.
- Vandalism primarily occurred in the Centralville and Acre neighborhoods.
- Fifty-nine percent consisted of damage to a motor vehicle.



Motor Vehicle Thefts

• Motor Vehicle Thefts (n=225) decreased 45% over the 5-year period and increased 25% compared to 2019.

Theft of MV Parts

• Theft of MV Parts/Accessories (n=132) decreased 26% over the 5-year period and increased 74% compared to 2019.

Drug Arrests

• Drug Arrests (n=146) were primarily for Class B (n=78) and Class A (n=44).

Opioid Overdoses

• Opioid Overdoses (n=230) decreased 20% compared to 2019.

**Opioid Sudden Deaths** 

• Opioid-Related Sudden Deaths (n=38) decreased 12% compared to 2019.

Juvenile Arrests

• Officers arrested 51 juveniles, which is a 41% decrease compared to 2019.

Firearm Activity

- Incidents involving a firearm (n=135) increased 13% over the 5-year period and 3% compared to 2019.
- Officers recovered 96 firearms; 10% of individuals found to be possessing a firearm illegally were suspected gang members.
- Shots Fired/Discharging incidents (n=54) decreased 14% compared to 2019.
- Thirteen people were non-fatally shot in 2020; 7 of these incidents were gang-related.
- Twelve homes were struck by gunfire; 2 of these incidents were considered to be gang-related.
- Firearm Activity primarily occurred in the Centralville, Acre, Lower Highlands, and Highlands neighborhoods.

Gang Activity

- Gang incidents (n=303 excluding warrants) increased 11% compared to 2019.
- Officers arrested 114 suspected gang members and associates.
- Gang-related incidents primarily occurred in the Centralville, Lower Highlands, and Acre neighborhoods.



The data contained throughout this analysis was collected through the LPD Records Management System, Larimore, and by means of the Crime Analysis/Intelligence Unit's database. Statistics by crime type (Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Car Breaks, Vandalism), were then matched to those reported to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS statistics are compiled solely by the LPD Records Bureau.

Statistics contained within this report are subject to change due to ongoing investigations.

CAD data presented within this report does not include Fire Calls.

Use caution when interpreting racial identification statistics, as it is not always reported accurately.

Opioid Overdose statistics gathered by LPD are based on evidence at the scene, as detailed within the police report. If evidence is consistent with Heroin/Opioid use, i.e. hypodermic needles present, Opioid pill bottles, or evidence of prior intravenous drug use, these cases are included. Cocaine overdoses in which Narcan revived the victim are also included, as Fentanyl has been found in this substance. Therefore, statistics should be interpreted with caution, and will not be consistent with Trinity or that from the Department of Public Health.

Opioid-**r**elated Sudden Death statistics are based on details at the scene (same as above). Therefore, Opioid Sudden Death statistics should be interpreted with caution, and are not an official cause of death from the medical examiner. This data will not be consistent with the Department of Public Health data.

Gang-related incidents include only those members that self admit membership, or have been identified by the LPD, and are suspected to be gang involved.

Firearm activity only includes incidents in which the use of the firearm was verified by evidence.

The citation system was added to Crimeview in 2015, which now allows CAIU to pull this information. Data from years prior were stored in a different system and is not comparable at this time.

Split time is defined as the median time between the start point and end point (i.e. the beginning of a stretch of time when a crime could have occurred if the exact time is unknown).

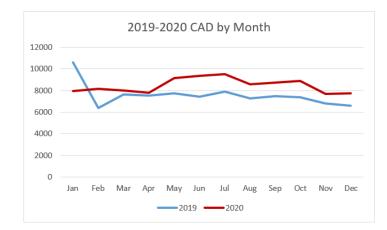
In prior years, Domestic-related incidents have followed Massachusetts General Law. For consistency, Domestic Assaults deemed Simple and Aggravated will now follow NIBRS standards, in line with all other crime types presented.

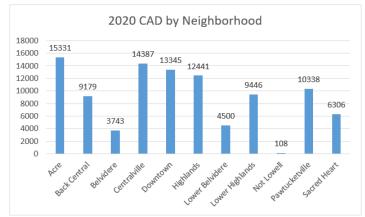


City of Lowell 5– Year CAD								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	89,213	98,034	90,320	90,775	101,516	93,972	14%	

LPD responded to 101,516 CAD calls in 2020. This number reflects a 12% increase compared to 2019, which recorded 90,775 CAD Entries. 2020 statistics increased 14% over the 5-year period and were above the 5-year average of 93,972.

Proactive Policing (n=28,934), Medical Calls (n=18,482), and Traffic/MV Charges (n=8,155) have the highest call volume. Disturbance Calls have increased 42%, from 4,922 in 2019 to 7,010 in 2020.





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Hour Block	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000-0059	609	513	476	513	512	480	562	3,665
0100-0159	748	652	741	705	726	655	705	4,932
0200-0259	681	541	570	627	586	636	666	4,307
0300-0359	491	453	474	520	547	493	560	3,538
0400-0459	390	309	337	370	350	367	389	2,512
0500-0559	334	400	416	373	409	364	356	2,652
0600-0659	298	407	431	451	405	409	348	2,749
0700-0759	220	345	307	341	316	344	276	2,149
0800-0859	258	435	479	472	472	424	346	2,886
0900-0959	367	615	677	631	698	593	473	4,054
1000-1059	381	666	683	671	668	636	463	4,168
1100-1159	451	621	626	656	634	606	520	4,114
1200-1259	451	649	590	653	578	609	500	4,030
1300-1359	521	649	672	661	696	668	538	4,405
1400-1459	490	690	675	665	608	657	500	4,285
1500-1559	436	603	588	581	591	638	465	3,902
1600-1659	647	787	776	780	801	722	654	5,167
1700-1759	904	1,068	1,140	1,058	1,082	1,042	988	7,282
1800-1859	823	937	907	919	883	891	879	6,239
1900-1959	743	844	832	795	810	802	799	5,625
2000-2059	709	751	762	791	749	805	801	5,368
2100-2159	729	704	727	798	763	797	894	5,412
2200-2259	627	651	589	625	609	713	850	4,664
2300-2359	413	398	391	480	441	561	727	3,411
Total	12,721	14,688	14,866	15,136	14,934	14,912	14,259	101,516

Total CAD Entries are displayed by hour block and day of week. Red denotes the highest call volume, and green the lowest.

Regardless of day of week, the highest call volume was between the hours of 1700-1759 and remained busy through 2159. Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays had the highest numbers of calls, however the high call time on these days was still 1700-2159.



City of Lowell 5– Year NIBRS 2016-2020										
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change			
Group A	6,104	5,689	5,169	4,844	4,860	5,333	-20%			
Group B	1,263	1,336	2,672	1,220	749	1,448	-41%			
Total	7,367	7,025	7,841	6,064	5,609	6,781	-24%			

Group A and B Crimes continue to decline over the 5-year period (-26%). Refer to 2020 NIBRS statistics for specific categories on the following page.

City of Lowell 5– Year Arrests/Booking Totals 2016-2020									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change		
Total Arrests	3,476	3,299	3,212	2,807	2,012	2,961	-42%		

Arrests have declined 42% over the 5-year period, with 2,012 persons booked by LPD in 2020. There was a 28% decrease compared to 2019.

City of Lowell 5– Year Incident Totals 2016-2020								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Total Incidents	22,495	22,473	19,682	18,831	13,662	19,428	-39%	

Officers wrote 13,662 reports in 2020, which is a 39% decrease over the 5-year period and a 27% decrease compared to 2019.

City of Lowell 5– Year Field Information Totals 2016-2020									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change		
Total FI's	6,060	11,573	12,774	5,971	4,888	8,253	-19%		

Officers conducted 4,888 Field Interviews (FI's) in 2020, which is a 19% decrease over the 5-year period and a 18% decrease compared to 2019.

City of Lowell 5– Year Citation Totals 2016-2020								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Total Citations	19,593	17,511	17,728	17,988	10,942	16,752	-44%	

In 2020 officers issued 10,942 citations; this is a 44% decrease over the 5-year period and a 39% decrease compared to 2019.



Offense	2019	2020	Frequency Change	Percent Change
09A Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter	4	5	1	25%
100 Kidnapping/Abduction	17	8	-9	-53%
11A Forcible Rape	19	14	-5	-26%
11B Forcible Sodomy	0	3	3	Not Calculable
11D Forcible Fondling	25	20	-5	-20%
120 Robbery	100	68	-32	-32%
13A Aggravated Assault	232	191	-41	-18%
13B Simple Assault	1,149	1076	-73	-6%
13C Intimidation	160	77	-83	-52%
200 Arson	10	12	2	20%
210 Extortion/Blackmail	2	10	8	400%
220 Burglary/Breaking & Entering	298	229	-69	-23%
23A Pocket Picking	3	0	-3	-100%
23B Purse-snatching	5	0	-5	-100%
23C Shoplifting	179	140	-39	-22%
23D Theft From Building	106	18	-88	-83%
23E Theft from a Coin Operated Machine/Device	0	0	0	-
23F Theft From Motor Vehicle	379	300	-79	-21%
23G Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	76	132	56	74%
23H All Other Larceny	462	617	155	34%
240 Motor Vehicle Theft	180	225	45	25%
250 Counterfeiting/Forgery	47	22	-25	-53%
26A False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Games	85	144	59	69%
26B Credit Card/Automatic Teller Fraud	113	118	5	4%
26C Impersonation	85	363	278	327%
26E Wire Fraud	30	13	-17	-57%
270 Embezzlement	13	0	-13	-100%
280 Stolen Property Offenses	33	34	1	3%
290 Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	687	711	24	3%
35A Drug/Narcotic Violations	234	212	-22	-9%
36A Incest	0	0	0	-
36B Statutory Rape	1	0	-1	-100%
370 Pornography/Obscene Material	8	3	-5	-63%
39A Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	-
39B Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	1	0	-1	-100%
40A Prostitution	0	2	2	Not Calculable
40B Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	1	0	-1	-100%
40C Purchasing Prostitution	0	0	0	-
520 Weapon Law Violations	97	88	-9	-9%
720 Animal Cruelty	3	5	2	67%
Group A Total	4,844	4,860	16	0%
90A Bad Checks	6	5	-1	-17%
90C Disorderly Conduct	175	80	-95	-54%
90D Driving Under The Influence	64	43	-21	-33%
90E Drunkenness	0	2	2	Not Calculable
90F Family Offenses (Non-violent)	9	103	94	1044%
90G Liquor Law Violations	82	45	-37	-45%
90J Trespass of Real Property	73	34	-39	-53%
90Z All Other Offenses	811	437	-374	-46%
Group B Total	1,220	749	-471	-39%
Total Group A&B	6,064	5,609	-455	-8%



ear	Frequency	Means	Neighborhood	Motive	Status
2016	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2017	1	Firearm	Highlands	Domestic	Closed
2018	4	Firearm	Back Central	Gang/ Road rage	Closed
		Firearm	Sacred Heart	Gang/Drug	Closed
		Firearm	Lower Highlands	Gang/Drug	Open
		Hands/Fist/Feet	Acre	Gang/ Robbery/ Drug	Closed
2019	4	Knife	Acre	Gang/Robbery/Drug	Closed
		Firearm	Highlands	Gang	Open
		Hands/Fist/Feet	Lower Highlands	Domestic	Closed
		Blunt Instrument	Highlands	UNK	Closed
2020	5	Firearm	Centralville	Gang/ Drug	Closed
		Firearm	Lower Highlands	Gang	Closed
		Firearm	Lower Highlands	Gang/ Robbery	Closed
		Knife	Downtown	Drug/Homeless	Closed
		Firearm	Centralville	Fight	Closed

There were at total of 5 Homicides in 2020. (1) A gang member shot during an altercation with another gang member over drugs. (2) A female was shot while seated in her vehicle by a gang member, possibly over the ownership of a MV. (3) A homeless male was stabbed and killed in an altercation with another homeless individual. (4) A male was shot while seated in his MV, by gang members. (5) A male was shot after being involved in a fight; he survived initially, but died at a later date.



City of Lowell	5– Year Fo	orcible Rap	e				
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change
Frequency	19	11	22	19	14	17	-26%

Over the 5 – year period, incidents of Forcible Rape have declined 26%. In 2020 there were 14 incidents of Forcible Rape, which reflects a 26% decrease from 2019.

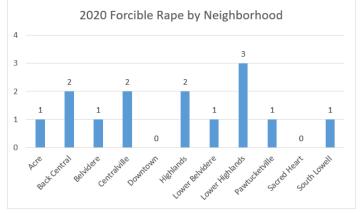
Forcible Rape incidents appear to increase in the months of August through September.

Currently, 4 of the 14 cases have been cleared by Arrest or Complaint. The remaining 10 cases continue to be open and under investigation.

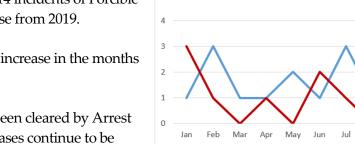
The average age of the victim (if provided) was 31 years of age and all were female.

Regarding the relationship between the victim and offender, the majority were acquaintances (n=7), a family member or roommate (n=3), an ex/or dating partner (n=1), and in 3 cases the perpetrator was a stranger. Of the 3 stranger rapes, one victim met the perpetrator at a bar, the second victim was homeless and took a ride from a stranger to get warm, and the third victim was raped and robbed during a proposed exchange of sex for payment.

2019-2020 Forcible Rape by Month 0 Aug Jan Feb Mar Apr Mav Jun Jul Sep Oct Nov Dec 2019 2020



2020 Forcible Rape- Age of Victim						
Unknown	1					
17 & Under	2					
18-24	2					
25-34	5					
35-44	1					
44 & Over	3					
Total	14					





City of Lowell 5– Year Robbery							
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change
Frequency	127	144	105	100	68	109	-46%

In 2020 there were 68 Robberies reported, which reflects a 32% decrease compared to 2019 and a 46% decrease over the past 5 years.

Robberies in 2020 primarily took place in the Downtown (n=14), Acre (n=11), Lower Highlands (n=11), and Back Central (n=9) neighborhoods. Compared to 2019, Robberies in Lower Belvidere and the Lower Highlands increased 100% and 83%, while Centralville decreased 77%.

Forty-two percent of Robberies occurred on Platoon 3 (Sundays specifically), while 29% were on Platoon 2 (highest on Thursdays) and 29% on Platoon 1.

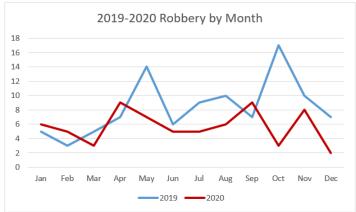
Of the 68 Robberies reported, 32% were cleared: 20% by arrest, 9% by a Complaint/Summons, and 3% by a Warrant/Other Clearance.

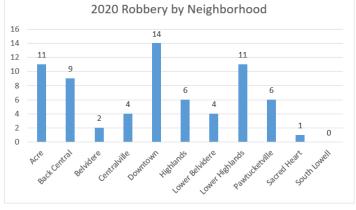
Forty-nine percent (n=33) of the Robberies were Armed with either a Firearm (64% including implied/fake firearms) or Knife/Cutting Instrument (36%).

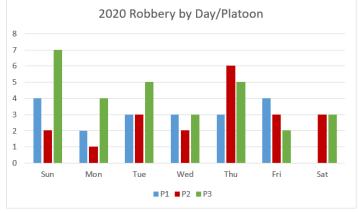
Seventy-four percent were Street Robberies and 26% were Commercial. Districts B1 and B2 had the most Street (46%) and Commercial Robberies (50%).

Other variables of note:

- Five 7-11s in the City were robbed; 63 Mammoth Rd and 55 Chelmsford St were hit twice.
- Repeat locations were 125 Church St, 65 School St, and 900 Chelmsford St.
- Four Robberies took place in South Common.
- The 2 Bank Robberies were cleared by arrest. (Santander Bank and Peoples United Bank)
- Two Purse snatchings took place in District B1.
- Six incidents involved online marketplace sales.
- Four incidents were drug-related.
- One taxi and 1 delivery driver were robbed.
- One incident was a Home Invasion.







2020 Robbery Weapo	2020 Robbery Cleara	ance	
Firearm	18	Arrest	14
Hands/Fist/Feet	26	Complaint	6
Knife/Cutting Instrument	12	Warrant/ Other	2
Other	7	Clearance	
Implied/Fake Firearm	3	Open	46
No Force	2		



City of Lowell 5– Year Aggravated Assaults							
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change
Frequency	212	139	189	232	189	192	-11%

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In 2020 there were a total of 189 incidents of Aggravated Assault, which reflects a 19% decrease compared to 2019. Over the five year period, Aggravated Assaults have declined 11% from 212 in 2016 to 189 in 2020. Of the 189 incidents in 2020, 38% (n=72) were Domesticrelated and are discussed on page 16.

2020 Aggravated Assaults, albeit below 2019 statistics, began trending upward in March as the COVID quarantine began and continued to its highest point in July and August before trending downward.

After removing Domestic Aggravated Assaults, incidents primarily took place in the Centralville neighborhood (19%), followed by the Acre (14%), Back Central (13%), and Downtown neighborhoods. These statistics follow a similar trend as 2019.

Platoon 3 is the busiest time period for non-domestic Aggravated Assaults (49%). The majority of incidents additionally take place on Friday-Saturday-Sunday (50%).

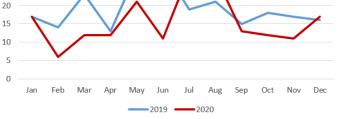
The Aggravated Assault clearance rate is approximately 74%. Arrests were made in 51% of the cases almost immediately and 20% were cleared through either a Complaint/Warrant.

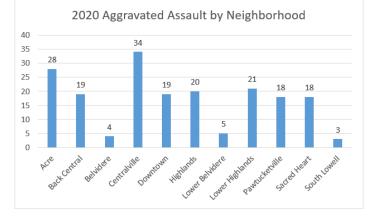
Forty-seven percent of the Aggravated Assaults involved the use of a Knife/Cutting Instrument, followed by a Handgun/Implied Handgun (17%), Hands /Fist/

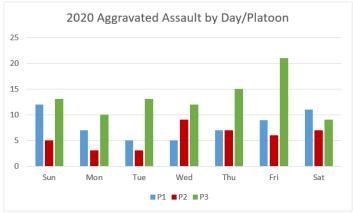
Feet (12%), Other (8%), Blunt Instrument (6%), Motor Vehicle (6%), BB gun (4%), and Furniture (less than 1%).

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2020 Aggravated Assault Wo	eapon
3B Gun	8
Blunt Instrument	11
Furniture	1
Handgun/Implied Handgun	33
Hands/Fist/Feet	22
Knife/Cutting Instrument	88
Motor Vehicle	11
Dther	15

2019-2020 Aggravated Assault by Month





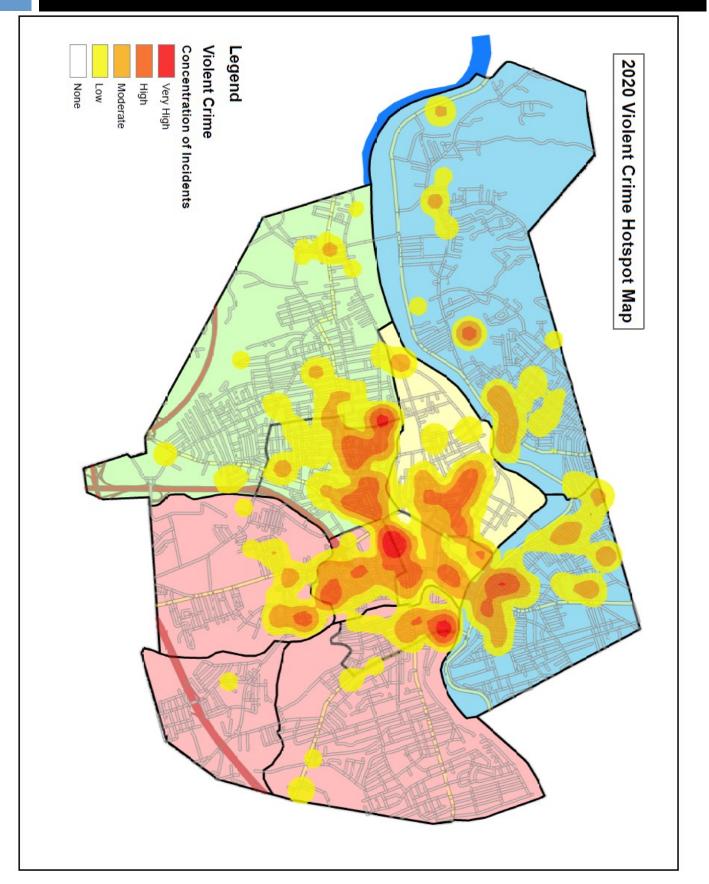


2020 Aggravated Assault Clearance					
Arrest	96				
Complaint/Warrant	38				
Open	48				
Other Clearance	7				

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City of Lowell Domestic Incidents 2019-2020 Comparison							
Crime Category	2019	2020	Frequency Change	Percent Change			
Domestic Argument	1,668	1,618	-50	-3%			
RO Violation	129	54	-75	-58%			
Aggravated Assault	98	72	-26	-27%			
Simple Assault	743	690	-53	-7%			
Total	2,638	2,549	-89	-3%			

In 2020 there were a total of 2,549 Domestic-related incidents reported to the LPD, a decrease of 3% compared to 2019. See below for a full analysis and comparison for each Crime Category.

#### Domestic Arguments

There were a total of 1,618 Domestic Arguments reported to the LPD in 2020. This number reflects a 3% decrease compared to 2019, which reported 1,668 incidents.

The relationship between involved parties were primarily dating partners (38%), parent/child (21%), ex-dating partners (12%), spouses (10%), siblings (6%), and other family members (5%).

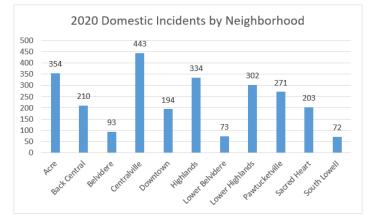
Domestic Arguments primarily took place in Centralville (17%), Highlands (15%), Acre (14%), Lower Highlands (11%), and Pawtucketville (10%).

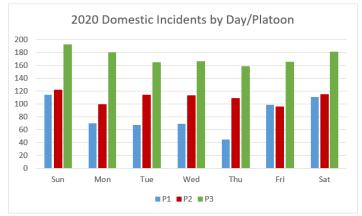
#### **RO** Violations

There were a total of 54 Restraining Order violations in 2020. This is a 58% decrease compared to 2019.

Violations primarily involved In-Person (57%), followed by Telephone (22%), Social media/Internet/ Email (13%), Mail (4%), and 3rd Party (4%). Those involved in RO Violations were more often than not ex-dating partners (56%), dating partners (7%), spouses (7%), or ex-spouses (7%).

Ninety-eight percent of RO Violations were cleared by Arrest, Complaint, Warrant or Other Clearance.





Domestic Arg	ument	RO Violation		
Relationship Frequency		Relationship	Frequency	
Dating Partners	39%	Dating Partners	7%	
Ex-Dating Partners	12%	Ex-Dating Partners	58%	
Spouses	10%	Spouses	7%	
Ex-Spouses	1%	Ex-Spouses	7%	
Parent/Child	20%	Parent/Child	4%	
Siblings	6%	Siblings	6%	
Other Family	5%	Other Family	4%	
Roommates	5%	Roommates	0%	
Unknown	2%	Unknown	7%	

### **DOMESTIC INCIDENTS** CONTINUED

#### Aggravated Assaults

There were a total of 72 Domestic Aggravated Assaults in 2020; this is a decrease of 27% compared to 2019. The months of January (=8), July (n=9) and August (n=8) recorded the highest number of incidents in 2020.

In regard to neighborhoods, the Acre (n=12), Centralville (n=12), and Sacred Heart (n=11) reported the highest number of incidents in 2020. Similarly, the Acre, Centralville, and Lower Highlands neighborhoods had the highest number of reported incidents in 2019.

Aggravated Assaults primarily took place on Platoon 3; they mostly occurred on Fridays, followed by Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Of all Domestic Aggravated Assaults, 73% of offenders were male whereas 58% of victims were female.

Based on demographic data provided by the involved parties, offenders were primarily Hispanic (34%) and White (30%). Victims were primarily White (46%) and Hispanic (26%).

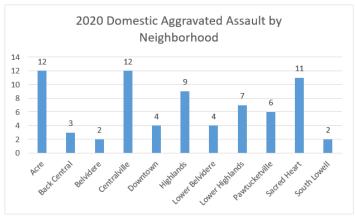
The age of victims and offenders involved in Domestic Aggravated Assaults primarily fall within the age range of 25-44. Fifty-eight percent of the offenders and 55% of victims fell into this age group.

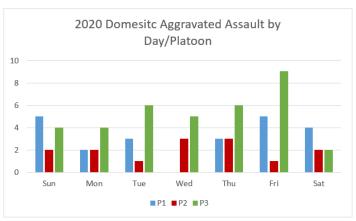
When examining the relationship between parties involved, the majority were in a dating relationship (30%), or were ex-dating partners (14%).

The majority of these incidents were cleared by Arrests (69%), while 28% were cleared by a Complaint or Other Clearance. Only 3% were not cleared.

Race	Offender	Victim	Clearance	Frequency
Asian	15%	13%	Arrest	69%
Black	12%	12%	Complaint	25%
Hispanic	34%	26%	Open	3%
Indian/Middle Eastern	3%	3%	Other	3%
White	30%	46%	Clearance	
Unknown	6%	0%		

2019-2020 Domestic Aggravated Assault by Month





	Age Group	Offender	Victim	Relationship	Frequency
	17 & Under	7%	3%	Dating Partners	30%
	18-24	19%	18%	Ex-Dating Partners	14%
1	25-34	30%	36%	Spouses	12%
	35-44	25%	22%	Ex-Spouses	0%
	45-54	10%	13%	Parent/Child	10%
	55-64	8%	4%	Siblings	10%
	65 & Over	0	4%	Other Family	6%
	UNK	1%	0%	Roommates	4%
				Unknown	14%

Prepared by the Crime Analysis/ Intelligence Unit



#### Simple Assaults

There were a total of 690 Domestic Simple Assaults in 2020; this is a 7% decrease compared to 2019. The highest number of reported incidents took place in May (n=69) and February (n=68). The number of incidents ranged from 41-69 and the average was 57.5 incidents per month.

The number of reported Domestic Simple Assaults was highest in the Centralville (n=124) and Acre (n=105) neighborhoods. These areas also had the most incidents in 2019, along with the Lower Highlands.

Most incidents were reported on Platoon 3 (48%), with the highest number overall taking place on Sunday (n=124), Friday (n=123), and Saturday (n=117).

Of all Domestic Simple Assaults, 74% of offenders were male whereas 73% of victims were female.

Based on demographic data provided by the involved parties, offenders were primarily White (41%), and Hispanic (33%). Victims similarly were primarily White (46%) or Hispanic (30%).

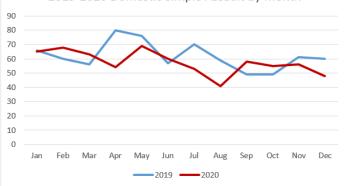
The age of victims and offenders involved in Domestic Simple Assaults primarily fall within the age range of 25–44. Sixty-one percent of the offenders and 53% of victims fell into this age group.

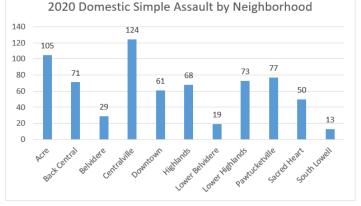
When examining the relationship between parties involved, the majority were in a dating relationship (41%), parent/child (13%), or ex-dating partners (10%).

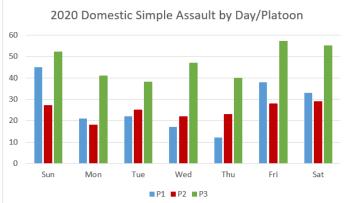
The majority of these incidents were cleared by Arrests (63%), while 34% were cleared by a Complaint, Warrant, or Other Clearance. Only 3% were not cleared.

Race	Offender	Victim	Clearance	Frequency
Asian	9%	9%	Arrest	63%
Black	14%	11%	Complaint	32%
Hispanic	33%	30%	Open	3%
Indian/Middle Eastern	1%	1%	Other	2%
White	41%	46%	Clearance	
Unknown	2%	3%		

2019-2020 Domestic Simple Assault by Month







l.	Age Group	Offender	Victim	Relationship	Frequency
	17 & Under	4%	5%	Dating Partners	41%
	18-24	17%	21%	<b>Ex-Dating Partners</b>	10%
1	25-34	40%	31%	Spouses	9%
	35-44	21%	22%	Ex-Spouses	0%
	45-54	12%	13%	Parent/Child	13%
	55-64	4%	6%	Siblings	6%
	65 & Over	2%	2%	Other Family	6%
	UNK	0%	0%	Roommates	3%
				Unknown	12%

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City of Lowell 5– Year Burglary								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	393	475	348	298	229	237	-42%	

During 2020 the City of Lowell reported a total of 229 Burglaries, which reflects a 23% decrease compared to 2019 and a 42% decline over the past 5 years.

Burglaries in 2020 showed a similar trend as in 2019. Rates typically increase in the spring as windows are left open; this continues into the summer months when AC units allow easier access. April (n=30), March (n=26), November (n=24), and June (n=23) had the highest numbers of Burglaries in 2020.

The most problematic neighborhoods for Burglary were Downtown (n=36), Centralville (n=35), Highlands (n=32), Acre (n=26), and Lower Highlands (n=26). All neighborhoods saw a decrease in Burglaries, except for Downtown which increased 227% in 2020. This increase resulted from 65 Commercial Breaks, 35% of which were cleared.

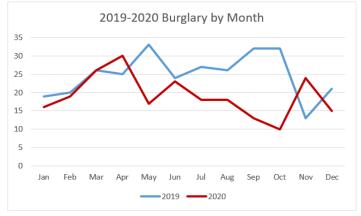
Burglaries mostly occurred on Platoon 1 (n=89), followed by Platoon 3 (n=78), and Platoon 2 (n=62). Incidents were reported consistently by day, with Fridays having the highest frequency (n=37).

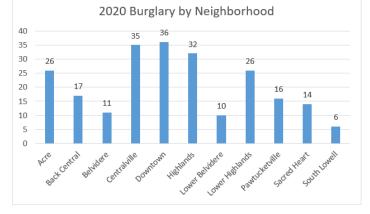
Seventy-two percent of the reported Burglaries were Residential (n=164), 28% were Commercial (n=64), and one occurred at a church (<1%). Despite the overall decline in Burglary rates, Commercial Burglaries doubled from 31 incidents in 2019 to 64 in 2020.

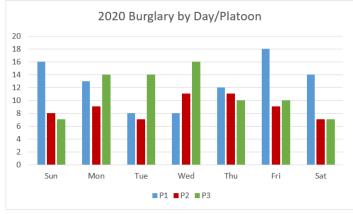
Of all the Burglaries reported, 58% (n=134) were Forcible entries, 32% (n=74) were Unlawful entries, 15% (n=34) were Unknown entries, and 3% (n=7) were attempted Burglary.

In the majority of Burglaries, entry was made through a door (n=154) or window (n=55).

Thirty percent of all the Burglaries were cleared by Arrest (n=33), Complaint (n=25), or Warrant/Other Clearance (n=11).







2020 Burglary Entr	y Method	2020 Burglary Clearance		
Forcible Entry	134	Arrest	33	
Unlawful Entry/ No	74	Complaint	25	
Force		Warrant/ Other	12	
Unknown Entry	34	Clearance		
Attempt	7	Open	160	



City of Lowell 5– Year Car Breaks								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	464	425	281	379	300	369	-35%	

In 2020 there were 300 incidents of Car Breaks (Theft from Vehicle) reported in the City of Lowell. This number reflects a 21% decrease compared to 2019 and a 35% decrease over the 5-year period.

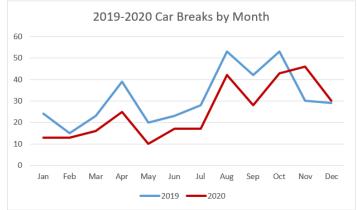
Car Breaks showed an initial increase in the Spring, specifically April. The numbers leveled off and then increased again in August through November, similar to the pattern in 2019. Fifty-three percent of all Car Breaks took place during these 4 months (Aug-Nov).

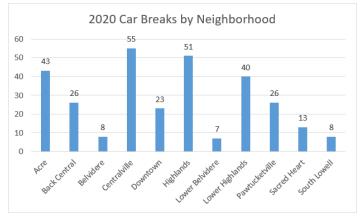
The Centralville (18%) and Highlands (17%) neighborhoods experienced the majority of Car Breaks, followed by the Acre and Lower Highlands (14% each). The Highlands had the only significant increase (46%) compared to 2019, while the Downtown (-51%), Back Central (-49%), and Sacred Heart (-62%) neighborhoods reported large decreases.

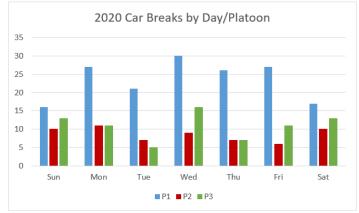
Car Breaks primarily occurred on Platoon 1 (55%), followed by Platoon 3 (25%), and Platoon 2 (20%). Car Breaks were reported throughout the week, with no particular day showing higher rates.

Of the 300 Car Breaks that occurred in 2020, 73% were Unlawful, Non-Forcible Entry (unsecured), 18% were Forcible Entry, and 7% were Unknown Entry, and 2% Attempted Entry.

Eight percent of Car Breaks were cleared by arrest, complaint, or other clearance in 2020.







2020 Car Break Met	hod Entry	2020 Car Break Clearance		
Attempted Entry	5	Arrest	10	
Forcible Entry	55	Complaint	9	
Unlawful Entry/ No	218	Other	5	
Force		Clearance		
Unknown Entry	22	Open	276	
Total	300	Total	300	



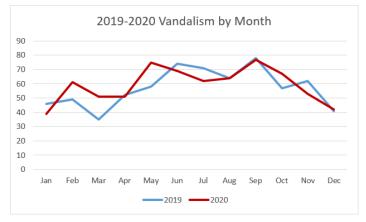
City of Lowell 5– Year Vandalism								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	1,147	862	751	687	711	831	-38%	

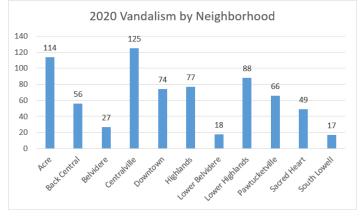
During 2020 the City of Lowell had a total of 711 Vandalism incidents reported. This statistic represents a 3% increase compared to 2019 and a 38% decrease over the 5-year period. Fifty-nine percent of the reported incidents were damages to a motor vehicle.

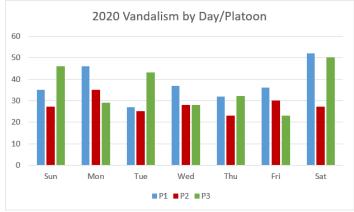
In 2020 the highest number of Vandalism incidents were reported in May (n=75), June (n=69), September (n=77), and October (n=67). The months of February, March, May, October, and December had higher numbers of incidents than in 2019.

Centralville had the highest number of incidents with 18% (n=125), followed by the Acre with 16% (n=114). These were the most problematic neighborhoods in 2019 as well. Vandalism increased in the Acre (14%), Belvidere (59%), Highlands (33%), Lower Highlands (35%), Pawtucketville (14%), Sacred Heart (44%), and South Lowell (89%) neighborhoods. Decreases were seen in the Back Central (-36%), Centralville (-6%), Downtown (-20%), and Lower Belvidere (-47%) neighborhoods.

Approximately 37% of Vandalism incidents occurred on Platoon 1, 35% on Platoon 3, and 28% on Platoon 2. Approximately 50% of reported Vandalisms took place on weekends, from Saturday through Monday.









City of Lowell 5– Year Motor Vehicle Theft								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	410	316	222	180	225	271	-45%	

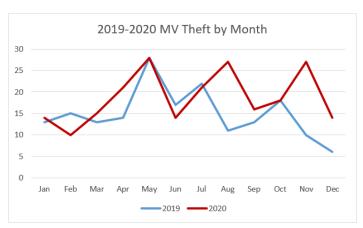
During 2020 the City of Lowell had a total of 225 Motor Vehicle Thefts reported. This number reflects a 25% (n=45) increase compared to 2019 and a 45% decrease over the 5-year period.

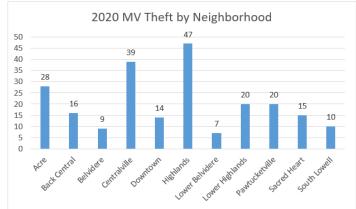
The Highlands neighborhood had the highest number of reported MV Thefts (n=47), followed by Centralville (n=39) and the Acre (n=28).

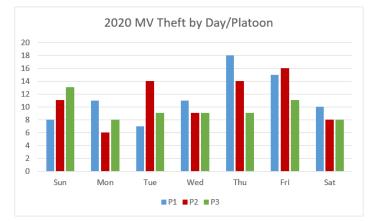
May (n=28) reported the highest number of MV Thefts, followed closely by August and November with 27 each.

Thursdays and Fridays (n=41 and n=42) have the most incidents of MV Theft reported. Platoons 1 and 2 reported similar numbers of incidents with 80 and 78 respectively.

Eight percent of the reported MV Thefts were cleared by Arrest or Court Action, while 19% were cleared by other means. Twenty-three percent of the stolen vehicles were reported as recovered.







### THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS

City of Lowell 5– Year Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	105	135	129	76	132	115	26%	

During 2020 the City of Lowell had a total of 132 Thefts of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories reported. This number reflects a 74% (n=56) increase compared to 2019 and a 26% decrease over the 5-year period.

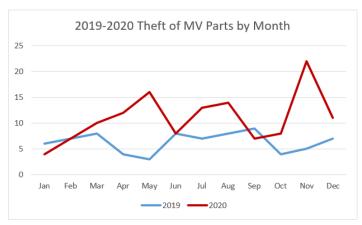
Sixty-two percent of the Theft of MV Parts/ Accessories were stolen MV plates and 26% were stolen Tires/Rims (includes sets of tires and rims taken off vehicles, not spare tires). Tires and Rims were targeted on newer model Honda vehicles within the city.

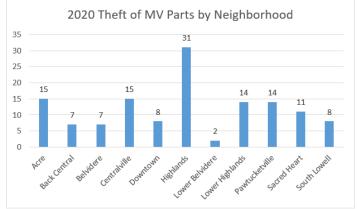
The Highlands neighborhood had the highest number of Theft of MV Parts/Accessories (n=31), followed by Centralville and the Acre (n=15 each), and Lower Highlands and Pawtucketville (n=14 each).

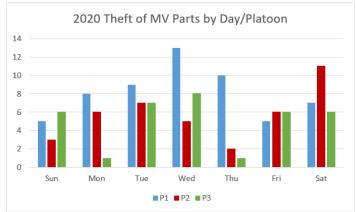
November (n=22) reported the highest number of Theft of MV Parts/Accessories, followed by May (n=16) and August (n=14).

Wednesdays (n=26) had the most incidents of Theft of MV Parts/Accessories reported, followed by Saturday (n=24) and Tuesday (n=23). Forty-three percent (n=57) of the incidents occurred during Platoon 1.

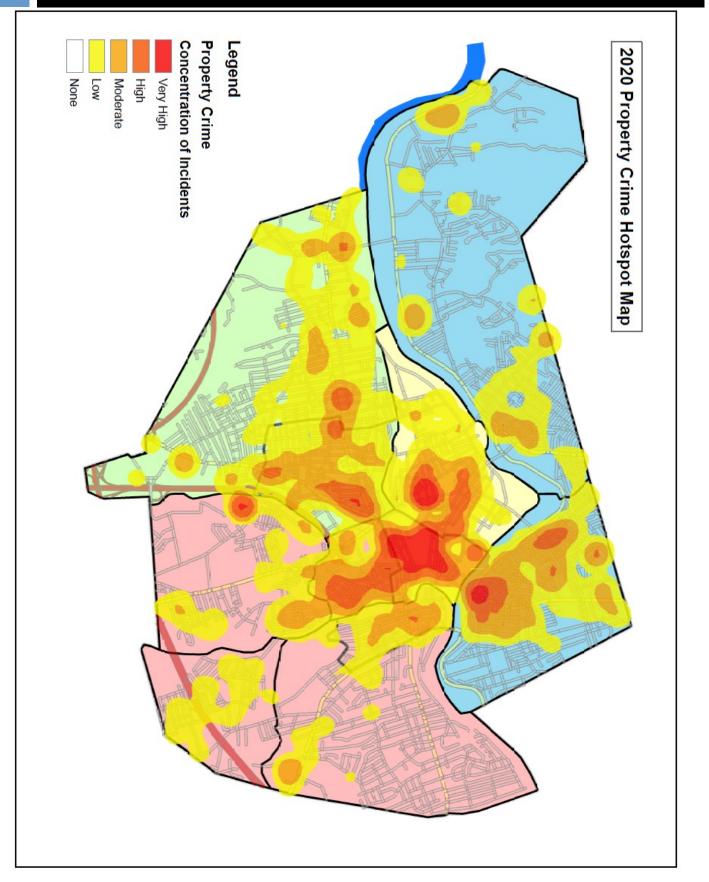
One percent of the reported Theft of MV Parts/ Accessories were cleared by Arrest or Court Action, while 14% were cleared by other means.











## ORUG ARRESTS

City of Lowell 5–Year Drug Arrests							
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change
Frequency	274	257	243	247	146	259	-9%

In 2020 there were a total of 146 persons arrested for a drug offense, resulting in 206 charges being sought. This number reflects a 41% decrease compared to 2019 and a 47% decrease over the 5-year period.

2019-2020 Drug Arrests by Category								
Туре	2019	2020	2019-2020 Frequency Change	2019-2020 Percent Change				
Distribution	85	0	-85	-100%				
Possession	124	123	-1	-1%				
Other	12	12	0	0%				
Trafficking	26	11	-15	-58%				
Total	247	146	101	-41%				

2020 Drug Arrest statistics were 41% lower than 2019; Distribution (-100%) and Trafficking (-58%) decreased significantly. Possession (-1%) declined slightly. Arrests for "Other" remained the same. Twelve percent of those arrested on drug charges were suspected gang members or associates.

2020 Drug Arr	2020 Drug Arrests by Drug Class									
Туре	Class A	Fentanyl	Class B	Class C	Class D	Class E	N/A			
Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other	3	4	5	0	0	0	0			
Possession	40	0	63	1	5	14	0			
Trafficking	1	0	10	0	0	0	0			
Total	44	4	78	1	5	14	0			

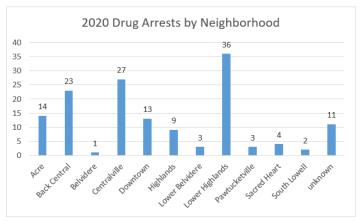
In regard to drug classification, many cases involved multiple classes of drugs. For the purpose of this analysis, drug class was organized by the primary drug. In the majority of cases, persons were arrested for Class B (53%), and Class A (30%).



Drug arrests averaged 12 per month, with arrests primarily taking place in the Lower Highlands (n=36), Centralville (n=27), Back Central (n=23), Acre (n=14), and Downtown (n=13) neighborhoods. All other neighborhoods had 9 or less arrests each.

The majority of individuals arrested on drug charges were between the ages of 25-34 (41%), followed by 35-44 (26%), and 45-54 (16%). Offenders in most cases were male (84%), and either White (59%) or Hispanic (24%).

Of those arrested, 60% were residents of Lowell. Eight percent listed themselves as Homeless (down from 15% in 2019). The remaining 32% were from outside of Lowell. Some of those from outside Lowell were from the following Massachusetts communities: Ayer, Billerica, Boston, Brockton, Dorchester, Dracut, Dunstable, Fitchburg, Gloucester, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Methuen, North Reading, Pepperell, Revere, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Winthrop, and Worcester. Other individuals were from the following areas out-of-state: Hudson NH, Milford NH, Nashua NH, Pelham NH, Salem NH, and Boothbay ME.



2020 Drug Arrests Age of Offender						
17 & Under	1					
18-24	12					
25-34	60					
35-44	38					
45-54	24					
55 & Over	11					



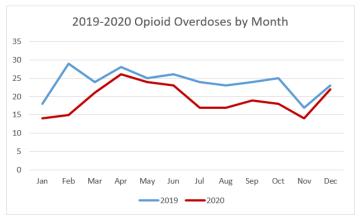
City of Lowell 5– Year Opioid-Related Overdoses									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-2020 Percent Change			
Frequency	427	467	435	286	230	-20%			

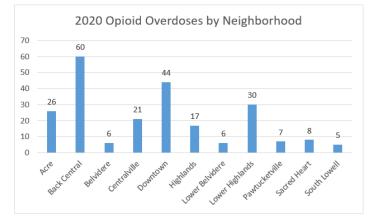
In 2020 the LPD responded to 230 Opioid Overdoses, a decrease of 20% (n=56) compared to 2019. Overdose statistics are based on information gathered at the scene by the responding officer, and are not consistent with City of Lowell overdose statistics provided by Trinity. Please refer to the Methodology section on page 5 for a full explanation.

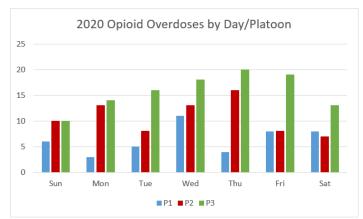
In 70% of the cases, Narcan was listed within the police report as being administered. Narcan could have been administered by LPD, Lowell Fire Department (LFD), Trinity Emergency Medical Services (EMS), or a bystander on scene prior to emergency services arriving.

The Back Central (n=60), Downtown (n=44), Lower Highlands (n=30), and Acre (n=26) neighborhoods had the highest number of overdoses. Pawtucketville had the largest decrease, from 16 in 2019 to 7 in 2020.

Approximately 48% of the Opioid Overdoses took place on Platoon 3, followed by Platoon 2 (33%), and Platoon 1 (19%). Incidents primarily occurred on Wednesdays (n=42) and Thursdays (n=40), followed by Fridays (n=35) and Mondays (n=30).









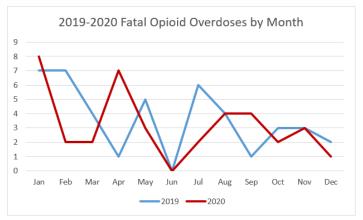
City of Lowell 5– Year Opioid-Related Sudden Deaths									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-2020 Percent Change			
Frequency	62	46	53	43	38	-12%			

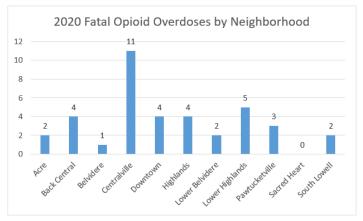
In 2020 there were a total of 38 Sudden Deaths attributed to an Opioid Overdose. This statistic reflects a 12% decrease compared to 2019. Opioid-Related Sudden Death statistics are based on information gathered at the scene by the responding officer. Please refer to the Methodology Section on page 5 for a full explanation.

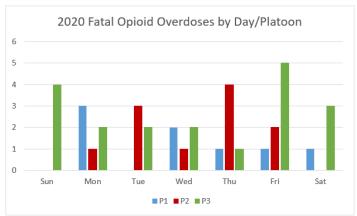
Opioid Overdose Deaths overwhelmingly took place in the Centralville neighborhood (n=11), followed by the Lower Highlands (n=5), and Back Central (n=4) neighborhoods. Centralville had the majority of Fatal Opioid Overdoses in 2019 as well.

Officers on Platoon 3 responded to the majority of the overdose fatalities (n=19), followed by Platoon 2 (n=11), and Platoon 1 (n=8). Overdose deaths were the highest on Fridays (n=8), but remained relatively steady throughout the week.

Most victims were male (74%), with a mean age of 40 (in line with 2018 and 2019). Ten victims were 30 years old or younger, with the youngest aged 22.





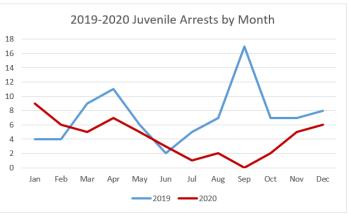




City of Lowell 5– Year Juvenile Arrests								
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change	
Frequency	224	174	145	87	51	136	-77%	

2020 Juvenile arrests have decreased 77% over the 5year period, and decreased 41% compared to 2019. See below for arrests by crime category. Note that data is displayed in a hierarchy, with only the highest offense included.

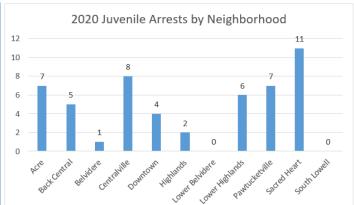
Juvenile arrests were more prevalent in the Sacred Heart neighborhood (n=11), followed by the Centralville (n=8), Acre (n=7), and Pawtucketville neighborhoods



Of the Juveniles arrested, 75% were male and 25% female. Those arrested were Hispanic (51%), White (20%), Black (20%), Asian (4%), or unknown (5%).

Most Juveniles arrested were 17 years of age (37%), followed by age 15 (27%), age 16 (20%), age 14 (10%), and age 13 (6%).

2019-2020 Juv	enile Ar	rests by	y Charge	
Category	2019	2020	Frequency	Percent
			Change	Change
Aggravated Assault	13	13	0	0%
Arson	1	0	-1	-100%
Burglary	1	3	2	200%
Disorderly	8	2	-6	-75%
Drug Offenses	1	1	0	0%
Larceny Theft	4	0	-4	-100%
Liquor Law	1	0	-1	-100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	7	0	0%
Motor Vehicle Violation	5	0	-5	-100%
Rape	0	1	1	-
Restraining Order Violation	1	0	-1	-100%
Robbery	6	1	-5	-83%
Shoplifting	0	1	1	-
Simple Assault	11	11	0	0%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	2	1	-1	-50%
Trespassing	2	0	-2	-100%
Unlawful Possession of a	1	1	0	0%
Firearm				
Vandalism	1	1	0	0%
Violation City Ordinance –	5	0	-5	-100%
Weapon				
Warrant	17	8	-9	-53%
Total	87	51	-36	-41%



2020 Juvenile Arrests by Gender and Race									
Race	Male	Female	Total						
Asian	2	0	2						
Black	8	2	10						
Hispanic	18	8	26						
White	8	2	10						
Unknown	2	1	3						
Total	38	13	51						

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City of Lowell	5– Year Fi	rearm Activ	vity				
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5– Year Percent Change
Frequency	119	139	121	131	135	129	13%

In 2020 there were a total of 135 incidents involving a firearm reported to the LPD. This number reflects a 3% increase compared to 2019 and a 13% increase over the 5-year period.

2019-2020 Firearm Activity Comparison									
Category	2019	2020	2019-2020 Frequency Change	2019-2020 Percent Change					
Homicide	1	4	3	300%					
Armed Robbery/Home Invasion	23	15	-8	-35%					
Aggravated Assault	21	23	2	10%					
Disorderly	0	1	1	Not Calculable					
Improper Storage	5	2	-3	-60%					
Police Information	0	8	8	Not Calculable					
Recovered Firearm	19	30	11	58%					
Shots Fired	38	31	-7	-18%					
Unlawful Possession	24	21	-3	-13%					
Total	131	135	4	3%					

Increases were noted in the following categories: Homicides (300%), Recovered Firearms (58%), and Aggravated Assault (10%).

City of Lowell 5– Year Recovered Firearms										
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	2019-2020 Percent Change			
Frequency	63	57	107	82	96	81	17%			

Officers recovered 96 firearms in 2020, which is a 17% increase from the 82 recovered in 2019. Firearms were primarily recovered by the following means: turned in to police (28%), recovered during the search of a motor vehicle (24%), search of a residence (18%), found outside/other (18%), or search of a person (12%). Ten percent of those found possessing a firearm illegally were suspected gang members or associates.



#### 2019-2020 CAD Shots Fired

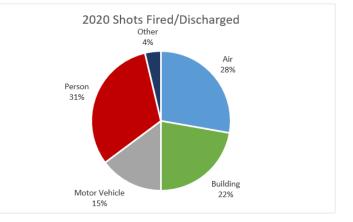
2017 2020 CHD 011003 11100				
Year	2019	2020	Frequency Change	2019-2020 Percent Change
CAD Entries	123	137	14	11%
Verified Shots Fired/Discharge of a Firearm	63	54	-9	-14%
During the Commission of Another Crime	25	23	-2	-8%

In 2020 there were 137 CAD Entries for Gun Shots. Fifty-four of those calls were verified as shots fired.

Of the 54 incidents of shots fired, the majority of shots discharged struck a person (31%), followed by shots fired into the air (28%), a residence or building (22%), a motor vehicle (15%), and 4% other.

In 2020 there were a total of 13 non-fatal shootings, an increase of 63% compared to 2019. Of the 13 non-fatal shootings, 7 were gang-related.

In 2020 there were 4 Homicides by means of a firearm; all were Gang-related.



City of Lowell 5-Year Non-Fatal Shootings									
Туре	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Gang Involved	7	6	9	5	7				
Non-Gang	2	3	4	3	6				
Total	9	9	13	8	13				

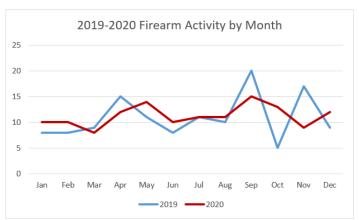
City of Lowell 5-Year Fatal Shootings									
Туре	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020				
Gang Involved	0	0	3	1	4				
Non-Gang	0	1	0	0	0				
Total	0	1	3	1	4				

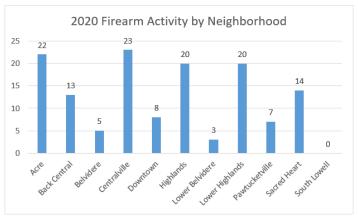


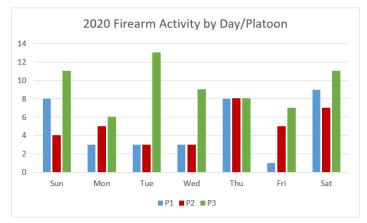
Firearm Activity by month in 2020 was relatively similar to that of 2019. March saw the least number of incidents with 8 followed by November with 9. September brought the highest number of incidents for the year (n=15), which reflected 2019 September statistics. May had the second highest number of incidents with 14.

The most problematic neighborhoods for Firearm Activity were Centralville (n=18), Acre (n=16), Lower Highlands (n=16), and Highlands (n=16). Note that Surrenders/Firearms turned into police were removed prior to calculations by Neighborhood.

Forty-eight percent of all Firearm Activity took place on Platoon 3, with both Platoon 1 and 2 having 26%. Incidents began to increase at 1530, and continued through 2329 throughout the week.









City of Lowell	5-Year Tre	end in Gan	g Activity				
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5-Year Average	5-Year Percent Change
Frequency	265	292	320	327	351	311	14%

In 2020 there were a total of 303 gang involved incidents reported to the LPD, which reflects an 11% increase compared to 2019 and a 13% increase over the 5-year period. During the aforementioned time period, officers arrested 114 suspected gang members/associates, filed 145 complaint applications, and cleared 48 warrants.

2019-2020 Gang Activity Comparison by Crime Category				
Category Type	2019	2020	Frequency Change	2019-2020 Percent
				Change
Homicide	1	4	3	300%
Armed Robbery/Home Invasion	12	3	-9	-75%
Aggravated Assault	27	28	1	4%
Arson	0	1	1	Not Calculable
Burglary	0	2	2	Not Calculable
Car Break	0	1	1	Not Calculable
Disorderly Conduct	14	10	-4	-29%
Domestic Argument/RO Violation/Fight	27	22	-5	-19%
Drug Offenses	13	14	1	8%
Fireworks	0	1	1	Not Calculable
Forgery	0	3	3	Not Calculable
Harassment/Threats/Intimidation/Unwanted	6	8	2	33%
Hit and Run	0	1	1	Not Calculable
Indecent Assault	3	1	-2	-67%
Liquor Law Violation	3	1	-2	-67%
Missing	2	0	-2	-100%
MV Theft	5	8	3	60%
MV Violations	99	146	47	47%
Overdose	0	1	1	Not Calculable
Shots Fired (not in conjunction with another crime)	16	7	-9	-56%
Simple Assault	18	21	3	17%
Stolen Property Offenses/Larceny Theft	5	2	-3	-60%
Trespass	4	2	-2	-50%
Unlawful Possession of a Firearm	12	11	-1	-8%
Vandalism	5	4	-1	-20%
Weapons Violation (non- firearm)	0	1	1	Not Calculable
Warrants*	55	48	7	-13%
Total (excluding warrants*)	272	303	31	11%
Total (including warrants*)	327	351	24	7%

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5-Year Gang-Related Shootings/ Recovered Firearms					
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Gang-Related Non-Fatal Shootings	7	6	9	5	11
Gang-Related Shootings into a Dwelling	5	8	7	2	2
Firearms Recovered from a Gang Member/Associate	18	22	16	24	11

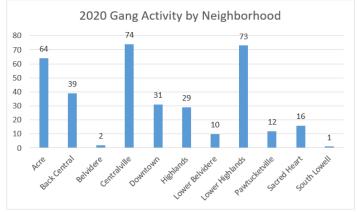
In 2020 there were 4 Gang-related homicides. Non-fatal Gang-related shootings increased 120% and Gang-related shootings into a residence stayed the same. Officers recovered 11 guns from suspected gang members or associates.

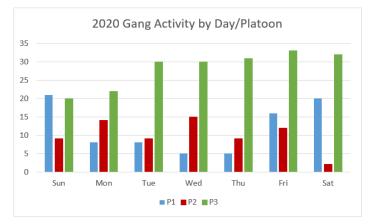
On average there were approximately 29 gang-related incidents per month. The months of May (n=48) and June (n=45) had the highest numbers.

The Centralville (n=74), Lower Highlands (n=73), and Acre (n=64) neighborhoods had the highest number of gang-related incidents in 2020, as well as in 2019.

Overall there is a significantly higher level of gang activity between 1700 and 2259 hours (Platoon 3), most days of the week, with times shifting slightly later on the weekends 2000-0259.









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