

Gang-Related Statistics in Guilford County

- Across 3 jurisdictions, there are 137 unique gang sets
- The majority of gang members were reported to be:
 - Minority males under the age of 22
 - Members of Blood-claiming sets
- Gang-related crime rates for 2009 per 1,000 residents:
 - Greensboro = 1.29 incidents
 - High Point = 1.15 incidents
- There were 2,744 DJJDP juvenile complaints in 2008-2009 countywide
 - 8.7% were against a gang-involved juvenile
- Among a community youth sample:
 - 35% had ever been arrested
 - 9% were gang-involved or wanted to be
 - 41% reported a gang presence in their neighborhood
 - 31% do not feel safe in their neighborhoods because of gangs
 - 52% reported a gang presence in their school
 - 40% reported gangs cause trouble in school at least once a week
- Among a community adult sample:
 - 61% feel that gangs are a problem in their community
 - 42% feel that gang activity has increased in their community over the past year
 - 14% of parents believe their children are at risk for becoming gang-involved
 - 88% of parents report that there are no services to help parents of gang-involved children or they don't know of them

Summary & Recommendations

Results of the assessment suggest that Guilford County is not immune to the problem of youth gang activity. The assessment will be used to guide the next step of the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model, which is the development of a strategic plan for prevention, intervention, and suppression activities related to youth gang violence in Guilford County. Consistent with the OJJDP Model, a diverse, multi-disciplinary steering committee will coordinate strategies and policy decisions to reduce youth gang activity in Guilford County.

To view the Guilford County Gang Assessment in its entirety, visit: <http://www.uncg.edu/csr/news.html> . For additional information, contact Kelly Graves, Ph.D., at UNCG's Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships at kngrave3@uncg.edu or 336-217-9713.



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Gang Violence: A National Priority

Gang violence has been identified as a national priority among the federal justice system and communities alike.

The nation's youth gang problem is tracked by the National Youth Gang Surveys (NYGS) across the United States. All cities with a population over 100,000 have experienced gang problems. Nationwide, gang problems decreased in the early part of the decade, but we are now seeing a present day resurgence of gang activity.

A central question remains: What are the activities of those gangs in local areas? Understanding at a local level is essential for strategic planning and local intervention to address the problem.

To address this, hundreds of local communities nationwide received federal funding to conduct an in-depth assessment on the local youth gang dynamics within their respective communities. Guilford County's OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Assessment is part of this effort.

A Local Approach: The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Assessment in Guilford County

The Guilford County OJJDP Gang Assessment is part of a communitywide initiative to reduce youth gang activity. Central programmatic partners (Youth Focus, One Step Further, and Guilford County Court Alternatives) comprised a steering committee and selected the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's (UNCG) Center for Youth, Family, and Community Partnerships (CYFCP) to lead the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Assessment efforts.

The steering committee reviewed several definitions of what a "gang" is for purposes of the local assessment. The steering committee selected the following North Carolina General Assembly definition:

A "criminal street gang" or "street gang" means any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, that:

- (1) Has as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more felony offenses, or delinquent acts that would be felonies if committed by an adult;
- (2) Has three or more members individually or collectively engaged in, or who have engaged in, criminal street gang activity; and
- (3) May have a common name, common identifying sign or symbol.

Additional information regarding the process and reasoning behind the selection of this definition can be found in the full report.

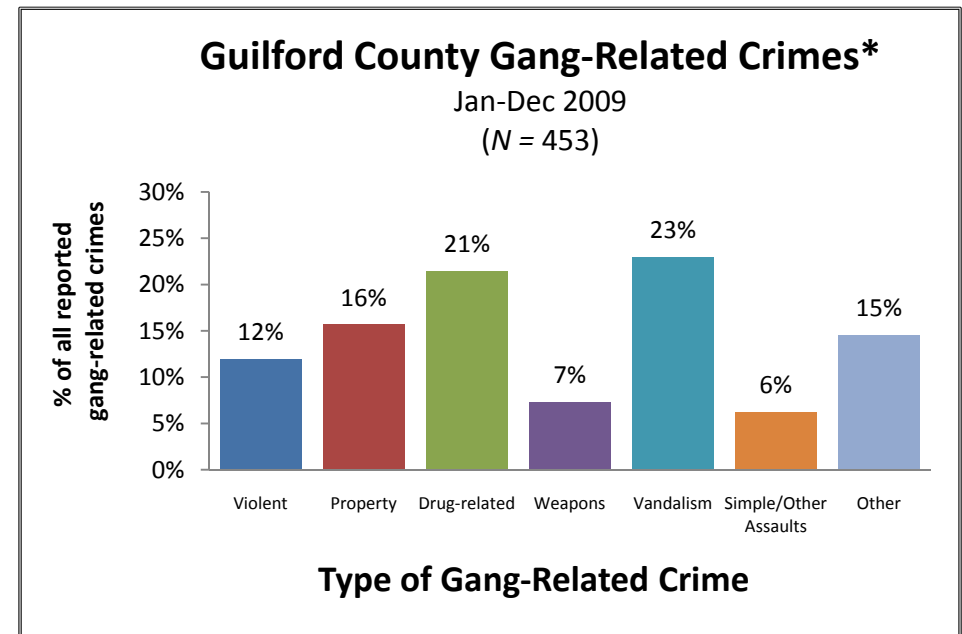
Content Included in the Guilford County Gang Assessment

Multiple data sources were used in the assessment, including surveys, community demographics, and local law enforcement crime data. The following informational chapters are included in the assessment:

- Overview: The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model
- Community Descriptions
- Guilford County Schools: A Snapshot
- Law Enforcement Gang Activity Summary
- Guilford County DJJDP Data Summary
- Community Voices
- Youth Perception Survey
- Community Resident Survey Summary
- School Resource Officer Survey Summary
- Gang Member Interviews
- Community Resource Inventory
- Summary & Recommendations

Gang-Related Crime in Guilford County

Based on reported crimes in 2009, there were 453 gang-related incidents in Guilford County.



*Note: Data were compiled from the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), High Point Police Department (HPPD), & Guilford County Sheriff's Office (GSCO) crime databases.