

Guilford County Gang Assessment: The OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model

**Section: Law Enforcement,
Gangs, and Gang-Related Crime**



Law Enforcement Gang Activity Summary

Gangs in North Carolina

Criminal gangs exist within both urban and rural North Carolina communities and represent a serious criminal justice problem. The North Carolina Gang Investigators Association (NCGIA) defines a gang as, “A group or association of three or more persons who may have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name and who individually or collectively engage in, or have engaged in criminal activity which creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. Criminal activity includes juvenile acts that if committed by an adult would be a crime.”⁸⁸

For the past 12 years, the NC Governor’s Crime Commission (GCC) has investigated and reported on the nature and extent of criminal gangs within the state via the NC Criminal Justice Analysis Center (NCCJAC).⁸⁹ The NC GCC sponsors a statewide, centralized criminal gang intelligence database called NC GangNET that houses intelligence information on gang members from agencies that choose to enter the data. To be classified and recorded as a gang for NC GangNET, a gang is defined using the NCGIA definition above.

At least two of the following criteria must be established for an individual to be validated as a gang member in the NC GangNET database, unless an individual is a self-admitted member of a gang (in which case, the self-admission stands alone for meeting validation criteria)⁹⁰:

1. Self-Admitted: Subject has admitted to being a gang member.
2. Gang Tattoos/Markings: Subject is known to have gang tattoos or markings.
3. Frequents Gang Areas: Subject has been seen frequenting gang areas.
4. Affiliates with Gang: Subject has been seen by officer affiliating with documented gang members.
5. Gang Hand Signs/Symbols: Subject has been seen by officer displaying gang symbols or hand signs or writes graffiti.
6. Gang Terminology or Language: Subject uses gang language or terminology.
7. Gang Dress: Subject has been seen wearing gang dress.
8. Physical Evidence: Subject is in possession of gang physical evidence or linked via physical evidence.
9. Reliable Source: Subject has been identified as a gang member by a reliable informant/source.
10. Untested Source: Subject has been identified as a gang member by an untested source.
11. Gang Incident: Subject has been involved in a criminal gang incident.
12. Classification Admit: In custody classification interview that occurs before entry into the jail or prison system where the subject admits gang membership in hopes of placement near other members of his gang.

⁸⁸ North Carolina Gang Investigators Association. (n.d.). *Recognizing gang activity in your community*. Retrieved from, <http://www.ncgangcops.org/GangActivities.html>

⁸⁹ Governor’s Crime Commission. (March, 2010). *Gangs in North Carolina: The 2010 Report to the General Assembly*. Retrieved from <http://www.ncdccc.org/pdfs/pubs/2010gangreport.pdf>.

⁹⁰ Governor’s Crime Commission. (March, 2009). *Gangs in North Carolina: The 2009 Report to the General Assembly*. Retrieved from <http://www.ncgccd.org/pdfs/2009/gangga.pdf>

If an individual cannot be validated as a gang member, the individual may still be entered into the NC GangNET database as a gang affiliate or a suspected gang member for tracking purposes.

Because of its strict definitional criteria for entry and validation, researchers with the NCCJAC are able to use NC GangNET data to objectively describe the nature and extent of criminal gangs within the State. NC GangNET data from December 2009⁹¹ revealed the number of validated gangs in NC to be 898, which was higher than the 855 validated gangs reported in March 2009.

The number of gang members and associates has risen from 10,050 in March 2009 to the current 13,699 in the NC GangNET database as of December 2009. According to NC GangNET, gang members are predominantly male; the database includes 12,761 male (93.2%) and 938 female (6.8%) gang members. Gang members also are predominantly African American, with a reported 9,540 African American (70.2%), 2,554 Hispanic (18.8%), 1,191 White (8.8%), 178 Asian (1.3%) and 33 (<1%) gang members of Other ethnic identity in the database. In terms of age, most gang members are over 18 years of age. Of the 13,589 gang members in NC GangNET with identified ages, 11,771 (86.4%) were 18 or older, 1,446 (10.6%) were ages 16 or 17, and 402 (3%) were age 15 and under.

NC GangNET is divided into two nodes for administration and training.⁹² The Eastern node of NC GangNET is administered by the Durham County Sheriff's Office, which has trained representatives from 132 agencies in 47 counties as of 2009. The Western node, administered by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department, has trained representatives from 72 agencies in 24 counties as of 2009. The Western node of NC GangNET includes Guilford County.

According to data from the Western Node of NC GangNET in December 2009, Guilford County contained 29 validated gangs.⁹³ However, the reported number of validated gangs in Guilford County has been disputed by local level law enforcement. The discrepancies between what has been reported on the State level and what local law enforcement officers perceive are most likely due to the limitations of NC GangNET as a comprehensive tracking database.

While NC GangNET acts as a comprehensive tool for tracking criminal gangs within the State, as with any data collection tool, it has its limitations. First, not all law enforcement agencies across NC report their criminal gang information to NC GangNET. Second, there are various issues with the accuracy of the validation process for NC GangNET. For example, an individual only needs to meet two criteria to be validated as a gang member, but this does not necessarily guarantee gang membership. Third, new active gang members are regularly added but those that are inactive are removed from NC GangNET only after five years of inactivity. Given the limitations of NC GangNet, counts of gang members should be viewed with caution, and it is therefore important to accurately capture law enforcement intelligence and data regarding gangs in Guilford County.

⁹¹ Governor's Crime Commission. (March, 2010). *Gangs in North Carolina: The 2010 Report to the General Assembly*. Retrieved from <http://www.ncdccd.org/pdfs/pubs/2010gangreport.pdf>.

⁹² Governor's Crime Commission. (March, 2009). *Gangs in North Carolina: The 2009 Report to the General Assembly*. Retrieved from <http://www.ncgccd.org/pdfs/2009/gangga.pdf>

⁹³ Governor's Crime Commission. (March, 2010). *Gangs in North Carolina: The 2010 Report to the General Assembly*. Retrieved from <http://www.ncdccd.org/pdfs/pubs/2010gangreport.pdf>.

As such, the current assessment gathered information on gang presence directly from the three major jurisdictions in Guilford County (Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department, Guilford County Sheriff's Office) to compliment what NC GangNET was able to provide. An overview of gangs present within each jurisdiction and associated gang-related criminal activity is provided below. Each jurisdiction provided feedback on this section to ensure its accuracy.

Gangs in Greensboro

According to the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), a gang is, "A group of two or more persons who have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal activity, creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation within the community."⁹⁴ The GPD uses the NC GangNET database to help track validated and associated gang members. According to the GPD, an individual is identified as a validated gang member if they meet three of the 12 NC GangNET criteria and identified as an associated gang member if they meet two of the 12 criteria (see list on p. 67).

According to data on active gangs obtained from the GPD on June 4th, 2010, there were 38 unique gang sets in Greensboro, with fifteen gang sets claiming Blood affiliation, fourteen gang sets claiming Crip affiliation, and three gang sets claiming Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) affiliation. Latin Kings, Mara Norteño, Sureños (Sur-13), Tarascos (TCS-13), Tiny Rascal Gang (TRG), and Vice Lords were also identified as active gangs by the GPD. The data reported by the GPD presents the gang sets within larger gang types (i.e., Bloods, Crips, etc.) which operate in Greensboro, whereas NC GangNet does not classify gang sets within larger gang types. GPD data revealed that among gang types, the Bloods represented the largest percentage of gang members (56.7%), followed by the Crips (12.6%) and the Latin Kings (11.7%). Of the unique gang sets, the Bloods set represented the largest percentage of gang members (17.1%), followed by the SMM Bloods set (15.6%) and the Latin Kings set (11.7%).

In addition, a total of 462 gang members were identified by GPD, with 65% of individuals validated as gang members and 35% listed as associated gang members. Similar to reported gang members Statewide, those reported by GPD were typically male (95%) and African American (64%). However, a higher percentage of Greensboro gang members were identified as Hispanic (24%) and Asian (5%) as compared to reported gang members Statewide. In Greensboro, over half (54%) of identified gang members were between the ages of 18 and 22, and 64% were under the age of 22. There were no gang members reported by GPD who were under the age of 10, and approximately 1% of members were between the ages of 10 and 14 years.

⁹⁴ Gang Terminology document provided by Greensboro Police Department

Table 22: Age and Sex, Active Greensboro Gangs⁹⁵

Gang Name	N	Age on June 4, 2010						Sex	
		<10	10-14	15-17	18-22	>22	?	Male	Female
Bloods	265	0	3	24	140	95	3	254	11
Bloods	79	0	2	4	39	32	2	77	2
SMM Bloods	72	0	0	1	44	27	0	69	3
9-Tre Bloods	32	0	0	5	15	12	0	17	1
ASB Bloods	26	0	0	4	14	8	0	25	1
MSB Bloods	18	0	0	1	16	1	0	18	0
Tree/Top Piru Bloods	7	0	1	0	2	4	0	6	1
Good Fellas Bloods	6	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	0
9 Tre/Yehp Bloods	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	0
9-TEC Bloods	5	0	0	1	2	2	0	4	1
151 Piru Bloods	5	0	0	2	3	0	0	4	1
Brick Squad Bloods	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0
Piru Bloods	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1
Ex. Generals Bloods	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
9 Bloods	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
TRU Bloods	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Crips	55	0	0	3	36	15	1	50	5
Mafia Crips	11	0	0	3	8	0	0	11	0
Crips	10	0	0	0	6	4	0	10	0
Summit Boys Crips	8	0	0	0	5	3	0	8	0
Folk GBD Crips	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	5	0
Mexican Crips	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Rubio 18 Crips	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0
8 Trey Crips	4	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	0
Booker Street Crips	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0
East Side Folk Crips	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Eastside Crips	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Folk Crips	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1
IGC Crips	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Laotian Crips	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Rollin 60's Crips	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Latin Kings	54	0	0	4	38	12	0	49	5
Sur-13	34	0	1	5	12	15	1	34	0
MS-13	27	0	0	3	11	12	1	26	1
MS-13	15	0	0	0	3	12	0	15	0
VGS-13 MS-13	11	0	0	3	8	0	0	10	1
Southside-13 MS-13	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
TRG	23	0	0	0	11	12	0	21	2
Vice Lords	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
TCS-13	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Norteño	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total Unique Gangs = 38	462	0%	1%	9%	54%	35%	1%	95%	5%

⁹⁵ Data from Greensboro Police Department indicating available information on gang members as of June 4, 2010

Table 23: Race/Ethnicity and Gang Status, Active Greensboro Gangs⁹⁶

Gang Name	N	Race/Ethnicity					Gang Status	
		White	African	Hisp.	Asian	Other	Validated	Associated
Bloods	265	1	260	3	0	1	139	126
Bloods	79	0	78	0	0	1	53	26
9 Trey/Yehp Bloods	5	0	4	1	0	0	5	0
9-TEC Bloods	5	0	5	0	0	0	2	3
ASB Bloods	26	0	26	0	0	0	17	9
Ex. Generals Bloods	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Good Fellas Bloods	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
151 Piru Bloods	5	0	5	0	0	0	5	0
9-Trey Bloods	32	0	31	1	0	0	24	8
9 Bloods	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Brick Squad Bloods	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
MSB Bloods	18	0	18	0	0	0	14	4
SMM Bloods	72	1	70	1	0	0	10	62
Tree/Top Piru Bloods	7	0	7	0	0	0	3	4
Piru Bloods	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	2
TRU Bloods	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Crips	55	6	25	14	8	0	40	15
Crips	10	0	9	0	1	0	9	1
Folk GBD Crips	5	1	4	0	0	0	4	1
Mexican Crips	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Rubio 18 Crips	4	0	0	4	0	0	4	0
8 Trey Crips	4	0	4	0	0	0	3	1
Booker Street Crips	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
East Side Folk Crips	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Eastside Crips	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Folk Crips	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	2
IGC Crips	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Laotian Crips	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mafia Crips	11	1	1	9	0	0	4	7
Rollin 60's Crips	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Summit Boys Crips	8	0	1	0	7	0	7	1
Latin Kings	54	12	6	36	0	0	49	5
MS-13	27	6	0	21	0	0	21	6
MS-13	15	4	0	11	0	0	13	2
Southside-13 MS-13	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
VGS-13 MS-13	11	2	0	9	0	0	7	4
Norteno	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Sur-13	34	1	0	33	0	0	31	3
TCS-13	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
TRG	23	5	1	0	17	0	17	6
Vice Lords	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Total Unique Gangs= 38	462	7%	64%	24%	5%	0.2%	65%	35%

⁹⁶ Data from Greensboro Police Department indicating available information on gang members as of June 4, 2010

Gangs in High Point

According to the High Point Police Department (HPPD)⁹⁷, a gang is, “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.”

According to data on active gangs obtained from the HPPD on September 14, 2010, gang members in High Point were associated with one of 51 unique gang sets. While some of the unique gang sets claim larger gang types such as Bloods and Crips, according to HPPD, the majority of their gang sets are local, neighborhood gangs who don’t necessarily claim or have any affiliation with larger gang types. Of the 51 unique gang sets, the Bloods set represented the largest percentage of gang members (16.3%), followed by the Crips (14.0%) and the Sureños 13 (6.6%).

Table 24: Age and Sex, Active High Point Gangs⁹⁸

Gang Name	N	Age on June 4, 2010						Sex	
		<10	10-14	15-17	18-22	>22	?	Male	Female
Bloods									
Bloods	114	0	0	18	62	34	0	102	12
9-Tek Bloods	5	0	0	2	2	1	0	5	0
9-Tre Bloods	27	0	0	2	22	3	0	26	1
Daniel Brooks Gangsters	11	0	0	1	5	5	0	10	1
Gangster Killer Bloods	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	0
Phantom Bloods Gang	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Red Stone Mafia - Bloods	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Suffolk Mafia – Bloods	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
United Blood Nation	23	0	0	0	10	13	0	22	1
Crips									
Crips	98	0	1	9	50	38	0	90	8
A-Tray Crip	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Exotic Family Crips	28	0	0	0	0	26	2	25	3
Laos Crips	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0
Mafia Crip	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Rolling 21 st St. Crips	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Rolling 60’s Crips	11	0	0	0	6	5	0	10	1
Southside 13	3	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0

⁹⁷ Gang Terminology document provided by the High Point Police Department.

⁹⁸ Data from High Point Police Department indicating available information on gang members as of September 14, 2010.

Southside Boyz	7	0	0	1	3	3	0	6	1
007/A-Town	36	0	0	1	16	19	0	35	1
5 Percenter	9	0	0	0	0	9	0	9	0
9MM	14	0	0	0	2	12	0	14	0
Black Gangsta Disciple	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0
Brown Side Locos 758	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Byrd Gang/Dipset	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
C-Crowd	7	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	7
City Green Kings	12	0	0	2	8	2	0	11	1
Clara Cox Posse	18	0	0	3	7	8	0	18	0
D-Block	11	0	0	0	8	3	0	11	0
East Coast Presidents	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Eastside Boys	18	0	0	7	11	0	0	18	0
English Rd. Black Mafia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Five Points Posse	17	0	0	0	7	10	0	17	0
Folk	32	0	0	5	13	14	0	28	4
Gangster Disciples	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0
Goon Squad	8	0	0	2	6	0	0	8	0
Hoovers Insane	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Insane Gangster Disciples	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	4	0
Juanita Hills Thugs	11	0	0	0	10	1	0	11	0
Latin Kings	18	0	0	0	8	10	0	17	1
Los Primos 13	20	0	0	0	5	15	0	20	0
Mob Folk	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
MS-13	10	0	0	1	1	8	0	9	1
Nortenos	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Outlaws	8	0	0	0	7	1	0	8	0
Rubia 18	9	0	0	0	5	4	0	9	0
Surenos 13	46	0	0	13	22	11	0	42	4
Tiny Rascal Gangsters	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Vice Lords/Durham	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
West Coast Piru	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
West Side Piru	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Wu-Wash	6	0	0	0	4	2	0	6	0
Affiliation Unknown – Gang	21	0	0	0	6	15	0	21	0
Total Unique Gangs = 51	698	0%	0.1%	10.5%	47.7%	41.5%	0.2%	93%	7%

A total of 698 validated and suspected gang members were identified by HPPD. The majority (97%) were identified as belonging to or affiliating with a unique gang set, while gang affiliation was unknown for only 3% of suspected gang members. Similar to reported gang members Statewide, those reported by High Point were typically male (93%) and African American (68.5%). In High Point, 28.2% of identified gang members were classified as White and 2.7% were classified as Asian. In High Point, almost half (47.7%) of identified gang members were between the ages of 18 and 22, and 58.3% were ages 22 and under. There were no gang members reported by High Point who were under the age of 10, and approximately 0.1% of members were between the ages of 10 and 14 years.

Table 25: Race/Ethnicity, Active High Point Gangs⁹⁹

Gang Name	N	Race/Ethnicity				
		White	African American	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Bloods						
Bloods	114	8	102	0	4	0
9-Tek Bloods	5	0	5	0	0	0
9-Tre Bloods	27	1	26	0	0	0
Daniel Brooks Gangsters	11	0	11	0	0	0
Gangster Killer Bloods	3	0	3	0	0	0
Phantom Bloods Gang	1	0	1	0	0	0
Red Stone Mafia - Bloods	2	0	2	0	0	0
Suffolk Mafia – Bloods	2	0	2	0	0	0
United Blood Nation	23	0	23	0	0	0
Crips						
Crips	98	22	70	0	4	2
A-Tray Crip	2	0	2	0	0	0
Exotic Family Crips	28	21	4	0	1	2
Laos Crips	2	0	0	0	2	0
Mafia Crip	2	0	2	0	0	0
Rolling 21 st St. Crips	1	0	1	0	0	0
Rolling 60's Crips	11	7	4	0	0	0
Southside 13	3	1	2	0	0	0
Southside Boyz	7	0	7	0	0	0
007/A-Town	36	2	34	0	0	0
5 Percenter	9	0	9	0	0	0
9MM	14	11	2	0	1	0
Black Gangsta Disciple	4	0	4	0	0	0
Brown Side Locos 758	1	1	0	0	0	0
Byrd Gang/Dipset	1	0	1	0	0	0
C-Crowd	7	0	7	0	0	0
City Green Kings	12	1	11	0	0	0
Clara Cox Posse	18	1	17	0	0	0
D-Block	11	0	11	0	0	0
East Coast Presidents	1	0	1	0	0	0
Eastside Boys	18	0	18	0	0	0
English Rd. Black Mafia	1	0	1	0	0	0
Five Points Posse	17	0	17	0	0	0
Folk	32	9	23	0	0	0
Gangster Disciples	4	1	3	0	0	0
Goon Squad	8	0	8	0	0	0
Hoovers Insane	1	0	1	0	0	0

⁹⁹ Data from High Point Police Department indicating available information on gang members as of September 14, 2010.

Insane Gangster Disciples	4	3	1	0	0	0
Juanita Hills Thugs	11	0	11	0	0	0
Latin Kings	18	14	4	0	0	0
Los Primos 13	20	20	0	0	0	0
Mob Folk	1	0	1	0	0	0
MS-13	10	10	0	0	0	0
Nortenos	2	2	0	0	0	0
Outlaws	8	1	7	0	0	0
Rubia 18	9	9	0	0	0	0
Surenos 13	46	45	1	0	0	0
Tiny Rascal Gangsters	2	0	0	0	2	0
Vice Lords/Durham	1	0	1	0	0	0
West Coast Piru	1	0	1	0	0	0
West Side Piru	1	0	1	0	0	0
Wu-Wash	6	0	6	0	0	0
Affiliation Unknown – Gang Related	21	7	10	0	4	0
Total Unique Gangs = 51	698	197	478	0	19	4

Gangs in Other Guilford County Areas

The Guilford County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) defines a gang as, "A group of two or more persons who have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal activity, creating an atmosphere of fear and intimidation within the community." An individual is identified as a gang member according to the GCSO based on at least three of the following criteria:

1. Has admitted membership.
2. Has been identified as gang member by outside Law Enforcement Agency.
3. Has knowledge of activities/methods of operation of the gang.
4. Has been field interviewed with other known members of the gang.
5. Is tattooed or branded with gang or racist symbol(s).
6. Has been identified as a possible gang member by two or more sources.
7. Has been observed in the company of identified gang members.
8. Is in a photograph or listed in a document that indicates gang affiliation.
9. Has been involved in gang related crimes.
10. Is wearing or possessing gang stylized clothing, or other identifying items.
11. Has drawings and/or letters.
12. Has been associated with graffiti – stylized writing in conjunction with symbols written on any type surface or article.
13. Has demonstrated use of hand signs, slang or street names/monikers.

The GCSO is responsible for reporting on street gangs only within the unincorporated areas of Guilford County; thus, they do not report on gang activity within the city limits of High Point, Greensboro, Gibsonville, and other municipalities. As of July 27th, 2010, the GCSO identified 43 validated youth gangs and five associated youth gangs, for a total of 48 unique and active

youth gangs in the unincorporated areas of Guilford County. Within those 48 unique youth gangs were a reported total of 129 members who were 22 years of age or less, with 72.8% being validated members and 27.1% being gang associates. The average age of gang members 22 years of age or younger in the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Office was 19 years. It was reported that the majority of youth gang members were male and that there were only a "couple of documented females."

The Sheriff's Office also reported on the predominant youth gang membership type. It was reported that the majority of youth gang members fall into the Latin Kings and the Bloods gang types. As with Greensboro, there were multiple unique sets within the Bloods and Crips gang types. The following list of validated and associated youth gangs was provided by the GCSO and is current as of July 27, 2010, but specific numbers were not available.

Table 26: Guilford County Unincorporated Area - Validated and Associated Youth Gangs

Validated Youth Gangs
<u>Bloods</u>
Gangsta Killa Bloods
9 Trey Gangstas
Piru Bloods
Sex, Money, Murder Bloods
South Side Bloods
West Coast Bloods
East Side Boys Bloods
Goon Squad Bloods
Imperial Gangsta Bloods
Jack Boy Click Bloods
Knives Guns Bullets Bloods
Rollin 30's Bloods
Rush Mob Bloods
Shannon Woods Boys
United Blood Nation
<u>Crips</u>
Hoover Crips
Insane Gangsta Disciples
Mafia Crips
Rollin 40 Crips
Rollin 20 Crips
Rollin 60 Crips
187 Crips
21 st Street Crips
83 rd Street Crips
East Side Crips
EF Crazy Crips
<u>Boys In Style</u>
<u>Coffee Shop Boys</u>
<u>Folk</u>
<u>Latin Kings</u>
<u>G Mafia</u>

Hotboyz
MS-13
Norte 14
Rubio 18
Sur 13
Vineland Boys Sur 13
Tiny Rascals Gang
Triad Stick Up Boys
VGS-13
Arab Mafia
Aryan Brotherhood
Bandito 13
Associated Youth Gangs
5%
Final 6 Crips
Gangster Disciples
T04
Southside Crips

Gang-Related Crime

Each of the three major jurisdictions was asked to provide gang-related incident data for January 1 to December 31, 2009. In addition, each jurisdiction was asked to provide their operational definition for classifying an incident as gang-related. Each jurisdiction provided feedback on this section to ensure its accuracy.

Greensboro Gang-Related Activity

According to the Greensboro Police Department (GPD), gang-related activity is defined as, “committing or attempting to commit, solicit, intimidate or otherwise coerce another or other persons to commit criminal acts where a reasonably prudent person of the offender’s age, intelligence, and experience would understand that such acts are probably illegal, for the purpose of achieving an objective or goal of the gang.”

According to data received from the GPD, a total of 321 offenders were identified in a total of 333 gang-related incidents from January 1 to December 31, 2009. There was an average of 1.5 offenders per gang-related incident, with eight offenders being the most recorded in a single incident. Offenders ranged in age from 12 to 57, with an average age of 21 years. Over half (56.7%) of offenders were under the age of 22. However, information on age was missing for 52 (16.2%) offenders.

Similar to the demographic breakdown of identified gang members in Greensboro and Statewide, 83.9% of offenders in gang-related crimes reported by the GPD were male, and 59.1% were African American. Nearly one quarter (23.5%) of offenders were Caucasian, 8% were Asian, and 9% of the data on race of the offender was missing. Information on ethnicity (Hispanic decent) was not reported in the database

A total of 407 victims were involved in the gang-related incidents reported by the GPD. There was an average of 1.5 victims per gang-related incident, ranging from zero to seven victims per incident. Nearly half (47.2%) of victims were individuals. Victims were also identified as society (34.4%) or businesses (18.4%). Most individual victims of gang-related crimes were males and over the age of 22; the average age of victims was 32 years.

Figure 6: Individual Victim & Offender Age - Greensboro Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

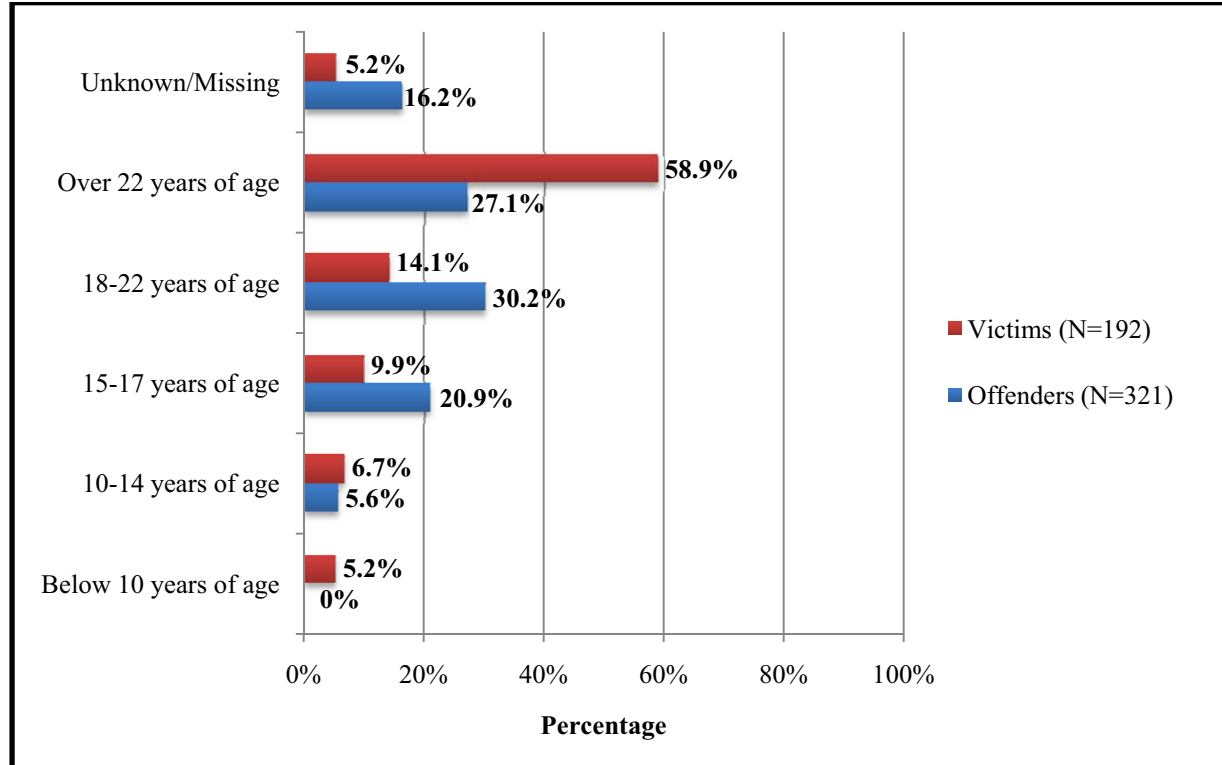


Figure 7: Individual Victim & Offender Gender - Greensboro Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

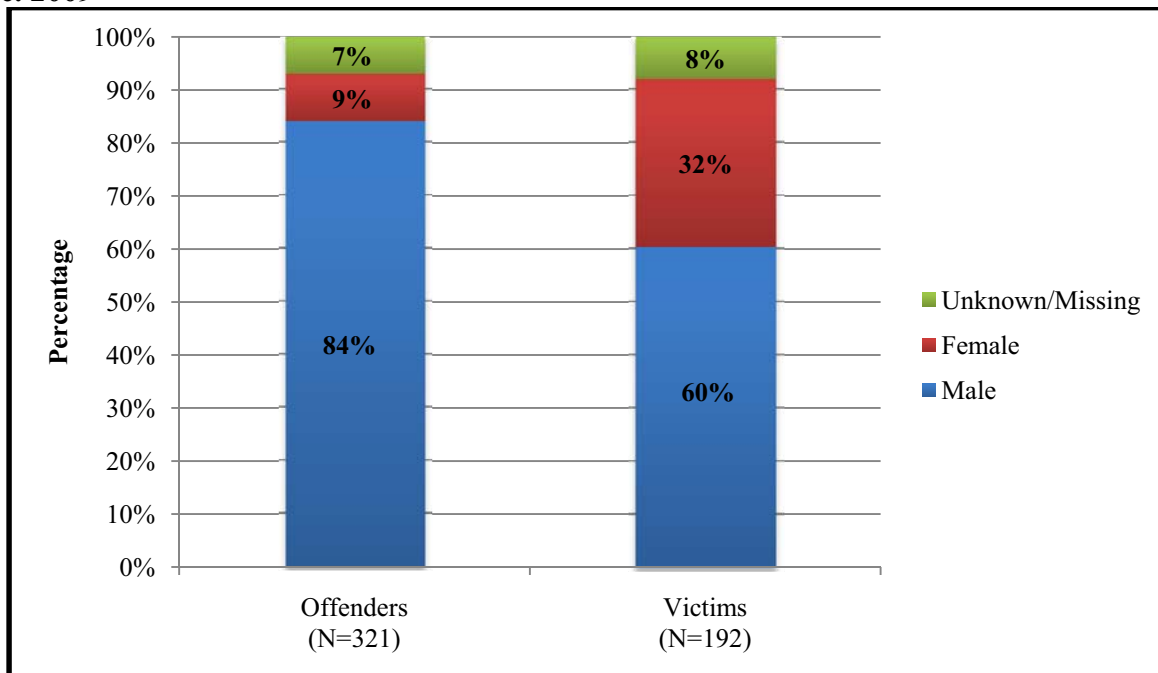


Figure 8: Individual Victim & Offender Race/Ethnicity - Greensboro Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

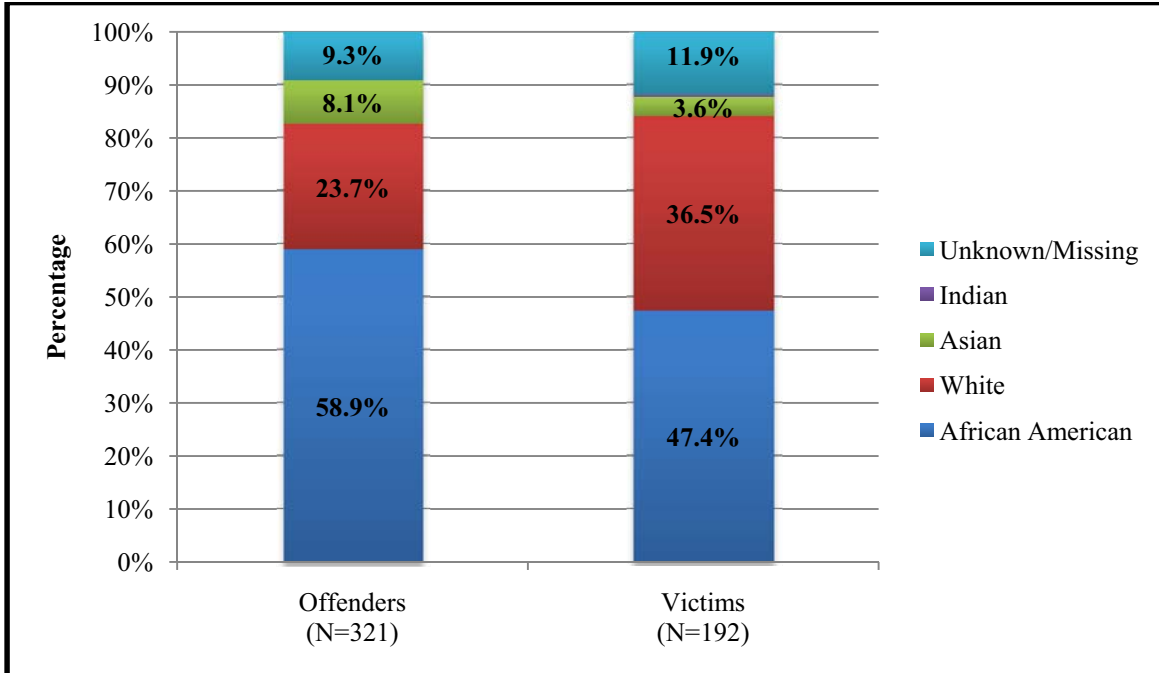
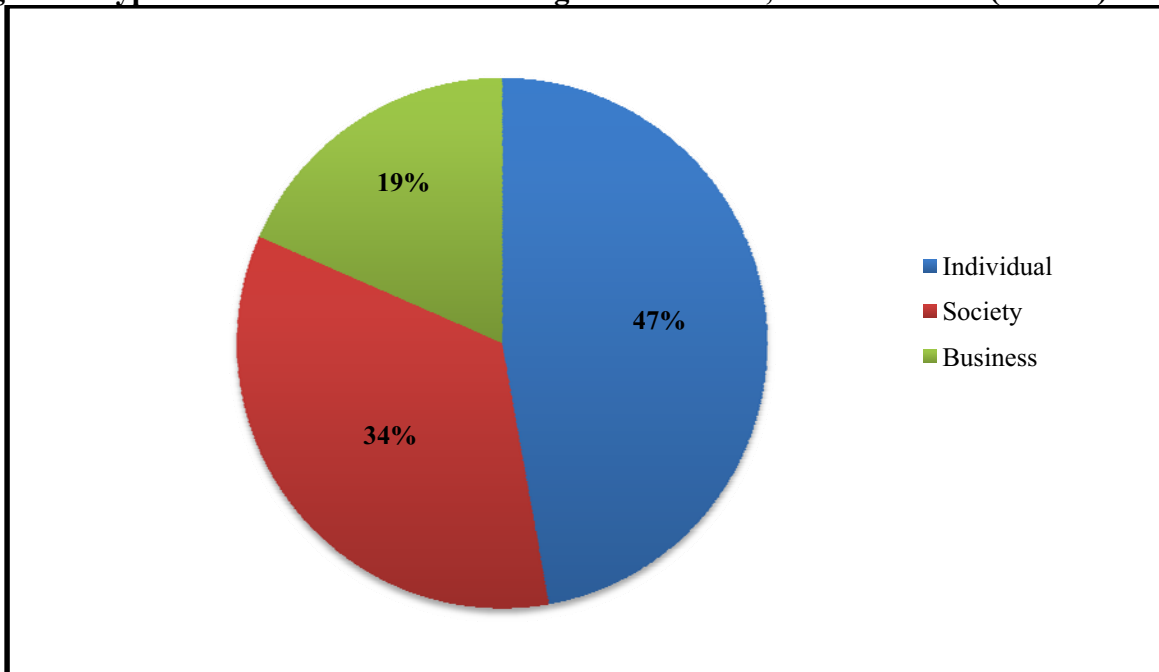


Figure 9: Type of Victim - Greensboro Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009 (N= 407)



Almost one-tenth (9.6%) of the recorded gang-related incidents for 2009 in Greensboro were violent crimes. Violent crimes are defined as homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Specifically, in Greensboro there were the following gang-related violent crimes: 21 aggravated assaults (representing 6.3% of all gang-related incidents), nine robberies (representing 2.7% of all gang-related incidents), one rape (representing 0.3% of all gang-related incidents), and one homicide (representing 0.3% of all gang-related incidents). Nearly 13% of the reported gang-related incidents for 2009 in Greensboro were property crimes. Property crimes are defined as burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. During 2009 in Greensboro, there were the following gang-related property crimes: 22 burglaries (representing 6.6% of all gang-related incidents), 17 larcenies (representing 5.1% of all gang-related incidents), and four motor vehicle thefts (representing 1.2% of all gang-related incidents).

One-quarter (26.4%) of the reported gang-related incidents for 2009 in Greensboro were drug-related. Of gang-related drug incidents identified for 2009 in Greensboro, drug sales accounted for 42 incidents (representing 12.6% of all gang-related incidents), drug possession accounted for 38 incidents (representing 11.4% of all gang-related incidents), five were classified as other drug incidents (representing 1.5% of all gang-related incidents), and drug paraphernalia accounted for three incidents (representing 0.9% of all gang-related incidents).

Among other types of gang-related crimes, vandalism was most frequent accounting for almost one-fifth (19.8%) of all gang-related incidents for 2009 in Greensboro. See Table 6 for the full breakdown of gang-related crimes reported for Greensboro.

Half of all 2009 gang-related incidents in Greensboro involved a weapon (50.4%), with the most frequently used weapons being handguns (used in 14.7% of total incidents) and personal weapons, such as hands and feet (used in 9.9% of total incidents). Information on weapons used was unknown or missing for 37 (11.1%) incidents.

Table 27: Greensboro Gang Incident Data, Jan.–Dec. 2009

Victim & Offender Demographics	
Average offenders per crime (N = 321)	1.51 (Range = 0-8)
Average age of offender	21.35 (Range = 12-57)
Age ranges of offenders	<i>N</i>
10-14	18
15-17	67
18-22	97
>22	87
Unknown/Missing data	52
<i>Total</i>	321
Sex of offender	
Male	270
Female	30
Unknown/Missing data	21
<i>Total</i>	321
Race/Ethnicity of offender	
African American	189
White	76
Asian	26
Unknown/Missing data	30
<i>Total</i>	321
Type of Victim	
Individual	192
Society	140
Business	75
<i>Total</i>	407
Average victims per crime (N = 192)	1.3 (Range = 0-7)
Average age of victim	32.25 (Range = 0-94)
Age ranges of victims	
<10	10
10-14	13
15-17	19
18-22	27
>22	113
Unknown/Missing data	10
<i>Total</i>	192
Sex of victim	
Male	116
Female	61
Unknown/Missing data	15
<i>Total</i>	192
Race of victim	
African American	91
White	77
Asian	7
Indian	1
Unknown/Missing data	23
<i>Total</i>	192

Table 28: Greensboro Gang, Incident Data, Jan - Dec 2009 (N=333)

Offense Type	Raw Count	Percent of Total
Violent	32	9.6%
Aggravated Assault	21	6.3%
Criminal Homicide	1	0.3%
Rape	1	0.3%
Robbery	9	2.7%
Property	43	12.9%
Burglary	22	6.6%
Larceny	17	5.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	1.2%
Arson	1	0.3%
Drug-Related	88	26.4%
Drug Possession	38	11.4%
Drug Sale	42	12.6%
Drug Paraphernalia	3	0.9%
Drug Other	5	1.5%
Other		
Assault-Domestic	3	0.9%
Assault-Simple	14	4.2%
Assault-Nonphysical Officer	1	0.3%
Embezzlement	1	0.3%
Fraud	2	0.6%
Juvenile Referral	7	2.1%
Manufacturing/Possessing WMD	1	0.3%
Sex Offense	2	0.6%
Traffic	10	3.0%
Vandalism	66	19.8%
Weapons	29	8.7%
Child Abuse	1	0.3%
Miscellaneous	21	6.3%
All Other	11	3.3%
Total	333	100%
Weapon Type (N = 333)		
N/A or none	165	49.5%
Blunt Object	4	1.2%
Fictitious Gun (Implied Toy)	1	0.3%
Gas/Air Powered Gun	3	0.9%
Handgun	49	14.7%
Knife	11	3.3%
Narcotics/Drugs	5	1.5%
Other Cutting Instrument	5	1.5%
Other Firearm	1	0.3%
Other Weapon	13	3.9%
Personal Weapons	33	9.9%
Rifle	2	0.6%
Shotgun	4	1.2%
Unknown/Missing data	37	11.1%
Total	333	100%

High Point Gang-Related Activity

The High Point Police Department (HPPD) defines gang-related crime as, “committing or attempting to commit, solicit, intimidate or otherwise coerce another or other persons to commit criminal acts where a reasonably prudent person of the offender’s age, intelligence, and experience would understand that such acts are probably illegal, for the purpose of achieving an objective or goal of the gang.”¹⁰⁰

According to data received from the HPPD, a total of 113 individual offenders were reported in 117 gang-related incidents from January 1 to December 31, 2009.

There was an average of 1.7 offenders per gang-related incident, ranging from one to six offenders per incident. Offenders ranged in age from 12 to 46 years, with an average age of 20 years. Over half (61%) of offenders were ages 22 and under; however, information on age was unknown or missing for 21 (18.9%) offenders.

Similar to data reported on gang members Statewide, the majority (89%) of offenders apprehended in gang-related crimes in High Point were male. A total of 81.4% of offenders were African American and 15.0% were Caucasian. Race was unknown or missing for 3.5% of the individual offenders. Information on ethnicity (Hispanic decent) was not reported in the database.

The HPPD reported 145 victims as being involved in gang-related incidents during 2009. Most (65%) victims were identified as individuals, but some victims were classified as society (13%) or businesses (22%). There was an average of 1.25 victims per gang-related incident, ranging from one to five victims per incident. Most individual victims of gang-related crimes were males (59.5%) and over the age of 22 (55.3%); the average age of victims was 34 years.

Nearly one-fifth (18.8%) of the gang-related incidents for 2009 in High Point were violent crimes. Violent crimes are defined as homicide, aggravated assault, rape, and robbery. Specifically, there were ten gang-related aggravated assaults (representing 8.5% of all gang-related crimes), one gang-related criminal homicide (representing 0.9% of all gang-related crimes), and 11 gang-related robberies (representing 9.4% of all gang-related).

Gang-related property crimes comprised about 23% of all gang-related incidents for 2009 in High Point. Property crimes are defined as burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Larceny was the most common, representing 14.5% of all gang-related property crimes in High Point for 2009.

Only 6.8% of gang-related incidents were determined to be drug-related in High Point during 2009. Drug sales (3.4%) were the most common drug-related incidents identified as being gang-related. Among all types of incidents, vandalism (30.4%) was the most common gang-related crime in High Point for 2009.

¹⁰⁰ Gang definition provided by the High Point Police Department.

Figure 10: Individual Victim & Offender Age - High Point Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

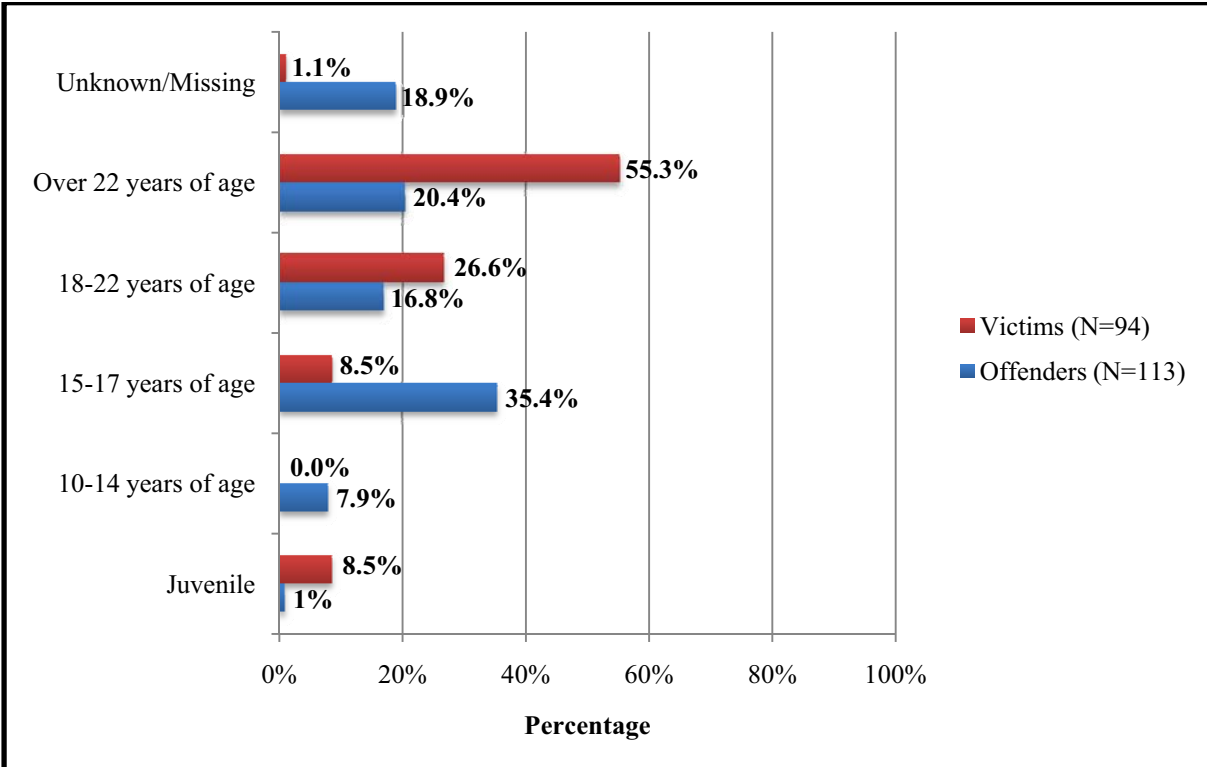


Figure 11: Individual Victim & Offender Gender - High Point Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

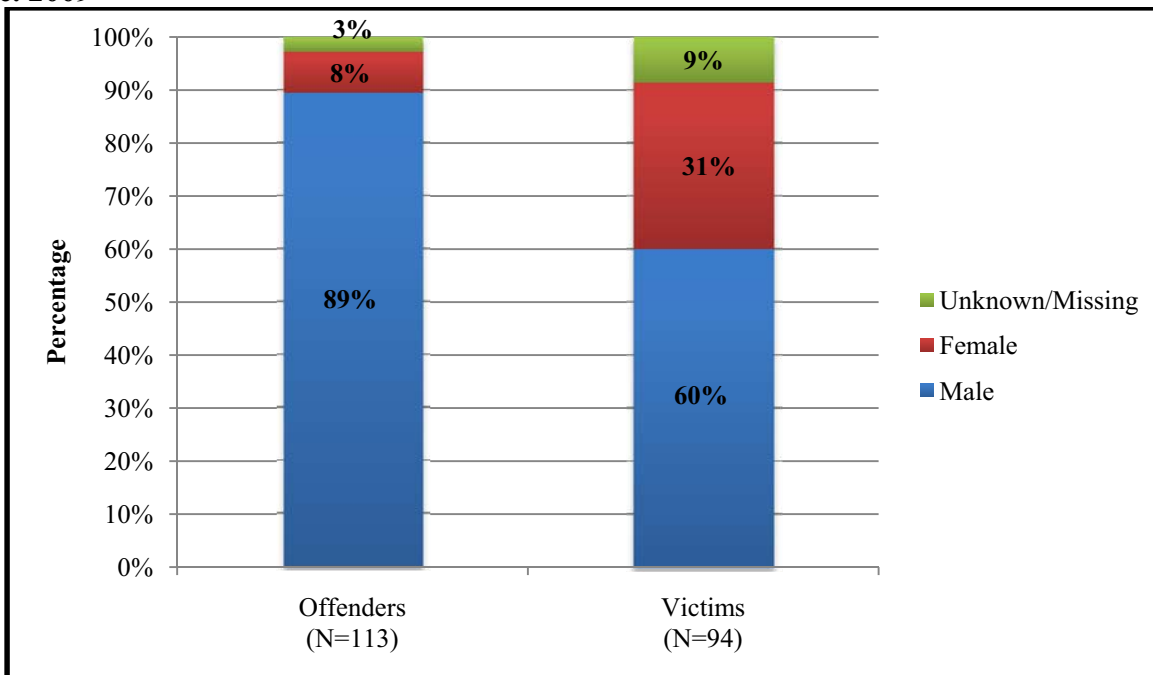


Figure 12: Individual Victim & Offender Race/Ethnicity - High Point Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

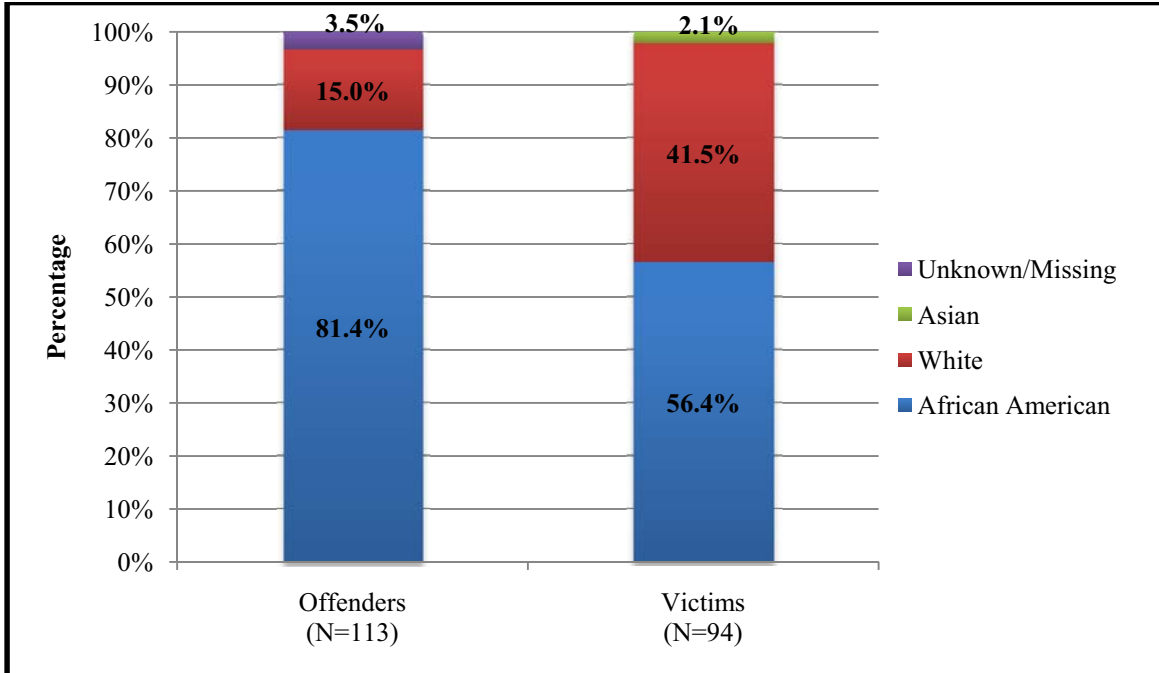


Figure 13: Type of Victim - High Point Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

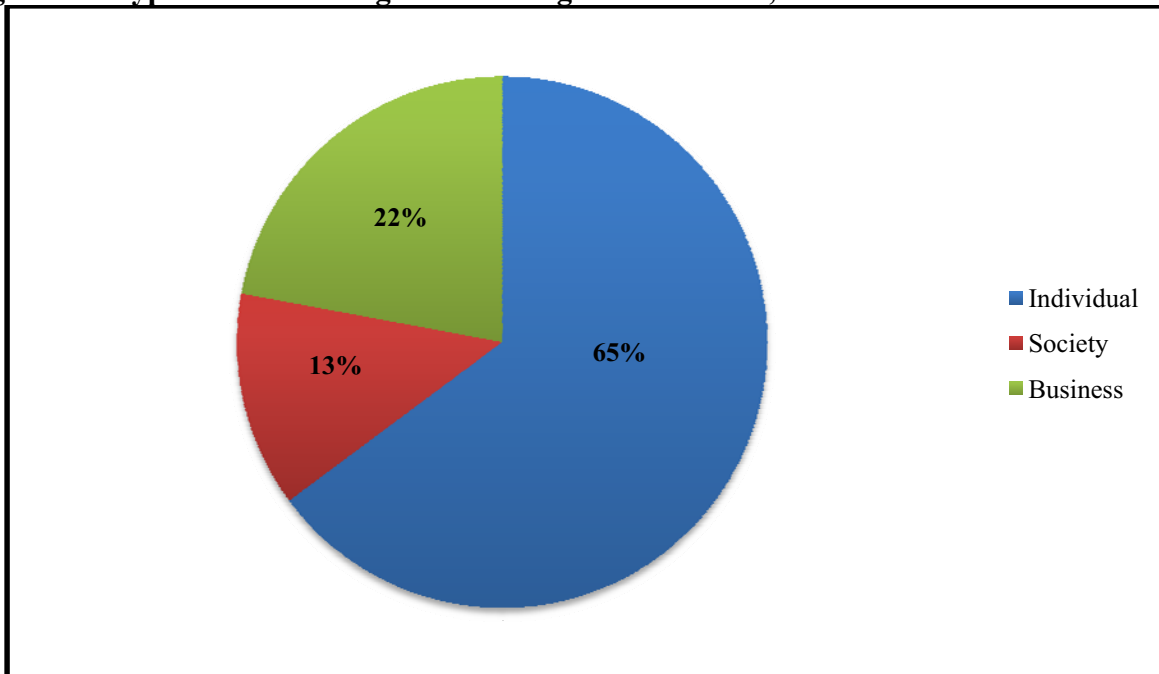


Table 29: High Point Gang Incident Data, Jan.–Dec. 2009

Victim & Offender Demographics	
Average offenders per crime (N = 113)	1.73 (Range = 0-6)
Average age of offender	20.43 (Range = 12-46)
Age ranges of offenders	
Juvenile	1
10-14	9
15-17	40
18-22	19
>22	23
Unknown/Missing data	21
<i>Total</i>	113
Sex of offender	
Male	101
Female	9
Unknown/Missing data	3
<i>Total</i>	113
Race of offender	
African American	92
White	17
Unknown/Missing data	4
<i>Total</i>	113
Type of Victim	
Individual	94
Society	19
Business	32
<i>Total</i>	145
Average individual victims per crime (N =94)	1.25 (Range = 1-5)
Average age of individual victim	34.19 (Range = 16-82)
Age ranges of individual victims	
Juvenile	8
10-14	0
15-17	8
18-22	25
>22	52
Unknown/Missing data	1
<i>Total</i>	94
Sex of Individual Victims	
Male	56
Female	30
Unknown/Missing data	8
<i>Total</i>	94
Race/Ethnicity of Individual Victims	
African American	53
White	39
Asian	2
<i>Total</i>	94

Table 30: High Point Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009 (N=117)

Offense Type	Raw Count	Percent of Total
Violent	22	18.8%
Aggravated Assault	10	8.5%
Criminal Homicide	1	0.9%
Rape	0	0%
Robbery	11	9.4%
Property	27	23.1%
Burglary	8	6.8%
Larceny	17	14.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0.9%
Arson	1	0.9%
Drug Related	8	6.8%
Drug Possession	1	0.9%
Drug Sale	4	3.4%
Drug Paraphernalia	0	0%
Drug Other	3	2.7%
Other	60	51.3%
Assault-Other	1	0.9%
Assault-Simple	9	7.7%
Fraud	2	1.7%
Vandalism	36	30.8%
Weapons	4	3.4%
Miscellaneous	4	3.4%
All Other	4	3.4%
Total	117	100%
Weapon Type (N = 117)		
N/A or none	42	35.9%
Blunt Object	7	6.0%
Handgun	10	8.5%
Knife	3	2.6%
Other Chemicals/Drugs	1	0.9%
Other Cutting Instrument	2	1.7%
Other Weapon	10	8.5%
Personal Weapons	37	31.6%
Rifle	1	0.9%
Shotgun	3	2.6%
Unknown/Missing data	1	0.9%
Total	117	100%

About 64% of gang-related incidents in High Point during 2009 involved the use of a weapon. The most frequently used weapons in gang-related incidents were personal weapons, such as hands, feet, fists, etc. (31.6%), handguns (8.5%), and other weapons (8.5%).

Guilford County Gang-Related Activity

According to data received from the Guilford County Sheriff's Office (GCSO), eight offenders were involved in eight gang-related incidents in the unincorporated areas of Guilford County from January 1 to December 31, 2009. The GCSO did not specify how they define a gang-related incident.

There was an average of one offender per incident, with the number of offenders per incident ranging from one to two individuals. The majority of offenders (75%) identified were ages 22 and under. The sex of the offenders was not reported. A total of 75% of offenders were identified as Hispanic, with the remaining 25% identified as African American. However, these percentages should be interpreted with caution due to the small number of incidents. No data was provided by the GCSO on the victims of the gang-related incidents.

Table 31: Guilford County Unincorporated Area Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009

Victim & Offender Demographics	
Average offenders per crime (N = 8)	1
Age ranges of offenders	
Juvenile	6
18-22	1
Unknown/Missing data	1
Total	8
Sex of offender	
Unknown/Missing data	8
Total	8
Race/Ethnicity of offender	
African American	2
White	0
Hispanic	6
Asian	0
Unknown/Missing data	0
Total	8

The majority (37.5%) of gang-related incidents in 2009 reported by the GCSO were affrays. Damage to property accounted for 25% of gang-related incidents, with recovered property, drug violations, and traffic offenses each accounting for 12.5% of reported gang-related incidents.

Over half (62.5%) of the gang-related incidents for 2009 in the unincorporated areas of Guilford County involved a weapon of some kind. Hands (37.5%) were the most frequently used weapons, with paint (12.5%) and a bottle (12.5%) being the other types of weapons reportedly used. No weapons were used in 37.5% of the gang-related incidents in the County for 2009.

**Table 32: Guilford County Unincorporated Area Gang Incident Data, Jan.-Dec. 2009
(N=8)**

Offense Type	Raw Count	Percent of Total
Drug Violations	1	12.5%
Affray	3	37.5%
Recovered Property	1	12.5%
Traffic	1	12.5%
Damage to Property	2	25%
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>100%</i>
Weapon Type (N = 8)		
N/A or none	3	37.5%
Hands	3	37.5%
Paint	1	12.5%
Bottle	1	12.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>100%</i>

Overview of Gangs and Gang-Related Activity Across Guilford County

According to data provided by the three major law enforcement agencies, High Point reportedly had the highest number of gangs (51 unique sets). While Guilford County Sheriff's Office reported the second highest number of gangs (48 unique sets), they only reported on active youth gangs in the unincorporated areas of Guilford County so the total number of gangs could be higher. Greensboro reportedly had the lowest number of gangs, with GPD reporting 38 unique gang sets.

Similarly, High Point reported the highest number of individuals who were identified as associated or validated gang members (N=698). While Greensboro reportedly had the fewest gangs, they had the second highest number of associated and validated gang members (N=462). The Guilford County Sheriff's Office reported only 129 associated and validated gang members who were ages 22 and under. While GPD and HPPD reported on associated and validated gang members of all ages, GCSO's reported number is still lower than the percent identified by GPD and HPPD as being ages 22 and under.

Across all three agencies, Blood gang sets were most common, followed by other sets such as the Latin Kings and Sureños 13. Similar to Statewide statistics, the majority of associated and validated gang members across all three agencies were reportedly male and African American. For Greensboro and High Point, the majority of associated and validated gang members were reportedly ages 22 and under (64% and 58%, respectively).

Based on the number of gang-related incidents reported from January 1 to December 31, 2009, Greensboro reported the highest gang-related crime rate, with 1.29 gang-related incidents per 1,000 residents¹⁰¹. High Point reported the second highest gang-related crime rate with 1.15 gang-related incidents per 1000 residents.¹⁰² Even though Greensboro's estimated population is more than double that of High Point, their gang-related crime rates for 2009 are not drastically different. The Guilford County Sheriff's Office reported only eight gang-related incidents in the unincorporated areas of Guilford County during 2009.

When examining the offenders involved in the reported gang-related crimes, for both Greensboro and High Point, they were most commonly males ages 22 and under. However, race of the offenders differed somewhat between the cities. In Greensboro, 59.1% of offenders in gang-related crimes in 2009 were African American and nearly one quarter (23.5%) were Caucasian. In High Point, the overwhelming majority of offenders in gang-related crimes in 2009 were African American (89.1%). Victims of gang-related crimes in Greensboro and High Point were mostly males over the age of 22.

Across both cities, the type of crime that accounted for the highest percentage of gang-related incidents in 2009 was vandalism (High Point 30.8%; Greensboro 19.8%). High Point reported a

¹⁰¹ Greensboro's 2009 gang-related crime rate was calculated using the 2008 population estimate of the City of Greensboro.

¹⁰² High Point's 2009 gang-related crime rate was calculated using the 2009 population estimate of the City of High Point.

higher percentage of gang-related violent crimes (18.8%) than did Greensboro (9.8%). Similarly, a higher percentage of High Point's gang-related incidents for 2009 were classified as property crimes (23%) than in Greensboro (13%). However, drug crimes accounted for a much larger percentage of Greensboro's gang-related incidents for 2009 (26.4%) than they did in High Point (6.8%).

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Maps

To visually depict gang-related crimes that occurred throughout Guilford County in 2009, a series of GIS maps was constructed. Figure 13 represents the top five schools that indicated the largest gang-related crime incidents during 2009. Figures 14-18 depict gang-related crimes using a school "buffer zone" representing a 1-mile radius around a school in Guilford County. As the maps depict, the large majority of crimes occur within or around schools.

Figure 14: Top five Guilford County Schools with the highest reported school crime incidents and gang-related incidents

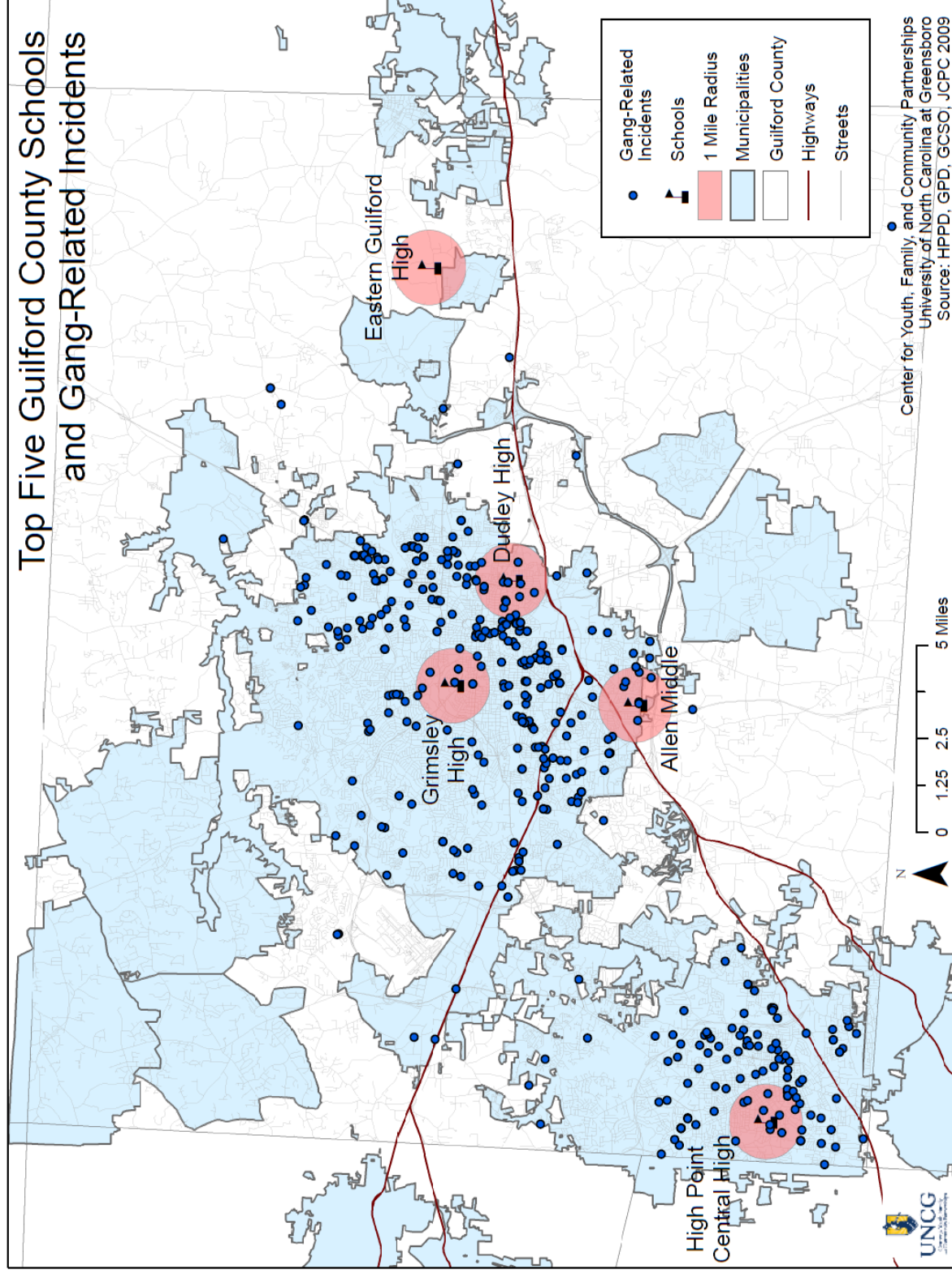


Figure 15: Guilford County Schools and Gang-Related Incidents, Jan.-Dec. 2009

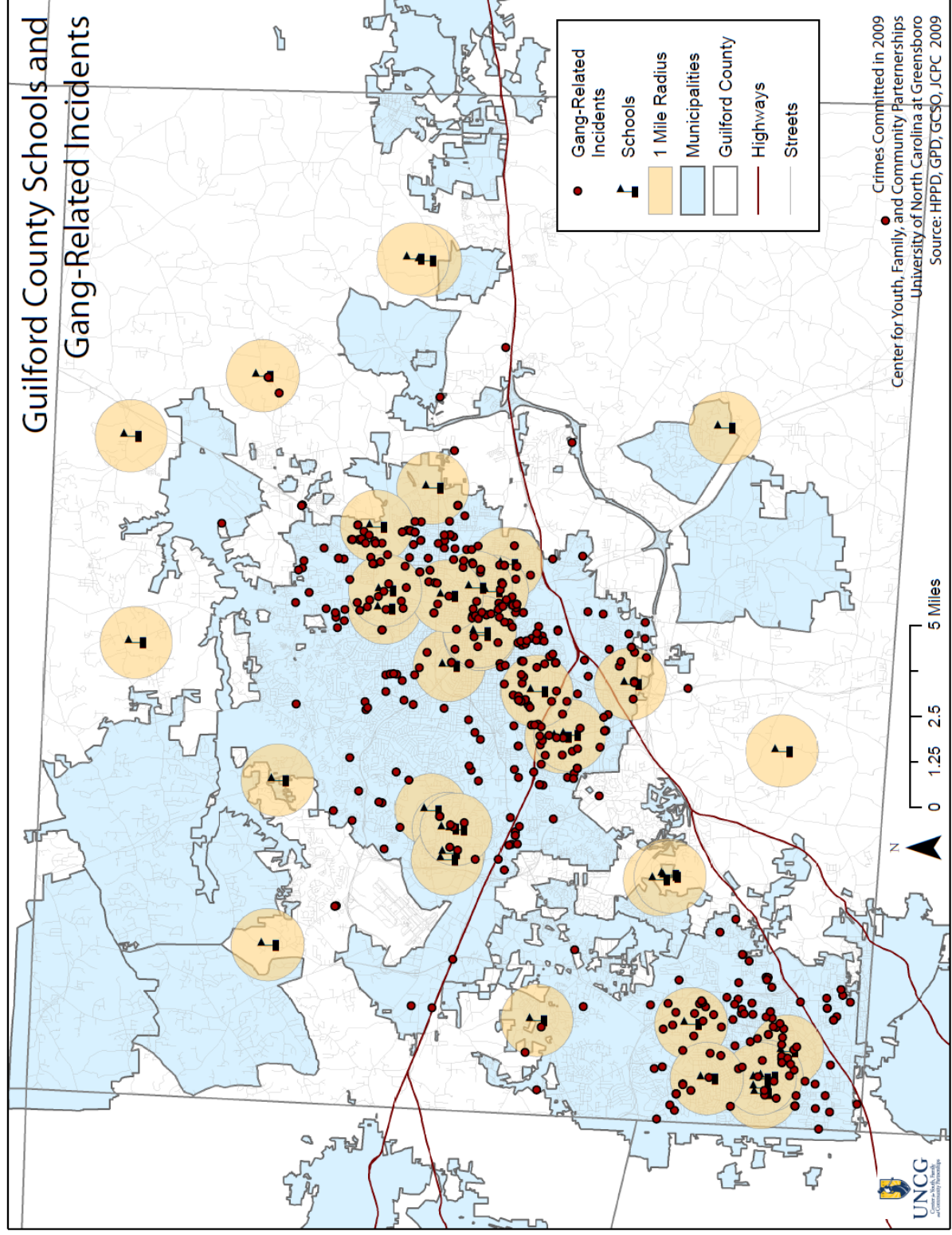


Figure 16: Guilford County Schools and Gang-Related Drug Crimes, Jan.-Dec. 2009

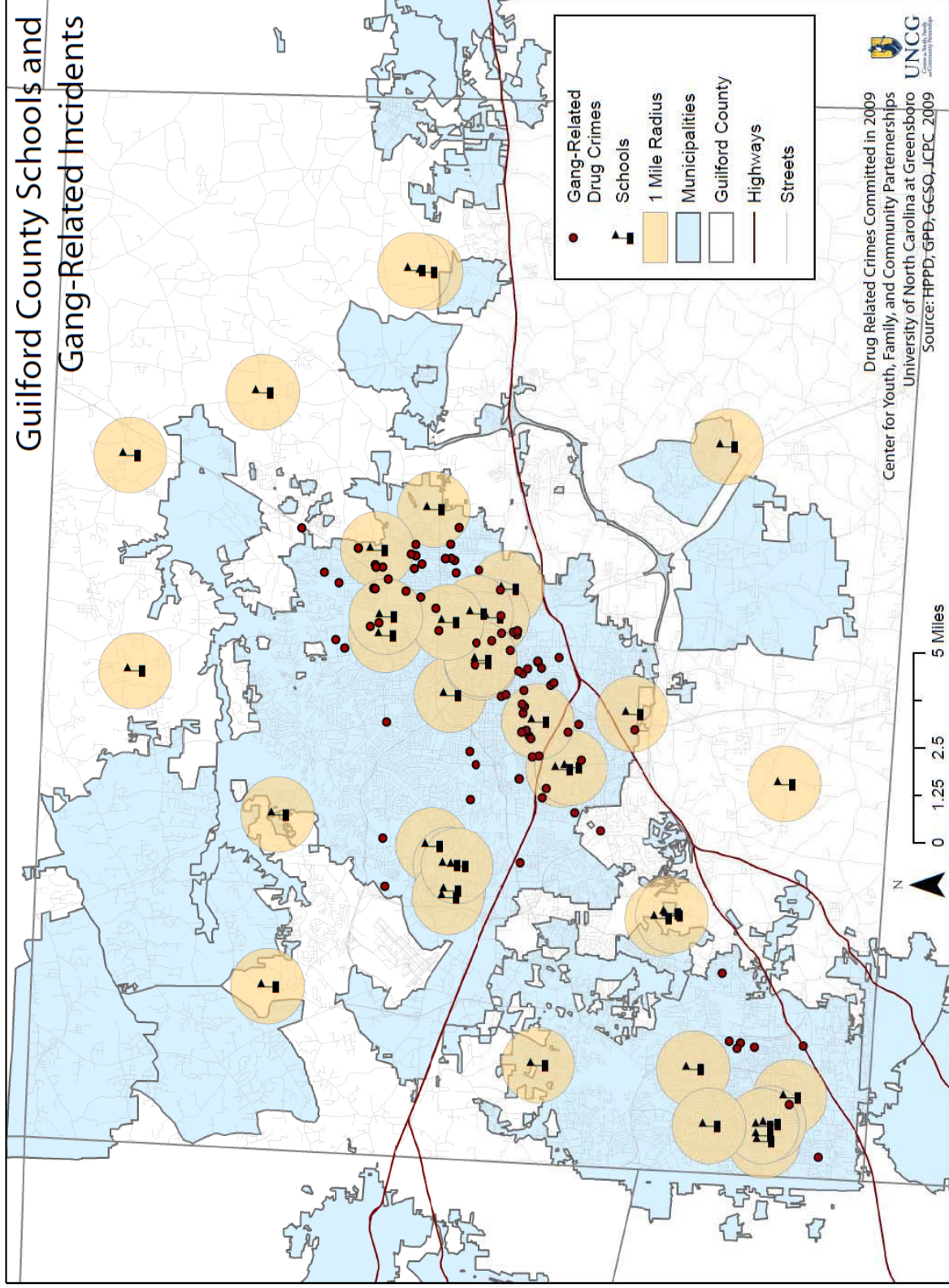


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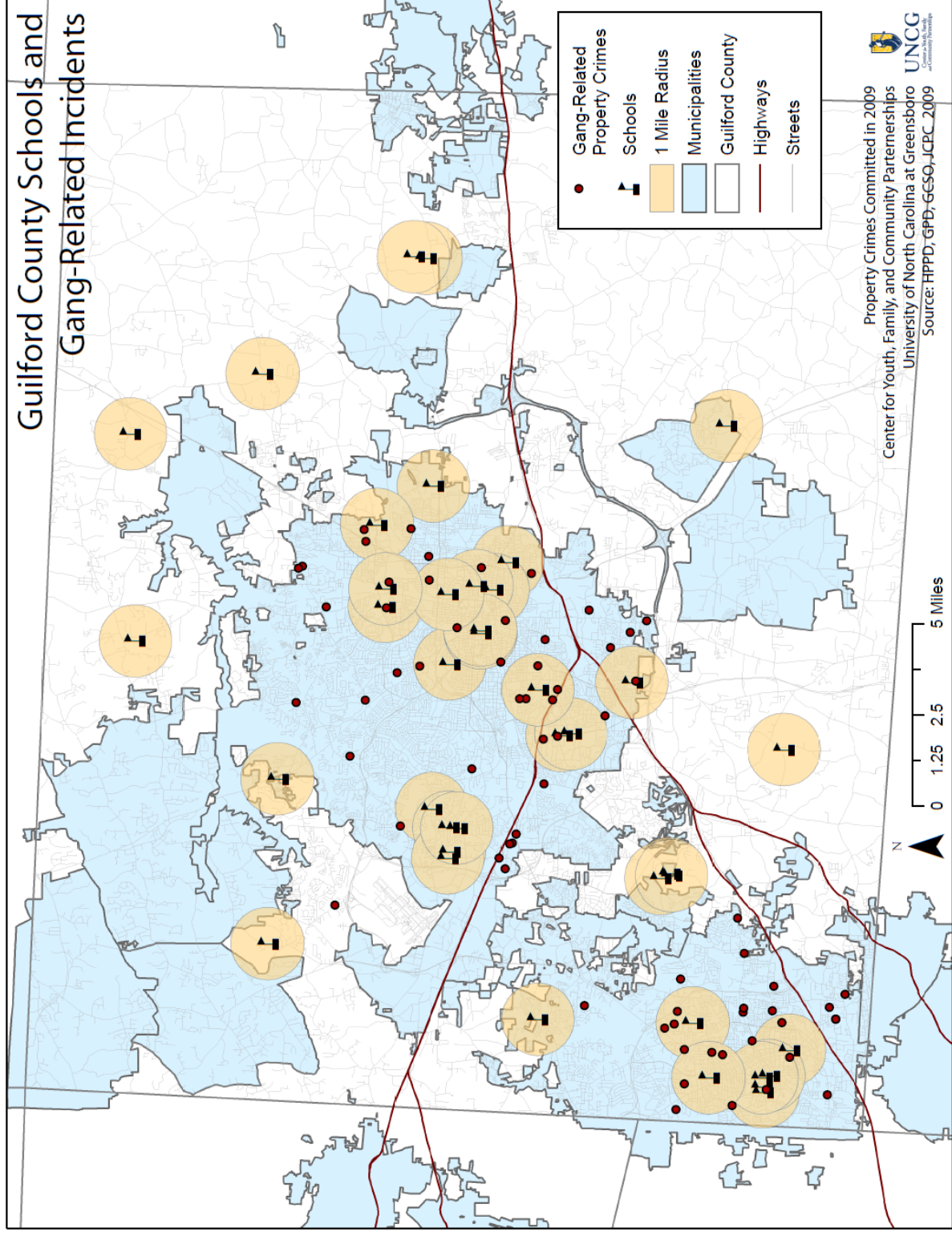


Figure 18: Guilford County Schools and Gang-Related Simple Assaults, Jan.-Dec. 2009

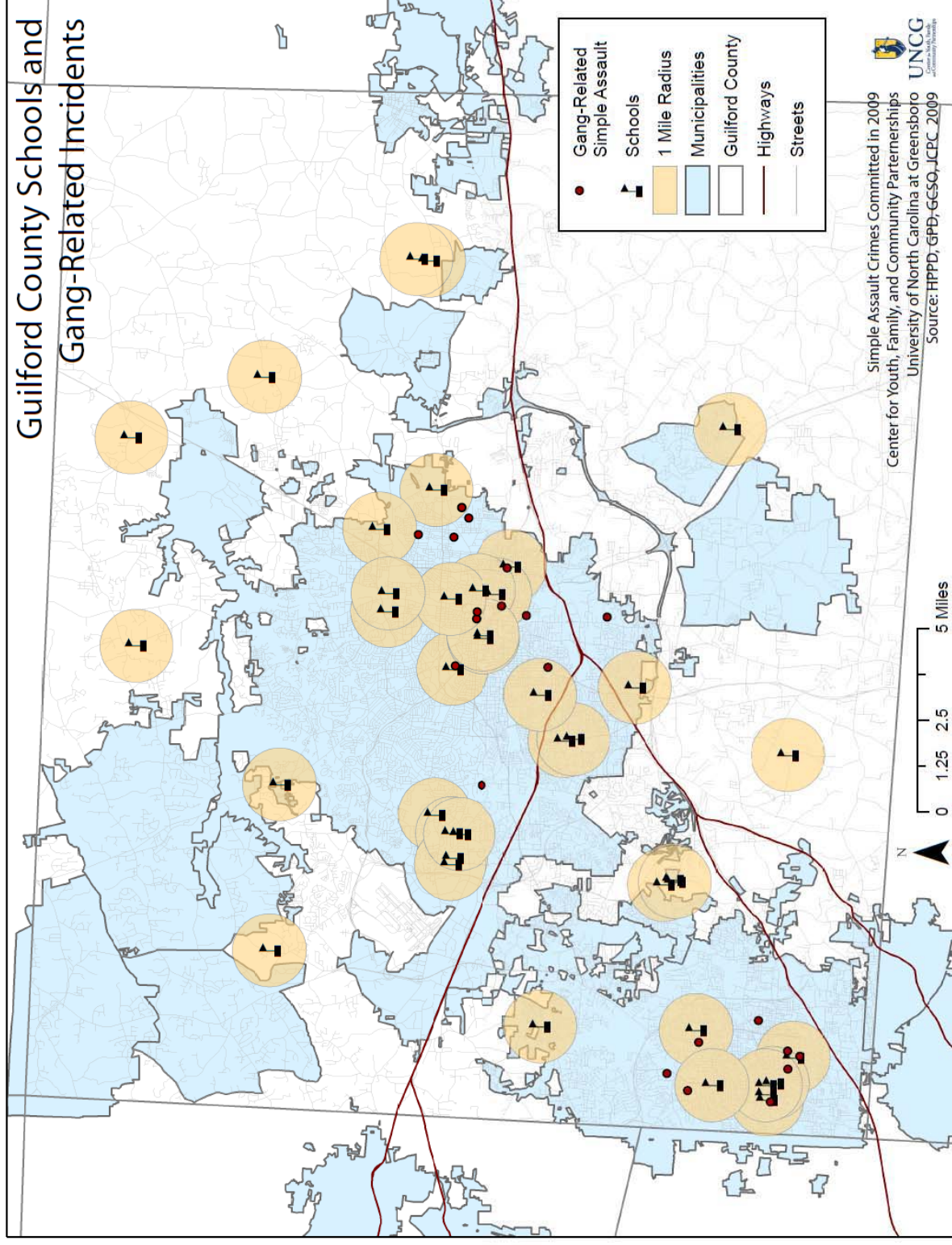


Figure 19: Guilford County Schools and Gang-Related Violent Crimes, Jan.-Dec. 2009

