#### **Gun Violence - Team 3**

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#### **Project motivation:**

Recent uptick in gun possession among youth in Boston's District 4

Need to understand the drivers of gun violence in the district and the city as a whole.

Inform policies that can improve the district and reduce the incidence of gun violence.

### **Project Goal**

To understand the drivers of gun violence in Boston's District 4 and the city as a whole, with a focus on identifying the variables associated with increases or decreases in gun violence.

### **Project Background**

To understand the project, it would be helpful to have knowledge of the factors that contribute to gun violence, such as poverty, access to firearms, mental health, and social dynamics.

Familiarity with the existing programs designed to address gun violence, their effectiveness, and their limitations would also be useful.

## **Project Extension Proposal**

- Rationale
  - To highlight potential important environmental trends which can pave the way for approvals for redesigning areas of Boston
- Hypothesis
  - Greener environments have less violence than desolate urban settings.
  - More gun violence incidents closer to community centers.
- More details found here:
  - Extension Proposal

#### Datasets used/to be used

- City Council Dataset
- Shots Fired
- Shootings
- Community Centers
- Parks

# Progress so far

Explored the Community Centers dataset

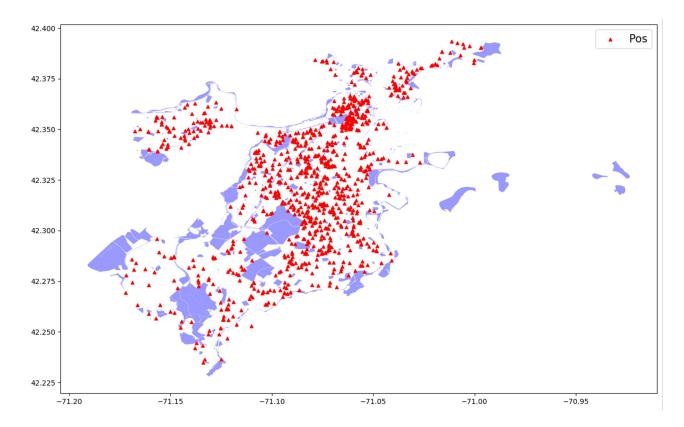
Focused on Community Centers dataset to create mappings to City Council Districts

No concrete analysis derived from parks dataset

## Parks Gun Violence Map

#### **Key Findings:**

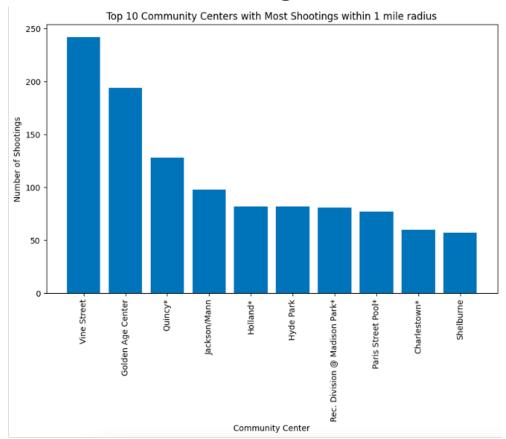
- Most gun violence does not happen in parks
- Boston has a high park area ratio to city its hard to say if shootings happen near parks with this bias



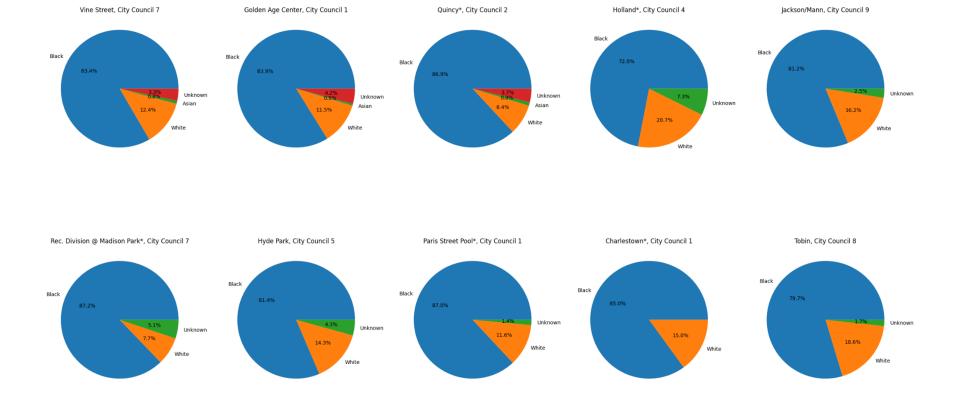
## **Top 10 Community Centers with Most Shootings**

#### **Key Findings:**

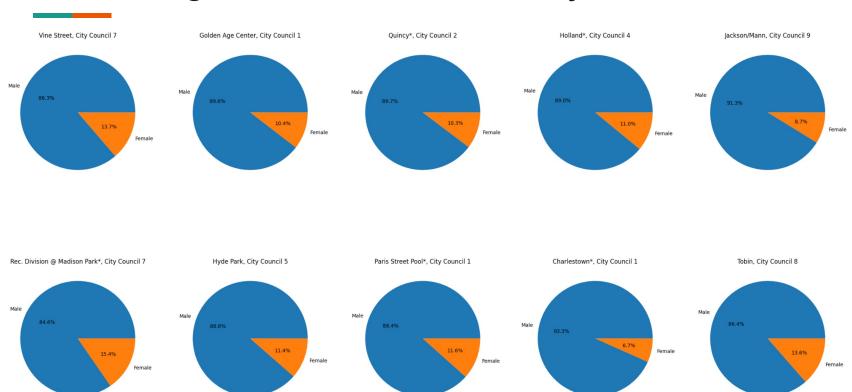
- More shootings near Community Centers seem to happen in City Council 1 and 7, with 3 Community Centers each in the top 10 list.
- There are only one Community Centers from City Councils 4, 2, 9 and 5 in the top 10 list.



# **Race Segmentation for Community Centers**



# **Gender Segmentation for Community Centers**



## Race and Gender Graphs Key Findings

#### Race

- In every Community Center on the top 10 list, more than 75% of the victims are Black.
- O The Community Center at
  Holland (City Council 4) has the
  highest number of White and
  Asian victims out of the
  Community Centers in the top 10
  list at 19.5% and 1.1%
  respectively.

#### Gender

- O In all the Community Centers in the top 10 list, there are always more male victims than female victims (more than 80% of the victims are males in every case vs more than 8% for females).
- O Golden Age Community Center in City Council 1 has the highest percentage of male victims at 91%, whereas for females, it is at Charlestown also in City Council 1, with 17%.

# **Next steps**

Wrap up the report and final analysis.

### **Questions/Obstacles**

We ain't got none for now!

**Questions?**