

THE TRAUMA DESERT: Key Findings

99.6%

THE PROBLEM IS VIOLENCE, NOT ACCESS

of shootings occur within 20 minutes of a Level I trauma center.
Philadelphia has excellent geographic coverage of trauma care.

4.4x

BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS BEAR THE BURDEN

higher shooting density in predominantly Black tracts.
Yet these neighborhoods are actually CLOSER to trauma centers.

55%

TEMPLE IS THE SAFETY NET

of all shooting victims are served by Temple University Hospital.
Two hospitals (Temple + Penn) handle 82% of all cases.

68%

DISPARITY IS STRUCTURAL

of the racial gap in violence CANNOT be explained by
poverty or income. Historical/systemic factors are at play.

100%

COMPOUND DISADVANTAGE

of trauma deserts are also in the top quartile of
overall neighborhood vulnerability.