

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE VRN Site Snapshot: St. Louis, Missouri

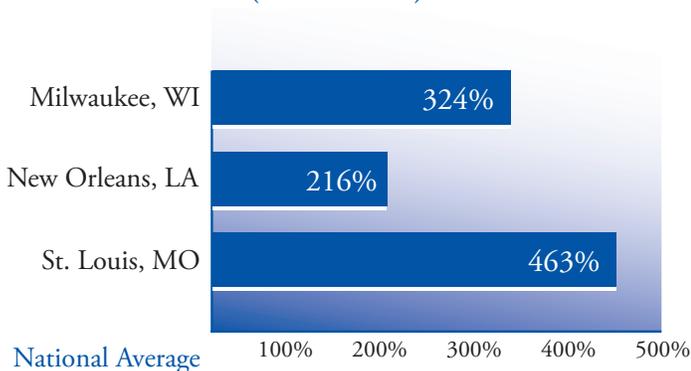


About DOJ's Violence Reduction Network

VRN creates an opportunity for cities to engage in violence reduction strategies directly with DOJ and with national and international practitioners and researchers who have proven track records in developing, implementing, and evaluating strategies and tactics that reduce urban violence. VRN is designed to leverage lessons learned and DOJ resources in an “all-hands” approach to reduce violence. VRN:

- Responds to the call for action outlined in the Justice Department's Smart on Crime Initiative to provide intensive resources focused on violence prevention and protection of the most vulnerable populations.
- Seeks to reduce violence through a comprehensive approach, strong relationships, and robust information sharing to achieve common goals and avoid duplication of competing resources and efforts.
- Proposes a new approach to delivering assistance to cities plagued by chronic violent crime that does not include new grant funds.

National Violent Crime Average (2010–2014)



Source: FBI UCR

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Site Selection Facts

- Represents the Midwest United States
- 32% increase in homicide (2013–2014)
- 463% above National Violent Crime Average (2010–2014)
- 1,177% above National Gun Homicide Rate (2013)

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