



2025 Violence Prevention Index

Consolidated Government of New Orleans, Louisiana

Criteria	Score	Max Points
Intervention and Risk Factor Reduction		
Intervention		
Outreach-Based Violence Intervention Programs	4	4
Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs	4	4
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy-Integrated Mentorship Programs for At-Risk Individuals	4	4
Victim and Survivor Services	4	4
Risk Factor Reduction		
Re-Entry Programs and Services for At-Risk Returning Residents	0	3
Municipal Diversion Programs	0	3
Restorative Justice Programs	3	3
Emergency and Transitional Housing	3	3
<i>Subtotal: Intervention and Risk Factor Reduction</i>	22	28
Addressing the Root Causes of Violence		
Housing and Food Insecurity		
Housing and Food Assistance Programs for Impacted Communities	0	3
Employment		
Strategic Workforce Development Programs	0	3
Municipal Ban-the-Box Ordinances	1	3
Education		
Safe Passage Programs	0	3
School-Based Violence Prevention Programs	3	3
School Suicide Prevention Policies and Programs	3	3
Inclusive School District Anti-Bullying Policies	3	3
Health		
Local Health Department Violence Prevention Strategy	3	3
Trauma Recovery Centers	3	3
Long-Term Trauma-Informed Behavioral & Mental Health Programs for Impacted Communities	0	3
Community-Based Mental Health Crisis Response Programs	3	3
Local Supplemental Violent Crime Victim Compensation Programs	0	3
Municipal Strategies to Address Trauma Center Deserts in Impacted Communities [^]	3	3
Municipal Efforts to Improve EMS Quality and Response Times in Impacted Communities	3	3
Youth and Families		
Youth and Family Violence Prevention Programs and Survivor Services	3	3
Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Programs	3	3
Local Firearm Laws and Regulations		
Ghost Gun Prevention Ordinances ^{^A}	0	3
Background Check and Permit-to-Purchase Requirements ^{^A}	0	3
Anti-Gun Trafficking Initiatives	0	3
Crime Reporting and Data		
Violent Crime Clearance Rates	0	4
Hate Crimes Data Collection and Reporting	0	3
<i>Subtotal: Addressing the Root Causes of Violence</i>	31	64
Local Office of Violence Prevention		
Establishment of a Local Office of Violence Prevention (OVP)	4	4
OVP Creates and Implements Strategic Plan to Address Violence Leveraging the Entire Local Government and Community Resources	2	2
OVP Pursues Federal, State, and Corporate Grant Opportunities for Community Violence Intervention Efforts	2	2
OVP Funds and Coordinates Activities of Community-Based Violence Intervention & Prevention Programs and Services	2	2
OVP Provides Technical Assistance to Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Organizations and Programs	0	2
OVP Oversees Regular Quality and Efficacy Evaluations of its Strategic Plan, Local Government Violence Prevention Efforts, and OVP-Funded Community-Based Violence Prevention Programs	2	2
<i>Subtotal: Local Office of Violence Prevention</i>	12	14
Total Raw Score	65	106
FINAL SCORE**	65	100

Understanding this Scorecard

This scorecard primarily assesses whether the rated city directly funded or provided other meaningful support to community-based violence prevention and intervention efforts during all or part of the 2025 calendar year. It also reflects joint city-county violence prevention efforts in which the city government provided funding or other meaningful support in 2025. These efforts must be specifically targeted to those most at risk of violence and the communities that experience the highest levels of gun violence.

As an assessment of local government contributions to public health-based violence prevention strategies, this scorecard does not necessarily reflect all community-based violence prevention efforts that may have existed in the rated locality in 2025.

Since the Violence Prevention Index does not currently assess sufficiency of city funding levels or the quality of individual programs and services, scores are intended only to reflect cities' readiness to tackle gun violence as opposed to their effectiveness in doing so.

Moreover, the Violence Prevention Index is not a companion to crime statistics but rather a policy-centric roadmap for local lawmakers seeking effective solutions to prevent gun violence.

A city's implementation of the framework recommended here does not mean that local officials are supporting community-based violence prevention organizations as they should. Creating and supporting violence prevention programs and policies is only the first step in a long journey to reducing violence over time. Local leaders must listen to and empower community-led organizations working on the frontlines to save lives from gun violence. What's more, local officials must make ample funding for public health-based violence prevention strategies permanent components of their municipal budgets.

We encourage local leaders to use the Violence Prevention Index to critically assess and optimize the use of their violence prevention infrastructure and investments with the ultimate goal of turning potential into impactful life-saving action.

The full Violence Prevention Index report can be found at <https://thecommunityjustice.net/violence-prevention-index>.

Legend

*These criteria are not required to obtain a 100-point score on the VPI since some cities lack the legal authority under state law to enact these measures.

[^]To acknowledge variations in city authority, partial credit may be granted in these categories to recognize city advocacy against state restrictions and/or city advocacy in support of state or federal solutions.

**All final scores are between 0 and 100.