



**Blueprint for Action
Youth Violence Prevention in Minneapolis**

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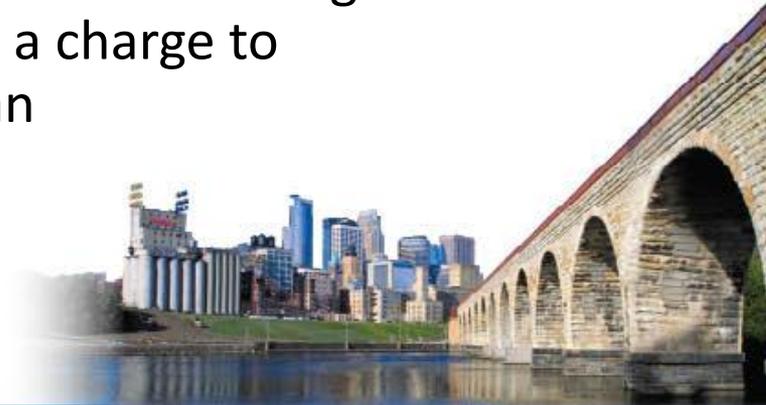
Facing a problem

- From 2003-2006 Approximately 80 Minneapolis residents between ages 15 & 24 died from homicide
- Homicide was the leading cause of death for Minneapolis residents of this age – comprising nearly ½ the deaths
- During that same time youth fire arm related injuries and juvenile violent crime increased as well.

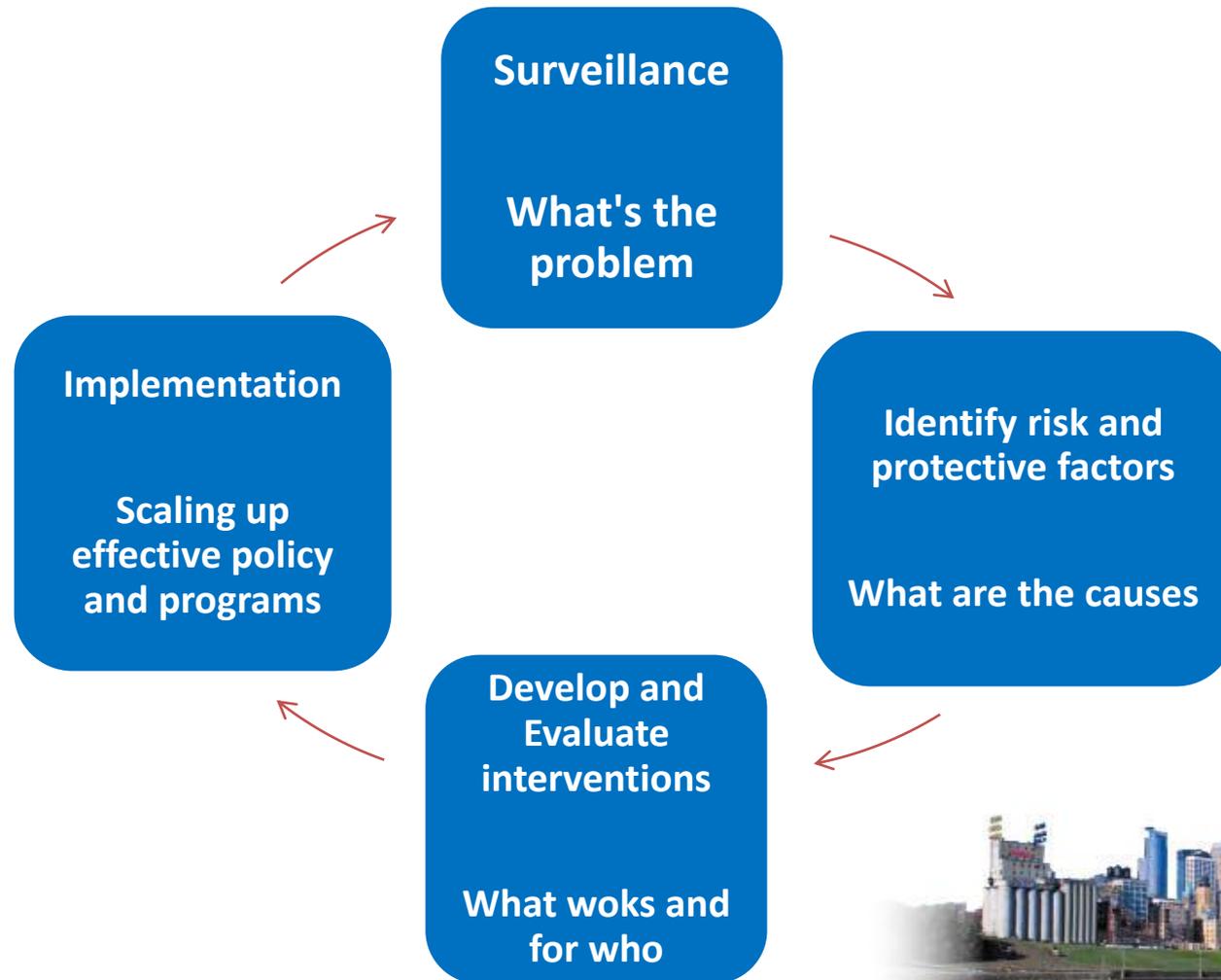


Developing a new approach

- Policymakers and police department leadership realized that a law enforcement approach was necessary but insufficient.
- Working with the Minneapolis Foundation, community meetings were held to identify gaps and opportunities related to preventing youth violence
- In 2006 the City Council adopted a resolution declaring youth violence a public health issue and a charge to develop a youth violence prevention plan



Public Health Approach



Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence

Four goals and 34 strategic recommendations were adopted

1. Connect every youth to a trusted adult

2. Intervene at the first sign of risk

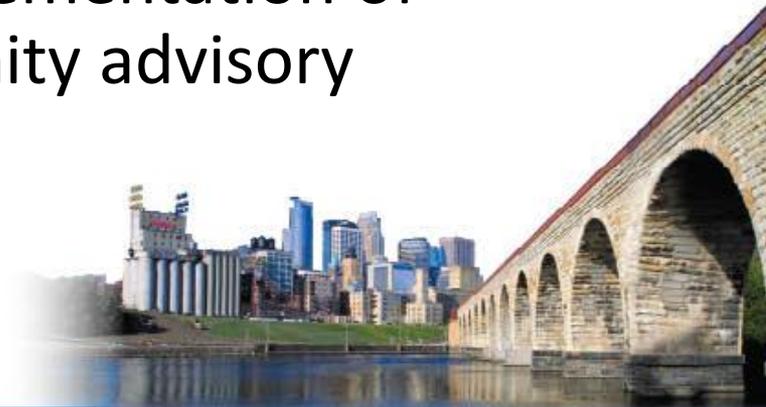
3. Restore youth who are going down the wrong path

4. Unlearn the culture of violence

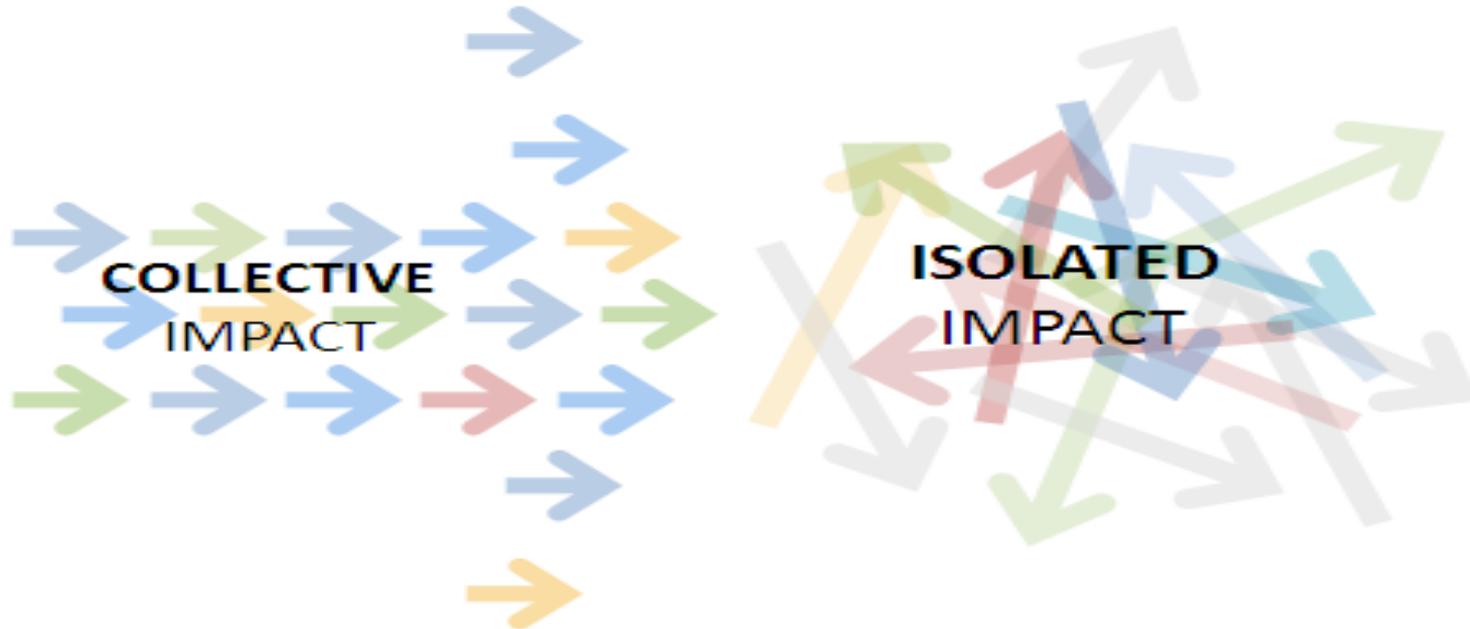


Putting the plan into action

- 17 member Executive Committee appointed to oversee implementation
- Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator position created
- Work groups charged with implementation of recommendations (i.e. community advisory committee, policy committee)



Coordinating Efforts



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5 elements of **collective impact**

**COMMON
AGENDA**

**SHARED
MEASUREMENT**

**MUTUALLY
REINFORCING
ACTIVITIES**

**CONTINUOUS
COMMUNICATION**

**BACKBONE
ORGANIZATION**

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Making progress through partnerships

- **Executive Committee:** Continued leadership and support to develop youth violence prevention initiatives
- **Quarterly report:** Tracks progress on community efforts to support Blueprint recommendations

Goal #1

- **School Resource Officers:** Close coordination with police juvenile unit and the School Resource Officers

Goal #2

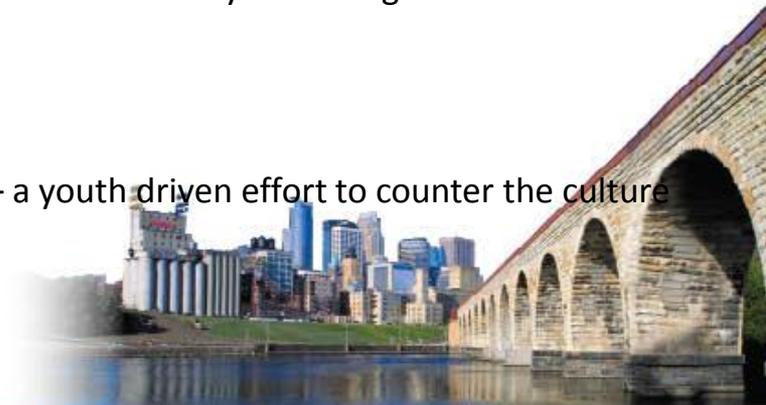
- **Speak Up:** Collaboration with Minneapolis Public Schools on an anonymous tip line
- **MYVIP:** Hospital protocol to reach out to youth victims of violence
- **Street Reach:** Utilization of parks staff for outreach to youth

Goal # 3

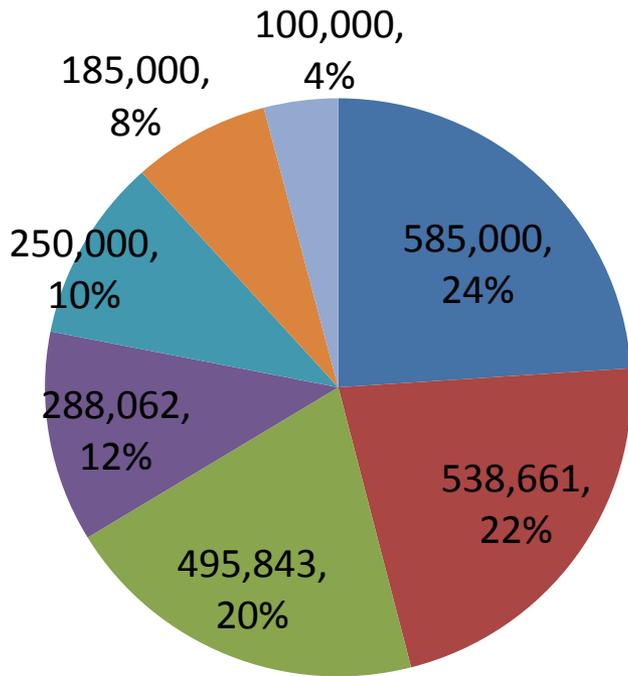
- **North 4 Program:** Collaboration with city employment and training and a community based organization to engage and employ gang affiliated youth

Goal # 4

- **Summer 612 Media Campaign:** Foundation funding of Summer 612 – a youth driven effort to counter the culture of violence



Resourcing in Youth Violence Prevention Initiatives by MDHFS 2008-2012



- OJJDP
- Joint Powers
- CDBG
- Local Public Health
- Empowerment Zone
- General Fund
- Private Foundations

- Total of \$2,442,566
- Snapshot of investments from 1 department
- Additional significant investment by partners (MPD, MPS, MPRB, CBO's, Minneapolis foundation)
- Additional strategic investment needed



Measuring impact: Results Minneapolis

Annual city-wide shared results accountability process initiated (Youth Violence Results Minneapolis) 22 indicators identified around 4 goals—examples:

- Youth homicide victims
- Juvenile violent crime
- Hospitalizations from assault injuries
- Curfew truancy pickups
- Perception of safety in school
- High school graduation
- Participation in extracurricular activities
- Teen pregnancy rates



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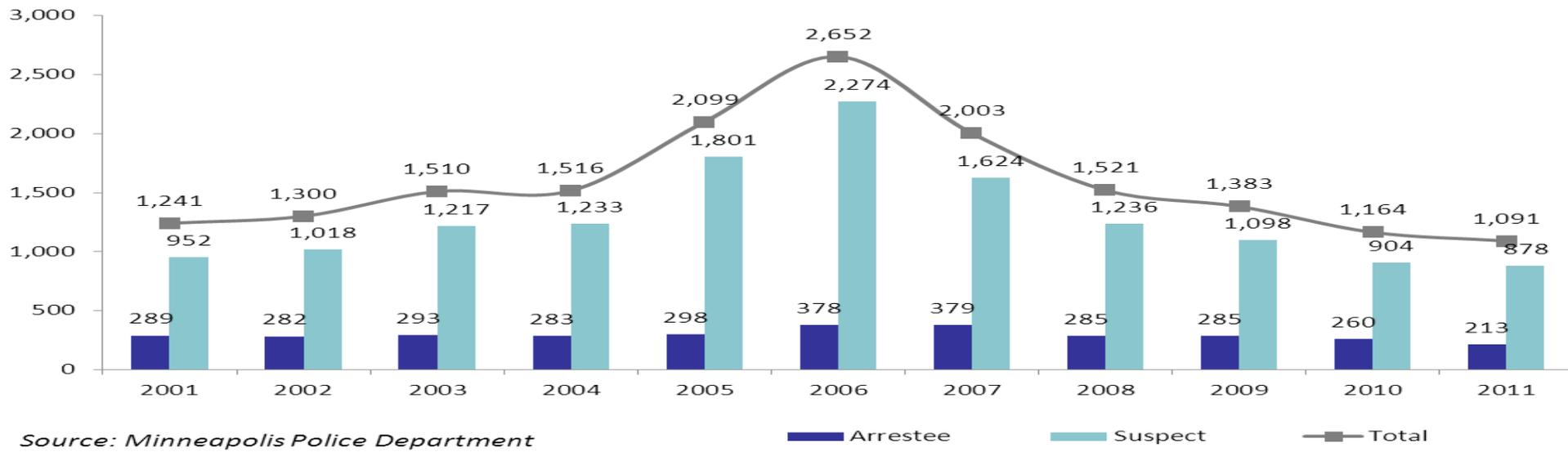


Signs of progress (2006-11)

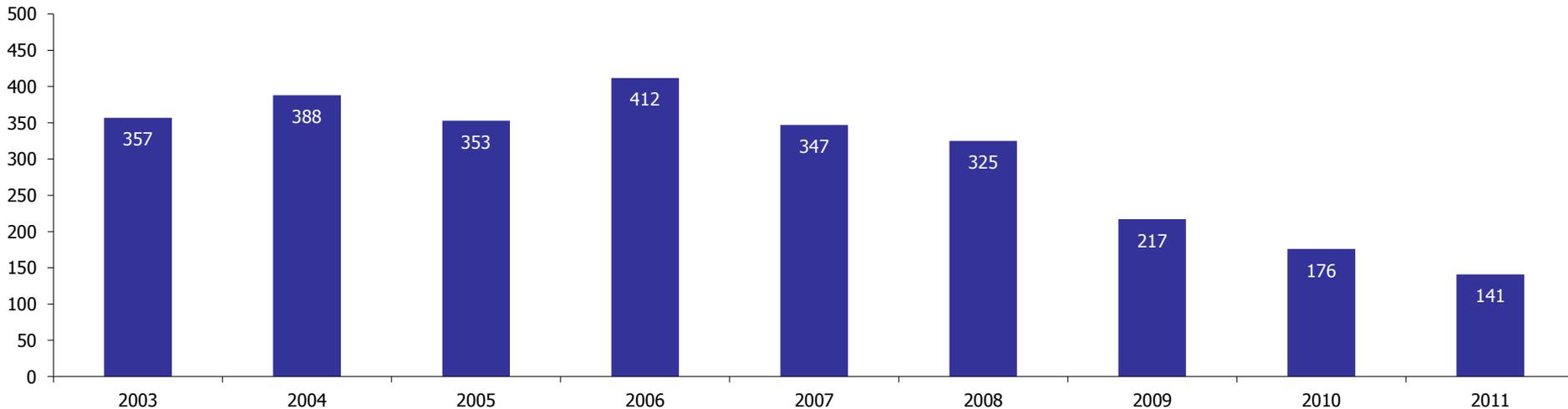
- 59% reduction in juvenile violent crime
- 66% reduction in incidents involving guns and juveniles
- 39% reduction in firearm related injuries in Minneapolis youth and young adults
- 57% increase in number of youth in STEP-UP and other city jobs programs
- Significant drop in teen pregnancy rate



Juveniles Involved in Violent Crime (arrestees and suspects)

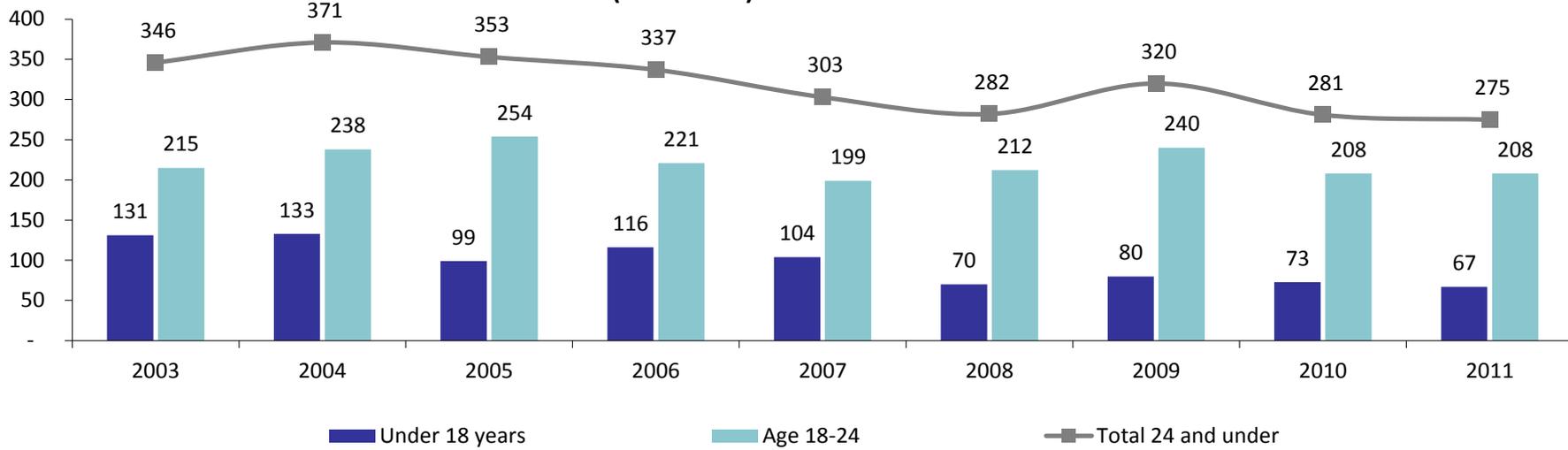


Incidents Involving Guns and Juveniles (Victim/Suspect/Arrestee) (2003-2011)

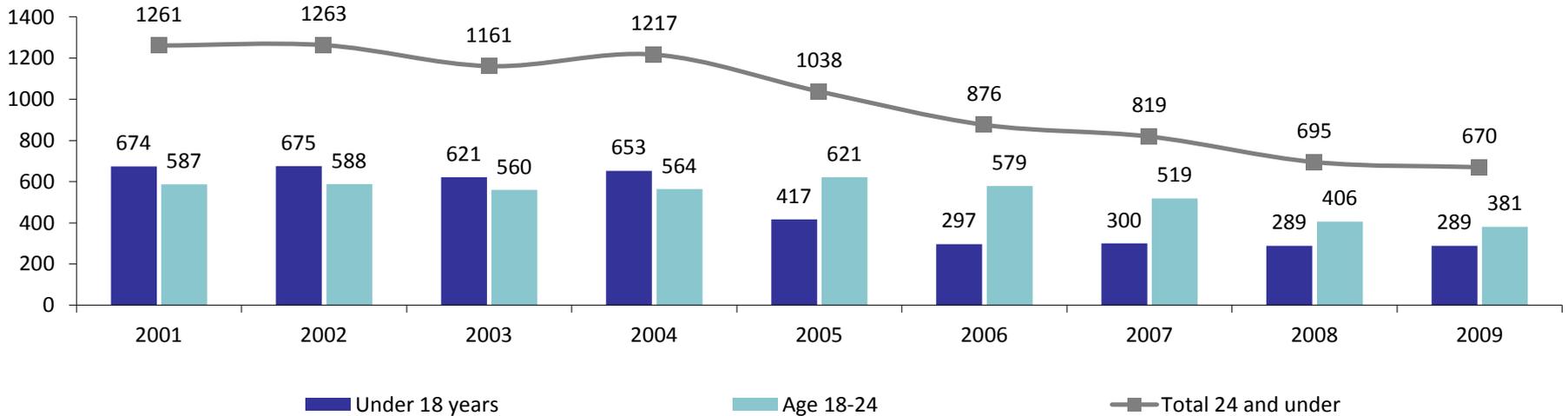


Source: Minneapolis Police Department

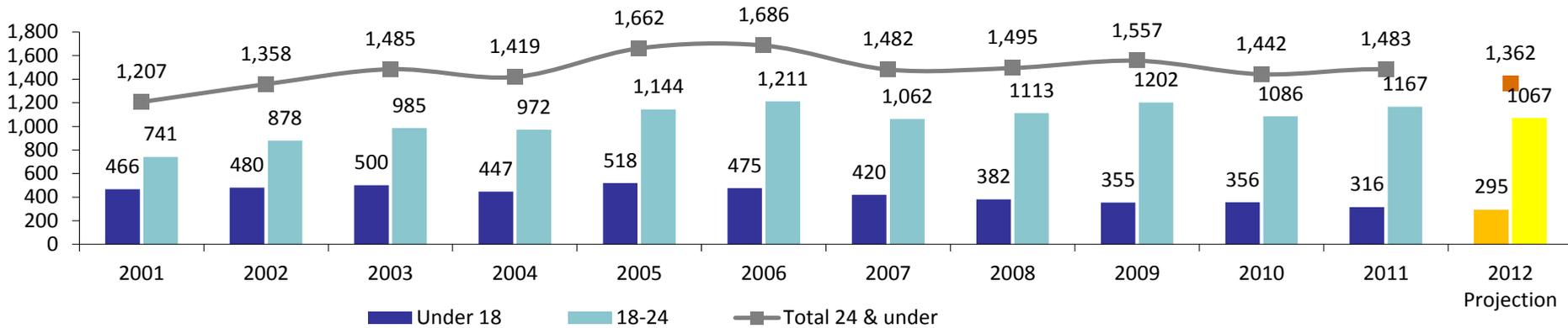
Number of Aggravated Assaults Arrests (2003-2011)



Number of Simple Assaults Arrests (2003-2011)



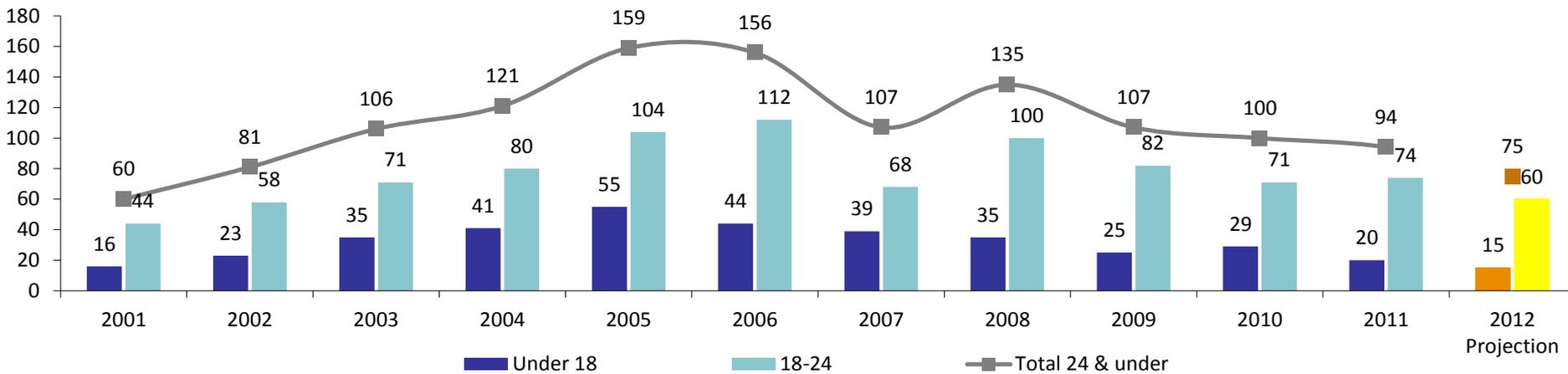
Assault Injuries Among Minneapolis Youth and Young Adults (2001-2011)



Source: MN Hospital Association; includes hospital in-patient and out-patient visits.

Projection is based on an average annual decrease over the last five years for under 18 and for 18-24 is based on returning to the 2007 level (or five years ago).

Firearm-related Assault Injuries of Minneapolis Youth and Young Adults (2001-2011)



Source: MN Hospital Association; includes hospital in-patient and out-patient visits.

2012 projection is the same as the previous 2011 projection.

More information Available

Youth Violence Prevention Website:

http://www.minneapolismn.gov/health/yvp/dhfs_yv

