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GANGS IN NEW JERSEY:

*Municipal Law Enforcement Response to
the 2004 & 2001 NJSP Gang Surveys*



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of its mission to share information about gangs, the New Jersey State Police Street Gang Bureau (SGB) collects information about gang activity, analyzes gang trends, identifies problem areas, and provides this information to a wide audience throughout the region. The SGB's understanding of New Jersey's gang problem relies upon investigations, the testimony of confidential sources of information, and estimates provided by the law enforcement community at large. One method of gauging the scope of gang activity in the state is to conduct periodic interviews of law enforcement agencies. Over the past decade, the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) has designed and executed several statewide gang surveys, most recently in 2001 and in 2004.

This is the first in a series of reports that will summarize the results of information provided by respondents to the 2001 and 2004 NJSP Gang Surveys. This document will present an overview of findings reported by members of municipal police departments who participated in the survey. Survey responses reflect the observations and opinions of individual officers, and were not independently verified by New Jersey State Police personnel. Partial corroboration of municipal survey response may be provided by the county agency data, which will be examined in a subsequent report.

This later report will examine the municipal responses grouped by county and will incorporate analysis of responses from county prosecutors' offices, county sheriffs' departments, and county correctional facilities. Finally, data from additional sources, such as the most recent U.S. Census, the Uniform Crime in New Jersey Report, and the New Jersey Department of Corrections will be compared to the survey results to determine whether trends can be identified regarding the scope and characteristics of gangs in New Jersey.

The following is a brief synopsis of significant findings from the 2001 and 2004 NJSP Gang Surveys:

- In both the 2001 and 2004 surveys, 33% of respondents noted the presence of gangs in their jurisdictions.
- In both years, survey respondents reported that at least 17% of homicides in New Jersey involved gang members.
- In 2001 and 2004, 70% of gang members were reported by respondents from Urban Centers.

In 2004:

- Municipal respondents identified 148 "distinct"¹ gangs present in New Jersey communities.
- 28 gangs in New Jersey have more than 100 members. Those 28 gangs account for 56% of all gang members within the state.

¹ See page 13 for a description of the term "distinct gangs."

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- Three gangs were consistently mentioned as the most serious problem, most actively recruiting, and most violent: the Bloods, Crips and Latin Kings.
 - Respondents reported a total of 532 gang related incidents in schools during the previous year.
 - 75% of responding agencies did not participate in a formal multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on gangs
 - For agencies with a gang presence, 44% indicated that their community's gang problem had increased from the past year.
 - Only 26% of responding agencies reported having a computerized system for tracking crimes involving gang members. Only 7% required their personnel to contribute information to these systems.

Based on the findings contained in this report, we recommend the following:

- ❑ The Governor and the OAG should consider issuing an executive directive regarding the systematic collection of *gang-related crime data*. This may accelerate progress toward enactment of legislation on the topic.
- ❑ Until systematic gang-related crime data is available, the NJSP Gang Survey will continue to provide valuable strategic information about New Jersey's gang environment. The quality of data collection can be improved by outsourcing the questionnaire design, survey administration, and tabulation of the results to private sector opinion research contractors or academic research specialists.
- ❑ Since most agencies report that they do not currently participate in task forces on gangs, the OAG should continue to emphasize the value and importance of the task force approach to gang-crime enforcement.
- ❑ Law enforcement must actively partner with schools to ensure that educators are trained in recognizing gang activity in the schools. Lines of communication between law enforcement and the education community should be developed to foster the timely sharing of information. Additionally, data contained in the New Jersey Department of Education's Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System should be analyzed to determine how gang related incidents in schools are reported.
- ❑ A multi-level law enforcement approach should be undertaken by the New Jersey Department of Corrections, State Parole Board, OAG, NJSP, Juvenile Justice Commission, Administrative Office of the Courts, and county prosecutors and sheriffs, to develop workable notification methods that link municipal police agencies with information they need about gang members released from jail and prison into their communities.
- ❑ More outreach should be directed toward communities that are unable to assess their gang problem. The NJSP Street Gang Bureau should develop a "template" gang assessment for municipalities that would enable them to draw on the knowledge of a wide range of community participants and synthesize that information in a comprehensive picture of their municipality's gang situation.

INTRODUCTION

Like many states across the nation, New Jersey has been impacted by the emergence of criminal street gangs. Criminal street gangs have been a major concern for New Jersey's citizens and law enforcement community for more than a decade. In the early 1990s, the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation (SCI) recognized the threat posed by criminal street gangs and made the first attempt to quantify the scope of gang activity in New Jersey. The SCI's public hearings and assessment on criminal street gangs called attention to the issue and prompted policy makers to contemplate broader solutions to the problem.

In response to the growing realization of the challenge posed by gangs and the violence associated with them, the Department of Law and Public Safety (DLPS) developed an *overall statewide strategy* to deal with the issue. In October 1993, the Attorney General announced DLPS policy on street gangs in a document entitled the "**Youth Gang Initiative**," which set forth two overriding goals:

to control existing youth gangs while disrupting their capacity to engage in criminal activity; and

to prevent the expansion of gang culture and gang identification among New Jersey's young people.

The Youth Gang Initiative acknowledged that these two goals could best be accomplished by the concerted action of **both** law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Following the release of the "*Youth Gang Initiative*," a Street Gang Unit was created within the New Jersey State Police (NJSP) in January 1994. The unit's mission: *to promote the participation of all New Jersey law enforcement and prosecuting agencies in the creation of a multi-jurisdictional response to the state's gang problem.* Since that time, the members of the NJSP Street Gang Unit (subsequently expanded and renamed the Street Gang Bureau) have faithfully pursued that mission, supporting the state's anti-gang initiative by partnering with other law enforcement agencies to provide training, share intelligence, and investigate gang-related crimes.

By late 2000, considerable progress had been made in these areas. Still, the public at large and policy makers had unanswered questions about gangs. For instance, how many gangs and gang members are present in New Jersey? Where are they located throughout the state? Which gangs are the largest? Which gangs pose the greatest threat? What types of crimes are gangs involved in? Many in law enforcement had a strong working knowledge of the dimensions of the gang problem in their jurisdiction and possibly in the surrounding towns or county, but an overall statewide perspective was lacking. Moreover, policy makers required a more comprehensive look at the issue in order to make informed decisions about how to allocate resources and craft appropriate legislation.

In early 2001, representatives from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) requested the assistance of the NJSP in assessing the scope of the state's gang problem. In response, the NJSP Intelligence Services Section conducted a statewide survey of law

enforcement, and presented the findings to the Attorney General, OAG staff, representatives from the Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), the Department of Corrections (DOC), all 21 county prosecutors' offices and the Newark Field Division of the FBI.

Conducting surveys that measure law enforcement's perception of the problem of street gangs has certain limitations. In a sense, it is an attempt to quantify a problem that defies strict enumeration; it is nearly impossible to conduct a "census" of gang members and describe the range of criminal activities they commit. Surveys, assessments and gang intelligence databases are useful in providing much-needed strategic information concerning law enforcement's knowledge of gang activity, but these collection efforts can never provide a complete measure of the type, magnitude, and geographic distribution of gang-related crime.

Attempts have been made to address the shortcomings of existing resources that are used to measure gang activity. In the past few years, state legislators have introduced bills that would require New Jersey's law enforcement officers to report the occurrence of all gang-related incidents². Those bills have not yet been adopted or enacted. Thus, presently, New Jersey does not have a systematic means for tracking the number of gang-related incidents that occur statewide.

In this context, and in light of repeated requests for statistical information about gangs, the members of the Street Gang Bureau believed that undertaking a statewide gang survey in 2004 was still a relevant endeavor. The goals for this survey were to increase the response rate from municipalities in the state and to compare the results of the 2004 survey to the 2001 findings to determine what, if anything, had changed about perception of gang activity in the state.

While the term "gang" can have many different meanings, even within the law enforcement community, the definition used for the 2004 Survey is the one provided New Jersey Criminal Code (2C:44-3(h)). Therefore, 'gang', 'street gang' or 'criminal street gang' means:

three or more persons associated in fact. Individuals are associated in fact if (1) they have in common a group name or identifying sign, symbol, tattoo or other physical marking, style of dress or use of hand signs or other indicia of association or common leadership, and (2) individually or in combination with other members of a criminal street gang while engaging in gang related activity, have committed, conspired or attempted to commit, within the preceding three years, two or more offenses of robbery, carjacking, aggravated assault, assault, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, arson, burglary, kidnapping, extortion, or a violation of chapter 11, section 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of chapter 35 or chapter 39 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes regardless of whether the prior offenses have resulted in convictions.

The information contained in this report is a summary of responses from municipal police departments that participated in the 2001 and/or 2004 NJSP Gang Surveys. Survey responses reflect the observations and opinions of individual officers, and were not

¹ A-2171 (2004-2005 session), A-903 (2002-2003 session), A-3387 (2000-2001 session).

independently verified by New Jersey State Police personnel. It is hoped that the findings will enhance the collective understanding about the phenomenon of gangs in New Jersey, and will prompt discussion about solutions.

METHODOLOGY

2001 NJSP Gang Survey

Survey Design

In 2001, NJSP personnel developed a questionnaire that modeled the content and format of the National Youth Gang Center's (NYGC) annual survey, which has been administered nationwide since 1995 (see Appendix A for a copy of the 2001 NJSP Gang Survey). The decision to pose questions similar to those contained in the NYGC survey instrument allowed analysts to compare results from the NJSP survey with the data from the 1998 NYGC survey (the latest year for which complete data were available in 2001).

Survey Sample

For the 2001 survey, NJSP personnel selected 206 municipal law enforcement agencies to sample. The agencies were chosen because one or more of their personnel had attended NJSP sponsored gang awareness and recognition training. In an effort to maximize data consistency and completeness, the 2001 survey was administered as a telephone interview. Interviewers attempted to speak with the officer who attended training. When that was not possible, they spoke with a juvenile officer or other sworn member who was deemed knowledgeable on the subject of gangs. In addition to the municipal agency sample, county prosecutors offices and sheriffs departments in all 21 New Jersey counties were surveyed using a questionnaire that differed slightly.

Response Rate

Of the 206 agencies selected, officers from 195 police departments were contacted and interviewed (a response rate of nearly 95%). The remaining representatives did not return interviewers' phone calls. The respondents represented approximately 40% of all municipal agencies with full-time police forces. A complete list of respondents is found in Appendix B.

2004 NJSP Gang Survey

Survey Design

On the whole, the 2004 survey content resembled the 2001 NJSP Gang Survey. Most questions remained unchanged, or were only slightly modified by the addition of follow-up/clarification questions. The inclusion of the identically worded core questions allowed the analysis to focus on:

- identifying short-term trends developing in the gang environment
- conducting tracking analysis in municipalities that responded to both the 2001 and 2004 surveys

In addition to the core questions, several new questions were added. They dealt with the following topics: identification of the most actively recruiting and the most violent gangs, the use of gang tracking systems by law enforcement, the general location of gang crimes, and the agencies with whom the respondent had frequent contact on the issue of gangs (see Appendix C for a copy of the 2004 NJSP Gang Survey Questionnaire).

Survey Sample

Street Gang Bureau personnel wanted to maximize the number of police departments sampled in the 2004 NJSP Gang Survey. The population sample comprised all 479 municipalities within the state of New Jersey that maintain full-time police departments².

As in the 2001 survey, a similar questionnaire was sent out to county level agencies. This time prosecutors, sheriffs and county level correctional institutions were all sent surveys. Their responses are to be examined at a later time and compared with the answers given by the municipalities.

Survey Administration

This survey did differ from the earlier one in that some respondents were asked to complete the survey through an interview conducted by New Jersey State Police (NJSP) personnel or by filling out a questionnaire mailed to them. This method was chosen in order to get a more responses than would have been possible by interviews alone. Police departments that sent personnel to attend NJSP street gang awareness training were selected for the interviews, while the remaining municipalities were mailed the surveys (with a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope included in each packet). In early November of 2004, a follow-up letter and survey was mailed to municipalities that did not respond to the first mailing in March.

Response Rate

Of 479 municipalities deemed eligible to take part in this survey, 439 municipalities responded either by completing and returning a survey that was mailed to them, or by indicating their responses during an interview.

The 439 responding municipalities represent 78% of all municipalities generally, and 91% of all municipalities with a full-time police force. Responding municipalities comprise 87% of the state's total population. A complete list of respondents is found in Appendix D.

While the survey did receive a significant response, there were some agencies that either did not respond in time to have their data included in this survey or did not respond at all. These absences may become more pronounced when we attempt to draw conclusions at the county level (envisioned to be the second part of this survey to be released later) but they are worth noting here. The following

² There are 566 municipalities in New Jersey, most of whom maintain their own police force. The remaining municipalities employ a part-time police force, or rely on some other agency, such as the State Police, for patrol support.

are the ten most populous municipalities for whom we were not able to include results for this survey:

**10 Most Populous Municipalities Not Participating
in the 2004 NJSP Gang Survey**

County	Agency Name	Population (2000 Census Data)
Gloucester	Franklin Township Police Dept.	15,466
Burlington	Maple Shade Police Dept.	22,253
Morris	Rockaway Police Dept.	22,930
Morris	Roxbury Township Police Dept.	23,883
Gloucester	Monroe Township Police Dept.	28,967
Bergen	Hackensack Police Dept.	42,677
Union	Union Police Dept.	54,405
Passaic	Passaic Police Dept.	67,861
Camden	Camden Police Dept.	79,904
Mercer	Hamilton Township Police Dept.	87,109

Survey Limitations

Methodology/Administration of Survey

When comparing the results of the 2001 and 2004 NJSP Gang Surveys, it is important to note that content and the method of administration was different. In 2001, when respondents answered “no” or “don’t know” to the first question, “were any street gangs active in your jurisdiction?,” the telephone interview was concluded.

In 2004, some respondents completed the remainder of the survey even though they answered “no” or “don’t know” to question about active gangs. However, 2004 respondents did not answer every question. If they felt the question was not applicable, or if they did not know the answer, respondents often skipped the question altogether. Thus, the response rates for each question in the 2004 survey varied, while in 2001, only respondents who answered “yes” to the first question answered subsequent questions.

Definitions

The only term for which a definition was provided to respondents in either the 2001 or 2004 survey questionnaire was for “gang.” In 2001, the National Youth Gang Center definition was adopted, which defined “street gang” as:

*“a group of youths or young adults **IN YOUR JURISDICTION** that you or other people in your agency are willing to identify or classify as a gang. This definition **DOES NOT INCLUDE** motorcycle gangs, hate or ideology groups, or prison gangs.”*

In 2004, in order to be consistent with New Jersey statute, the term ‘gang,’ was defined as:

“three or more people who are associated in fact, that is, people who have a common group name, identifying sign, tattoos or other indicia of association and who have engaged in criminal offenses while engaged in gang related activity” (NJSA 2C:44-3h).

In both years, other terms such as ‘most serious problem,’ ‘gang-related incidents,’ and ‘gang crimes’ were not defined in survey instructions. In analyzing the results of the 2004 municipal responses, it became apparent that the lack of articulated definitions for some terms led to different interpretations for some questions. For example, the first question of the survey asks the respondent to consider whether any street gangs were active in their jurisdiction during the preceding year. The term “active” may have been interpreted by respondents as “actively committing crimes” rather than “present” or “observed.”

This was apparent when the results of a subsequent question were analyzed. One in ten (10%) respondents answered “no” or “don’t know” to the question about whether street gangs were “active” in their jurisdiction, yet later identified gangs by name in the question that asked, “Which gangs are present in your jurisdiction?” Respondents sometimes noted in comments that these gangs were “transient” or “passing through.” Providing a definition of “active” and “present” might have resolved this issue. It is unknown if the respondents to the 2001 survey interpreted the term “active” as “actively committing crimes” vs. “present”.

Perceptions of responding agencies

In the data collection phase of this project, efforts were made to direct the surveys to respondents who had attended one of the NJSP Street Gang Bureau’s training seminars. It was believed that those respondents would have a baseline of knowledge about gangs and would respond fairly consistently. However, police departments, like anywhere else, are dynamic environments and individual officers who received training sometimes moved on to different assignments. Further, for agencies who had not sent officers to NJSP sponsored gang awareness training, surveys were sent directly to the department chiefs who either completed the surveys themselves or delegated the responsibility to officers they felt were most qualified to answer the questionnaire. Regardless of who completed the survey, the respondent was instructed to base his/her responses on their records, their personal knowledge, and/or consultations with other agency personnel who are familiar with street gangs.

Although the survey instructions indicated that respondents could consult with other members of their agency before answering the survey, it became apparent in reviewing 2004 responses that individual responses differed even among members of the same agency. In a few instances, more than one survey was returned from the same department (most likely the result of the second mailing that was generated in November 2004). A review of these duplicate responses revealed that it was not uncommon for officers in the same agency to respond differently to the same survey question, even when the question was a basic one about whether or not there were active gangs in their jurisdiction.

There are several possible explanations for this difference in reported answers among members of the same police department. First, and most likely, is the possibility that the responses are subjective, reflecting an individual officer's perception based on his/her training and experience. An officer who receives gang awareness training may be more likely to report the presence of gangs in his or her jurisdiction if he or she is able to interpret gang indicia that other officers do not observe. Secondly, the presence or perceived presence of gangs can have significant political, economic and social consequences for municipalities, and within a particular jurisdiction, there may be political pressure to deny or exaggerate the existence of gangs. Every police chief was notified about the survey--either requesting their assistance in completing the questionnaire, or as a courtesy to advise them that their personnel would be interviewed at a later date. The responses that resulted may or may not represent the 'official' position of a particular police department.

An additional limitation is the exclusive focus on law enforcement's perception of the problem. By surveying only law enforcement agencies, other possible sources of information (such as schools, community groups, social service organizations, etc.) that may have extensive knowledge and experience with the subject of gangs are not represented. Those perspectives would undoubtedly contribute to a more complete understanding of the issue. The decision to survey law enforcement officers was based on past practices, infrastructure and resources. This survey was conceived as a complementary, local effort to the National Youth Gang Center's Annual Gang Survey, which targets law enforcement officers at the local, county, and state levels. Secondly, in terms of infrastructure, it was a straightforward process to determine the population sample (all New Jersey municipal agencies with a full-time police department) and to identify the contact personnel from those departments who had been trained in gang awareness and recognition. Similar records and infrastructure were not available for non-law enforcement entities. Resources to conduct and analyze surveys were stretched to capacity collecting and processing data from the various law enforcement agencies; including hundreds more agencies would have extended the scope of the inquiry beyond the original intent of the project, and would have been unmanageable.

SURVEY RESULTS

Active Gangs

“During [the previous year], were any street gangs active in your jurisdiction?”

[based on all survey respondents]

2001 Survey

Almost all agencies in the survey sample (95%, or 195 agencies) responded to this question. One in three responding agencies (33%) reported active gangs in their jurisdiction during the year 2000. Two-thirds of respondents (66%) reported no gang presence during the preceding year, while three agencies (2%) did not know.

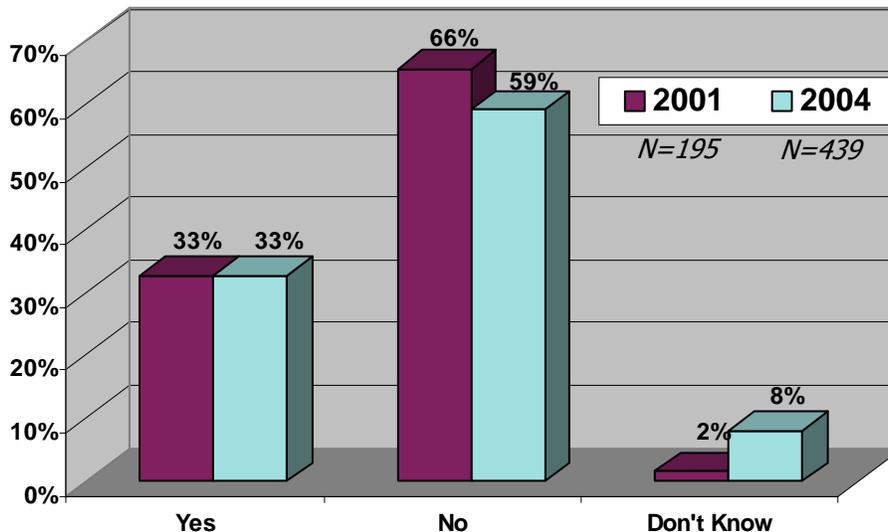
2004 Survey

Nearly every responding agency answered this question (436 out of 439, or 99%). Consistent with the results from the 2001 survey, one out of every three municipal respondents (143, or 33%) responded “yes,” gangs were active in their jurisdiction during 2003. More than half of all responding municipal agencies (258, or 59%) reported no active street gangs in their jurisdiction during 2003. The proportion of respondents that did not know was 8% (35 agencies).

Table 1. Gang Presence Reported by NJ Municipalities

	2001	2004
Yes	64	143
No	128	258
Don't Know	3	35
Did Not Respond	0	3
Total	195	439

Chart 1. Gang Presence Reported by NJ Municipalities



Types of Municipalities Reporting Active Gangs

In 2001, the 64 respondents reporting active gangs represented nearly all types of jurisdictions in New Jersey. The only exception was municipalities classified by the New Jersey State Police Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (UCR) as “rural,” which reported no active gangs. Respondents from urban suburbs accounted for the greatest proportion of respondents reporting gangs (39%), closely followed by jurisdictions classified as urban center (31%) and suburb (27%). Only 2 rural centers reported active gangs in 2001.

In contrast, in 2004, the percentage of respondents from suburbs reporting active gangs increased from 27% to 39%. The proportion of urban centers represented in the jurisdictions reporting active gangs decreased from 31% to 17%.³ Notably, active gangs reported by rural municipalities and rural centers both increased to 6%.

Table 2: Gang Presence by Municipal Classification

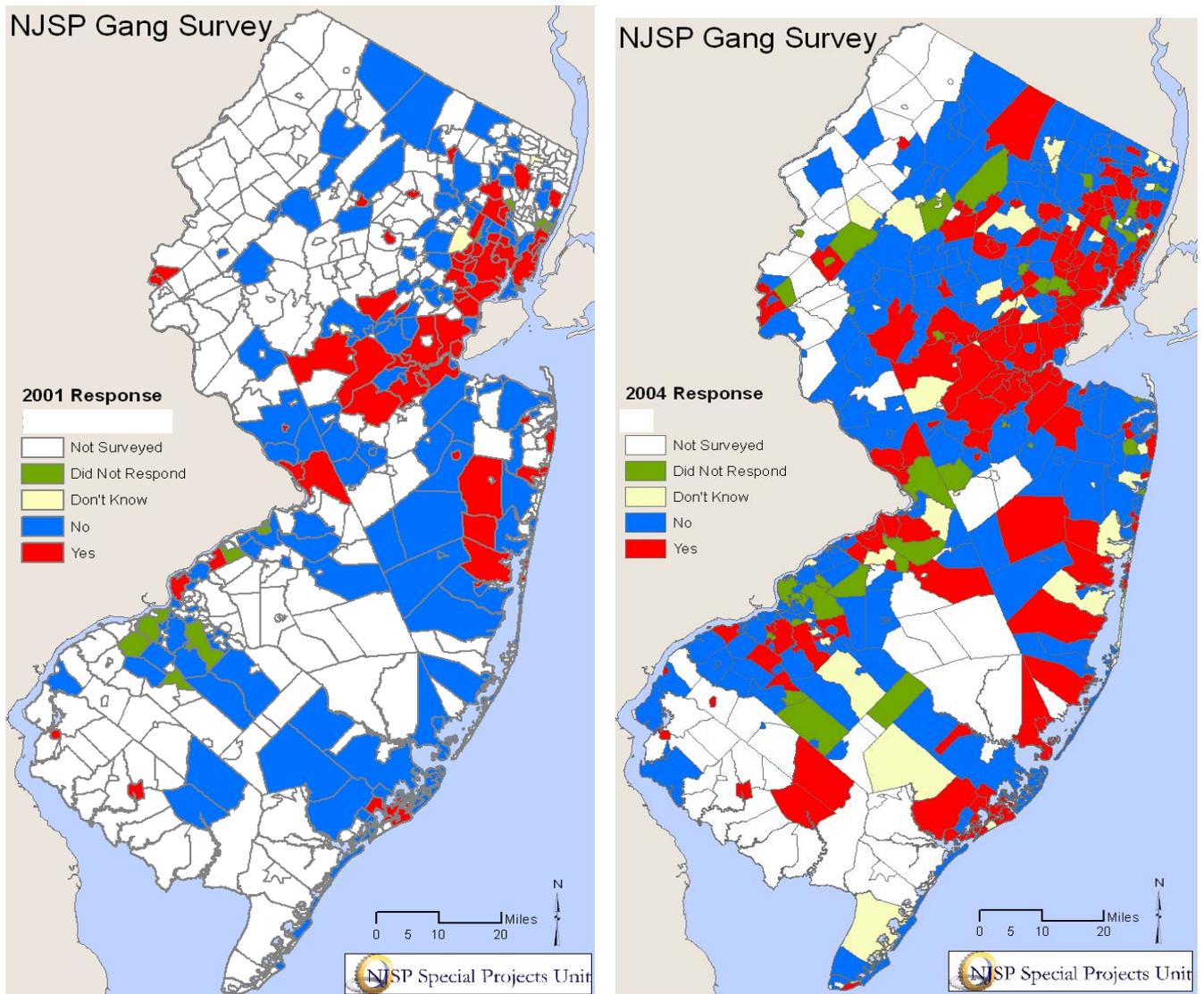
	2001		2004	
	#	%	#	%
Rural	0	--	8	6%
Rural Center	2	3%	8	6%
Suburb	17	27%	56	39%
Urban Suburb	25	39%	47	33%
Urban Center	20	31%	24	17%
Total	64		143	

Comparative Analysis 2001 vs. 2004

Even though the overall sample size increased dramatically in 2004, the proportion of municipal agencies reporting active gangs remained the same. In 2001 and in 2004, one in three municipalities reported active street gangs during the preceding year. The proportion of respondents reporting no active gangs decreased slightly from 66% in 2001 to 59% in 2004. The number of municipal respondents that could not answer whether or not street gangs were active in their jurisdiction increased slightly from 2% in 2001 to 8% in 2004.

³ It should be noted that although the **number** of survey respondents from urban centers remained stable (26 in 2001 and 27 in 2004), their proportion of the overall survey sample decreased from 13% to 6%. Municipalities classified as urban centers were the only municipal classification type to account for a smaller proportion of the survey sample in 2004 than in 2001.

Map 1: Geographic Distribution of Gang Presence in NJ Municipalities



Gang Presence: Tracking Analysis

The question about active street gangs appeared in both the 2001 and 2004 surveys, offering an opportunity for tracking analysis. 195 municipalities were surveyed in 2001; of these agencies, 184 also responded to the 2004 survey. Significant findings of our tracking analysis include:

- Three-quarters (75%) of agencies that reported a gang presence in 2001 reported **continued presence** of gangs when surveyed in 2004.
- More than a third (37%) of agencies that reported no gang presence in 2001 did report gang presence in their community when surveyed in 2004.
- Half (53%) of the agencies that reported no gang presence in 2001 reported a continued **absence** of gangs when surveyed in 2004.

Number of gangs reported

“How many street gangs were active in your jurisdiction...?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

The primary purpose of this question was to identify those communities in New Jersey that are experiencing the impact of a multiple gang presence. By itself, the question is not a particularly useful method of identifying the total number of gangs active in the state.

Determining the number of active gangs in New Jersey is more difficult than it might appear. Some gangs have developed more coordinated leadership structures and practices than others. Their presence in two (or more) locations could still be considered one gang, since they possess the same leadership and coordinate activities. For example, Latin Kings in the northern part of New Jersey may associate and communicate with members in the southern part of the state, and may report to the same leadership structure.

Other gangs share a common name and have the same identifying characteristics, but in many cases are unaware of each other's existence and therefore cannot coordinate their activities. The Bloods street gang falls into this category. In the 2004 survey, 110 municipalities mentioned various Bloods sets with an estimated aggregate membership of 4,064 members. In fact, one jurisdiction reported the presence of 16 different Bloods sets. However, investigative information and intelligence reports suggest that many Bloods sets operate independently, with little-to-no coordination with other sets, particularly when they are located in non-contiguous communities. The Bloods street gang appears to function more as a “brand name” than a cohesive organization.

It is important to note that this statewide estimate is generated by aggregating the numbers of gangs reported from each responding jurisdiction. The total number of gangs enumerated is not a measure of “distinct” gangs. For instance, the Crips set operating in one jurisdiction may actually be the same gang operating in a neighboring town. If both agencies responding to the survey counted this Crips set in their estimate of gangs in their individual jurisdictions, then this particular gang was counted twice in the aggregation.

2001 Survey

Most agencies were able to provide an estimate of the number of gangs in their jurisdiction. Only one respondent could not. Responding agencies reported an **aggregate** sum of 287 active street gangs.

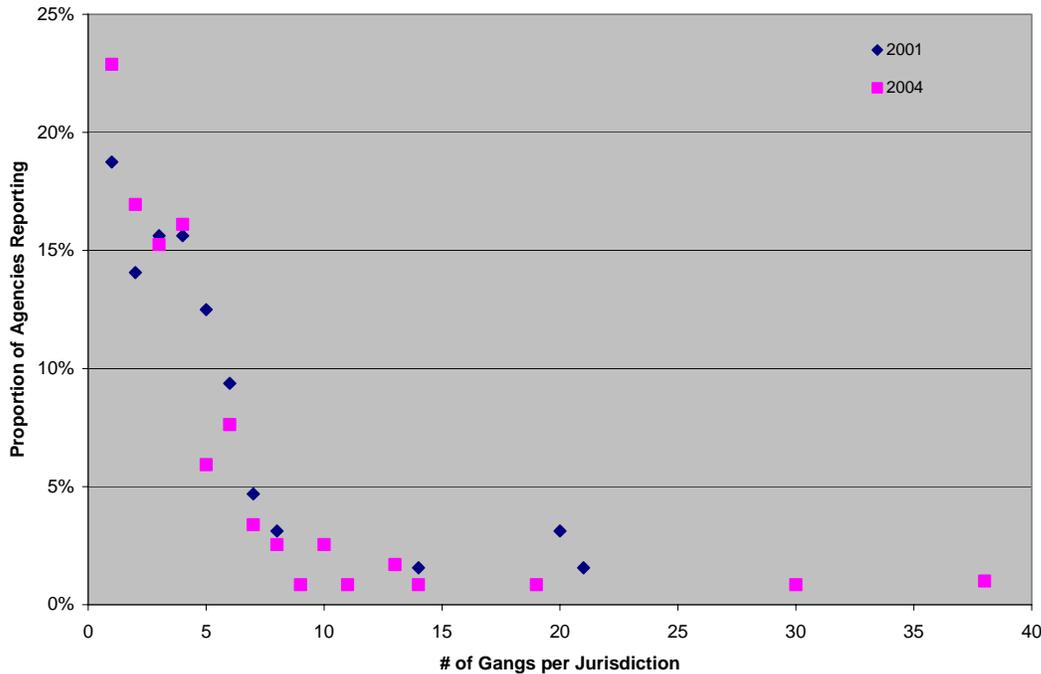
The number of active gangs reported by those jurisdictions ranged from a low of 1 to a high of 21. The overwhelming majority of respondents (75%) reported 5 or fewer gangs per jurisdiction. In fact, nearly one third of respondents (20

agencies, or 31%) reported only 1 or 2 gangs in their jurisdiction. See Chart 2 for a graph depicting the distribution of gangs per jurisdiction.

2004 Survey

Survey respondents reported a total of 516 gangs statewide. The number of gangs per jurisdiction ranged from a low of 1 to a high of 38. Roughly half of respondents (51%, or 91 agencies) reported 5 or fewer gangs per jurisdiction. In fact, a quarter of all respondents (27%) reported only 1 or 2 gangs in their jurisdiction. One third of respondents to this question (33%) did not know how many gangs were active in their jurisdiction.

Chart 2: Number of Gangs Estimated Per Jurisdiction



Number of gangs Identified/Mentioned

“Which gangs are present in your jurisdiction?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

*This question served as an internal cross-reference to the preceding question. It asked respondents to **name** rather than **estimate** the gangs in their jurisdiction. In both 2001 and 2004, this resulted in discrepancies between the number of gangs respondents estimated and the number of specific gangs named. A count of uniquely named gangs was used to estimate the number of New Jersey’s “distinct” gangs.*

2001 Survey

Although an aggregate 287 gangs were reported, 296 gangs were specifically named, representing a 3% difference between gangs estimated and gangs

named. Nine gangs were mentioned although their names were unknown to respondents. In total, 124 of the gangs mentioned were “distinct.”

2004 Survey

177 agencies answered this question. Some agencies (19%, or 34 agencies) answered this question even though they responded “no” or “don’t know” or did not respond to the question about active gangs in their jurisdiction (see explanation under Survey Limitations- “Methodology/ Administration”).

In total, responding agencies mentioned the presence of 691 gangs in their jurisdictions. This represented a 25% increase from the number of gangs estimated by respondents in the previous question. Only 148 of all gangs were “distinct.” Additionally, there were 8 mentions of gangs whose names were unknown or unspecified. See Appendix E for a list of all distinct gang named by respondents.

Geographic Distribution of Gangs

In addition to considering the number of gangs estimated by respondents, another important consideration is the geographic distribution of gangs throughout the state. Gangs that are present only in one or two towns may have more of a local or regional impact, whereas gangs that are reported throughout the state have a greater potential to engage in collaborative criminal activities across jurisdictional boundaries.

2001 Survey

In 2001, most of the gangs mentioned by survey respondents (80%, or 112 gangs) were located in one, two or three jurisdictions. Six gangs were moderately distributed, present in between 4 to 9 jurisdictions. An additional six gangs were mentioned by between 10 and 40 jurisdictions. Gangs in this category include:

- Latin Kings (34)
- Bloods (28)
- Neta (22)
- MS-13 (20)
- Crips (14)
- La Mugre (10)

2004 Survey

Once again, in 2004, most gangs (132, or 89%) were mentioned by one, two or three jurisdictions. Other gangs, however, were much more widely distributed: eleven gangs (7% of the total named) were mentioned by between 10 and 40 jurisdictions. Four of these gangs were outlaw motorcycle clubs, which were specifically excluded from the 2001 survey. Gangs in this category include:

- MS-13 (36)
- Pagans MC Club (36)
- 18th Street Gang (25)
- Five Percenters (22)
- Neta (22)
- Breed MC Club (18)
- Vatos Locos (18)
- Hells Angels MC Club (15)

- Warlocks MC Club (12)
- Dominicans Don't Play (11)
- La Mugre (10)

Three gangs were even more widely distributed: the Bloods, Crips and Latin Kings combined to account for 39% of the total number of New Jersey gangs named in the 2004 survey. The number of mentions for these gangs is noted below:

- Bloods (110)
- Crips (80)
- Latin Kings (78)

Comparative Analysis: 2001 vs. 2004

Strict comparison of multiple gang mentions in the 2001 and 2004 surveys is difficult, given the greatly enlarged size of the 2004 survey sample and the explicit exclusion of outlaw motorcycle clubs from the 2001 survey. The table below, however, suggests that mentions of some gangs have increased in greater proportions than others. Further research will be necessary before definitive conclusions can be reached concerning apparent increases in the distribution of some of these gangs.

Table 3. Gangs Mentioned by Multiple Jurisdictions

Gang Name	2001 # Jurisdictions	2004 # Jurisdictions
18th Street Gang	8	25
Bloods	28	110
Breed MC Club	--	18
Crips	14	80
Dominicans Don't Play	6	11
Five Percenters	6	22
Hells Angels MC Club	--	15
La Mugre	10	10
Latin Kings	34	78
MS-13	20	36
Neta	22	22
Pagans MC Club	--	36
Vatos Locos	8	18
Warlocks MC Club	--	12

Number of Gang Members Reported

“How many members are in the gang?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

The 64 municipal respondents with active gangs in their jurisdictions reported a total of 7,471 gang members affiliated with 124 distinct gangs. Respondents were able to

estimate membership size for most (72%) of those gangs. There were only 17 gangs for which membership estimates could not be provided.

According to municipal respondents in 2001, a slight majority (55%) of gangs in New Jersey were relatively small, that is, comprised of between 1 and 25 members.⁴ However, although smaller gangs were more numerous, they collectively accounted for only 22% of the total number of gang members statewide. Larger gangs (those with more than 100 members), while fewer in number, accounted for one third (33%) of statewide gang membership.

Table 4. 2001: Membership Size for All Gangs Reported

Membership Size	# Gangs	% of All Gangs	Total Members	% of Statewide Membership
Unknown	84	28%	0	0%
1-25	141	48%	1,680	22%
26-50	44	15%	1,741	23%
51-75	7	2%	500	7%
76-100	11	4%	1,100	15%
+100	9	3%	2,450	33%
Total	296	100%	7,471	100%

The response to this question described the perspective of municipal agencies assessing the size of gang membership in their individual jurisdictions. A broader perspective might aggregate multiple individual mentions of gang names into a more concise group of distinct gangs. Using this approach, for example, the 2001 survey response can be seen to have identified six gangs that accounted for more than half (57%) of the total number of gang members reported. Those gangs with the largest reported membership were:

- Latin Kings (1,370)
- Bloods (994)
- Ñeta (692)
- MS-13 (513)
- Five Percenters (337)
- Crips (334)

2004 Survey

The 177 responding agencies provided a cumulative estimate of approximately 16,700 gang members in New Jersey. Respondents were unable to estimate the membership for more than a third (36%) of all gangs reported (252 gangs).

⁴ While the definition of 'street gang' requires at least three members, respondents could classify one or two individuals as a 'gang' provided they were part of a gang active in another jurisdiction. A gang may be centered in one jurisdiction but draw individual members from numerous outlying communities.

As in 2001, smaller gangs (those comprised of between 1 and 25 members) accounted for the largest proportion of distinct gangs identified. In 2004, they represented nearly half of all distinct gangs (47%, or 328 gangs). Once again, although the number of smaller gangs identified was very high, their collective proportion of the total statewide gang membership was only 18%. In contrast, the 28 largest gangs (those with more than 100 members) represent 4% of all gangs but account for 56% of all gang members in the state.

Table 5. 2004: Membership Size for All Gangs Reported

Membership Size	# Gangs	% of All Gangs	Total Members	% of Statewide Membership
Unknown	252	36%	0	0%
1-25	328	47%	2,949	18%
26-50	55	8%	2,077	12%
51-75	12	2%	811	5%
76-100	16	2%	1,520	9%
+100	28	4%	9,345	56%
Total	691	100%	16,701	100%

The three gangs with the largest reported aggregate membership were the Bloods (4,064), the Latin Kings (2,345), and the Crips (2,122). These three gangs represent more than half (51%) of the entire estimated statewide population of gang members.

Comparative Analysis

Using municipal classification data from the New Jersey Uniform Crime Report (UCR), it is possible to evaluate the relationship between gang size and municipal type.

- Rural areas of the state reported lowest levels of gang membership (1% of statewide membership estimates) in both 2001 and 2004.
- In 2004, almost half (47%) of suburban municipalities were not able to estimate the size of gangs in their jurisdictions. Of those gangs whose membership they could estimate, smaller gangs (fewer than 26 members) made up the largest number of gangs active in their jurisdictions.
- Larger gangs –those with more than 76 members reported— were reported only in urban suburban and urban center municipalities in both the 2001 and 2004 surveys. In the 2004 survey, urban suburbs and urban center municipalities were better able to estimate the size of gangs in their jurisdictions than they had been in 2001.
- In both the 2001 and 2004 surveys, urban suburban and urban center municipalities account for over 90% of statewide gang membership estimates.

Gang Membership: Demographic Estimates

Age Distribution

“Approximately what percentage of this the gang’s members fall into the following age categories: ...less than 15; 15 to 17; 18 to 24; 24+?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

Age distribution estimates were provided for nearly every gang member (99%) that was reported by municipal respondents. According to survey respondents, most gang members (43%) are between the ages of 18-24. Nearly a third of gang members (28%) are between 15-17 years of age.

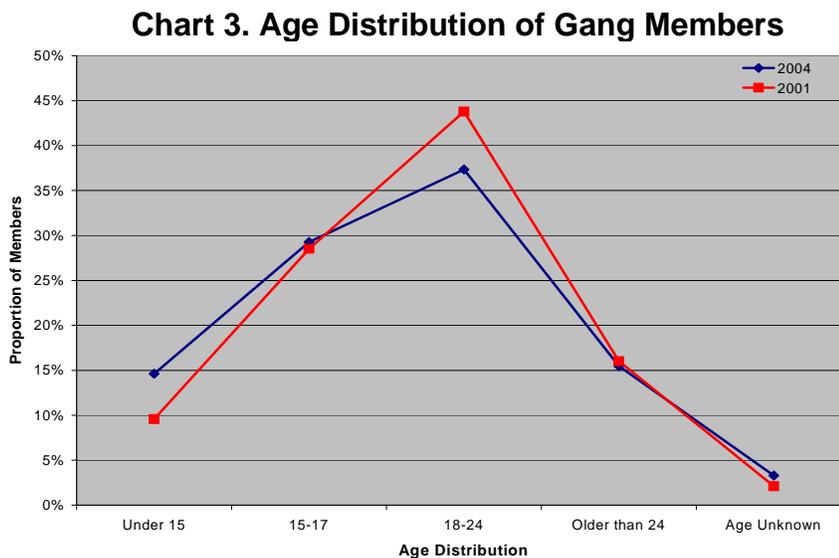
2004 Survey

Agencies provided age distribution estimates for 62% of the 16,701 gang members estimated. The age distribution is as follows:

Table 6. Age Distribution of Gang Members

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2004</u>
Under 15	714	2,306
15-17	2,129	4,619
18-24	3,268	5,892
Older than 24	1,195	2,441
Unknown	156	519
Total	7,462	15,777

The graph below depicts the age distribution as a proportion of total gang membership.



Gender Composition

“What is the ratio of male to female members?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

Not all respondents to the 2001 survey were able to provide gender composition information about the gangs they identified. As a consequence, the approximate number of members for whom gender was estimated is only 37% of the total number of gang members reported. Of this subset, the proportion of male to female gang members indicated by respondents was a little more than 9 to 1 (92% to 8%).

2004 Survey

Responding agencies were able to provide estimates on gender composition for virtually the entire gang population (98% of all reported members). This represented about three quarters (70%) of all 691 gangs reported by municipal respondents.

Overall, approximately 14,658 males and 1,714 females were reported giving a male to female ratio of 9 to 1 (90% to 10%). However, there are certain gangs where females comprise a significant portion of the membership. Twenty-two gangs were reported to have a female membership of 25% or more. Those gangs were estimated to have a total of 567 female members or one third of all female gang members reported to be in New Jersey.

Racial/Ethnic Composition

“What is the race/ethnicity of gang members?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

More than three quarters of the total gangs (78%) named were comprised of members from homogeneous racial/ethnic backgrounds. Gangs with diverse racial or ethnic backgrounds accounted for 17% of all gangs. Respondents could not estimate the racial/ethnic composition of 5% of gangs reported.

2004 Survey

The 2004 survey respondents indicated that most gangs (522, or 76%) were comprised of homogeneous racial and ethnic backgrounds. Multi ethnic/racial gangs made up 14% of all gangs reported. Racial composition was not provided for 73 gangs (11% of all gangs mentioned).

Comparative Analysis

The proportion of gangs with all-black and all-Asian members remained stable. Gangs comprised entirely of Hispanic members decreased from 47% of statewide total to 29% of the total number of gangs reported.

The proportion of all-white gangs increased from 2% of the total statewide number of gangs in 2001 to 15% of the total in 2004. This could be attributed in part to the

broadened statutory definition of “gang” provided in 2004, which applies to white supremacist, hate group and outlaw motorcycle gangs that were not included in 2001. That is not to say that white gang members belong to these groups only. It is evident from survey responses that white gang members belong to a wide variety of gangs.

Table 7. Racial/Ethnic Composition of Gangs

	2001		2004	
	# of Gangs	% of Statewide Total	# of Gangs	% of Statewide Total
<i>Homogeneous Race/Ethnicity</i>	231	78%	522	76%
Asian	5	2%	1	*
Black	82	28%	210	30%
Hispanic	139	47%	202	29%
White	5	2%	107	15%
Other	0	---	2	*
<i>Multi-Racial/Ethnic Gangs</i>	50	17%	96	14%
<i>Race/Ethnicity NOT Provided</i>	15	5%	73	11%
<i>Total Number of Gangs</i>	296		691	* less than 1%

Gang Members and Reported Criminal Activities

Gang-Related Criminal Activities

In 2001, respondents were asked to estimate the extent to which gang members were involved in certain specific criminal activities. The question read as follows:

“Please estimate the proportion of street gang members in your jurisdiction who engaged in the following offenses during 2000: (aggravated assault, robbery, burglary/B & E, vehicle theft, larceny/theft, drug sales)”

In 2004, the question about criminal activity was open-ended, and respondents were free to describe any criminal activities associated with the specific gangs they named.

“What types of criminal activity are gang members involved in? (List all that apply)”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

The wording difference for these two questions affects the type of analysis that can be performed and makes comparison of data from the two years difficult. In 2001, the

question was modeled on the National Youth Gang Center's question concerning gang-related criminal activity. This question was broadly worded, asking respondents about their general knowledge of the types of criminal activities committed by gang members. In 2004, the question was changed, and respondents were asked to list any and all crimes associated with the specific gangs they named as present in their jurisdiction.

2001 Survey

Nearly two thirds (63%) of 2001 survey respondents indicated that "most" or "some" gang members were involved in drug sales. Half (50%) of respondents stated that "some" or "most" gang members participated in aggravated assault (see Table 8 below).

Table 8. 2001: Criminal Activities of Gang Members

Response	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Burglary/ B&E	Vehicle Theft	Larceny/ Theft	Drug Sales
None	16%	20%	20%	27%	17%	14%
Few	30%	28%	36%	33%	28%	11%
Some	31%	34%	20%	20%	25%	22%
Most	19%	5%	5%	5%	6%	41%
Don't Know	3%	11%	16%	13%	20%	11%
Did Not Respond	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

2004 Survey

Because of the specificity of this question, it is possible to analyze results first in the aggregate, then by the specific gangs most frequently mentioned by survey respondents. For the 691 gangs identified by 2004 survey respondents, a total of 1,470 answers were reported for criminal activity. This includes mentions of multiple criminal activities associated with one gang. As in 2001, narcotics related offenses were the most frequently cited crimes associated with gangs. However, it should be noted that respondents did not uniformly distinguish between narcotics sales, possession, use and manufacture. A percentage of mentions (14%) were either blank, "unspecified," "unknown," or "none." The breakdown by offense of the remaining 1,265 recorded answers is as follows:

Table 9. 2004: Top 10 Criminal Activities Reported for Gangs

Offense Mentioned	# of Mentions	% of All Answers	% Excluding "Unknowns"*
Narcotics	325	22%	26%
Assault	238	16%	19%
Robbery	137	9%	11%
Aggravated Assault	99	7%	8%
Weapons	86	6%	7%
Theft	74	5%	6%
Homicide	59	4%	5%
Burglary	48	3%	4%
Criminal Mischief	47	3%	4%
Graffiti	41	3%	3%

**Excludes blank responses, as well as those that indicated "unspecified," "unknown" or "none"*

When the results of this question were analyzed in terms of the specific gangs named, the Bloods, Crips and Latin Kings received the most mentions. One in four (25%) criminal activity mentions are associated with the Bloods (25%), while the Crips and Latin Kings account for 14% and 11% of the total number of criminal activities mentioned. These three gangs collectively account for more than half (52%) of the top 10 criminal activities (see Table 10 below).

Table 10. 2004: Top 10 Criminal Offenses Reported for the Top 3 Gangs Mentioned

Offense	# of Mentions	Bloods (25%)	Crips (14%)	Latin Kings (11%)	Top 3 Total	All Other Gangs Combined
Narcotics	325	26%	15%	14%	55%	45%
Assault	238	23%	12%	10%	45%	55%
Robbery	137	25%	12%	8%	45%	55%
Aggravated Assault	99	27%	16%	4%	47%	53%
Weapons	86	22%	10%	13%	45%	55%
Theft	74	31%	15%	7%	53%	47%
Homicide	59	36%	19%	7%	62%	38%
Burglary	48	21%	13%	19%	53%	47%
Criminal Mischief	47	28%	17%	11%	56%	44%
Graffiti	41	20%	22%	20%	62%	38%

Gang-Related Incidents in Schools

“During [the preceding year], were there gang related incidents within, or on the grounds of the schools in your jurisdiction?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

Of the 64 respondents answering this question, half reported the presence of gang activity on school grounds. The remaining respondents were divided among those who reported no gang activity in their schools (38%) and those (13%) who were unsure whether gang-related incidents had occurred.

2004 Survey

Almost half (46%) of survey respondents reporting a gang presence in their community had noted gang-related incidents within or on the grounds of schools in their jurisdiction during 2003. A slightly smaller proportion (41%) reported that gang-related incidents had not occurred in their schools during the previous year. One respondent in ten (11%) was unsure whether gang-related incidents had occurred.

Respondents to the 2004 survey were asked to provide an estimate of the number of gang-related school incidents that had occurred. Agencies reporting gang activity within their schools estimated that at least 532 gang-related school incidents had occurred during the previous year. These municipalities were distributed throughout 18 of New Jersey's 21 counties.

It is notable that 73 municipal agencies reporting an active gang presence in their jurisdiction go on to state that they have not observed corresponding gang activity in their schools. A further 20 municipalities responded that they didn't know whether gang incidents had occurred at schools within their jurisdiction.

Research and investigative experience consistently point to schools as a significant focus for gang recruitment and other gang activities. We would therefore expect gang activity in schools to be more widely reported by NJ agencies responding to the survey.

What are potential explanations for the fact that gangs-in-schools are reported at such lower rates by law enforcement in NJ? This discrepancy may be due to:

- a lack of sufficient protocols for reporting gang incidents on school property to local law enforcement
- insufficient ability to recognize gang activity / distinguish it from non-gang delinquent activity
- or a political climate which de-emphasizes the existence of gangs in the community.

Gang Member Use of Firearms

How often did street gang members use firearms in the commission of crimes in your jurisdiction during [the preceding year]?

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

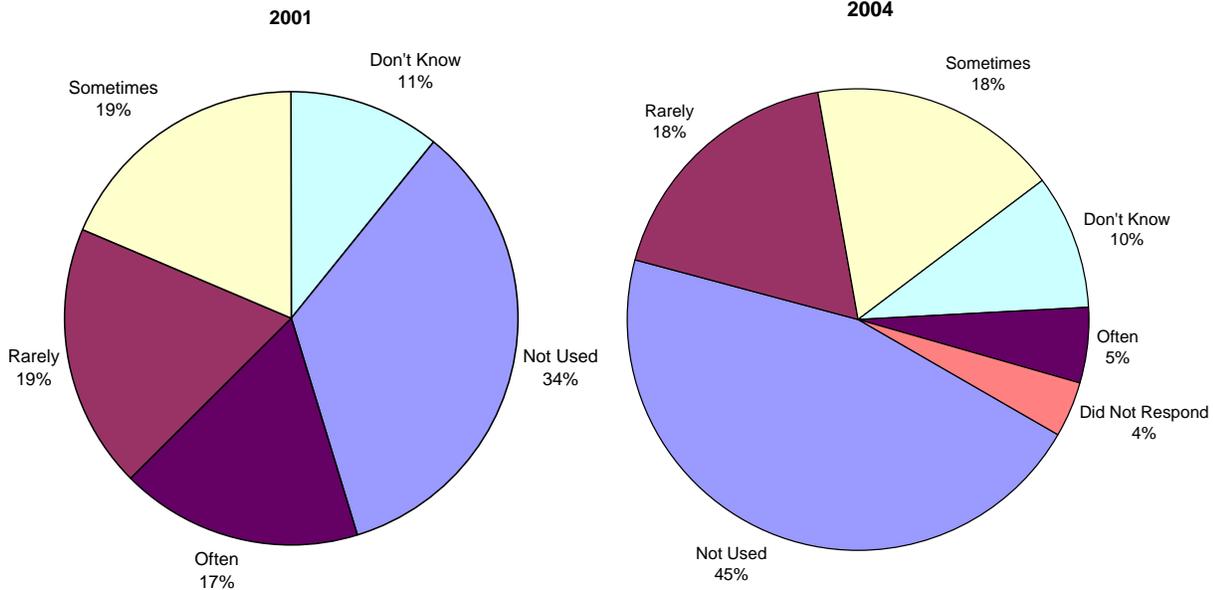
2001 Survey

Roughly a third (34%) of 2001 respondents answered this question by saying that gang members did not use firearms in the commission of crimes. A further 19% said firearms were 'rarely' used by gang members. However, slightly more than a third (36%) of respondents reported that firearms were used 'sometimes' or 'often' by gang members when committing crimes.

2004 Survey

More than four respondents in ten (45%) stated that gang members did not use firearms while committing crimes during 2003. Eighteen percent (18%) reported gang members 'rarely' used firearms. Less than a quarter (24%) of agencies reporting a gang presence stated that guns were used 'sometimes' or 'often' by gang members in the commission of crimes.

Chart 4. Firearms Usage Among Gang Members



“Does your agency have a policy in place requiring traces on firearms recovered?”

[based on all agencies responding to the 2004 survey]

This question was asked for the first time in the 2004 survey; comparative analysis is therefore not available.

2004 Survey

357 (81%) of all survey respondents answered this question. The majority (69%) of respondents indicated that their agency did have a policy requiring traces on firearms recovered. Only one in ten said their agency did not require traces on firearms recovered. Nine agencies did not know whether or not their agency had a policy in place.

Release of gang members from prison

“How much has your street gang problem been affected in the past few years by the release of gang members from prison?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

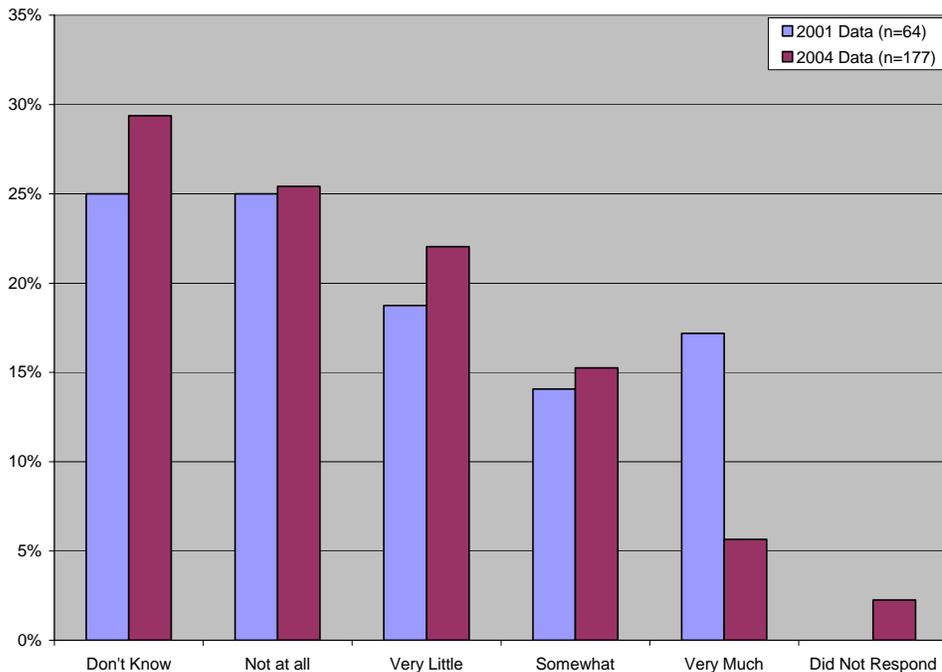
2001 Survey

More than two-thirds (69%) of 2001 municipal respondents with gangs in their jurisdictions reported that gang members released from prison either had no effect, very little effect or an undetermined effect on the street gang problem in their jurisdiction. The remaining respondents (31%) said that gang members released from prison had affected their gang problem either ‘somewhat’ or ‘very much.’

2004 Survey

A quarter (25%) of 2004 municipal respondents with gangs in their jurisdictions stated that their street gang problems had not been affected at all by the release of gang members from prison. When combined with those who responded that street gang members released from prison had very little effect or an undetermined effect on the street gang problem, the proportion rose to 76%: three-quarters of all agencies reporting gang presence in their communities. Only a fifth (21%) of survey respondents with active street gangs in their jurisdictions reported that the release of gang members from prison impacted 'very much' (6%) or 'somewhat' (15%) on their street gang problems.

Chart 5. Effect of Prison Release on Gang Problems



Gang Homicides

“Overall, approximately how many homicides involving street gang members do you estimate occurred in your jurisdiction during [the preceding year]?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

In the 2001 survey, 10 agencies reported the occurrence of gang-related homicides during the year 2000. In total, 49 gang-related homicides were reported. This represented 17% of the total number of homicides reported to the NJSP Uniform Crime Reporting Unit (288) for the year 2000.

2004 Survey

In the 2004 survey, the proportion of reported homicides that were attributed to gang members by respondents remained unchanged. 18 agencies (roughly 10% of NJ agencies reporting a gang presence) estimated that 67 homicides involving street gang members had occurred during the year 2003. This estimate represented 17% of all homicides (406) reported to the Uniform Crime Reporting Unit during that year.

Comparison with UCR Data

Review of 2003 homicide data reported to the NJSP Uniform Crime Reporting Unit determined that 55 homicides occurred in municipalities that responded to the 2004 survey by stating that they were unsure or unable to determine whether 2003 homicides in their jurisdictions had involved gang members. These 55 homicides account for 14% of 2003 homicides statewide. However, investigative experience among NJSP personnel in these municipalities suggests the likelihood that at least a portion of these homicides involved gang members in some way or another.

More than a third (36%) of 2003 homicides reported to UCR occurred in municipalities that responded to the 2004 Survey by stating that homicides in their jurisdiction had no link to gang involvement.

Another third (34%) of 2003 homicides reported to UCR occurred in municipalities that either did not respond to the 2004 survey or did not answer the homicide question. Potential gang involvement in these 139 homicides cannot be determined from the survey data.

Therefore, it seems reasonable to conclude that *at least 17%* of New Jersey's homicides involve gang members and that the full number could be significantly higher.

Location of Gang Crimes

“Where are gang crimes occurring in your jurisdiction?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

This question was added to the 2004 survey to ascertain where gang crimes were most frequently occurring. The instructions accompanying the question asked the respondent to rank a variety of locations in terms of where gang crimes are committed. A sizable portion of respondents merely checked off relevant locations rather than giving them any sort of ranking. Therefore, we are unable to gauge which, if any, of these locations are believed to be preferred by gang members for the conduct of criminal activity.

153 survey respondents mentioned a total of 487 location types for this question. For all types of municipalities, the most commonly mentioned location was residences (18% of total). Overall, the next most cited locations were businesses (15%), parks/playgrounds (15%), and schools (14%).

Table 11. 2004: Location of Gang Crimes (N=153)

Location Type	Total	% of Total
Residences	89	18%
Parks/Playgrounds	73	15%
Businesses	72	15%
Schools	67	14%
Motor Vehicles	55	11%
Parking Lots	54	11%
Highways	45	9%
Government Buildings	10	2%
Bars/Nightclubs	6	1%
Streets	5	1%
Other (unspecified)	2	0%
All the Above	1	0%
Abandoned buildings	1	0%
Annual carnival	1	0%
Boarding House	1	0%
Bus Depot	1	0%
Hotels/Motels	1	0%
Parties/social functions	1	0%
Wooded or rural areas	1	0%
Railroad station/tracks	1	0%
TOTAL	487	100%

Law enforcement perception of gang trends

Most Serious Problem

“Which gang is the most serious problem in your jurisdiction?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2001 Survey

88% of jurisdictions reporting a gang presence responded to this question. The Bloods were the gang most frequently cited by respondents as the most serious in their jurisdiction, receiving 14 mentions. The next most commonly cited gangs were the Latin Kings (11) and MS-13 (8).

2004 Survey

Of the 177 jurisdictions reporting a gang presence, more than three quarters (77%) responded to this question. Some respondents indicated that more than one gang was the most serious problem. By far, the Bloods were identified as the most serious problem by reporting municipalities, receiving 25% of all mentions. The next most commonly mentioned gangs were the Crips (9%) and the Latin Kings (9%).

The next two questions about gang recruitment and the most violent gang were not included in the 2001 survey. In tabulating the number of mentions per gang, each mention was counted separately, even when one jurisdiction cited more than one gang as the most actively recruiting or most violent.

Most Actively Recruiting Gang

“Which gang is most actively recruiting new members?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

2004 Survey

Of the 177 jurisdictions reporting gang presence in 2004:

- 56 agencies (32%) did not respond to this question
- 21 agencies (12%) did not know which gang was most actively recruiting
- 12 agencies (7%) responded that no gang was most actively recruiting

The remaining 88 agencies collectively identified 29 distinct gangs as “most actively recruiting” new members. 11 agencies reported more than one gang as “most actively recruiting,” while 77 agencies mentioned a single gang.

The following is the breakdown of gangs most often cited by respondents:

<u>Gang</u>	<u># Mentions</u>
• Bloods	41
• Crips	15
• Latin Kings	7
• Pagans	5
• MS-13	5

Although these gangs were mentioned by multiple jurisdictions, the vast majority of distinct gangs (22 or 75%) were mentioned by one respondent and generally, those gangs were found only in that respondent’s jurisdiction.

This finding may illustrate the hypothesis that many gangs in New Jersey can still be considered ‘local’ or ‘neighborhood’ gangs.

Most Violent Gang

“Which gang commits the most violent activity?”

[based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

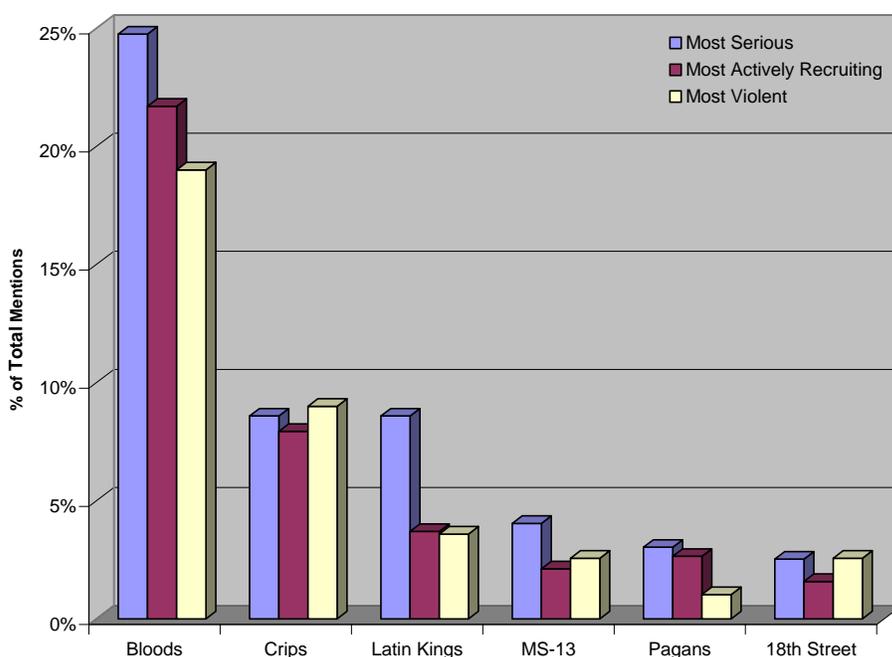
2004 Survey

Two thirds of survey respondents with a gang presence (66%, or 118 agencies) answered this question, while one third (59 agencies) did not.

- 5 agencies (3%) did not know which gang was most violent
- 15 agencies (8%) responded that no gang was most violent
- 20 agencies (11%) cited more than one gang for being most violent
- 78 agencies (44%) indicated that one gang was most violent

Again, the Bloods received the most mentions (35) but the gap was not as great as in the two preceding questions. The general order of mentions remained the same, however, with the Crips gathering the second most mentions (18 mentions) followed by the Latin Kings (7 mentions).

Chart 6. Gangs Mentioned as ‘Most Serious’, ‘Most Actively Recruiting’ and ‘Most Violent’



Perception of Gang Problem Trends

“Compared to [the preceding year], did your street gang problem in [this year] increase, decrease or stay the same?”

2001 Survey [based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

More than half of the 64 respondents to this question (53%) said that their gang problem had increased over the previous year. A further 27% reported no change in their gang problem. Eight respondents (13%) reported a decrease in their street gang problem and

8% were unable to determine what change had occurred in their jurisdiction over the previous year with regards to gangs.

2004 Survey

[based on all survey respondents]

In the 2004 survey, we compared the response of municipal agencies reporting a gang presence in their communities with those agencies that did not.

Agencies reporting a gang presence in 2004 responded differently to this question than those reporting no gang presence. For agencies with a gang presence, the largest proportion of respondents (44%) indicated that their jurisdiction experienced an increase in their gang problem. One third of these agencies indicated that their gang problem remained the same.

Table 12. 2004: Perception of Agencies Reporting Gang Presence

<u>Perception of Change</u>	<u># Agencies</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Increase	78	44%
Stay the Same	59	33%
Decrease	11	6%
Don't Know	22	12%
Did Not Respond	7	4%
Total	177	100%

For agencies with no gang presence, half of the respondents (50%) stated that their gang problem remained the same. An additional third (35%) did not respond to the question.

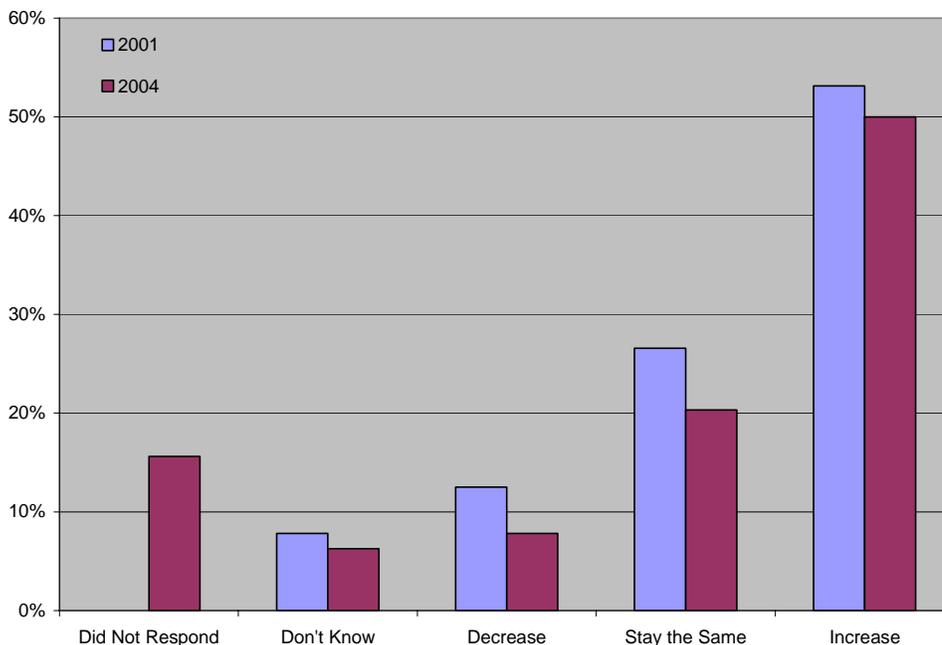
Table 13. 2004: Perception of Agencies Reporting No Gang

<u>Perception of Change</u>	<u># Agencies</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Increase	3	1%
Stay the Same	130	50%
Decrease	2	1%
Don't Know	32	12%
Did Not Respond	93	35%
N/A	2	1%
Total	262	100%

Tracking Analysis

The answers of those 60 municipalities that answered this question in 2001 were proportionally virtually identical to that group's answers in 2004 as can be seen in the following chart (there were two municipalities that did not answer this question in 2004).

**Chart 7. Perceptions of Changes in the Gang Problem
Tracking Analysis: 2001-2004**



Policy Issues

Multi-Agency Cooperation

“With whom does your agency have frequent contact on the issue of gangs?”

[based on all survey respondents]

This question was added to the 2004 survey in an effort to determine the extent to which New Jersey’s law enforcement agencies coordinated anti-gang efforts with other groups. Respondents were provided with a list of partner agencies, and were asked to check all applicable agencies with whom they had ‘frequent contact’ on the issue of gangs. Some respondents used the “Other” category to report cooperation with agencies not on the list.

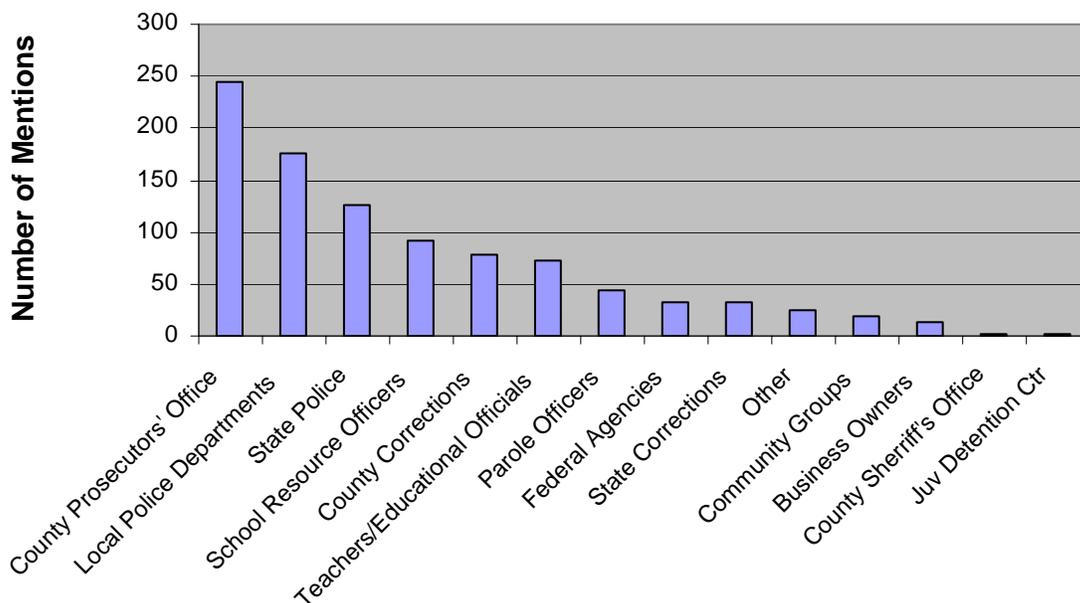
In the 2004 survey, we compared the response of municipal agencies reporting a gang presence in their communities with those agencies that did not.

2004 Survey

332 jurisdictions responded to this question, citing 957 agencies with which they had frequent contact on gang-related issues. Jurisdictions reporting the presence of gangs accounted for 60% of all mentions (573), while agencies without gangs accounted for 40% of all mentions (384).

For both groups, county prosecutors' offices and local police departments received the highest proportion of mentions (25% and 18% of total, respectively). Almost three quarters of all respondents (73%) mentioned frequent contact with the county prosecutors' office and over half (53%) with other municipal police departments. Those jurisdictions with a presence of gangs reported a higher incidence of frequent contact with federal agencies and state corrections than jurisdictions with no gangs.

Chart 8. Agencies With Whom Respondents Have Frequent Contact on the Issue of Gangs



Task Forces

“During 2003, did your agency participate in a FORMAL multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on street gang problems as a major concern? If yes, which ones?”

2001 Survey [based on agencies reporting the presence of street gangs in their jurisdiction]

In 2001, the majority (66%) of agencies which responded to this question were not part of any formal task force which focused on gangs.

2004 Survey

[based on all survey respondents]

In the 2004 survey, we compared the response of municipal agencies reporting a gang presence in their communities with those agencies that did not.

410 of all survey respondents (93%) answered this question. Almost two thirds (63%) of agencies reporting a gang presence reported they did not participate in a formal gang task force. That proportion rose to 80% among agencies that did not report gang presence.

**Table 14. Participation in Gang Task Forces
Agencies Reporting Gangs**

Task Force Participation	# of Agencies	% of Agencies
Yes	59	33%
No	112	63%
Don't Know	4	2%
Did Not Respond	2	1%
TOTAL	177	100%

**Table 15. Participation in Gang Task Forces
Agencies with No Gang Presence**

Task Force Participation	# of Agencies	% of Agencies
Yes	17	6%
No	214	82%
Don't Know	4	2%
Did Not Respond	27	10%
TOTAL	262	100%

Trend Analysis

The majority of municipalities still are not participating in gang task forces regardless of whether or not gangs are present in their jurisdiction.

Gang tracking/classification systems

“Does your department or agency have a system in place for classifying and tracking gang-related (member-based) and/or gang-motivated (motive-based) crimes?”

[based on all survey respondents]

2004 Survey

This question was asked of county agencies in the 2001 survey and was posed to municipal agencies for the first time in 2004. The question consisted of four parts, the first of which is stated above. Only those answering ‘yes’ to the first part were expected to answer subsequent parts of the question.

Nearly all respondents (415 agencies or 95%) answered the first part of this question. Of those, 73% of respondents indicated that their agency did not have a system in place for classifying/tracking gangs. Only one quarter (26%) of respondents (or 109 agencies) reported that their agency used a gang classification and tracking system. Some of those respondents indicated that the system was not formalized. Four respondents did not know if their agency utilized a gang tracking or classification system.

“If yes, is the system computerized?”

All 109 respondents who answered 'yes' to the previous question responded to this question. 44% indicated that their agency used a computerized gang tracking/classification system, and half (54%) reported that their agency's system was not computerized. Two respondents did not know whether or not their agency's gang tracking system was computerized

“Is it mandatory that officers contribute to the system?”

Slightly more than half (56%) indicated that officers were required to contribute to the system, while 47 respondents (43%) reported that their agency had no mandatory reporting requirement in place.

“What percentage of officers do you estimate contribute to the system?”

Ninety agencies provided numerical estimates for this question. Significantly, nearly one third (32%) estimated that 100% of the officers in their agency contribute to its gang tracking/classification system. Put in perspective, these agencies represent just seven percent (7%) of the total survey sample.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- The NJSP Gang Survey measures *perception* of the gang problem, rather than *gang-related crime data*. New Jersey's legislators have recognized the necessity of implementing a statewide gang tracking system to obtain this type of data, and have introduced legislation that would require law enforcement officers to report the occurrence of all gang-related incidents. Those bills have languished.

In the past, the Governor and the OAG have issued executive directives mandating reporting of bias crime incidents and domestic violence. We recommend that the Governor and the OAG consider issuing an executive directive regarding the systematic collection of gang crime data. Furthermore, we believe that the Governor and Attorney General should endorse, support and promote passage of this legislation.

- The NJSP Gang Survey serves as one of the state's principal sources of strategic information concerning New Jersey's gang environment. DLPS and other state agencies need reliable information about the gang environment in order to proceed with their planning and resource allocation processes.

In 2004, the gang survey questionnaire was designed and administered by enlisted personnel with little-to-no prior survey research experience. Their decision to rely on a combination of interviews and self-administered mail-in questionnaires resulted in problems with data completeness and data consistency. These data problems have hampered analysis and reduced the reliability of conclusions that can be drawn from the survey.

The quality of future survey results can be improved by outsourcing questionnaire design, survey administration, and tabulation of the results to private sector opinion research contractors or academic research specialists. The cost of such outsourcing should be incorporated into the annual Street Gang grant request, permitting the survey to be conducted on an annual basis. The option of coordinating survey response through a secure Internet portal on the NJSP webpage should be vigorously pursued.

- The majority of municipal agencies reporting gang presence did not participate in a formal gang task force or other collaborative effort during 2003. Although levels of participation may have increased in the past year, renewed emphasis from OAG on the value and importance of the task force approach to gang-crime enforcement appears to be warranted.

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- Since March 2000, the New Jersey Department of Education (DOE) has mandated reporting of violent incidents and vandalism occurring in New Jersey's schools. This data is collected in the DOE's Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS), and may contain information about gang-related incidents that were not recognized as such by school personnel. In order to integrate this data into its overall assessment of New Jersey's gang environment, the Division of State Police --through the Information Technology Bureau-- should initiate efforts to obtain a copy of this data from DOE. Detailed analysis of EVVRS data can then be combined with Gang Survey data and other information to provide a more complete understanding of gang activity in New Jersey schools.

- Almost a third of municipalities with a 2003 gang presence did not know what impact gang members released from prison had on the gang problem in their communities. As a result of relationships developed between gang investigators in some municipal agencies and staff at NJ Department of Corrections (DOC), ongoing exchange of information occurs concerning recent or impending release of gang members from prison. Other agencies at the municipal and county level have not always taken the initiative to establish similar relationships with DOC. Because this exchange of information is a powerful tool in the effort to control the spread of gang crime, a multi-level law enforcement approach addressing this issue should be undertaken. State agencies --DOC, State Parole Board, OAG, NJSP, JJC, AOC-- must work with the County Prosecutors and Sheriffs to develop workable notification methods that link municipal police agencies with information about released gang members.

- In the 2004 Gang Survey, suburban municipalities were unable to estimate the number of gang members for more than 40% of gangs reported in their jurisdictions. The NJSP Street Gang Bureau should strive to work with suburban law enforcement agencies to conduct both periodic gang-focused training as well as offering longer-term support.

□ Survey respondents indicated that an estimated 43% of gang members are less than 18 years of age. Additionally, almost half of responding agencies (46%) reported gang-related incidents in their schools. Any comprehensive effort to gather information on gangs will require law enforcement agencies to actively partner with schools. Educators must be trained to recognize gang activity within their schools. Law enforcement must assist the education community in developing lines of communication to share information in a timely manner.

□ Both of the issues above are an indicator that more detailed assessments of gang activity are needed at the municipal level. The NJSP Street Gang Bureau (possibly in conjunction with the Community Partnerships Troop) should oversee the development of a “template” for creating municipal level gang assessments and perform such an assessment as a pilot project. The project would draw on the knowledge of a wide range of community participants and synthesize information to develop a comprehensive picture of the municipality’s gang situation.

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Appendix A

2001 STREET GANG QUESTIONNAIRE

January, 2001

County

Phone No.

Agency

Date / Time of initial contact:

Interviewer name: _____

For the purpose of this survey, a street gang is defined as: a group of youths or young adults **IN YOUR JURISDICTION** that you or other people in your agency are willing to identify or classify as a gang. This definition **DOES NOT INCLUDE** motorcycle gangs, hate or ideology groups, or prison gangs. Please base your responses on your records, your personal knowledge, and/or consultations with other agency personnel who familiar with street gangs.

Survey Questions

Q1. During 2000, were any street gangs active in your jurisdiction?

Yes No Do not know

IF INTERVIEWEE ANSWERS "YES" TO QUESTION 1, PLEASE CONTINUE.

IF INTERVIEWEE ANSWERS "NO" or "DO NOT KNOW" TO QUESTION 1, THAT COMPLETES THE SURVEY.

Q2. How many street gangs were active **in your jurisdiction** during 2000?

Number of street gangs

Don't know

	Number of Members	DK	Race of Members				Gender Ratios		Age Distribution of Members						
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Q.3z: Which gang is the most serious problem in your jurisdiction?

Q.4: During 2000, were there gang related incidents within, or on the grounds of the schools in your jurisdiction?

Yes No Do not know

Q.5: How much has your street gang problem been affected in the past few years by the return of members released from prison?

Very Much Somewhat Very Little Not at all Don't know

Q.6: Overall, how many homicides involving street gang members do you estimate occurred in your jurisdiction during 2000?

Number of homicides Don't know

Q.7: Please estimate the proportion of street gang members in your jurisdiction who engaged in the following offenses during 2000:

	0% None	1-25% Few	26-74% Some	75% + Most	Don't know
Aggravated Assault	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Robbery	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Burglary / B & E	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Vehicle Theft	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Larceny / Theft	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Drug Sales	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q.8: How often did street gang members use firearms in the commission of crimes in your jurisdiction during 2000?

Often Sometimes Rarely Not Used Don't Know

Q.9: During 2000, did your agency participate in a **FORMAL** multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on street gang problems as a major concern?:

Yes No Do not know

Q.9a: *If yes in Q.9, Which one?*

Q.10: Compared to 1999, did your street gang problem in 2000:

Increase? Decrease? Stay the same? Don't Know

Q.11 What initiatives do you think should be implemented to address the street gang problem in your jurisdiction?

Appendix B: Respondents to 2001 NJSP Gang Survey

<i>AGENCY</i>	<i>Gang Presence</i>	<i>AGENCY</i>	<i>Gang Presence</i>	<i>AGENCY</i>	<i>Gang Presence</i>
Absecon Police Department	No	East Brunswick Police Department	Yes	Hillside Police Department	No
Asbury Park Police Department	Yes	East Hanover Police Department	No	Hoboken Police Department	Yes
Atlantic City Police Department	Yes	East Orange Police Department	Yes	Hopatcong Police Department	No
Avalon Police Department	No	East Windsor Police Department	No	Hopewell Police Department	No
Bay Head Police Department	No	Edgewater Park Police Department	No	Howell Police Department	Yes
Bayonne Police Department	No	Edison Police Department	Yes	Irvington Police Department	Yes
Beachwood Police Department	No	Egg Harbor Township Police Department	No	Jackson Police Department	No
Belleville Police Department	Yes	Elizabeth Police Department	Yes	Jersey City Police Department	Yes
Bergenfield Police Department	No	Englewood Police Department	Yes	Keansburg Police Department	No
Berkeley Heights Police Department	No	Ewing Township Police Department	No	Kearny Police Department	Yes
Berkeley Township Police Department	No	Fair Haven Police Department	No	Lacey Township Police Department	No
Bloomfield Police Department	No	Fair Lawn Police Department	No	Lakehurst Police Department	No
Bloomington Police Department	No	Fairfield Police Department	No	Lakewood Police Department	Yes
Boonton Police Department	Yes	Fort Lee Police Department	No	Lawrenceville Police Department	No
Bound Brook Police Department	No	Franklin Township Police Department	Yes	Lebanon Township Police Department	No
Brick Township Police Department	No	Freehold Boro Police Department	Yes	Lincoln Park Police Department	No
Bridgeton Police Department	Yes	Freehold Township Police Department	No	Linden Police Department	Yes
Bridgewater Police Department	No	Galloway Township Police Department	No	Lindenwold Police Department	No
Brigantine Police Department	No	Gloucester City Police Department	No	Little Egg Harbor Police Department	No
Burlington Township Police Department	No	Green Brook Police Department	No	Little Falls Police Department	No
Caldwell Police Department	No	Guttenberg Police Department	Yes	Livingston Police Department	No
Camden Police Department	Yes	Hackettstown Police Department	No	Long Branch Police Department	Yes
Carney's Point Police Department	No	Haddon Heights Police Department	No	Lopatcong Police Department	Yes
Carteret Police Department	No	Hamilton Police Department	Yes	Lyndhurst Police Department	No
Cedar Grove Police Department	No	Hamilton Township Police Department	No	Madison Borough Police Department	No
Cinnaminson Police Department	Yes	Harrison Police Department	Yes	Mahwah Police Department	No
Clifton Police Department	Yes	Harrison Township Police Department	No	Manalapan Police Department	No
Cranford Police Department	No	Hawthorne Police Department	No	Manchester Police Department	No
Deptford Township Police Department	No	Hazlet Police Department	No	Mansfield Township Police Department	No
Dover Police Department	Yes	Highland Park Police Department	Yes	Mantua Police Department	No
Dover Township Police Department	Yes	Hightstown Police Department	No	Manville Police Department	No
Dunellen Police Department	No	Hillsborough Police Department	Yes	Maplewood Police Department	Yes

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Gang Presence</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Gang Presence</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>Gang Presence</u>
Marlboro Township Police Department	No	Perth Amboy Police Department	Yes	Stafford Township Police Department	No
Matawan Police Department	No	Phillipsburg Police Department	Yes	Surf City Police Department	No
Middlesex Boro Police Department	No	Pine Hill Police Department	No	Teaneck Police Department	No
Middletown Police Department	No	Piscataway Police Department	No	Tinton Falls Police Department	No
Millburn Police Department	No	Plainfield Police Department	No	Trenton Police Department	Yes
Milltown Police Department	No	Pleasantville Police Department	Yes	Tuckerton Police Department	No
Millville Police Department	No	Plumsted Police Department	No	Union City Police Department	Yes
Mine Hill Police Department	No	Point Pleasant Beach Police Department	No	Union Township Police Department	Yes
Monroe Township Police Department	No	Pompton Lakes Police Department	Yes	Vernon Township Police Department	No
Montclair Police Department	Yes	Princeton Township Police Department	No	Vineland Police Department	No
Morristown Police Department	Yes	Randolph Police Department	No	Wall Township Police Department	No
Mount Holly Police Department	No	Raritan Police Department	No	Wallington Police Department	No
Mount Olive Police Department	No	Red Bank Police Department	Yes	Warren Township Police Department	Yes
Mountainside Police Department	No	Ridgewood Police Department	No	Washington Boro Police Department	No
Mullica Township Police Department	No	Rockaway Police Department	No	Washington Township Police Department	No
Neptune Township Police Department	Yes	Roselle Park Police Department	Yes	Washington Township Police Department	No
New Brunswick Police Department	Yes	Roselle Police Department	Yes	Wayne Police Department	No
Newark Police Department	Yes	Runnemede Police Department	No	Weehawken Police Department	No
North Arlington Police Department	Yes	Rutherford Police Department	No	West Cape May Borough Police Department	No
North Bergen Police Department	Yes	Saddle River Police Department	No	West Milford Police Department	No
North Brunswick Police Department	No	Salem City Police Department	Yes	West New York Police Department	Yes
North Plainfield Police Department	Yes	Sayreville Police Department	Yes	West Orange Police Department	Don't Know
North Wildwood Police Department	No	Sea Isle City Police Department	No	West Windsor Police Department	No
Northfield Police Department	No	Secaucus Police Department	No	Westfield Police Department	No
Nutley Police Department	No	Somerville Police Department	Don't Know	Westville Police Department	No
Ocean City Police Department	No	South Amboy Police Department	No	Westwood Police Department	Don't Know
Old Bridge Police Department	No	South Belmar Police Department	No	Willingboro Police Department	No
Orange Police Department	Yes	South Brunswick Police Department	Yes	Winslow Township Police Department	No
Paramus Police Department	Yes	South Orange Police Department	Yes	Woodbridge Township Police Department	Yes
Passaic Police Department	Yes	South Plainfield Police Department	No	Woodbury Police Department	No
Paterson Police Department	Yes	South River Police Department	Yes	Woodlynne Police Department	No
Pemberton Township Police Department	No	South Toms River Police Department	Yes		
Pennington Police Department	Yes	Sparta Police Department	No		
Pennsauken Police Department	No	Springfield Township Police Department	No		



2004 Gang Survey Questionnaire

Respondent Name/Rank: _____

Agency: _____

Interviewer(s): _____ Date: _____

For the purpose of this survey, consistent with New Jersey Code, a gang is defined as: **three or more people who are associated in fact, that is, people who have a common group name, identifying sign, tattoos or other indicia of association and who have engaged in criminal offenses' while engaged in gang related activity (NJSA 2C: 44-3h).**

Please base your responses on your records, your personal knowledge, and/or consultations with other agency personnel who are familiar with street gangs.

Survey Questions

Q.1 During 2003, were any street gangs active in your jurisdiction?

Yes No Do not know

If "yes," when (what year) did you recognize the onset of gang activity in your jurisdiction? _____

Are there areas of your town where graffiti has been observed?

Yes No Do not know

If yes, where? _____

Are there areas of town where high drug sales occur? Yes No

If yes, where? _____

Q.2 How many street gangs were active in your jurisdiction during 2003?

Number of street gangs _____ Do not know

(This number should be verified by totaling the number of gangs mentioned in Question 3 which follows)

Q.3 Which gangs are present in your jurisdiction? **Circle all that apply** . Specify names of gangs not listed under "Other." * When referring to a unique "set" of a particular gang, specify the "set" name under "Other"*

For each gang named, please answer the following:

Gang Name	How many members are in the gang?	What is the race/ethnicity of gang members? (Circle all that apply)	What is the ratio (%) of male to female members?	Approximately what percentage (%) of this gang's members fall into the following age categories:					What types of criminal activity are the gang members involved in? (List all that apply. Continue on back of page if necessary)
		W = White, B=Black, A=Asian, H=Hispanic, NA=Native American, O=Other	% Male % Female	If percentage is unknown, check DK= "do not know " <15 15-17 18-24 +24 DK					
18 th Street		W B A H NA O							
Bloods*(if set use "Other)		W B A H NA O							
Breed		W B A H NA O							
Crips*(if set use "Other)		W B A H NA O							
Dominicans Don't Play		W B A H NA O							
Five Percenters		W B A H NA O							

For each gang named, please answer the following:

Gang Name	How many members are in the gang?	What is the race/ethnicity of gang members? <i>(Circle all that apply)</i>	What is the ratio (%) of male to female members?		Approximately what percentage (%) of this gang's members fall into the following age categories:					What types of criminal activity are the gang members involved in? <i>(List all that apply. Continue on back of page if necessary)</i>
		W = White, B=Black, A=Asian, H=Hispanic, NA=Native American, O=Other	% Male	% Female	If percentage is unknown, check DK= "do not know" <15 15-17 18-24 +24 DK					
Hells Angels		W B A H NA O								
La Mugre		W B A H NA O								
La Raza		W B A H NA O								
Latin Kings		W B A H NA O								
MS-13* <i>(if set use "Other")</i>		W B A H NA O								
Pagans		W B A H NA O								
Ñeta		W B A H NA O								
Vatos Locos		W B A H NA O								

For each gang named, please answer the following:

Gang Name	How many members are in the gang?	What is the race/ethnicity of gang members? <i>(Circle all that apply)</i>	What is the ratio (%) of male to female members?		Approximately what percentage (%) of this gang's members fall into the following age categories:					What types of criminal activity are the gang members involved in? <i>(List all that apply. Continue on back of page if necessary)</i>
		W = White, B=Black, A=Asian, H=Hispanic, NA=Native American, O=Other	% Male	% Female	If percentage is unknown, check DK= "do not know" <15 15-17 18-24 +24 DK					
Warlocks		W B A H NA O								
Other:(Specify)		W B A H NA O								
Other:(Specify)		W B A H NA O								
Other:(Specify)		W B A H NA O								
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For each gang named, please answer the following:

Gang Name	How many members are in the gang?	What is the race/ethnicity of gang members? <i>(Circle all that apply)</i>	What is the ratio (%) of male to female members?	Approximately what percentage (%) of this gang's members fall into the following age categories:					What types of criminal activity are the gang members involved in? <i>(List all that apply. Continue on back of page if necessary)</i>
		W = White, B=Black, A=Asian, H=Hispanic, NA=Native American, O=Other	% Male % Female	If percentage is unknown, check DK= "do not know" <15 15-17 18-24 +24 DK					
Other:(Specify)		W B A H NA O							
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Additional sheets are available if needed. Please be sure that the number of gangs circled/named above corresponds to the answer to Q2 regarding the number of gangs.

Q.4 Which gang is the most serious problem in your jurisdiction? _____

Q.5 Which gang is most actively recruiting new members? _____

Q.6 Which gang commits the most violent activity? _____

Q.7 Does your department or agency have a system in place for classifying and tracking **gang-related (member-based)** and/or **gang-motivated (motive-based)** crimes?

Yes No Do not know

Q.7a If **yes**, is the system computerized?

Yes No Do not know

Q.7b Is it mandatory that officers contribute to the system?

Yes No Do not know

Q.7c What percentage of officers do you estimate contribute to the system? _____%

Q.8 Where are gang crimes occurring in your jurisdiction? **(Please rank 1, 2, 3... in order of frequency of occurrence)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residences | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Lots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Highways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks/playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicles | |

Q.9 How often did street gang members use firearms in the commission of crimes in your jurisdiction during 2003? **(Circle One)**

Often Sometimes Rarely Not Used Don't Know

Q.9a Does your agency have a policy in place requiring traces on firearms recovered?

Yes No Do not know

Q.10 Overall, approximately how many homicides **involving street gang members** do you estimate occurred in your jurisdiction during 2003?

Number of homicides _____ Do not know

Q.10a. Of those homicides, what percentage are **gang-related (member-based)** _____% vs. **gang-motivated (motive-based)**? _____%

Q.11 During 2003, were there gang related incidents within, or on the grounds of the schools in your jurisdiction?

Yes No Do not know

Q.11a If yes, approximately how many incidents occurred? _____

Q.12 How much has your street gang problem been affected in the past few years by the release of gang members from prison?

Very Much Somewhat Very Little Not at all Don't know

Q.13 With whom does your agency have frequent contact on the issue of gangs?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School Resource Officers | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Police Departments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teachers/Educational Officials | <input type="checkbox"/> County Prosecutors' Offices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parole Officers | <input type="checkbox"/> State Police |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County Corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Agencies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Corrections | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Groups | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owners | |

Q.14 During 2003, did your agency participate in a FORMAL multi-agency task force or collaborative effort that focused on street gang problems as a major concern?

Yes No Do not know

Q.14a If yes, which one(s)?

Q.15 Compared to 2002, did your street gang problem in 2003 **(Circle One)**

Increase? Decrease? Stay the same? Don't Know

Q.16 What initiatives do you think should be implemented to address the street gang problem in your jurisdiction? (Elaborate as fully as possible)

Appendix D: 2004 NJSP Gang Survey Respondents

<i>Agency</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Gang Presence</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Gang Presence</i>
Aberdeen Police Department	Monmouth	No	Beverly City Police Department	Burlington	Yes
Absecon Police Department	Atlantic	Yes	Blairstown Police Department	Warren	No
Allendale Police Department	Bergen	No	Bloomfield Police Department	Essex	No
Allenhurst Police Department	Monmouth	No	Bloomington Police Department	Passaic	No
Allentown Police Department	Monmouth	Don't Know	Bogota Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Alpha Police Department	Warren	No	Boonton Police Department	Morris	Yes
Alpine Police Department	Bergen	No	Boonton Township Police Department	Morris	No
Andover Police Department	Sussex	No	Bordentown City Police Department	Burlington	No
Asbury Park Police Department	Monmouth	Yes	Bordentown Township Police Department	Burlington	No
Atlantic City Police Department	Atlantic	Yes	Bound Brook Police Department	Somerset	Yes
Audobon Park Police Department	Camden	No	Bradley Beach Police Department	Monmouth	No
Audobon Police Department	Camden	No	Branchburg Police Department	Somerset	No
Avalon Police Department	Cape May	No	Brick Township Police Department	Ocean	Don't Know
Avon Police Department	Monmouth	No	Bridgeton Police Department	Cumberland	Yes
Barnegat Police Department	Ocean	No	Bridgewater Police Department	Somerset	Yes
Barrington Police Department	Camden	No	Brielle Police Department	Monmouth	No
Bay Head Police Department	Ocean	No	Brigantine Police Department	Atlantic	No
Bayonne Police Department	Hudson	Yes	Brooklawn Police Department	Camden	No
Beach Haven Police Department	Ocean	No	Buena Police Department	Atlantic	No
Beachwood Police Department	Ocean	No	Burlington City Police Department	Burlington	Yes
Bedminster Police Department	Somerset	No	Burlington Township Police Department	Burlington	Yes
Belleville Police Department	Essex	No	Butler Police Department	Morris	No
Bellmawr Police Department	Camden	No	Byram Township Police Department	Sussex	No
Bergenfield Police Department	Bergen	No	Caldwell Police Department	Essex	No
Berkeley Heights Police Department	Union	Yes	Califon Police Department	Hunterdon	No
Berkeley Township Police Department	Ocean	Don't Know	Cape May Police Department	Cape May	Yes
Berlin Boro Police Department	Camden	No	Carney's Point Police Department	Salem	No
Berlin Township Police Department	Camden	No	Carteret Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Bernards Township Police Department	Somerset	No	Cedar Grove Police Department	Essex	Don't Know
Bernardsville Police Department	Somerset	No	Chatham Township Police Department	Morris	No

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Chesilhurst Police Department	Camden	No	Edison Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Chester Boro Police Department	Morris	No	Egg Harbor City Police Department	Atlantic	Yes
Chester Township Police Department	Morris	No	Egg Harbor Township Police Department	Atlantic	Yes
Chesterfield Police Department	Burlington	Don't Know	Elizabeth Police Department	Union	Yes
Cinnaminson Police Department	Burlington	No	Elk Township Police Department	Gloucester	No
Clark Police Department	Union	No	Elmer Boro Police Department	Salem	No
Clementon Police Department	Camden	Don't Know	Elmwood Park Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Cliffside Park Police Department	Bergen	Yes	Emerson Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Clifton Police Department	Passaic	Yes	Englewood Cliffs Police Department	Bergen	No
Clinton Township Police Department	Hunterdon	No	Englewood Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Closter Police Department	Bergen	No	Essex Fells Police Department	Essex	Yes
Colts Neck Police Department	Monmouth	No	Evesham Township Police Department	Burlington	No
Cranbury Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Ewing Township Police Department	Mercer	Yes
Cranford Police Department	Union	No	Fair Haven Police Department	Monmouth	No
Deal Police Department	Monmouth	No	Fair Lawn Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Delanco Police Department	Burlington	No	Fairfield Police Department	Essex	Yes
Delaware Township Police Department	Hunterdon	No	Fairview Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Delran Police Department	Burlington	No	Fanwood Police Department	Union	No
Demarest Police Department	Bergen	No	Far Hills Police Department	Somerset	Yes
Denville Police Department	Morris	Yes	Flemington Police Department	Hunterdon	No
Deptford Township Police Department	Gloucester	Yes	Florence Police Department	Burlington	Yes
Dover Police Department	Morris	Yes	Florham Park Police Department	Morris	No
Dover Township Police Department	Ocean	Yes	Fort Lee Police Department	Bergen	No
Dumont Police Department	Bergen	Don't Know	Franklin Boro Police Department	Sussex	No
Dunellen Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Franklin Lakes Police Department	Bergen	No
East Brunswick Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Franklin Township Police Department	Hunterdon	No
East Greenwich Township Police Department	Gloucester	No	Franklin Township Police Department	Somerset	Yes
East Hanover Police Department	Morris	Yes	Freehold Boro Police Department	Monmouth	No
East Orange Police Department	Essex	Yes	Freehold Township Police Department	Monmouth	No
East Rutherford Police Department	Bergen	No	Frenchtown Police Department	Hunterdon	No
East Windsor Police Department	Mercer	No	Galloway Township Police Department	Atlantic	No
Edgewater Park Police Department	Burlington	No	Garfield Police Department	Bergen	Yes

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Garwood Police Department	Union	No	Hillsdale Police Department	Bergen	No
Gibbsboro Police Department	Camden	No	Hillside Police Department	Union	Yes
Glassboro Police Department	Gloucester	Yes	Hoboken Police Department	Hudson	Yes
Glen Ridge Police Department	Essex	No	Hohokus Police Department	Bergen	No
Glen Rock Police Department	Bergen	No	Holland Township Police Department	Hunterdon	No
Gloucester City Police Department	Camden	No	Holmdel Police Department	Monmouth	No
Gloucester Township Police Department	Camden	Yes	Hopatcong Police Department	Sussex	No
Green Brook Police Department	Somerset	No	Hopewell Police Department	Mercer	No
Greenwich Township Police Department	Gloucester	Yes	Howell Police Department	Monmouth	No
Guttenberg Police Department	Hudson	Yes	Independence Township Police Department	Warren	Don't Know
Hackettstown Police Department	Warren	No	Interlaken Police Department	Monmouth	No
Haddon Heights Police Department	Camden	No	Irvington Police Department	Essex	Yes
Haddonfield Police Department	Camden	No	Island Heights Police Department	Ocean	No
Haledon Police Department	Passaic	No	Jackson Police Department	Ocean	Yes
Hamburg Police Department	Sussex	No	Jefferson Township Police Department	Morris	No
Hamilton Township Police Department	Atlantic	Don't Know	Jersey City Police Department	Hudson	Yes
Hanover Township Police Department	Morris	No	Keansburg Police Department	Monmouth	No
Harding Township Police Department	Morris	No	Kearny Police Department	Hudson	Yes
Hardyston Police Department	Sussex	No	Kenilworth Police Department	Union	Yes
Harrington Park Police Department	Bergen	No	Keyport Police Department	Monmouth	Yes
Harrison Police Department	Hudson	No	Kinnelon Police Department	Morris	No
Harrison Township Police Department	Gloucester	No	Lacey Township Police Department	Ocean	Yes
Harvey Cedars Police Department	Ocean	No	Lakehurst Police Department	Ocean	No
Haworth Police Department	Bergen	No	Lakewood Police Department	Ocean	Yes
Hawthorne Police Department	Passaic	No	Lambertville Police Department	Hunterdon	No
Hazlet Police Department	Monmouth	No	Laurel Springs Police Department	Camden	No
Helmetta Police Department	Middlesex	No	Lavalette Police Department	Ocean	No
High Bridge Police Department	Hunterdon	No	Lawnside Police Department	Camden	No
Highland Park Police Department	Middlesex	No	Lawrence Township Police Department	Mercer	Yes
Highlands Police Department	Monmouth	No	Lebanon Township Police Department	Hunterdon	No
Hightstown Police Department	Mercer	Yes	Leonia Police Department	Bergen	No
Hillsborough Police Department	Somerset	Yes	Lincoln Park Police Department	Morris	No

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Linden Police Department	Union	Yes	Matawan Police Department	Monmouth	No
Lindenwold Police Department	Camden	Yes	Maywood Police Department	Bergen	No
Linwood Police Department	Atlantic	No	Medford Lakes Police Department	Burlington	No
Little Egg Harbor Police Department	Ocean	Yes	Medford Township Police Department	Burlington	No
Little Falls Police Department	Passaic	No	Mendham Boro Police Department	Morris	No
Little Ferry Police Department	Bergen	No	Mendham Township Police Department	Morris	No
Little Silver Police Department	Monmouth	No	Merchantville Police Department	Camden	No
Livingston Police Department	Essex	No	Metuchen Police Department	Middlesex	No
Lodi Police Department	Bergen	No	Middle Township Police Department	Cape May	Don't Know
Logan Township Police Department	Gloucester	No	Middlesex Boro Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Long Beach Township Police Department	Ocean	No	Middletown Police Department	Monmouth	No
Long Branch Police Department	Monmouth	Yes	Midland Park Police Department	Bergen	No
Long Hill Township Police Department	Morris	Don't Know	Millburn Police Department	Essex	No
Longport Police Department	Atlantic	No	Milltown Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Lopatcong Police Department	Warren	No	Millville Police Department	Cumberland	Yes
Lower Alloways Creek Police Department	Salem	No	Monmouth Beach Police Department	Monmouth	No
Lower Township	Cape May	No	Monroe Township Police Department	Gloucester	No
Lumberton Police Department	Burlington	No	Monroe Township Police Department	Middlesex	No
Lyndhurst Police Department	Bergen	Yes	Montclair Police Department	Essex	Yes
Madison Borough Police Department	Morris	No	Montgomery Township Police Department	Somerset	Don't Know
Magnolia Police Department	Camden	Don't Know	Montvale Police Department	Bergen	No
Mahwah Police Department	Bergen	No	Montville Police Department	Morris	No
Manalapan Police Department	Monmouth	No	Moonachie Police Department	Bergen	No
Manasquan Police Department	Monmouth	Yes	Moorestown Police Department	Burlington	No
Manchester Police Department	Ocean	No	Morris Plains Police Department	Morris	No
Mansfield Township Police Department	Burlington	Yes	Morris Township Police Department	Morris	Yes
Mantoloking Police Department	Ocean	No	Morristown Police Department	Morris	Yes
Mantua Police Department	Gloucester	Yes	Mount Arlington Boro Police Department	Morris	Don't Know
Manville Police Department	Somerset	No	Mount Ephraim Police Department	Camden	No
Maplewood Police Department	Essex	Yes	Mount Holly Police Department	Burlington	Yes
Margate Police Department	Atlantic	Yes	Mount Olive Police Department	Morris	Don't Know
Marlboro Township Police Department	Monmouth	Yes	Mountain Lakes Police Department	Morris	No

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Mountainside Police Department	Union	Yes	Old Tappan Police Department	Bergen	Don't Know
Mullica Township Police Department	Atlantic	No	Oradell Police Department	Bergen	No
National Park Boro Police Department	Gloucester	No	Orange Police Department	Essex	Yes
Neptune City Police Department	Monmouth	No	Oxford Police Department	Warren	No
Neptune Township Police Department	Monmouth	Don't Know	Palisades Park Police Department	Bergen	Yes
New Brunswick Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Palmyra Police Department	Burlington	Don't Know
New Hanover Township Police Department	Burlington	No	Paramus Police Department	Bergen	Yes
New Milford Police Department	Bergen	No	Park Ridge Police Department	Bergen	Yes
New Providence Police Department	Union	No	Parsippany Police Department	Morris	Don't Know
Newark Police Department	Essex	Yes	Paterson Police Department	Passaic	Yes
Newfield Police Department	Gloucester	No	Paulsboro Police Department	Gloucester	No
Newton Police Department	Sussex	Yes	Peapack-Gladstone Police Department	Somerset	No
North Arlington Police Department	Bergen	Yes	Pemberton Boro Police Department	Burlington	Don't Know
North Bergen Police Department	Hudson	Yes	Pemberton Township Police Department	Burlington	Yes
North Brunswick Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Pennington Police Department	Mercer	No
North Caldwell Police Department	Essex	No	Penns Grove Police Department	Salem	Yes
North Hanover Police Department	Burlington	No	Pennsauken Police Department	Camden	No
North Plainfield Police Department	Somerset	Yes	Pennsville Police Department	Salem	No
North Wildwood Police Department	Cape May	No	Pequannock Police Department	Morris	No
Northfield Police Department	Atlantic	No	Perth Amboy Police Department	Middlesex	No
Northvale Police Department	Bergen	No	Phillipsburg Police Department	Warren	Yes
Norwood Police Department	Bergen	Don't Know	Pine Beach Police Department	Ocean	No
Nutley Police Department	Essex	Don't Know	Pine Hill Police Department	Camden	No
Oakland Police Department	Bergen	No	Pine Valley Police Department	Camden	No
Oaklyn Boro Police Department	Camden	No	Piscataway Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Ocean City Police Department	Cape May	No	Pitman Police Department	Gloucester	No
Ocean Gate Police Department	Ocean	No	Plainfield Police Department	Union	Yes
Ocean Township Police Department	Monmouth	No	Plainsboro Police Department	Middlesex	No
Ocean Township Police Department	Ocean	No	Pleasantville Police Department	Atlantic	Yes
Oceanport Police Department	Monmouth	No	Plumsted Police Department	Ocean	No
Ogdensburg Police Department	Sussex	No	Pohatcong Police Department	Warren	Yes
Old Bridge Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Point Pleasant Beach Police Department	Ocean	Yes

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Point Pleasant Police Department	Ocean	No	Scotch Plains Police Department	Union	Don't Know
Pompton Lakes Police Department	Passaic	Don't Know	Sea Bright Police Department	Monmouth	No
Princeton Boro Police Department	Mercer	Yes	Sea Girt Police Department	Monmouth	No
Princeton Township Police Department	Mercer	No	Sea Isle City Police Department	Cape May	No
Prospect Park Police Department	Passaic	Did Not	Seaside Heights Police Department	Ocean	Yes
Rahway Police Department	Union	Yes	Secaucus Police Department	Hudson	No
Ramsey Police Department	Bergen	No	Ship Bottom Police Department	Ocean	No
Randolph Police Department	Morris	Yes	Shrewsbury Police Department	Monmouth	Yes
Raritan Police Department	Hunterdon	No	Somerdale Police Department	Camden	No
Readington Police Department	Hunterdon	Yes	Somers Point Police Department	Atlantic	Yes
Red Bank Police Department	Monmouth	Yes	Somerville Police Department	Somerset	Yes
Ridgefield Park Police Department	Bergen	No	South Amboy Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Ridgefield Police Department	Bergen	Don't Know	South Belmar Police Department	Monmouth	No
Ridgewood Police Department	Bergen	Yes	South Bound Brook Police Department	Somerset	Don't Know
Ringwood Police Department	Passaic	No	South Brunswick Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
River Edge Police Department	Bergen	Yes	South Hackensack Police Department	Bergen	No
River Vale Police Department	Bergen	No	South Harrison Police Department	Gloucester	No
Riverdale Police Department	Morris	No	South Orange Police Department	Essex	Yes
Riverside Police Department	Burlington	No	South Plainfield Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Riverton Police Department	Burlington	No	South River Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Rochelle Park Police Department	Bergen	No	South Toms River Police Department	Ocean	Yes
Rockaway Boro Police Department	Morris	No	Sparta Police Department	Sussex	No
Roseland Police Department	Essex	Yes	Spotswood Police Department	Middlesex	No
Roselle Park Police Department	Union	Yes	Spring Lake Heights Police Department	Monmouth	No
Roselle Police Department	Union	Yes	Spring Lake Police Department	Monmouth	No
Rumson Police Department	Monmouth	No	Springfield Township Police Department	Burlington	Did Not
Runnemede Police Department	Camden	Did Not	Stafford Township Police Department	Ocean	Yes
Rutherford Police Department	Bergen	No	Stanhope Police Department	Sussex	Don't Know
Saddle Brook Police Department	Bergen	No	Stillwater Township Police Department	Sussex	No
Saddle River Police Department	Bergen	No	Stone Harbor Police Department	Cape May	No
Salem City Police Department	Salem	Yes	Stratford Police Department	Camden	Don't Know
Sayreville Police Department	Middlesex	Yes	Summit Police Department	Union	Yes

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Surf City Police Department	Ocean	No	West Caldwell Police Department	Essex	No
Swedesboro Police Department	Gloucester	No	West Deptford Police Department	Gloucester	No
Teaneck Police Department	Bergen	Yes	West Long Branch Police Department	Monmouth	Don't Know
Tenaflly Police Department	Bergen	No	West Milford Police Department	Passaic	Yes
Tewksbury Police Department	Hunterdon	No	West New York Police Department	Hudson	Yes
Tinton Falls Police Department	Monmouth	No	West Orange Police Department	Essex	Yes
Totowa Police Department	Passaic	No	West Paterson Police Department	Passaic	Yes
Trenton Police Department	Mercer	Yes	West Wildwood Police Department	Cape May	No
Tuckerton Police Department	Ocean	Yes	West Windsor Police Department	Mercer	No
Union Beach Police Department	Monmouth	No	Westampton Police Department	Burlington	Don't Know
Union City Police Department	Hudson	Yes	Westfield Police Department	Union	No
Upper Saddle River Police Department	Bergen	No	Westville Police Department	Gloucester	No
Ventnor Police Department	Atlantic	Don't Know	Westwood Police Department	Bergen	Yes
Vernon Township Police Department	Sussex	No	Wharton Police Department	Morris	Yes
Verona Police Department	Essex	Yes	Wildwood Crest Police Department	Cape May	No
Vineland Police Department	Cumberland	Yes	Wildwood Police Department	Cape May	No
Voorhees Police Department	Camden	Yes	Willingboro Police Department	Burlington	Yes
Waldwick Police Department	Bergen	Yes	Winfield Police Department	Union	Yes
Wall Township Police Department	Monmouth	No	Winslow Township Police Department	Camden	Don't Know
Wallington Police Department	Bergen	No	Woodbridge Township Police Department	Middlesex	Yes
Wanaque Police Department	Passaic	Don't Know	Woodbury Police Department	Gloucester	Yes
Warren Township Police Department	Somerset	No	Woodcliff Lake Police Department	Bergen	No
Washington Township Police Department	Bergen	No	Woodlynne Police Department	Camden	No
Washington Township Police Department	Gloucester	No	Wood-Ridge Police Department	Bergen	Don't Know
Washington Township Police Department	Morris	No	Woodstown Police Department	Salem	Yes
Washington Township Police Department	Warren	Yes	Woolwich Police Department	Gloucester	No
Watchung Police Department	Somerset	Don't Know	Wyckoff Police Department	Bergen	No
Waterford Township Police Department	Camden	No			
Wayne Police Department	Passaic	No			
Weehawken Police Department	Hudson	No			
Wenonah Police Department	Gloucester	No			
West Amwell Police Department	Hunterdon	No			

**Appendix E: Distinct Gangs Mentioned by 2004
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Gang Name	# Members	
Bloods	4,064	21
Latin Kings	2,345	
Crips	2,122	
Wetlands/Darkside	1,000	
Five Percenters	878	
Dominicans Don't Play	541	
Haitian Posse	440	
MS-13	396	
Neta	386	
East 6th St. Posse- 6SP	300	
All Bitches Bent Over	200	
Money Over Bitches	200	
Parkside Killers	200	
The Roc	200	
18th Street Gang	152	
Clinton Ave.	150	
La Mugre	143	
Vatos Locos	140	
ATA	100	
CMB (Cash Money Brothers)	100	
Salaams	100	
Trinitarios	81	
Back Maryland	80	
Pagans MC Club	69	
Warlocks MC Club	63	
D-Block aka 60th St.	60	
Cash Flow Posse	55	
Surenos 13	55	
White Supremacist	52	
Market Street Dominicans	51	
Dreams in Motion	50	
Ninos Sin Amor	50	
Skin Heads	50	
White Diamonds	50	
Vagos Locos	45	
Hells Angels MC Club	42	
Black Gangster Disciples	41	
666 Demons	40	
Black Panther Party	40	
Pitufos	40	
Bandanas	40	
D-Block	35	
Outlaws MC	35	
Cafeteros	33	
30 Deep	30	
Black Guerrilla Family	30	
Fighting Ass Mutherfuckers	30	
Haitian Outlaws	30	
Hava-stack	30	
K & A Gang	30	
Tres Puntos "3PX"	30	
South Side Posse	28	
Assassin Kings	27	
East Coast Hammerskins	26	
2nd Avenue Posse	25	
701 Street	25	

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Gang Name	# Members
BAB	25
Black Top	25
Boon Dock Outlaws	25
Broad Street Posse	25
D.D.H.	25
Murder Inc.	25
R-Unit	25
T.O.S.	25
Center Homes Posse	24
Breed MC Club	23
Conejos	21
3VC	20
Hollow Crime Family	20
Jersey Irons	20
Los Pelones	20
Los Tosos	20
New Street Niggers	20
NSA	20
Pocos Per Locos	20
Sharp Bogs Posse	20
Two Guns Up	20
WWG	20
Young Gangsta Stone Killers	20
Wolf Pack	18
Belmar Trash Crew	18
G-4 Unit	18
Homicidal Thugs	18
Jungle St. Animals	18
Crazy 8s	17
AK-47	15
Maple Street Crew	15
N.O.C.	15
Delinquentos Locos treces	13
GMC	13
NWA	13
108 Crime Family	10
AFO	10
Dogg Pound	10
Hoodies Downies Villains (HDV)	10
Niggas For Life	10
Ridgewood's Finest	10
The Squad	10
Vice Lords	10
ASAP Boys	9
Violent Soldiers	8
NND	8
Jurassic Park	7
RNS (Mexican Gang)	7
Cycle Lords (HA Aff.)	6
Lords of Night	5
Primos	5
Wild Chicanos	5
Iron Demons	3
2nd 2 none	2
Brotherhood of Silence	2
Hog Riding Fools	2

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Gang Name	# Members
La Raza	2
Breakers (Pagans MC duck club)	1
E.C.A.B.	1
Harley Davidson Outlaws	1
Vermin MC	1
Wheels of Soul	1
2nd Regiment	Undetermined
514 MOBB	Undetermined
67th Street Gang	Undetermined
7th Street Gang	Undetermined
88th Street Gang	Undetermined
Albanian Mafia	Undetermined
A-Unit	Undetermined
Bru Crew	Undetermined
BSQ	Undetermined
Cash Money Boys	Undetermined
CNS	Undetermined
Dynasty	Undetermined
G-Unit	Undetermined
James Bond	Undetermined
Krooked Eyed Hawgs	Undetermined
Long Riders	Undetermined
Los Cholos	Undetermined
Mecca	Undetermined
Midtown Crew	Undetermined
Millenium King	Undetermined
Rollin six's	Undetermined
Satan's Soldiers	Undetermined
Second Brigade	Undetermined
So Hood	Undetermined
The Grind	Undetermined
The World	Undetermined
Tribe MC	Undetermined
Trigger Happy Niggas	Undetermined
Vietnam Vets	Undetermined
Walnut Manor Boys	Undetermined