

## **STRYVE Spring Break 2012 Street Interviews Brief Summary of Findings**

As part of the STRYVE\* planning process to develop a comprehensive plan for preventing youth violence in North and Northeast Portland, the STRYVE team worked with a group of young people to gather youth perspectives on violence by conducting “street interviews” over spring break.

STRYVE staff trained about a dozen young people to administer the surveys with their peers. Over spring break, the street interviewers worked in teams to conduct a total of 270 short interviews. They asked questions about the types of violence young people were concerned about, areas in which they felt unsafe, causes of violence, as well as assets in the community and potential solutions.

Interviews were conducted in North and Northeast Portland at the following locations: Holladay Park, Boys and Girls Club (Blazers and Regence locations), Self-Enhancement Inc. (SEI), and in the vicinity of Albina and Killingsworth.

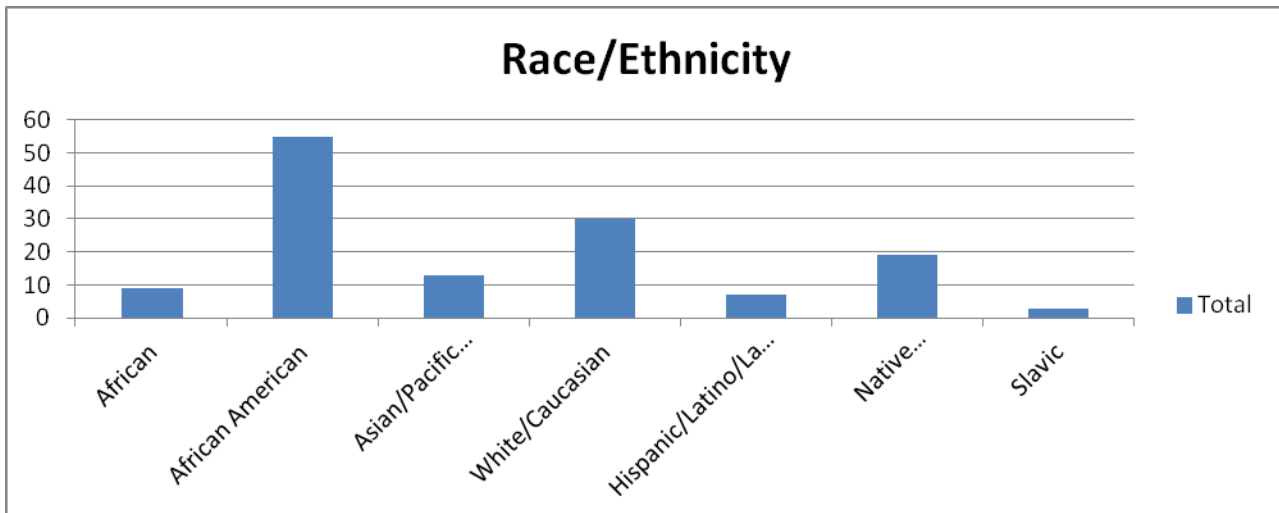
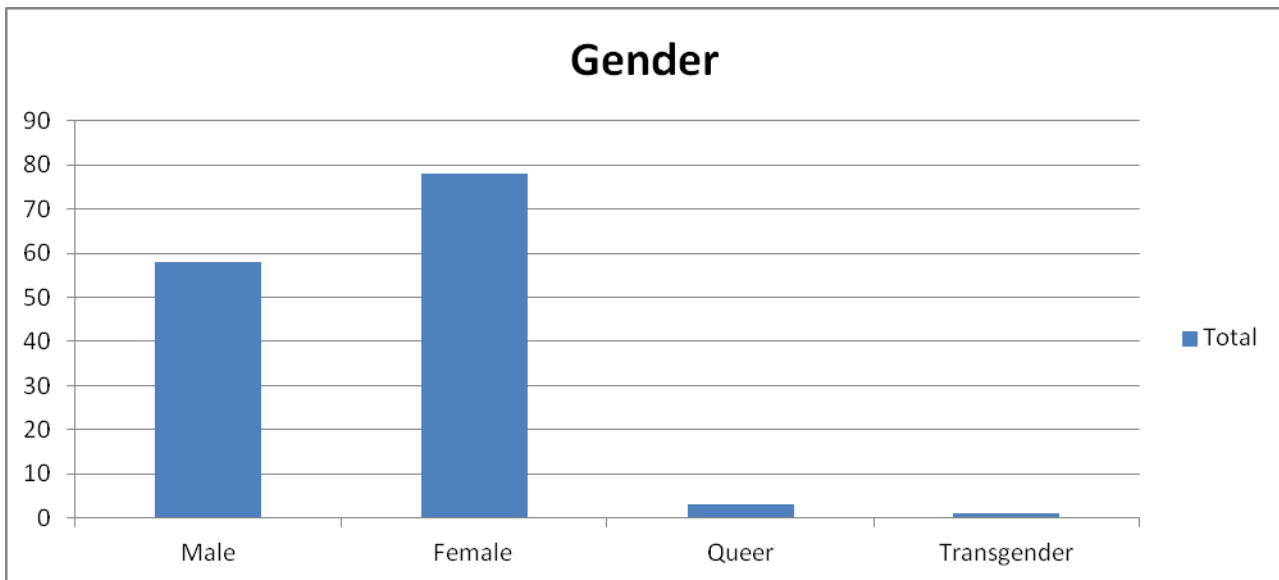
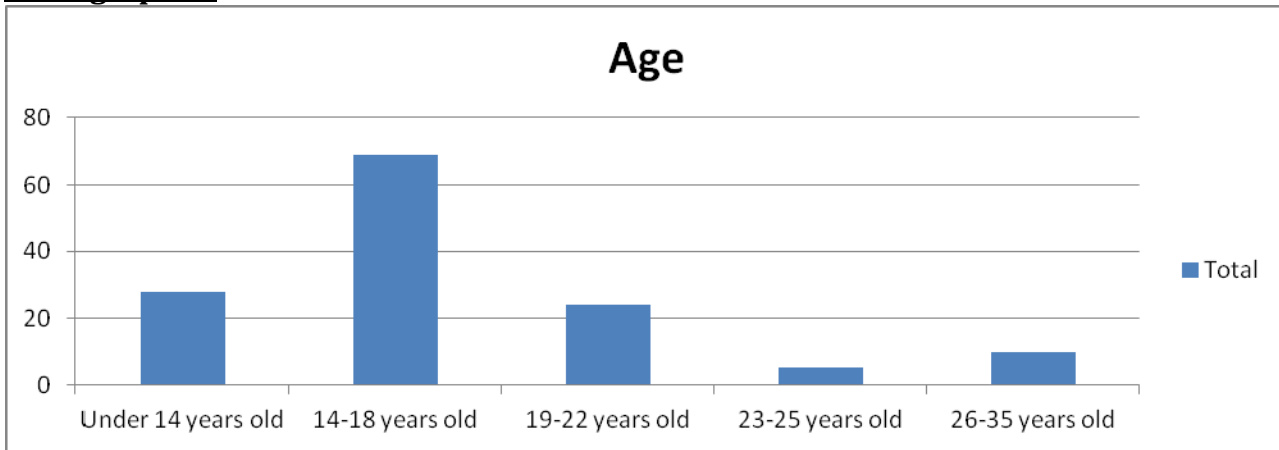
The results of the street interviews are summarized in this brief report.

This assessment is part of a larger effort to include youth voice in STRYVE’s planning process. Next steps include additional street interviews, focus groups, and asset mapping.

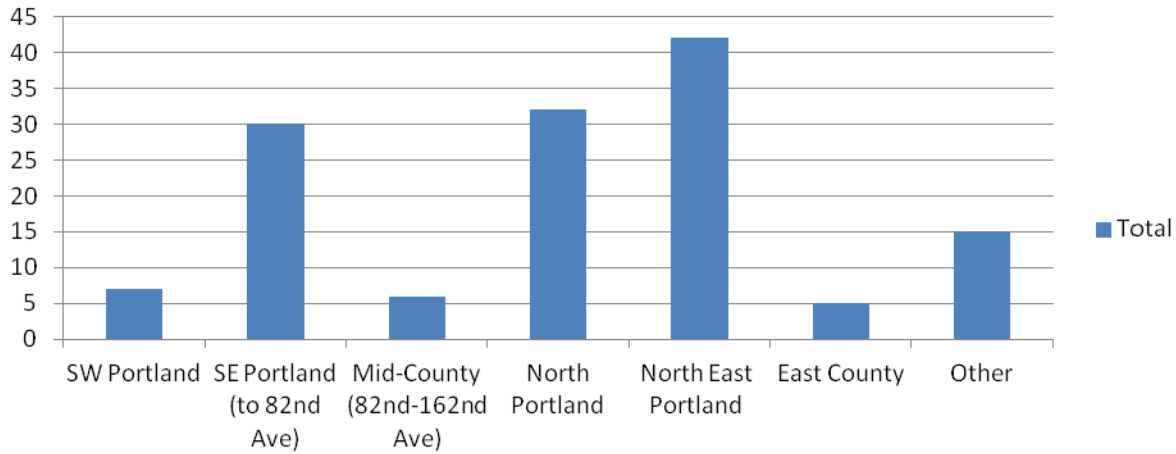
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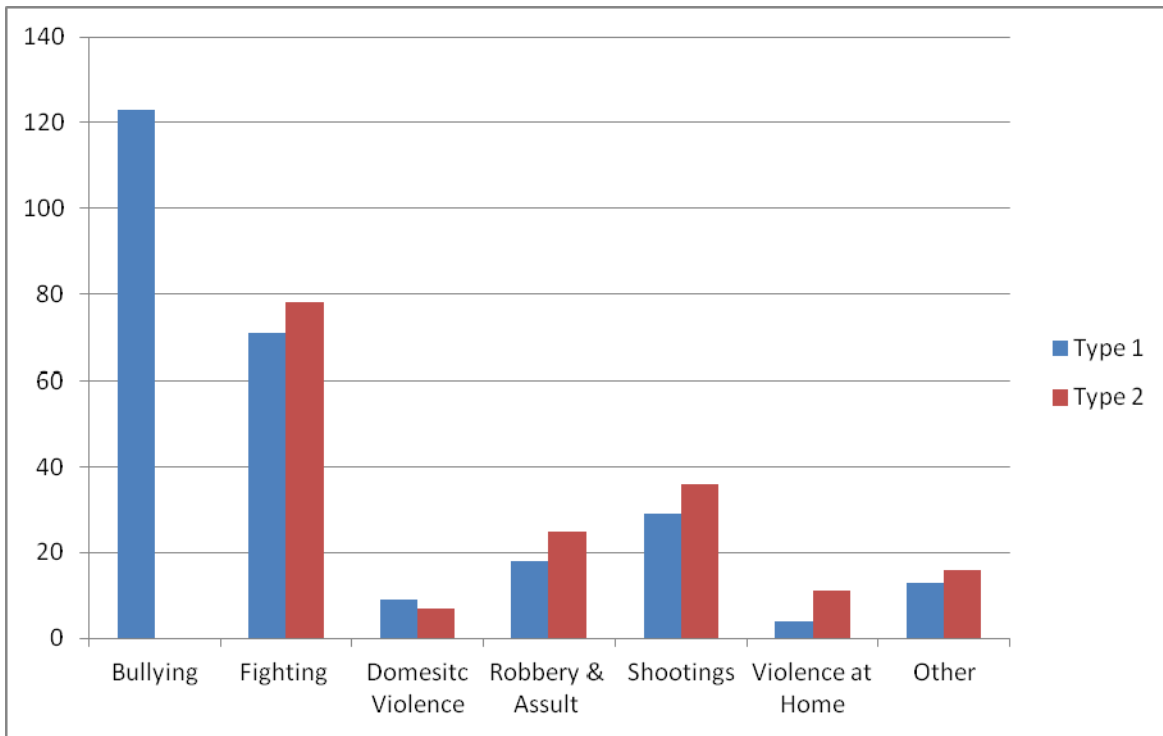
## Demographics



## Area Where Respondents Live



**Question 1: Rank the top 2 types of violence: What types of violence do youth in your community experience the most?**



**Question 2: Are there areas or locations where you feel unsafe?**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Total</b>
Nowhere	68
Other	51
Parks	20
NE Portland	20
East Portland	19
North Portland	18
Public Transportation	16
82nd Ave	15
School	11
Downtown	7
SE Portland	6
Old Town/Chinatown	5
Everywhere	5
Killingsworth	4
Burnside	3
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>264</b>

**Question 3: What are the things in your community that lead to violence?**

<b>Causes</b>	<b>Total</b>
Drugs & Alcohol	79
Gangs	57
Other	45
Words	20
Fighting	14
Poverty	13
Bullying	12
Money	6
Don't Know	6
Ignorance	4
Racism and Discrimination	4
Theft	4
Upbringing	3
Nothing	3
Peer Influence	2
Lack of Role Models	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>266</b>

**Question 4: If you have little brothers or sisters, what can we do to create a future for them without violence?**

<b>Future without violence</b>	<b>Total</b>
Other	69
Education	48
Police	17
Youth & Community Programs	16
Positive Activities	15
After school Programs	13
Groups & Clubs	12
Sports & Recreation	12
Don't Know	12
Talking about Violence	8
Stop Gangs Violence or Violence	8
Eliminating Drugs	7
Having Support	20
Places to go	4
Job Training	3
Nothing	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>267</b>

**Question 5: What are the good things around you (groups, people, places) that help young people avoid violence?**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>Total</b>
Community Centers	47
Other	41
Sports & Recreation	32
School	24
Family	17
Afterschool Programs	15
Churches/Places of Worship	13
Friends	11
Activities	10
Parents	8
Positive People	8
Groups & Clubs	7
Don't Know	7
Nothing	5
Mentors	3
Parks	3
Teachers	3
Police	3
Jobs	2
Skate Parks	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>261</b>

