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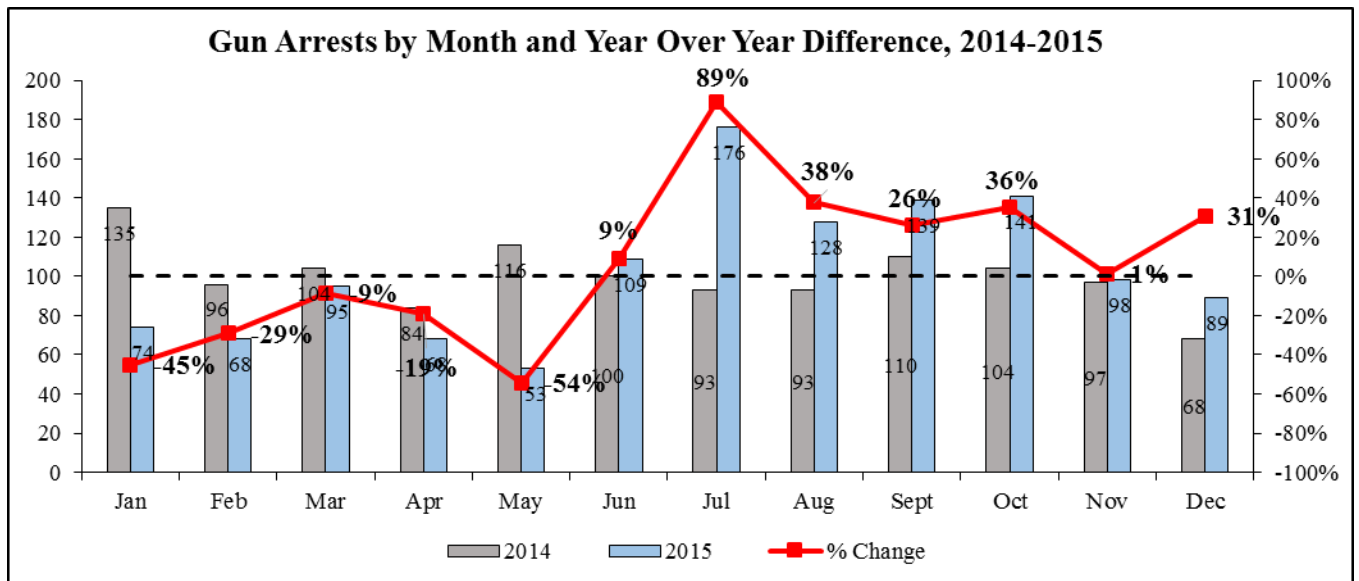
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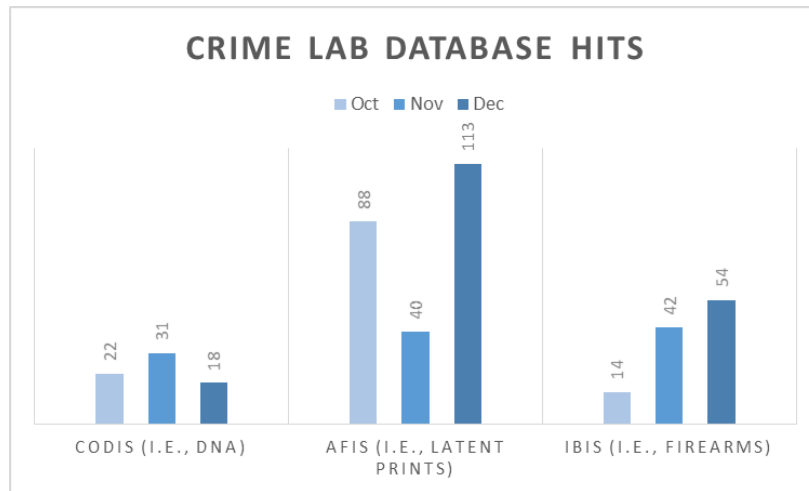


• **Making Progress**

- **Gun Arrests.** To combat increased gun violence, Baltimore City Police have placed an emphasis on gun arrests in recent months. The Department has remains diligent on removing guns from the street, reporting a 31% increase in gun arrests for the month of December compared to 2014.

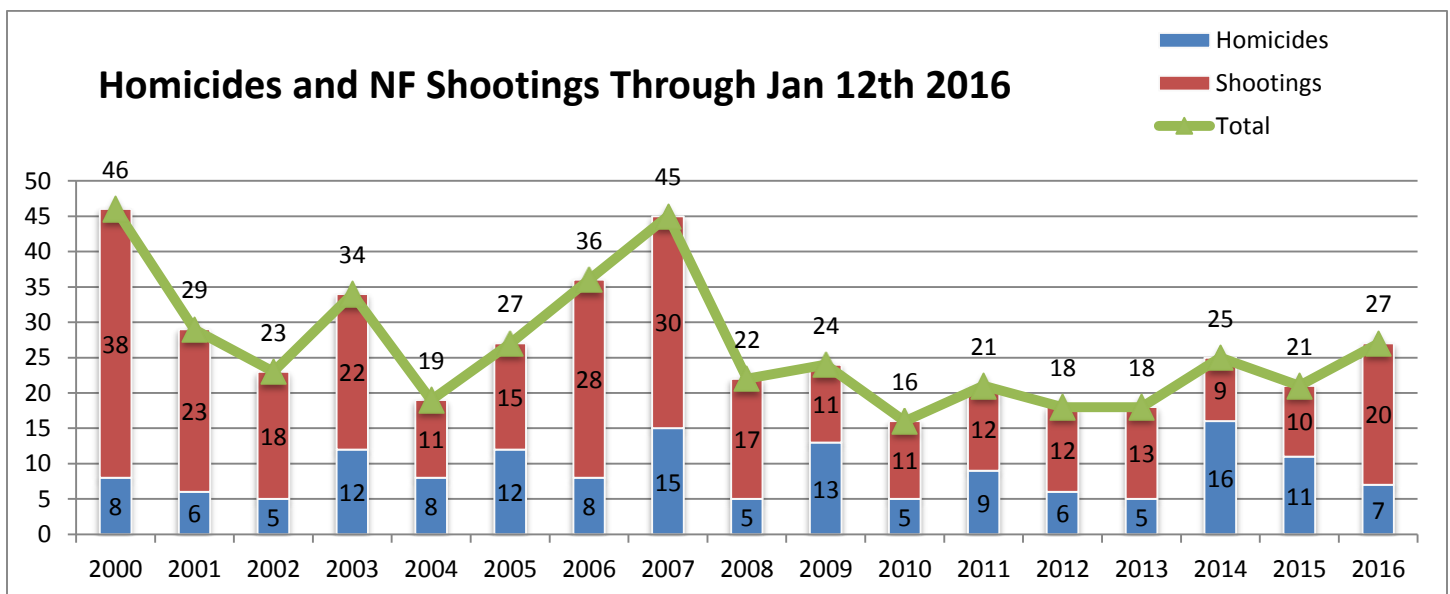


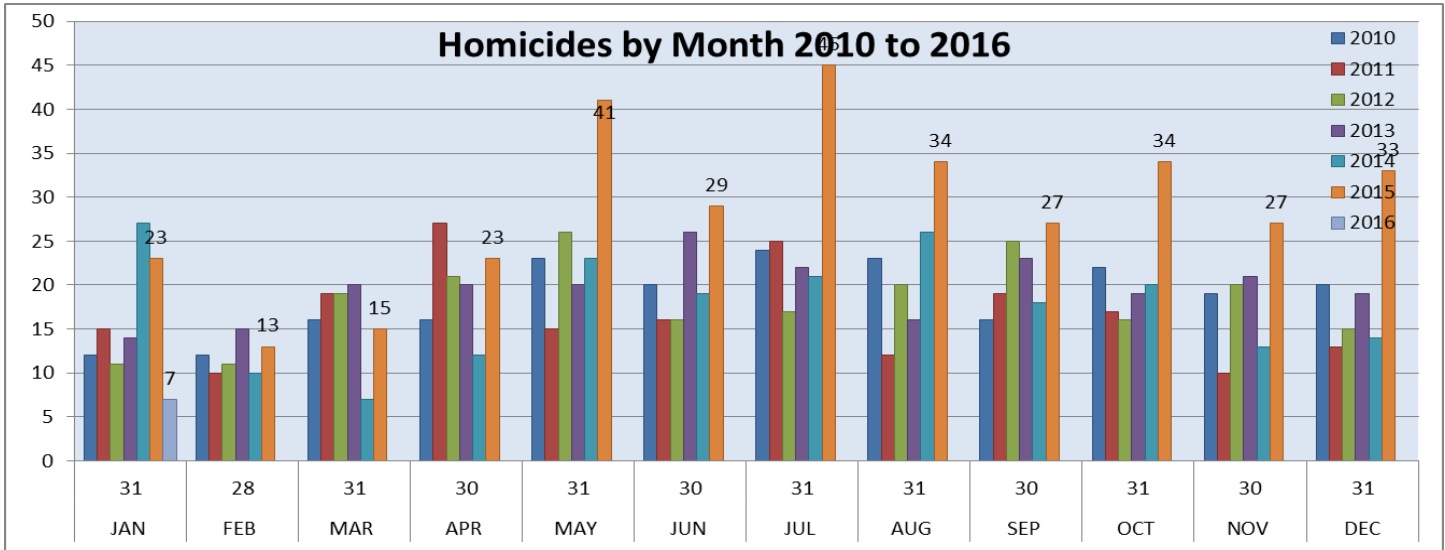
- **Crime Lab Hits.** Since the implementation of the “War Room,” created to address a spike in City homicides, Crime Lab hits have increased dramatically and remain high. The Crime Lab reports an impressive 113 latent print hits, and 54 IBIS hits (the most firearms hits we have had all year).



• **Needs Improvement**

- **Homicides and Shootings.** Homicides and shootings remain at elevated levels into January, despite enhanced violence prevention efforts. There were 7 homicides and 20 non-fatal shootings through January 12th, trending slightly higher than previous years for the combined total.





- **Clearance Rate.** The Department is focused on improving its homicide and shooting clearance rates, which were lower than usual in 2015. Though early into 2016, the clearance rate remains at levels similar to 2015. A number of efforts are underway to improve clearance rates and address homicide increases, like the “War Room” and the Baltimore Federal Homicide Task Force, which pairs federal agents with members of the City homicide unit. The table below shows the year to date homicide and shooting clearance rate.

Clearance Rate (1/10/2016)	
Homicide	33.3
Shooting	26.3

Clearance Rate (12/31/2015)	
Homicide	30.5
Shooting	25.0