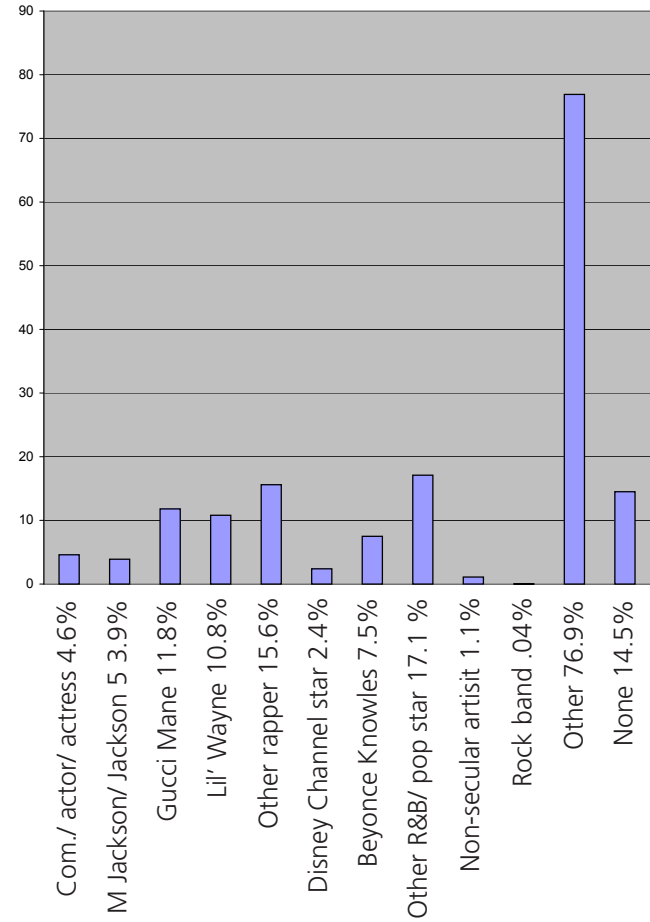
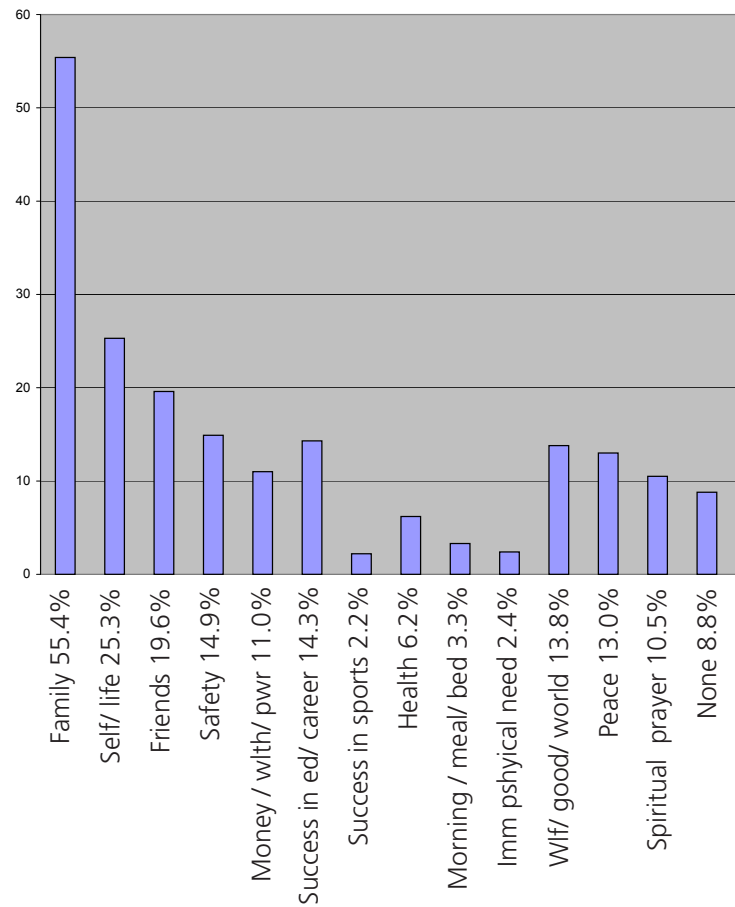


6. Name your favorite performing artist or entertainer.

- 4.6%, Comedian/ actor/ actress
- 3.9%, Michael Jackson/ Jackson 5
- 11.8%, Gucci Mane
- 10.8%, Lil' Wayne
- 15.6%, Other rapper
- 2.4%, Disney Channel star
- 7.5%, Beyonce Knowles
- 17.1%, Other R&B/ pop star
- 1.1%, Non-secular artist
- .04%, Rock band
- 76.9%, Other
- 14.5%, None



7. What do you pray for most?



- 55.4%, Family
- 25.3%, Self/ life
- 19.6%, Friends
- 14.9%, Safety
- 11.0%, Money/ wealth/ power
- 14.3%, Success in education/ career
- 2.2%, Success in sports
- 6.2%, Health
- 3.3%, Morning/ mealtime/ bedtime prayers
- 2.4%, Immediate physical need
- 13.8%, Social welfare/ greater good/ world at large
- 13.0%, Peace
- 10.5%, Spiritually-rooted prayer
- 8.8%, None

Youth who either indicated that they did not pray or were unable to provide examples of prayer in their everyday lives were most likely to provide no solutions as to how to reduce violence or to indicate that they did not believe it was possible to stop or reduce the violence.

All youth who identified a practice of spiritually-rooted prayer provided suggestions regarding how to reduce violence and expressed belief that healing was possible.

**“What are Pittsburgh’s Youth Saying?”
A Survey by the Metro-Urban Institute**

GUN VIOLENCE, SCHOOL, HEROES, AND PRAYER

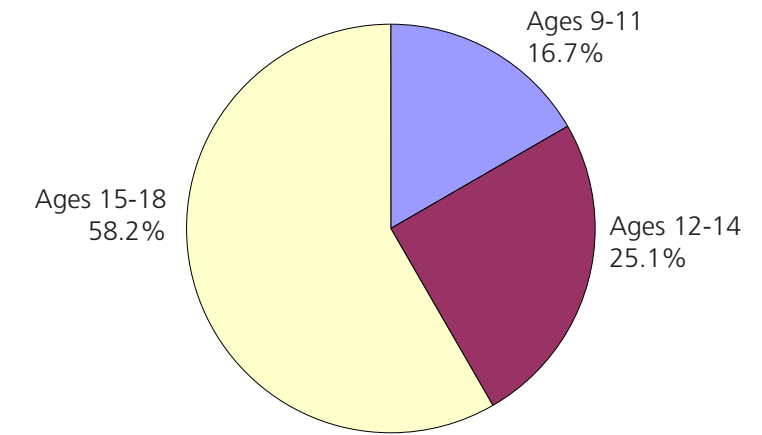


To further understand the full scope of violence, and particularly gun violence, the Metro-Urban Institute at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (MUI) asked 455 Pittsburgh youth ages 9-18 seven questions covering gun violence, school, heroes, and prayer. The MUI’s Urban Church Network gathered these numbers to gain an understanding of the full magnitude of the problem of gun violence in Pittsburgh. In this way, it is hoped that more effective collaboration to implement strategies for positive change can be achieved. Survey results were gathered Sept. 29-Oct. 12, 2009.

RESULTS

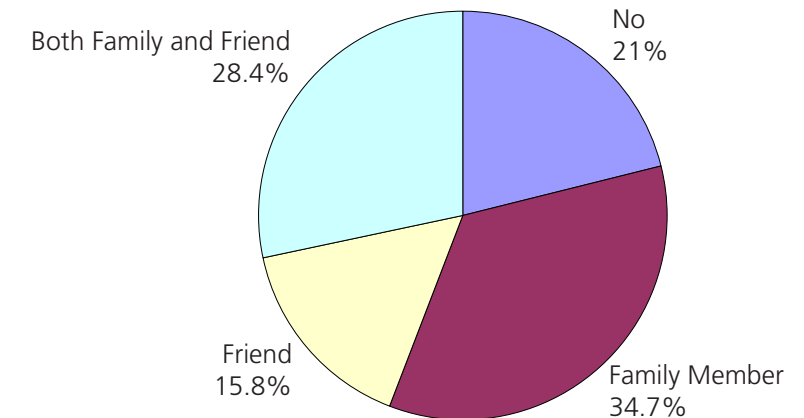
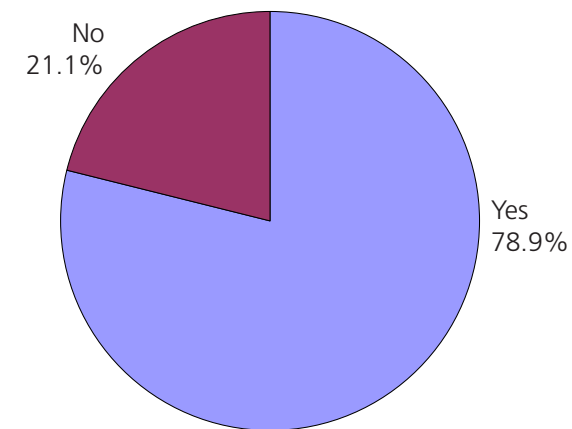
1. What is your age?

- 16.7%, Ages 9-11
- 25.1%, Ages 12-14
- 58.2%, Ages 15-18



2. Do you know a friend or family member who has been shot or killed?

- 21.1%, No
- 34.7%, Family member shot or killed
- 15.8%, Friend shot or killed
- 28.4%, Both family member and friend shot and killed



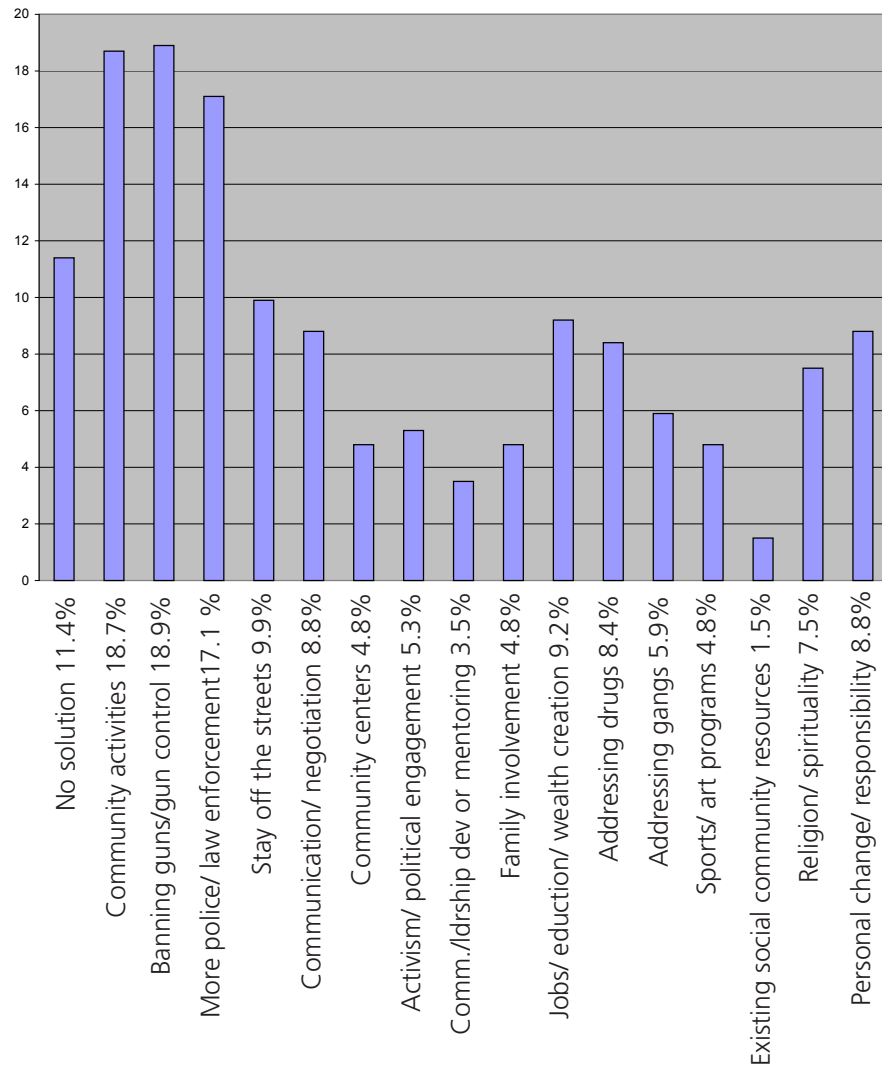
Nationally, an average of 61 percent of youth have been directly exposed to violence in the last year alone. 78.9 percent of Pittsburgh youth surveyed report knowing at least one friend or family member who has been shot or killed.

In Pittsburgh, roughly 80 percent of homicides are committed with handguns.

Pennsylvania has the highest rate of African American homicide victims in the nation, more than six times higher than the national average of homicide victims of all races.

3. Suggest two ways to stop street violence.

- 11.4%, No solution
- 18.7%, Community activities
- 18.9%, Banning guns/gun control
- 17.1%, More police/ law enforcement
- 9.9%, Stay off the streets
- 8.8%, Communication/ negotiation
- 4.8%, Community centers
- 5.3%, Activism/ political engagement
- 3.5%, Community/ leadership development or mentoring
- 4.8%, Family involvement
- 9.2%, Jobs/ education/ wealth creation
- 8.4%, Addressing drugs
- 5.9%, Addressing gangs
- 4.8%, Sports/ arts programs
- 1.5%, Existing social/ community resources
- 7.5%, Religion/ spirituality
- 8.8%, Personal change/ responsibility

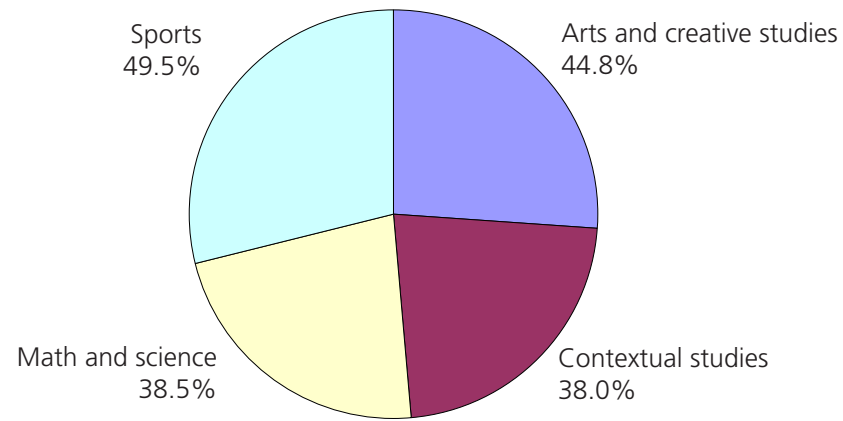


18.9 percent of youth suggested banning or reducing access to guns or tightening gun control laws. Of these responders, 77 percent reported knowing a friend or family member who had been shot or killed.

18.6 percent of youth reported a need for more community activities and events to create safe and productive alternatives to the circumstances and issues that fuel urban violence.

4. Which subjects do you like most in school?

- 44.8%, Arts and creative studies
- 38.0%, Contextual studies (English, foreign language, and history)
- 38.5%, Math and science
- 49.5%, Sports



5. Who are the three people you admire the most?

- 71.4%, Mother
- 38.9%, Father
- 29.2%, Grandmother
- 61.3%, Other family member
- 7.7%, Teacher/ pastor
- 5.5%, Self
- 4.8%, Friends
- 10.1%, Spiritual administration
- 6.3%, Political figure/ social innovator
- 7.3%, Athlete
- .07%, Teen idol
- 4.2%, Musician/ rapper
- .02%, Non-secular artist
- .07%, Other
- 5.7%, No one admired

