Group Violence Intervention (GVI)

"Whatever It Takes Together"

"WITT" emphasizes the coordinated, multi-pronged approach needed to reduce crime

WITT is a collaborative strategy*, not a program



*"Shooting review meetings" gathers community members, law enforcement, and social service providers to analyze recent shooting incidents and discuss how to prevent future violence by focusing on the high-risk groups driving the violence.

*"Custom notifications" provides a unique oppurtinty to visit with group leaders and juvenile group members in their homes and on the streets to reinforce the anti violence message.

GVI-Identifying Groups in Pine Bluff

14

Active Violent Groups

482

Estimated Group Members

39,495

Pine Bluff's Population

1.2%

Representative Group Population

- Groups do not need to fit the statutory definition of "gang" or have a specific name to be considered a group.
- All gangs are groups, but not all groups are gangs.
- GVI takes into account all groups, not just gangs.
- By taking account all groups that contribute, we expand the amount of violence we can potentially impact.

Findings

Pine Bluff has at least 14 active groups that consist of approximately 482 group members.

This represents 1.2% of Pine Bluff's overall population.

The individuals involved in group violence are overwhelmingly male and include both juveniles and young adults.

Groups that represent 1.2% of Pine Bluff's overall population are involved in at least 44% of recent homicides and 15% of recent nonfatal shootings.

Pine Bluff Homicides 2017-2025

<u>Year</u>	Homicide #												
2017	31												
2018	18												
2019	28												
2020	24												
2021	28												
2022	21												
2023	28	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec						
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		*July 2023 marked a devestatingly high number of homicides for one month. In response to the increasing violence, Pine Bluff contracted for GVI support.											
2024	16	Jan**	Feb	March	April	May	June		Aug			Nov	Dec
		2	1	2	2	0	3	1	2	0	1	1	1
		**GVI implementation began in Pine Bluff in January 2024.											
		Sadly, a juvenile was one of the victims this month.											
2025	10	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July		Sept			
		2	0	0	1	1	2	2***	2	0			
	***The city went 543 days without a juvenile death.												
			Sadly, or	July 22,	2025, a	juvenile	was kill	ed, the	first s	ince Jar	nuary	2024.	

Pine Bluff Police Crime Stats								
	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Rape & Attempted Rape	61	42	35	16				
Robbery	68	57	37	22				
Aggravated Assaults	550	391	369	222				
Simple Assault	1,230	1,228	1,143	728				
Commercial Burglary	186	179	148	53				
Residential Burglary	255	216	211	120				
Theft	1,427	1,332	1,178	695				
Motor Vehicle Theft	444	233	234	119				