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Thank you so much for sending this to me. I actually had staff send me some links after you mentioned this to me at the banquet but I didn't see the victimology data. This is really helpful. It's interesting to me how some people will say they don't feel safe, when, looking at the data, statistically they are very unlikely to be a victim of crime. I assume this is more the influence of the news and social media. Thanks again!

From: Douglas Oeser <douglas.oeser@gmail.com>
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Mayor Manheimer,

I mentioned briefly at the APD Awards Banquet on May 6th about our newly published victimology dashboard. The [Victimology Dashboard](#) is now available to the public on APD's Police Transparency website. The dashboard can be found at policedata.ashevilenc.gov/pages/victims

This tool enables users to view the demographics of victims, including the race, ethnicity, sex, and age at the time of the crime. Users have the option to filter by year, crime type, NIBRS category, adult/juvenile victims, and whether the incident was domestic related.

This dataset counts all the victims within any given incident no matter the crime type, but excludes offenses where society or organizations were the victim (e.g. businesses, financial institutions, etc.).

A few initial insights from the dashboard:

- While only [11.1% of Asheville residents identify as Black Alone](#), **17.7%** of victims of all crime types over the past 5 years identify as Black.
 - **30.6%** of all violent crime victims identify as Black.
 - **68%** of all homicide violent crime victims identify as Black.
 - *This means that nearly three times more likely to be a victim of violent crime and six times as likely to be a victim of homicide than to present in a representative sample of our community.*
- While only [52% of Asheville residents identify as Female](#), the majority of victims of sex offenses (93%), human trafficking (100%), and kidnappings (75%) identify as female. Alternatively, males comprise a majority of the homicide (79%) and robbery (70%) victims)
- While only [17.5% of Asheville residents are persons under 18 years](#), **35%** of sex offense victims are juveniles. *Juveniles are twice as likely to be a victim of a sex offense than to present in a representative sample of our community.*

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,
Douglas Oeser
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